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## Some Reduction Made In County's Tax Rate

### The Budget For Next Fiscal Year Adopted Monday; The Tax Rate Has Been Cut Twelve Cents; The Two Biggest Items In The Budget Are Debt Service And Schools.

A short session of the Board of County Commissioners was held Monday afternoon. Commissioners Bushall, Edwards, and Gaskill were all present. The principal object of the meeting was to adopt the budget for the fiscal year 1930-31 and to fix the tax rate. These matters were attended to and a few other things of a routine nature.

The Auditor's Annual Report and the Budget are published on another page in this newspaper. From this report it can be seen that the tax rate has been reduced considerably for the next year. The rate last year was 2.42 and this year it is 2.30. This is the first time the tax rate has been reduced in several years. The two principal items of expense in the budget are debt service, \$283,765.00, and schools \$304,120.00. The tax rate required for debt service is 99 cents and for schools is \$1.00. The total budget for the fiscal year is \$662,050.28. The poll tax is fixed at \$2.00 and the dog tax is \$2.00 for females and \$1.00 for males. The report and budget can be found on page number five.

## Car Damaged Sunday Night In Collision

Leo Layton, of Raleigh, was badly shaken up and bruised Sunday evening about 7:30 o'clock when he ran his Ford coach into the rear end of a Chevrolet truck which was in the possession of Lionel Smith, of Morehead City. The truck was said to have been parked off the hard surface with out lights and that Layton was unable to see it in the dusk in time to avoid it. Although the truck escaped with little damage, the car was torn up right much. Layton was taken to the Potter Emergency Hospital where he received treatment.

Lionel Smith, in company with Miss Nell Conleton of this community, was on his way over here when the gas gave out. They pulled over to the side of the road, and after getting gas was pouring it into the tank when the Layton car approached. Miss Conleton was knocked from the truck by the impact, but neither her nor Smith were injured.

## Federal Expenses Reduction Sought

Washington, July 30—A reduction of governmental expenditures below budget estimates to offset a possible decrease in revenue arising from business depression is being sought, by President Hoover.

After discussing the financing situation with members of his cabinet the Chief Executive announced they and the heads of independent agencies have undertaken a search-inquiry into every branch of the government as to methods by which economies may be brought about for the present fiscal year without interfering in the program of aid to unemployment.

"I am confident," Mr. Hoover said, "that we will find measures for very considerable reductions of actual outlay below the amount appropriated. What the amount may be cannot be determined until we have completed our investigation."

The budget for the present fiscal year was \$4,203,354,457, five per cent above that for last year.

This is attributed largely, Mr. Hoover said, to the speeding of buildings, inland and waterways and public works generally to assist in relieving unemployment and to the increased relief to veterans.

## HAVE PAID TAXES

The following people have paid their taxes since the list was printed this week:

John W. Willis, Beaufort; Moddie Croons, Merrimon; Lester L. Hall and Ethel Mae Willis, and Eddie Lewis, Morehead City; E. G. Lawrence, Straits; Mrs. Josephine Smith, Morehead City; Wadell Lumber Company, Straits and Smyrna; E. F. Barbour, Oleta Falls, Beaufort.

## "MYSTERY MAN" RETURNED TO SOLDIERS' HOSPITAL

Stoke Kempton, the "mystery man" who was found down at Davis about two months ago, has been sent back to the soldiers' home at Hampton, Va. After much deliberation the county officials decided it was better to furnish transportation than keep the man here in jail. Messrs. D. M. Jones and R. B. Wheatly took him to Hampton Monday. Rex and Charles Wheatly and David Jones accompanied them.

## ANNOUNCE BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. Harry I. Saunders of Beaufort announce the birth of a daughter—Anne Blanche, Thursday, July 24.

## BIRTH OF DAUGHTER

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Perkins of Marshallberg, Thursday, July 24, a daughter.

## BIRTH OF DAUGHTER

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Willis, Beaufort, Sunday, July 27, a daughter, Nancy Lou.

## BIRTH OF SON

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Smith of Beaufort, a son, Wednesday July 30th.

## BIRTH OF SON

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Morton of North Harlowe, Monday, July 28, a son.

## ALL DAY SESSION OF COUNTY COURT

### Considerable Variety Of Cases Tried; Several Were Convicted

Judge Hill and Solicitor Duncan had a variety of cases to wrestle with in Recorder's Court Tuesday as well as a considerable number of them. It took all day to finish the job. An unusually large crowd was present in the court room and seemed to be much interested in the proceedings.

