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Hamilton Protests Against Action Of Recent Grand Jury

Former County Attorney Denies That He Did Any Thing Wrong In Connection With Collection of Delinquent Taxes. Has Made Settlement With The County For All That He Owed.

Last week's issue of this newspaper conveyed the information that the grand jury had found an indictment against Mr. Luther Hamilton, former county attorney as well as several other persons. Mr. Hamilton thinks that an injustice has been done him and asks for space in the News to present his side of the matter. His statement is given here-with:

Editor of The News:

In last week's edition of the Beaufort News, in addition to other reported activities of the grand jury, convened for the March Term of Carteret Superior Court, reference was made to indictment found against me. You have very kindly consented that I might avail myself of the privilege of your paper for the purpose of any explanation or observation that I might wish to make. For this I am very grateful to you.

In the short space allowed for this publication it would be impossible for me to set forth in detail, what I consider the causes underlying this indictment and the utterly indefensible position of the person or persons responsible. I am not seeking to fix or place individual responsibility. I doubt that that could ever be done. Personally I much prefer never to know. It is the sort of charge that produces an irreparable injury and which leaves the injured person at a decided disadvantage, in that he cannot place his finger upon any particular individual and say, "You are responsible." It places the injured party, at a decided disadvantage again for the reason that it is humanly impossible for him to explain to all people who might be interested wherein such a charge is absolutely baseless and without foundation in fact. It is like fighting a spectre, phantom or ghost.

When the present Board of Commissioners started their investigation of the affairs of the County, resulting from the operations and activities of the preceding administrations, I had no fears, because I knew full well that any mistake had merely been errors of judgment, and I knew that no investigation, however detailed (Continued on page five)

Teachers Attend State Educational Meeting

Twelve Carteret County teachers, Miss Margaret Gustin, and County Supt. J. H. Workman attended an educational meeting in Raleigh last Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The purpose of the meeting was to further the practice of the most modern methods of teaching. They heard several of the leaders of this movement from both here and abroad. Miss Gustin said that the subject was especially interesting to the county teachers, because they are vitally concerned with it and are trying to put those methods into practice here at home.

Mrs. O. Max Gardner gave a reception Friday night at the Executive Mansion for the visiting teachers, and those from Carteret County manifested their appreciation by being the guests of the First Lady of North Carolina.

NEW REGISTRATION BOOKS PROVIDED FOR USE IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION

The primary election this year will be held under the new election law as well as the regular election in November. There are a good many differences between the new law and the old one. Among other things it provides for new registration books and all names on the old books must be transcribed to the new. It is the duty to ask voters as to what party they belong to and the answer be set opposite their names in the book. For the information of readers of the News two extracts relating to the primary are quoted below from the act adopted by the General Assembly in 1929.

"Sec. 114 (c. s. 6027). Registration of voters. The regular registration books shall be kept open before the primary election in the same manner and for the same time as is prescribed by law for general elections, and electors may be registered for both primary and general elections. At the first primary election held under the provisions of this

FARMERS' MUTUAL EXCHANGE BEGUN

Cabbage And Raddish Crops Progressing Finely; Irish Potatoes Not So Good

There has been some talk all winter about organizing a Carteret County Mutual Exchange, but it did not materialize until last Thursday here in Beaufort when it was organized with seventeen members and Friday afternoon at Newport with eleven members. No one is urged to join this organization. They become members of their own free will. It is a national organ with subsidiary organizations in practically every state.

Membership in this benefits the farmer in two ways—he is able to join together with other farmers and buy seed, fertilizer, and other materials at wholesale prices and to cooperatively sell his products. The Exchange is now working on the cabbage situation in the county and it is expected that a salesman will be employed to look after the selling end. Due to a cabbage shortage, they are now selling in New York City for five dollars a crate; and it is unlikely that there will be any great decline in this price. Carteret County now has about four hundred acres devoted to some of the best looking (Continued on page nine)

Police Court Had Eight Cases Friday

Police Court resumed operation last Friday afternoon after a suspension of one week on account of Superior Court being in session. Eight defendants—four white and four colored—came before Mayor C. T. Chadwick for an airing of their various offenses.

Thomas Williams, colored youth, was charged with driving his father's car in excess of the twenty-mile-an-hour speed regulation. Upon admitting his guilt, Mayor Chadwick penalized him ten dollars and cost or ten days street duty.

Will Gorham, colored, also charged with speeding, admitted guilt, and resaped a like sentence of ten dollars plus cost of ten days of street exercise.

Spencer Carter, colored, charged with being drunk on March 9, confessed his guilt and received the usual first-time-up sentence of two and a half plus cost or ten days cleaning the streets.

