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## COUNTY HAS PART OF MONEY NEEDED

### Making Strenuous Effort To Get Funds To Meet Pressing Obligations

An effort to re-establish the credit of Carteret county, which has not been very good of late due to inability to meet certain debt service obligations, was made Tuesday in Raleigh. Chairman Bushall of the County Board of Commissioners, County Auditor Plint and Attorney E. H. Gorham of Morehead City went to see the Highway Commission with reference to getting \$26,000 which it is claimed that body owes the county. The attempt was only partially successful.

The hearing took place before Chairman R. A. Doughton and Commissioner C. R. Wheatly. The county representatives were accompanied to the hearing by State Treasurer O'Berry, State Auditor Durham, Executive Secretary of the Sinking Fund Commission W. T. Dixon and Secretary Johnson of the County Government Commission. These State officials said that it was necessary that Carteret county meet its obligations in order to save its credit, and that of the State, and urged the Highway Commission to pay the \$26,000 to the county. Their requests were listened to but they succeeded in getting but \$7908.91. It appears that the second district has over \$600,000 allocated to it which is to be divided among the several counties in the district. The News does not know the proportion in which it is supposed to be divided.

If the \$26,000 had been secured it was the intention of Chairman Bushall and Mr. Gorham to go to New York and pay the county's obligations there and try to arrange for the sale of the balance of the bonds authorized last year and which amount to something over \$100,000. If these bonds could be disposed of it is thought that the county could meet all of its immediate obligations and put its credit on a good footing once more. As they were not able to get the \$26,000 the trip to New York was abandoned and an effort will be made to get the money so badly needed in another way.

Since the above was put in type Chairman Bushall received a telephone call from Raleigh to return there for a conference with State officials. Accompanied by County Auditor Plint and Mr. E. H. Gorham he left for Raleigh this morning.

## NEGRO IS CHARGED WITH LEE MURDER

Durham, Jan. 30—A warrant charging Walter Harris, negro, with the murder of Rev. E. Frank Lee, pastor of Calvary Methodist church, on the night of January 3, was issued by the Durham police department early this morning.

Harris, who at the time of the fatal shooting was employed as janitor at the Markham apartments, has been held in custody here since January 4. He was arrested by police when it was learned that he had been coming to the Lee home on North Elizabeth street to see the house servant, Evelyn McLeod, Fayetteville negro.

The warrant was served on him in jail this morning and he made no comment. The McLeod woman is being held as a witness.

Mr. John Duncan of Raleigh was in the city Wednesday.

## ANNIS CAME SAFELY INTO PORT EARLY LAST FRIDAY MORNING

The Annis and crew of five men came in the harbor Friday morning about four o'clock after a most harrowing experience of combating the wild and stormy Atlantic since early Wednesday. As was reported in the News last week, the Annis had been anchored with several other black-fishing boats about twenty-five miles south-southwest of Beaufort Inlet, when a northeast wind began to churn the ocean into a regular maelstrom of terror. All the other boats at once got under way and came safely to land. The families of the crew of the Annis went through the nerve-racking agony of knowing that the boat was out in the foaming, bursting billows.

According to one version of the story, some of the crew were up at four o'clock Wednesday morning when the storm was beginning to become angry sure enough and that they wanted to come in like the rest of the boats were doing. But others wished to stay a while and see if the weather wouldn't improve so that they could catch more fish. Once

## Variety Of Weather During January

Beaufort and vicinity had a touch of real winter in the last few days of this month. The statistics of the U. S. Weather Station here showed that the thermometer dropped to 24 on the 31st and there was a light fall of snow. The snow started to fall about dusk on the evening of the 30th and kept it up a good part of the night. The ground was warm though and most of it melted as soon as it fell. Next morning the roofs of the houses were covered and there was a little on the ground, hardly enough for the boys to make any satisfactory snow balls though which was a disappointment to them. There were several days during the month when the mercury went above 70 degrees. It was stormy most of the month and for 17 days the wind blew from the northeast. The rest of the time it varied. The rainfall for the month was 6.91 inches.