Johnnie Burch, who said that he is twenty years old and is from Greensboro first tried was in trouble on a bad check charge. He had no lawyer and admitted that he had signed his mother's name to some checks which were returned unpaid. He said he was in Morehead City on a vacation trip and that he had \$80 when he first came but had spent it on liquor parties and the like. The Judge gave him twenty four hours to make the checks good, also the court costs and a board bill at the Atlantic Hotel, a total of some \$75 or more. He was taken to jail to wait until somebody came to his rescue. Failure to meet the requirements means that the young fellow will have to serve a six months road sentence.

Richard Willis, who apparently has passed the three score and ten mark, stood trial on the charge of abandonment of his wife, Dollie Willis who said that she is 30 years old. Mrs. Willis went on the stand and said that they were married two and a half years ago and that her husband left her three months ago and had contributed nothing to her support since that time except a sack of flour two pounds of lard and a little snuff. On cross examination by E. H. Gorham attorney for the defendant Mrs. Willis said she had been married twice before her marriage to Mr. Willis. She admitted that she left him once and went to Roanoke Rapids and stayed for several weeks but denied that she lived with another man while on this trip. Her father Z. M. Willis testified that his son-in-law had not lived with his wife or contributed to her support for several months. He said that she had mad spells, crying spells and crazy spells all of which he thought was due to a disease which she formerly had but of which she had been cured now. A question by Judge Hill as to the nature of the disease brought the trial to a sudden end and the action was dismissed.

A hard fought case was that in which W. E. Abbott, proprietor of the Hotel Charles Morehead City was charged with the possession of 75 bottles of home brew and five pints of whiskey for the purpose of sale. Chief of Police Willis and officers Hughes and Salter testified that they made a raid on the hotel and found the booze and also an empty keg that smelled like liquor, a bottling outfit and some empty jars. They also testified that they had had reports that the defendant was selling liquor and home brew.

The defendant Abbott went on the stand and said he did not know the whiskey was in the hotel and intimated that it belonged to a bell boy who he said had run away. He admitted the ownership of the home brew. However the alcoholic content of this had not been ascertained and the Judge said he did not know whether it was more than half of one percent or not. That count in the indictment was dismissed. Solicitor Duncan and Mr. Hamilton had a hot fight over the whiskey charge but this also ended in acquittal for the defendant. Several prominent citizens including Dr. C. G. Ferebee, Dr. B. F. Royall, E. A. Council, R. H. Dowdy, W. Hufham, R. A. Cherry went on the stand and testified as to the good reputation of the defendant.

Bennie Buck of the Newport section charged with driving a car while under the influence of liquor was convicted. He is to pay the costs and not drive a car for ninety days.

James Boone of Mansfield was tried on the charge of driving his car in a reckless manner and damaging the car of A. A. Dove, colored man. His attorney A. B. Morris contended that the cars struck each other accidentally and succeeded in getting his man acquitted.

Berkley Willis of Atlantic was tried on two charges, that of disorderly conduct and transportation and possession of whiskey. He was defended by attorneys Alvah Hamilton and James W. Mason. The disorderly conduct incident occurred in front of the store of B. F. Small of Sea Level. Mrs. Small testified that he used profanity and invited her husband to come out in the road to fight The

## POTATOES-MELONS BRING IN WEALTH

### About \$60,000 Received By Growers For Yellow Barks And Melons in Thirty Days

Two lucrative or "velvet" crops are now being shipped from this county to northern markets. These are the renowned Bogue Sound watermelons and the Yellow Bark sweet potatoes which are being cultivated here more extensively than heretofore. Over four hundred acres of land around Bogue Sound, Newport and in the vicinity of Morehead City were planted in watermelons; and there is a good acreage of early sweets.

The past two weeks has been one hundred and sixty carloads of melons leave Carteret County for northern points. Growers received from sixty to five hundred dollars net for these carlots, according to the grade. Culls netted the farmers in the neighborhood of sixty dollars a car, while the most fancy of those grown were sold for as high as six hundred and twenty dollars a carlot—not deducting the freight from the latter, however.

There are approximately fifty more carloads left in the fields that will probably be shipped if they remain high enough to justify this. Some of these growers have made nigh to three thousand dollars on this one crop alone. The majority of these were shipped from Mansfield, while a good portion left Morehead City and a few were freighted from Wildwood. Howard Lewis raised sixty acres of excellent melons at Cedar Point, and the Taylor Brothers of the Bogue Sound area had about eighty acres devoted to the melons on several tracts of land.