John Johnson, a Scandinavian blackfisherman, charged with being drunk on the eighth of March, admitted guilt, and was fined two dollars and a half plus cost or ten days with the street force.

Edward Moore was charged with disorderly conduct. He said he wasn't guilty and wasn't read for trial. Mayor Chadwick said that he would be glad to accommodate him if he would set a date for the trial. After some deliberation, Moore said that as he (Continued on page nine)

CHARLES PURIFOY KILLED IN WRECK

Ernest Rice Injured; Funeral Services Held For Purifoy Sunday

The whole countryside was shocked by the automobile accident that occurred last Friday night around eleven o'clock about half way between the Morehead City and Beaufort drawbridges and resulted in the instant death of Charles Purifoy, age 24, and the injury of Ernest Rice, 19. It is said that the mishap was caused when the Ford cabriolet, in which the unfortunate young men were riding, skidded and turned over several times after it passed a car in which Misses Mary Quidley, Maud Parkin, Messrs. Guy and Bridges Sabiston and Charles Whitley were coming toward Beaufort. When the car first began turning over, it threw Mr. Purifoy out ahead and he was found over a hundred feet in front of the wreck after it stopped rolling. Mr. Rice did not fall out of the wreck until it turned over the last time. No one knows who was driving the car; it was owned by Purifoy.

The two young ladies that were in the car back of the demolished Ford were nurses. They stopped and examined the two men and took Rice to the Morehead City Hospital. Purifoy sustained a crushed head, a broken neck and both legs were broken. Rice was scratched up a bit and shocked. He was taken from the hospital to his West Beaufort home Sunday evening, and shows improvement.

Funeral services were held at three o'clock for Charles Purifoy at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Purifoy, about two miles from Beaufort on the old New Bern road. It was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Rollinson. He read the funeral service and then talked at some length about the evils of fast driving. Several sacred songs were led by Mr. Neal Davis, Superintendent of the Morehead City Free Will Baptist Sunday School. Several hundred people from all around this section attended the funeral services and many floral offerings were carried. Twelve of Mr. Purifoy's young friends acted as poll bearers. Mr. Davis told in a prayer about the life of Mr. Purifoy. Mr. Purifoy was an orderly young man and had a large number of town and rural friends. He had for the past several years been employed at the Graham Brothers Saw Mill at West Beaufort. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Purifoy; two brothers, Howard and William; and one sister, Ruby.

Two Carloads Hogs Shipped Saturday

Two carloads of hogs, aggregating a hundred and ten head, were shipped Saturday from Morehead City to the Union Stock Yards at Richmond, Va. All of these swine came from the Crab Point section, except three. That section raises more hogs than all the rest of the county, despite the fact that other parts of Carteret are more suited to this industry. All of the hogs were scientifically fed a balanced ration.

Corn that is worth seventy-five cents a bushel on the farm can be fed to hogs and after the latter are sold they usually net from one and one half to a dollar and seventy-five cents a bushel. This is often the case when corn is practically unsalable; and there is always a ready market for porkers. No returns have been received from these two car loads, but the market quoted eleven cents a pound for that day; this is considered a very good price.

Those farmers who participated in this shipment were: Messrs. George A. Oglesby, D. S. Oglesby, Jr., Cecil Oglesby, Rufus Oglesby, John W. Oglesby, J. R. Laughton, Will Laughton, and C. N. Hobbs.

FATHER AND SON FLY AND SON GETS KILLED

Wilmington, March 23—M. C. Thomason, Jr., was killed and his father M. C. Thomason, 54, was seriously injured this afternoon when their plane fell at Davis Field, Whiteville, while the elder Thomason was teaching his son how to pilot their dual control Ox-Swallow biplane.

The younger man died instantly suffering a broken neck. The elder man, however escaped with broken legs and possible fracture of the skull. He was brought to a Wilmington hospital for treatment and his condition tonight was described as being critical.

Operated by lazy tongs, a device has been invented to wash the outside of windows from the inside.

CONVENTION HELD BY REPUBLICANS

Very Good Attendance Saturday; Resolutions Condemning Old Board Adopted

The Republican county convention for 1930 is now a thing of the past. It was held last Saturday. The reason it was held so early was that it was necessary to appoint delegates for the State convention to be held in Charlotte April 17th.

Chairman of the executive committee D. M. Jones called the convention to order shortly after two o'clock and Secretary Jas. Wallace Mason read the call for the convention. Judge E. Walter Hill was called to preside as temporary chairman. A roll call of the precincts showed that nearly all were represented. As there was no contest from any precinct a credentials committee was not appointed.