	Max.	Min.
1.	63	42
2.	70	51
3.	63	54
4.	57	36
5.	50	34
6.	62	39
7.	68	47
8.	72	49
9.	71	48
10.	74	50
11.	65	43
12.	55	46
13.	76	50
14.	56	68
15.	65	57
16.	63	43
17.	47	35
18.	62	41
19.	46	33
20.	47	35
21.	49	42
22.	60	42
23.	60	36
24.	62	32
25.	53	34
26.	49	31
27.	57	35
28.	64	48
29.	62	33
30.	43	35
31.	45	24

## Recorder's Court Had Very Short Session

There were no cases tried in Recorder's Court Tuesday. One or two adjustments were made and several other cases that had been set for trial were continued. In one instance witnesses were not present and in others the defendants were not there.

In the case of Luther F. Smith charged with an assault the prosecuting witness, who was his wife, asked through her attorney James W. Mason to have the warrant withdrawn. The defendant agreed to pay the costs in the case and the court decided to allow the motion with that understanding.

Pete Davis, giving bad check, matter settled and costs paid before court convened. Warrant was withdrawn.

D. M. Winberry of Morehead City, charge abandonment, case continued until next Tuesday. This case was sent here from Onslow county where the parties formerly lived.

The case against Vandie Sammons and J. B. Hooker, in which assault is alleged against Sammons and assault with deadly weapon against Hooker, were continued until February 18 on account of the fact that some witnesses were not in court.

## SCHOOL BUILDING ALMOST FINISHED

### Date For Opening Has Not Been Set

(BY JAMES G. WHITEHURST)

Morehead City, Feb. 4—The new public school building is now about completed, but it is uncertain when it will be occupied. This building was erected to replace the smaller one which was destroyed by fire a little over a year ago. It differs from the old one mainly in that it is only two stories high; the old one was three stories, including the commodious basement.

This new building is rather an imposing one, and extends practically the entire length of the city block. It is constructed of brick and concrete blocks, and occupies the same place that the older building did.

There are a goodly number more rooms in it, having twenty-eight classrooms and sixteen other rooms, including two offices, commercial department, laboratories, library, dressing rooms and closets. The burned building was entirely too small to accommodate the increasing student body, but this has been well looked after in replacing it with this beautiful, roomy structure.

Desks of the latest design have been installed and all other equipment is modern in every respect. The chemistry laboratory would do credit to a much larger school or even perhaps a college. Hardwood floors are another asset the new construction embodies.

Service was the main object in constructing the building, and the object was not overlooked by the architect when the auditorium was planned. Instead of having the stage at the narrow end of the auditorium as of old, it was placed in a very modern way on the wide side, therefore insuring better hearing and seeing both to the student body and to the public at large when gatherings are held. Over a thousand seats have been ordered for the auditorium, and they will be installed immediately upon their arrival.

As was said in the beginning, no one knows when the building will be put into use, as there are many things that hinder the immediate occupancy. Everything is being done that can be to complete all the details, so that it will be ready as soon as possible. The date for opening is left entirely up to the Board of Trustees, and as yet they have not decided when the school will be moved from the county administration building in Beaufort to its new home.

## Quantity Of Fish Caught This Week

Although fishing has been rather small this winter, it is getting somewhat better now. Bad weather has delayed and, in many cases, kept the fishermen from attending to their daily labor. A large number of fish, considering the weather conditions, have been caught this week. S. W. Davis and Bros., have had about twenty-four thousand pounds of trout and croakers, Way Bros. about fifteen, and Willis Sea Food Co., about twenty thousand and J. H. Potter & Son about twenty-two thousand. Fairly good prices have been paid for the trout, but croakers have not brought so good prices. They reater number of fish caught were croakers. On Tuesday there were over four hundred boxes of fish shipped from this community.

Some of these fish were caught in practically all the bays, rivers and creeks around here and in Core Sound, but the greater portion were taken on the newly-found fishing grounds between Ocracoke and Hatteras. Few fish were caught in that section until the past year; heretofore the fish have been staying nearer Cape Lookout.