So far this season seven thousand bushels of Yellow Bark sweet potatoes have been shipped from this section via the Norfolk, Baltimore and Carolina freight line; these went in eighteen hundred barrels and sixteen hundred hampers. Earlier in the season the growers received as high as twelve dollars a barrel, but they have gone down now to eight. For the past three weeks this variety of the potato has been dug and sent to the more desirable markets of the northeast. Each year farmers who grow early sweets get good prices for their produce; there seems to be less fluctuation in the selling price of this product than any other grown hereabouts.

In the last thirty days something like eighteen or twenty thousand dollars have been received by Carteret County growers for their Yellow Barks and about forty thousand for the melons, making a total of sixty thousand dollars. This much money has been made on these two crops, with one fourth of the melons still in the fields and quite a lot of potatoes—something like a thousand or fifteen hundred bushels—yet to be dug.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Luther Hamilton, Comm. to L. W. Pelletier et als 200 acres White Oak Township for \$200.

Emma Jones, widow to Dr. Oscar D. Jones, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$100.

Shepard's Point Land Co., to T. D. Webb, 16 lots Morehead City, for \$1.

Sudie C. Webb to Mrs. Addie Davis Woodard, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$500.

High Point Ins. and Real Estate Co., to Union Realty Co., part lot Morehead City, for \$10.

M. R. Geffroy and wife to Beaufort Lbr. & Mfg. Co., tract Beaufort, for \$10.

T. E. Gibbs and wife to Betty Dudley and husband, tract Beaufort Township, for \$1.

S. C. Gibbs et al to Annie May Gibbs, tract Beaufort Township, for \$1.

Annie May Gibbs to S. C. Gibbs, tract Beaufort Township, for \$10.

S. C. Gibbs et al to Laura Gibbs, tract Beaufort Township, for \$1.

S. C. Gibbs et al to Margaret Gibbs, tract Beaufort Township, for \$1.

S. C. Gibbs et al to Ruth Gibbs, tract Beaufort Township, for \$1.

T. E. Gibbs and wife to S. C. Gibbs and wife, tract Beaufort Township, for \$1.

S. C. Gibbs and wife to B. F. Gibbs and wife, tract Beaufort Township, for \$1.

S. C. Gibbs and wife to T. E. Gibbs and wife, tract Beaufort Township, for \$1.

G. W. Huntley and wife et al to H. T. Carraway and wife, 15 acres, Beaufort township for \$200.

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## Tax-Relief Petitions Are Being Circulated

As stated in the News last week, there was supposed to have been a meeting of the Carteret County Tax Relief Association in the court-room of the county courthouse at eleven o'clock last Saturday morning. Judge E. Walter Hill, president of the organization, and five ladies and three men were present for this meeting. Not even the vice-president and secretary were there. Judge Hill said he could not understand why the people absented themselves from what should have been an organized effort to reduce taxes, unless perhaps the meeting was scheduled too early in the day.

There is a state-wide movement afoot now to get Governor O. Max Gardner to call a special session of the legislature immediately after the November election for the purpose of reducing taxes on real property, guaranteeing a fair and just appraisal system for all classes of property, taking over the public schools of the commonwealth, and for the gradual acquisition of the roads of the counties as soon as possible. Although the purpose of the local meeting was unaccomplished Saturday, Judge Hill will circulate the petitions to the Governor and to the General Assembly through the twenty-six precincts during the next fortnight. Only property owners will be requested to sign these petitions.

## ONE-LEGGED MAN FINED FOR DUAL DRUNKENNESS

Municipal Court had a very light docket to try when it convened Friday afternoon. Only one defendant came before Mayor C. T. Chadwick. J. H. Johnson, colored, was charged with being drunk on both the first of July and the twenty-first of the month. He submitted to the dual charges and was assessed two-fifty dollars and costs or ten days with the street force on the first charge and five dollars and costs or ten days cleaning the streets on the second. Johnson, a one-legged Negro, seemed to prefer the installment plan of paying his fine to working out the punishment.

Cases against Charlie Chadwick and Ida Chadwick were both continued until the next session of City Court.

## ANNIVERSARY SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY

Next Sunday will complete three years pastorate of Rev. J. P. Harris at the Beaufort Baptist church. A special program has been arranged for the morning services as follows: "Three Years and The Past," by Mr. M. Leslie Davis; "Three Years and The Future," by Mr. U. E. Swann; "Three Years as our Neighbors Have Seen Us," Mr. L. L. Leary. Special music will be arranged for the service. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

## SENATOR SIMMONS RETURNS HOME THIS WEEK

Washington, July 30—Senator Furlough M. Simmons of North Carolina who has been recuperating in a sanitarium, today returned to his office for a brief period and said he planned to leave for his home at the end of this week.