Chairman Hill named a resolutions committee composed of Graham W. Duncan, Steven Harris, George Norris, L. L. Smith, A. L. Wilson. The committee retired to deliberate and A. T. Gardner moved that the temporary organization be made permanent. The motion prevailed after a little discussion due to a misunderstanding by Stanly Woodland who thought it meant the permanent organization for the executive committee. Immediately after this the chair stated that nominations for chairman of the executive committee were in order.

Mr. Woodland placed in nomination the name of W. A. Mace. W. G. Mebane nominated the present chairman D. M. Jones. The roll was called and it was found that Jones had 43 votes and Mace 13 votes. On motion of Mr. Woodland the nomination of Jones was made unanimous. The only name mentioned for secretary was that of Stanly Woodland and he was elected by acclamation.

At this stage of the proceedings the resolutions committee came in and made its report. The resolutions offered by the committee were read by chairman Duncan. One of the resolutions had for its object the endorsement of J. S. Duncan of Greensboro for chairman of the Re- (Continued on page five)

CARP FISHING PERMITTED NOW IN NORTHERN SOUNDS

Morehead City, March 26—Fisheries Commissioner Jahn A. Nelson left today for Manteo in company with Col. J. W. Harrelson, head of the Department of Conservation and Development, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stone, of Greensboro, and Paul Kelly to inspect there. They went on "The John A. Nelson" and they will leave the yacht at Edenton for three weeks to supplement the regular patrol boat of the shad grounds.

Mr. S. M. Kirman, of Madison, Wis. drove down to this city to see Capt. Nelson about carp fishing in Carolina waters. Carp fishing has been unlawful in the sounds but as Virginia allows this to be done, the Department is permitting the catching of carp in the northern sound with a five-inch-mesh net. Many of these fish, which are relished by the Jews, were shipped last year from Mattamuskeet Lake. They are considered a nuisance because they muddy up the bottom and ruin the food of other fish.

Miss Rhoda Mason Passed Away Friday

No death of late has struck the sympathetic chords of her many friends more than did the passing of Miss Rhoda Mason, thirty-year-old invalid daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Mason, which occurred at her home on Marsh Street last Friday after a short illness. During her life of infirmity all was done for her that relatives and friends could do. Mrs. Mason has lived a life of martyrdom that her daughter might have a cheerful and pleasant existence.

The funeral was conducted at her home Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock and the Revs. J. A. Vache, R. F. Munns and J. P. Harris all took part. A very large crowd attended the last rites, despite the threatening weather. A mixed choir of the various churches sang several sacred songs. The many floral tributes testified the esteem with which she was held. Interment was in the Ocean View cemetery. She is survived by her parents; by two sisters, Mesdames John M. Dickinson and George D. Styrton, Jr.; and one brother, Mr. Charles Mason.

During the 40 years he served as a mail carrier Albert Pritchett, of Fort Madison, Ia., was never late to work.

FOURTH INSTALLMENT OF STATE AID HAS BEEN PAID TO COUNTY SCHOOLS

WELL KNOWN NEWPORT MAN HIT BY TRUCK AND HURT

Friends of Mr. E. L. McCain of Newport will regret to learn that he sustained an injury last week which necessitated taking him to a hospital. On last Friday afternoon while standing talking to his son the latter, who was driving a truck, in backing accidentally hit his father and broke his wrist. It was feared that there might be other injuries as Mr. McCain is getting along in years and so he was taken to the hospital at Morehead City for examination and attention.

TAX RELIEF WILL HAVE A HEARING

Meeting At Raleigh Next Tuesday To Consider Tax Supervision

Asheville, March 25—More than half of North Carolina's 100 counties are expected to be represented by delegations at the conference on property tax relief, to be held in Raleigh on March 31 and April 1, according to J. Frazier Glenn of this city, general chairman of the Buncombe County Association for Property Tax Relief, which has called the meeting.

The bars will be thrown down for a general discussion of the entire subject of state and local taxation, Judge Glenn said. Although the Buncombe county association has adopted resolutions favoring the financing of all public schools through statewide funds, the adoption of some form of sales tax, and the setting up of a state board of control for municipalities, these will be regarded only as suggestions to be passed on to the state conference, Judge Glenn said. The meeting also will be asked to decide as to the advisability of asking for a special session of the general assembly to enact tax reform legislation.

The conference will be held in the ballroom of the Sir Walter Hotel, starting at 11 a. m., on March 31, and is expected to continue for two days.