Like fishing, clamming has not been as good this winter as it has been the last few years. But nevertheless, despite bad weather, there has been some clamming going on. Davis Bros., shipped a good many sacks of clams Wednesday. Other dealers are making small shipments to northern markets almost every day in the week.

## CAR PARTLY BURNED

A Dodge roadster driven towards Morehead City Sunday night by Mr. Charlie Mason caught on fire over on the causeway. The top, upholstery, and a good portion of the central part of the automobile was burned up. The fire was probably started by a loose wire in the ignition system. Trouble had been had with the car for the past few weeks, but no loose wire could be found in the wiring by mechanics.

## VITAL STATISTICS FOR COUNTY GIVE INTERESTING INFORMATION

Towns	Deaths	Births
Beaufort	42	75
Morehead City	73	108
Newport	8	13
Townships—		
Beaufort	13	23
Cedar Island	6	14
Harkers Island	7	27
Harlowe	11	14
Hunting Quarter		
Davis	2	2
Hunting Quarter		
Stacy	2	10
Sea Level	2	4
Atlantic	9	10
Marshallberg	4	6
Merrimon	1	8
Morehead	18	32
Newport	6	20
Portsmouth	4	4
Smyrna	4	5
Straits	7	23
White Oak	13	35
Total	232	429

## Proper Fertilization Makes Better Yield

(BY HUGH OVERSTREET, County Agent)

When we take into consideration the fact that statistics show that in 1928 Carteret County's average production of corn per acre was only 18 bushels, we must ask ourselves the question "Does it pay to fertilize corn in Carteret County?" This question was convincingly answered in a demonstration on the farm of Mr. G. W. Huntley last year on his farm two miles east of Beaufort. "There is not a better way of answering a question of this kind than to let the plant do it on our farm," said Mr. Huntley.

There were two plots in this demonstration. On one the following amounts of fertilizer per acre were applied at planting time: 300 pounds of a commercial 8-3-3 fertilizer. The yield was 19.27 bushels per acre. On the other plot 300 pounds were applied as in the above plot and 300 pounds of Chilean Nitrate of Soda per acre were applied as a side dressing when the corn was knee high. The yield was 48.53 bushels per acre. The plot receiving the 300 pounds of Chilean Nitrate made an increase of 29.26 bushels per acre over the plot receiving no nitrate. This gave a profit of \$20.86 after deducting the cost of the Chilean Nitrate and valuing the corn at \$1.00 per bushel. The increased yield of 29.26 bushels on each acre fertilized by the better method, cost Mr. Huntley \$29 per buchel.

Regardless of yield, it cost just as much for seed, preparation, planting and cultivating, for each acre as another. The adding of the proper kind of fertilizer is, therefore, profitable and greatly reduces the per unit cost of growing the crop. Proper fertilization is one form of farm relief and guaranteed to yield a profit, for which the farmer does not have to wait on legislation.

## AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT OCCURRED LAST SATURDAY

Saturday about dusky dark Mr. Dory Merrill of Russell Creek section drove his Ford coach eastward down Front Street at the approximate speed of ten or twelve miles an hour, and just after he crossed Craven Street Mr. Edward Simpson, of Upper North River, started to cross over from Eubanks' to the Eudy barber shop. Witnesses stated that Mr. Simpson broke out back of a parked car a very few feet in front of Mr. Merrill's on-coming automobile. Mr. Simpson looked in the opposite direction and did not see or hear the Ford coach, and Mr. Merrill did not see the pedestrian until it was too late. The brakes were vigorously applied, but the car did not stop until Mr. Simpson was knocked down and one of the front wheels passed over his shoulder. He was immediately taken to the Potter Emergency Hospital and reports say that he is getting along very well. Eye-witnesses said that the accident was entirely unavoidable.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

J. C. Cannon and wife to Lloyd A. Garner and wife, 17 acres Newport Township, for \$1300.  
J. A. Guthrie and wife to Bertha A. Swinson, tract Morehead Township, for \$10.  
W. C. Braswell, Trustee to John A. Memakis et al, 1 lot Morehead City for \$4600.  
S. A. Chalk, Trustee to F. M. Simmons et al 3 1-2 acres Morehead Township, for \$5000.  
J. J. Skinner and wife to James C. Skinner, 22 1-2 acres Beaufort Township, for \$1.  
Charlotte Outing Club to W. M. Webb, 23 39-80 acres Hunting Quarter Township, for \$10.

