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Commission Favors Eight Months Term

Two Bills Will Be Submitted to The General Assembly Which Will Make Considerable Changes in Public School System; Plenty of Candidates in Prospect

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 10A. State-wide eight months school term of North Carolina, the last two months of which may be suspended by the County Board of Education when the attendance will not justify continuation, is embraced in one of the two bills drawn up by the special Educational Commission provided by the 1929 legislature and to be submitted to the 1931 body through Governor Gardner. In another bill which the commission offers in case the General Assembly is not ready to enact the eight-months bill, are included provisions seeking to produce efficiency and economy, as are also included in the first bill.

Economy of operation is sought through consolidation of administrative units, of school terms and of spending agencies, and by greater aid from the State in current operating costs. Savings are expected through suggested increases in teacher load, by abolishing the experience increment in teacher salaries, and in the administration of the schools.

Both bills seek to eliminate further the small schools, in favor of larger units, permit the transfer of pupils across district lines within the counties and allow distribution of pupils to equalize the teaching load. The commission in its report, finds it "inadvisable at this time to create the office of business manager or financial secretary of the State Board of Education, one of the objects the commission was named to investigate and report on."

Tax Supervisors' School

A school for the 100 county tax supervisors is to be held in Raleigh early in December, conducted under the auspices of the State Board of Assessment, to acquaint the supervisors with their duties and instruct them in methods of handling the new quadriennial assessment on real estate for next year, the board announces. The county supervisors will then be required to conduct similar schools for their township assessors and listers.

In addition, the State board is preparing a uniform blank on which returns of individuals are to be made in all of the 100 counties and is to provide regulations for a more equitable and even valuation as between

Thomas Merrill Passes Suddenly at Wire Grass

Although Thomas M. Merrill, of Wiregrass had been in failing health for several years, his sudden death yesterday morning nevertheless came unexpectedly to his many friends in that locality. Mr. Merrill was in his eighty-fourth year, and until a year or two ago carried his years remarkably. During the past few months he has been confined almost wholly to his home and often to his bed. Mr. Merrill was an industrious farmer and he deeply regretted having to relinquish the management of his farm. During the greater part of his life he enjoyed fairly good health and was able to provide well for his large family. Mr. Merrill was a friendly sort of man who greatly enjoyed joking with those he came in contact with. He lived throughout an upright life and was always willing to offer his help to those who needed it.

Funeral services were held at the home of the deceased at two o'clock this afternoon, with Reverend R. F. Munns, pastor of Ann Street Methodist Church, conducting. Quite a crowd of friends and relatives were present for the last rites, and the multitude of flowers attested to the high respect with which Mr. Merrill was held by his many friends.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Susan Merrill; by two daughters, Mesdames Chris Nelson and Dave Nelson, both of New Bern; by five sons, Messrs. Dora, Ernest, Sammie, Kernie and David Merrill, all of Wire Grass; one sister, Miss Malissa Merrill and by one brother, Joe Merrill, of Wire Grass.

BIRTH OF DAUGHTER

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William J. Dail, a daughter Mary Susan, November 11, at the Potter Emergency Hospital.

Long-Distance Rowers Stopped on Way South

Beaufort was visited Monday by two young fellows who rowed a twenty-eight-foot shell from their home town Poughkeepsie, New York, eleven hundred miles down here on a sixteen hundred mile trip to Daytona Beach, Florida. No wonder they thought of this rowing escapade, because they live at Poughkeepsie where so many national regattas are held on the Hudson River, which is the Thames of America.

These two young men—Benjamin Richard and Edward Butsko, by name—left their home the twenty-eighth of September, and up through Sunday evening when they landed at Morehead City had rowed 123 hours. Off Port Richmond, N. J., they were swamped and had to swim about a mile ashore, towing their shell. The weather they said had been unfavorable, so it took them two weeks to row down the Chesapeake Bay.