Mrs. Simmons has been at the sanitarium for about six weeks and the veteran North Carolina senator said her presence had much to do with his decision to enter the hospital for brief treatment.

"As a matter of fact," he said, "I am in better physical condition now than when I was working on the tariff, because I have had a little rest."

He is following a schedule which calls for his presence in his office only a few minutes each day.

## ASHLEY FODRIE CAPTURES CARRIER PIGEON IN YARD

A carrier pigeon alighted at about noon Wednesday in the yard of Ashley Fodrie, who lives at Core Creek about ten miles from here. Mr. Fodrie spread bread crumbs on the ground and with the aid of a dip-net was able to capture the bird. It was a young, full-grown, indigo-colored pigeon that hunger, judging from the way he ate the crumbs, caused to come down for food. On one of the bird's legs was a red celluloid band and an aluminum one with the following inscription: "Pal—au 30-4057". Evidently Pal had either strayed away from home or was on his way back from a mission.

## MARRIAGE LICENSE.

B. F. Gibbs, Bayboro, N. C. and Luella Williams, Morehead City, N. C.

## LIGHT AND WATER BIDS REFUSED BY MUNICIPAL BOARD

### Two Companies Offered Hundred And Eighty Thousand Dollars Each For Utilities

### MANY PEOPLE CONCERNED

After deliberating for several months concerning the advisability of disposing of the electric light and water systems of the city of Beaufort, the local Board of Commissioners employed the Utilities Engineering & Management Company of Charlotte to make an appraisal of the municipal plants and thirty days ago the Board advertised for bids on the local utilities. The commissioners reserved the right of rejecting any or all bids submitted to them for consideration.

The Board met at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the city hall for the purpose of opening and considering such bids as were submitted to them Mayor C. T. Chadwick stated the purpose of the meeting to those present, but as there were only two bids in and another was expected they adjourned until five-thirty o'clock the same day.

At the second session the Mayor and Commissioners Mason, Chaplain, Willis and Maxwell were present. Mayor Chadwick opened the bids from the Tidewater Power Company, of Wilmington, N. C., and from the Western Power, Light & Telephone Company, of Salina, Kansas—the other expected bid was not presented. Mayor Chadwick announced that both companies offered \$180,000 each, and asked what they wished done about it. The Board immediately and unannouncedly rejected both bids upon the motion of Commissioner Willis and seconded by Commissioner Maxwell.

Following the second meeting Mayor Chadwick told G. S. Bishop, manager of the Utilities Engineering & Management Company, that the Board had been offered as much as two hundred and fifty thousand from some one right here in Beaufort. Mr. Bishop said that he thought that the city would receive some higher bids than those received Tuesday in a short while; whereupon Mayor Chadwick asked that his firm continue to get any desirable bids it could. Some time ago a former Board was offered two hundred and sixty-five thousand for the water and light system.

Similar action has been taken by the Board of Commissioners of Morehead City and with meetings held both Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning. The same companies that put in bids here also made offers for the Morehead City plants. Two hundred and ninety-five thousand dollars was offered by the Tidewater Power Company and two hundred and eighty five thousand by the Western Power, Light & Telephone Company. At the meeting Wednesday the Morehead City Board decided to defer action on these for thirty days.

Beaufort receives its electricity from the municipal plant on the corner of Pine and Hedrick Streets, which comprises three Fairbanks-Morse Diesel units: one 120 horsepower, one 240 horsepower and one 600 horsepower. (Continued on page four)

## 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, Aug. 1	
1:07 A. M.	7:02 A. M.
1:49 P. M.	8:05 P. M.
Saturday, Aug. 2	
2:09 A. M.	8:00 A. M.
2:53 P. M.	9:12 P. M.
Sunday, Aug. 3	
3:10 A. M.	8:59 A. M.
3:50 P. M.	10:13 P. M.
Monday, Aug. 4	
4:12 A. M.	9:57 A. M.
4:46 P. M.	10:27 P. M.
Tuesday, Aug. 5	
5:07 A. M.	10:49 A. M.
5:37 P. M.	10:50 P. M.
Wednesday, Aug. 6	
5:56 A. M.	11:58 A. M.
6:28 P. M.	11:42 P. M.
Thursday, Aug. 7	
6:40 A. M.	12:39 A. M.
7:05 P. M.	12:26 P. M.