"The subject of property tax abatement," Judge Glenn said, "has developed widespread discussion thru out the state, and many prominent citizens are taking an active part in searching for the best forms of relief. The general purpose of the conference is to reach a common ground of agreement upon which forms the property tax relief program shall take, so that a uniform objective shall be developed and made the basis of procedure in all the counties."

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

K. L. Garner et al to A. H. Pridgen, 89 acres Newport Township, for \$200.
Allen Sawyer to Anthony Dudley Jr., 1 lot Morehead City, for \$200.
Abram M. Davis and wife to N. F. Eure, Trustee, 1 lot Morehead City for \$1.
W. C. Gorham and wife to Mrs. Martha Mansfield, 1 acre Morehead Township, for \$40.
E. H. Gorham, Trustee to M. L. Mansfield, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$900.
W. L. Stancil to E. R. Guthrie and wife, 3 part lots, Beaufort, for \$10.
W. H. Henderson, Trustee to Citizens Investment and Holding Company, part lot Beaufort, for \$600.
D. H. Lewis and wife to G. F. Simpson, 20 acres Straits Township, for \$500.

Hearing Before Superior Court Clerk Set For Monday Did Not Materialize

The hearing before Superior Court Clerk L. W. Hassell of the county suits matter, which was set by Judge Nunn for Monday the 24th, did not take place. Readers of the News will remember that the attorneys for the defendants took an appeal to the Supreme Court from Judge Nunn's order and this seems to have automatically stayed the proceedings.

Commissioners Bushall, Gaskill, Edwards and Lewis were present Monday as were also attorneys J. Wallace Mason and E. H. Gorham. The members presented themselves before Clerk Hassell for any examination that might be desired. The Clerk informed them that he had nothing to ask them and no attorney for the defendants was present. So the matter came to an end. Under

(State Superintendent Public Instruction) FOURTH INSTALLMENT—14

Raleigh, March 24—The balance of the fourth installment of the equalizing fund, a sum amounting to \$641,671.22 was mailed to the counties a few days ago by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, it is learned today from the State office. The first part of this fourth payment, the sum of \$615,462.50, was sent out in February. The total of these two amounts, \$1,257,133.72, therefore, represents the fourth and last installment of the fund applicable to the six months school term.

On September 5, 1929 the first payment of \$1,156,300 was made; on October 15 a second installment of \$1,214,800 was made, and on December 10 a third sum of \$1,270,800 was distributed—making in all the total sum of \$3,671,900 apportioned before January 1, 1930. This fourth installment just finished brings this amount up to a total of \$4,899,033.72, which has been applied to the operation of the six months schools.

Within a few days the State Superintendent announces, checks will go forward to those counties employing rural school supervisors to help pay the salaries of those officials. Under a ruling of the State Board of Equalization, each county employing a rural school supervisor will receive that percentage on the supervisor's salary which equals the percentage of its current expense, which it received from the equalizing fund.

After this distribution, it is learned, the next money sent will be from the \$1,250,000 fund set aside by the General Assembly to aid those districts operating their schools beyond six months. This distribution will be made some time in April.

NO RECORDER'S COURT.

Recorder's Court convened Tuesday morning with four cases on the docket, but owing to the fact that none of the defendants and witnesses were present, it recessed to meet next Tuesday.

A congressman naturally spends lots of time fixing his fences, because that's where he sits most of the time.—Southern Lumberman.

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, March 28	
6:57 A. M.	12:34 A. M.
7:17 P. M.	12:56 P. M.
Saturday, March 29	
7:32 A. M.	1:13 A. M.
7:50 P. M.	1:28 P. M.
Sunday, March 30	
8:05 A. M.	1:51 A. M.
8:21 P. M.	2:00 P. M.
Monday, March 31	
8:38 A. M.	2:29 A. M.
8:55 P. M.	2:33 P. M.
Tuesday, April 1	
9:13 A. M.	3:10 A. M.
9:32 P. M.	3:09 P. M.
Wednesday, April 2	
9:49 A. M.	3:52 A. M.
10:13 P. M.	3:49 P. M.
Thursday, April 3	
10:32 A. M.	4:38 A. M.
11:02 P. M.	4:33 P. M.

the order of the Judge if the hearing had taken place it was to continue from day to day until finished. Presumably it is now ended until the Supreme Court has passed upon the appeal which the lawyers say cannot be done before next September.

Attorney Gorham, and C. H. Bushall as Chairman, amended the complaint in the civil suits against the Simmons Construction Corporation and others by making the Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company a party to the suits. This company was on the bond of the Simmons Construction Corporation when the roadbuilding was first started. Another bonding company that was on the bond of former County W. L. Stancil will also be made a defendant in the suit against him so the News was informed.