While rowing by Princeton University they observed the varsity crew out practicing and fell in with them. The coach recognized the shell the two young men were rowing as one he rowed years ago, and told them that it was built in 1880—fifty years ago. Despite its advanced age it is still in fairly good shape. The shell is a ribbed boat, planked with three-sixteenth-inch cypress strakes; it is twenty-eight feet long, twenty eight inches wide, and twelve inches deep. A dangerous contrivance to travel in, the seamen around here would undoubtedly declare. All in all it only weighs ninety-five pounds.

They carry a pup tent, blankets and other light equipment so that they can stay in the woods along the way if necessary. They rowed fifty-two miles Sunday, which they said was the longest distance traveled in any one day. They have a letter of introduction from the mayor of Poughkeepsie which they will present to the mayor of Daytona Beach when they arrive at their destination.

Richards and Butsko—the first a plumber and the other a workman in a factory that makes milk separators—are both husky fellows, but they say they do not want to repeat the trip after this one is over.

Every now and then some one comes through here trying to do some stunt or other. Years ago when the famous Captain Slocum made his round-the-world trip in a sloop he stopped here and had his boat hauled out.

Carteret Pastors Will Attend Conference

The North Carolina conference of the Methodist Episcopal church south will be held in Henderson at the First Methodist church from the nineteenth through the twenty-fourth of November. Bishop Edwin D. Moulton will preside over the conference.

Mornings will be consumed by routine business and other matters, in the afternoons committee meetings will be held, while in the evenings preaching and addresses will be given. There is right much controversial matter that will come up for discussion and decisions at this meeting, where 150,000 church members will be represented.

At the concluding meeting the appointments of two hundred preachers will be read. Dr. Harry M. North, Presiding Elder of the Wilmington District, and a former pastor here in Carteret County, is the only presiding elder scheduled for a change.

Reverends B. B. Slaughter, Morehead City, B. B. Shankle, Straits, E. L. Hill, Atlantic, R. F. Munns, Beaufort, and William Barfield, Newport, will attend the conference in Henderson next week.

HUNT FISH BY AEROPLANE

Most every favorable day now people hereabouts can see Ernest Waters' aeroplane leave here under the command of Pilot Ralph Jordan and go out in the search of menhaden. Thus searching for this valuable fish is new in this part of the country. But the pilot in the aeroplane can scan many miles of sea every day and report to

BLAZE BURNED BELL-WALLACE

Laundry and Shipyard Along With State Flagship Went Up In Flames Friday

A fire broke out in Morehead City early last Friday morning and before the conflagration could be extinguished the Bell-Wallace shipyard and laundry along with the state boat "Captain John A. Nelson" was burned up. The fire was first discovered about three o'clock in the laundry-boat house and an alarm was immediately sent in. When the Morehead City firemen got on the scene they saw that it would be a rather bad blaze to put out, with the stiff northerly wind that was blowing. The Beaufort firefighters were sent for and immediately responded; they pumped salt water several blocks from the front of the community across where the fire was raging. It is thought that the fire started in the boiler room of the laundry.

Aboard the state boat, which had been hauled up on the ways to be repaired, was Captain Leonard Nelson, brother of the fisheries commissioner, and Hulley Willis, steward of the boat. They were aroused just in time to save themselves from the flames. While the shipyard and laundry were burned to the ground, a part of the hull of the state boat remained, but it is beyond repair. Several other boats were damaged somewhat. All of the houses in the vicinity were in danger of being burned, for flaring sparks and pieces of wood were being blown all to the southward of the flames by the stiff breeze and the natural draft formed by the fire.

Several times the home of Luther Hamilton and several other nearby homes were in danger of being burned; they even caught several times, but the firemen were miraculously able to extinguish them before they got too serious. Even the old Atlantic Hotel was in the direct path of the fire, but this too was saved by the firemen. Boatmen who had their craft moored at the docks to the south of the hotel moved them, because they were afraid that the flying sparks would ignite them.