## GAS FRANCHISE PASSED BY BOARD

### Commissioners Must Confirm This At Next Regular Meeting

Further action was taken Monday morning at the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners concerning the granting of a franchise to D. L. Thompson to erect and operate a gas plant. It had been taken up at a call meeting at 10 o'clock Jan. 25, but as the law requires two readings at regular monthly meetings, it was taken up again at the February meeting. Commissioner Willis moved that the franchise be granted and Commissioner Chaplain seconded his motion. It was then voted unanimously to grant the franchise. All of the commissioners were present except Dr. Maxwell.

This was followed by a somewhat lengthy discussion concerning the insurance on the City Hall. At the request and consent of three of the commissioners, namely Willis, Taylor, and Maxwell, Mr. Graham Duncan said that he had written an insurance policy for six thousand dollars on Jan. 10, subject to the action of the February meeting of the Commissioners. He said that although the matter should have been taken up during a meeting, he thought that it was a safe thing to do. He also said that as the Commissioners were not taking the policy, he considered it just and right that he should be compensated for the insurance during the twenty-two days it was in use.

Mayor Chadwick was of the opinion that the commissioners overstepped their authority in giving instructions to Mr. Duncan to write the policy. Mayor Chadwick said that the city insurance should be divided among the various other agents within the city, and that he did not think they should pay for a policy that had not been passed on at a regular meeting. There had already been four thousand dollars worth of insurance on the City Hall prior to the unofficial policy of six thousand.

Mr. James Glover came before the board and stated that he was charged up with one more foot of street paving assessment than he was supposed to pay. He claimed to own thirty-one feet while he was charged with thirty-two. The clerk was instructed to have the deed of Mr. Glover's lot looked up and see whether Mr. Glover or the town was right.

The clerk was also instructed to inform all drivers of city vehicles to buy gasoline wherever they could get the commercial rate of two cents reduction in the advertised rate.

A sheaf of bill were audited and a motion was passed to have the clerk pay them.

A resolution was adopted to have the two ninety day notes held by the Bank of Beaufort aggregating \$11,800 changed to one for the convenience of the bank.

Hereafter the clerk will receive \$150 per month, but he must pay for all clerical assistance. The city has heretofore furnished this aid whenever it was needed.

## COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING

The regular meeting of the Community Club will be held in the Court house annex, February 13.

## TIDE TABLE

Information as to the tides at Beaufort is given in this column. The figures are approximately correct and based on tables furnished by the U. S. Geodetic Survey. Some allowances must be made for variations in the wind and also with respect to the locality, that is whether near the inlet or at the heads of the estuaries.

High Tide	Low Tide
Friday, Feb. 7	
1:50 A. M.	8:14 A. M.
2:03 P. M.	8:09 P. M.
Saturday, Feb. 8	
2:58 A. M.	9:23 A. M.
3:16 P. M.	9:14 P. M.
Sunday, Feb. 9	
4:06 A. M.	10:30 A. M.
4:28 P. M.	10:20 P. M.
Monday, Feb. 10	
5:11 A. M.	10:55 A. M.
5:34 P. M.	11:31 P. M.
Tuesday, Feb. 11	
6:10 A. M.	11:25 A. M.
6:33 P. M.	12:28 P. M.
Wednesday, Feb. 12	
7:05 A. M.	12:24 A. M.
7:28 P. M.	1:19 P. M.
Thursday, Feb. 13	
7:56 A. M.	1:22 A. M.
8:20 P. M.	2:07 P. M.

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