While the laundry and shipyard were only partially insured, the "Captain John A. Nelson" had no insurance whatsoever; so the N. C. flagship was a total loss and the laundry and the shipyard almost the same. The laundry and the boat-building establishment were the joint property of Charles S. Wallace and John Bell. The laundry has been serving Beaufort and Morehead City for several years; the shipyard is well known hereabouts and in the north—several handsome yachts for northern people have been built there.

The state boat was bought in 1928 for twenty-five thousand dollars, the money having been appropriated by the General Assembly of 1927. This was built by its original owner for a family yacht at a cost of approximately a hundred thousand dollars. It was about seventy-five feet long and was a first-class yacht, royally fitted out in every respect.

New Seafood Business Opens Up In Beaufort

A new concern is preparing to open up this week here in Beaufort in the Southgate Terminal Building and it will do business under the name of Beaufort Fish and Oyster Company. Captain Chauncey G. Willis, well-known business man who was reared at Williston and who has until quite recently been head of the Carolina Freight line with boats running between here and Norfolk, will be the manager of the establishment. A wholesale business in all varieties of seafood will be carried on.

The place in the Southgate Terminal which will be used by this new company is having modern equipment built in. Long lines of shucking tables, sinks, and all other things necessary for the opening and shipping of oysters and the handling of all other focal forms of seafood are now being installed. There are several that are intimately connected with the business but Cooper Davis, of Smyrna, is on the scene and is supervising the installation of the equipment.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Carl R. Powers and Reva Bell, Morehead City.
John E. Holston, Charlotte, and Madeline Larke, Morehead City.

the captains of the fish boats, whereas individual skippers of the boats are rather limited in the area they can cover in that amount of time.

SCALLOP SEASON TO OPEN MONDAY

Bogue Sound Now Teeming With Scallops; These Normally Bring Much Money to Carteret

Those folks around Morehead City, Beaufort and Harkers Island who are accustomed to catching scallops during the fall and winter will not be disappointed this season like they were last, according to Capt. John A. Nelson, State Fisheries Commissioner, who says that it has been reported to him by many folks who follow the water for a livelihood that there are quantities of scallops now in Bogue Sound proper and around Harkers Island. In round numbers there was about a hundred thousand dollars worth of scallops caught in Carteret County two seasons ago, but last year there were only about nine thousand dollars worth caught.

This marked decrease in the amounts taken and sold was the result of a heavy freshet during the fall of 1928 during which time the scallops were in the midst of spawning. The spawning season begins in the early fall and continues until about the first of January. Although there were not many of the bivalves caught last fall and winter, there were enough of the adult scallops to produce the spawn from which grew the large number that are now in Carteret County waters.

Carteret Produces All N. C. Scallops

Carteret County is the only section of Coastal North Carolina that produces scallops in commercial quantities. If they grow at all elsewhere in the Old North State, it is only a scattered few here and there. Here in this county they have for a good number of years been one of the main staffs of life, especially during the cold winter months after Christmas when all other water industries have a slack season along with those who follow agriculture for a living.

The digging of the inland waterway channel down Bogue Sound has caused a greater circulation of salt water in that home of the scallops and has helped more to decrease the death rate of the bivalves than anything else, says Captain Nelson. Fresh, brackish water means death to the scallops, while salt sea water means life and a greater percentage of the spawn to grow to maturity.

Season Opens Monday

Normally the season for catching the scallops begins the first of January and runs on until the beginning of May; the Department of Conservation leaves it up to Captain Nelson to say how many days a week these can be caught. However, if the supply and demand justifies it, Captain Nelson may open the season earlier. On account of there being a large supply of scallops now, the Fisheries Commissioner is going to permit the catching of these bivalves two days a week—Monday and Wednesday—beginning the 17th of November. Later if the supply of scallops holds out sufficiently and the demand is strong enough, the number of days a week may be increased accordingly.

It is thought by those who closely follow the water that the money that will be made from the scallops this fall and winter will come in rather handy; others say that it will likely be a good boost for local business. This has been true during the past lucrative scallop seasons.

GOVERNOR GARDNER REQUESTED TO CALL SPECIAL COURT TERM

Cases Against Simmons Construction Corporation And Others To Be Tried Next April If Special Term Is Called; Final Meeting of County Board on 28th

There was considerable speculation during the recent campaign as to whether the county suits, as they are called, would be dropped if the present board of commissioners should be defeated. Action taken by the board at its meeting Monday indicates that the suits will be tried next April.

Readers of the News will remember that Judge Moore who presided over the October term of court here suggested that a special term should be held to try suits against Simmons Construction Corporation, former county attorney Luther Hamilton, former auditor W. L. Stancil, former county engineer George J. Brooks, assistant engineer C. K. Howe and former members and chairman of the board G. W. Huntley. In line with this suggestion from Judge Moore the board adopted a resolution requesting Governor Gardner to call the special term for some date in April. The county has spent considerable money for attorneys' ad-

Correct Totals Given In November Election

When the News went to press last Thursday night the returns of the November election of Davis and Salter Path had not come in to the Board of Canvassers and therefore could not be included in the tabulation published in last week's paper. These returns were brought to the Board last Friday and are now given herewith. The various candidates and the offices they were seeking along with the number of votes each polled are as follows:

Davis:—For U. S. Senate, J. W. Bailey D. 70, G. M. Pritchard R. 123; For Congress, C. L. Abernethy D. 73; W. G. Mebane R. 121; for Clerk L. W. Hassell D. 74, D. M. Jones R. 121; for register of deeds, I. W. Davis D. 109, Eric C. Gaskill R. 85; for county surveyor, S. P. Chadwick D. 75, J. E. Gillikin R. 118; for coroner, G. W. Dill D. 74, L. J. Noe R. 120; for sheriff, E. M. Chadwick D. 76, James H. Davis R. 121; for judge recorder's court, M. L. Davis D. 78, E. W. Hill R. 112; for solicitor of recorders court, Llewellyn Phillips D. 75, G. W. Duncan R. 119; all Democratic candidates for Board of Commissioners polled 77 votes, while the Republican ones received the following: Bushall 118, Gaskill 119, Lincoln 120, Edwards 121 and Lewis 120; for N. C. Senate, W. F. Ward D. 75, I. M. Hardy D. 73, J. H. Mewborne R. 120; Representative, Luther Hamilton D. 76, N. H. Russell R. 118.

Salter Path:—Bailey 51, Pritchard 1, Abernethy 52, Mebane 0, Hassell 51, Jones 1, Irvin Davis 51, Gaskill 1, S. P. Chadwick 51, Gillikin 1, Dill 51, L. J. Noe 1, Elbert Chadwick 51, J. H. Davis 1, M. L. Davis 27, Hill 25, Democratic Commissioner candidates all 51, each and all Republican Commissioners 1 each; Phillips 51, Duncan 1, Ward 52, Hardy 52, Mewborne 0, Hamilton 52, Russell 0.

County Totals for all candidates:—Pritchard 2005, Bailey 2936, Mebane 2160, Abernethy 3158, Mewborne 1796, Ward 2908, Hardy 2802, Russell 2080, Hamilton 2870, Gaskill 2028, Irvin Davis 2958, Gillikin 1929, S. P. Chadwick 2912, Noe 1952, Dill 2947, J. H. Davis 2230, E. M. Chadwick 2822, Jones 1946, Hassell 3080, Hill 2034, M. L. Davis, 2964, Duncan 1994, Phillips 2904, Bushall 2026, Norman Gaskill 2024, Lincoln 1983, Edwards 2085, Lewis 2048, Webb 3020, Guthrie 2930, Carroll 2970, Stron 2885, and C. T. Chadwick 2968.

Armistice Day Passes Rather Quietly Here

Armistice Day in this community passed quietly, with the exception of two whistles blowing at eleven o'clock. The banks were closed, but all other businesses went on as if it were any other day. This was in marked contrast to the day twelve years ago when the agreement was reached to suspend the Great War. Whistles blew that day a dozen years ago, bon fires were made, and a tremor of excitement was shaking the entire community. Every one was talking then about what had just happened, but this year some of the people here in Beaufort wanted to know what it was all about when the whistles began their blasts.

Captain Thomas Thomas, of Locomo, New Hampshire, spent Tuesday and Wednesday here visiting friends and relatives.

CARTERET RAISES HOGS FOR MARKET

Farmers Have Made Industry of Raising And Shipping Porkers to Northern Markets

Carteret County farmers not only raise hogs for home consumption, but they ship thousands of dollars worth every year. Between the first of the year and the coming of warm weather, nine carloads were shipped, which brought the producers eleven thousand dollars. Now the raisers have begun shipping the hogs to northern markets again.

Tuesday a car was loaded at Morehead City, all of the hogs having been raised at Crab Point. The market price was quoted that day as being from nine to ten cents a pound. This is slightly lower than the normal price, but it was even then considered to be quite reasonable. Although the price fluctuates somewhat from time to time, it nevertheless remains within reasonable limits.

Those who shipped hogs Tuesday and the number each disposed of are as follows: J. R. Loughton and Son, 30 head; D. S. Oglesby, Jr., 20; Cecil Oglesby, 14; and Will Loughton, 12. Despite the fact that the Crab Point and Camp Glenn sections do not have the best corn-producing land in Carteret County, farmers living in those communities produce practically all the hogs shipped from this vicinity.

Farmers in other parts of Carteret County should raise hogs for shipping, thinks County Farm Agent Hugh Overstreet, because the prices received for the hogs either on the hoof or butchered and cured are almost always fairly stable. Corn that cost the farmer—when labor, seed, interest on investment and rent of land is added—in the neighborhood of seventy-five cents a bushel doubles itself when fed to porkers.

Farmers on North River and the old New Bern roads and those living up around Newport have an equal chance to grow good corn and feed it to hogs, says Mr. Overstreet. The porkers even save the labor of harvesting sometimes, when the producers turn their swine out into the corn field shortly after roasting ear season. Other than the corn, the growers do not have to feed the hogs anything but a little fish meal; this is done because the corn is not rich enough in proteins for the growth and development of the animals.

In recent years the farmfolks over in the Crab Point and Camp Glenn areas have made quite an industry of hog raising and as a result they have been well paid for their efforts. This is just another form of division of diversification. Farm Agent Overstreet says that he sees no reason in the world why the farmers in other sections of Carteret cannot profitably raise swine like the agriculturalists at Crab Point and Camp Glenn are now and have been doing the past few years.

NO CASES TRIED TUESDAY IN RECORDER'S COURT

There were no trials in Recorder's Court Tuesday. In fact only one case was set for trial. J. J. Frizzelle of Morehead City on a charge of abandonment was supposed to be tried but he was not in court and the case was continued until next Tuesday.

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, Nov. 14	
2:16 A. M.	8:13 A. M.
2:43 P. M.	8:54 P. M.
Saturday, Nov. 15	
3:25 A. M.	9:28 A. M.
3:50 P. M.	9:51 P. M.
Sunday, Nov. 16	
4:24 A. M.	10:34 A. M.
4:49 P. M.	10:43 P. M.
Monday, Nov. 17	
5:19 A. M.	11:01 A. M.
5:42 P. M.	11:33 P. M.
Tuesday, Nov. 18	
6:08 A. M.	11:31 A. M.
6:30 P. M.	12:25 P. M.
Wednesday, Nov. 19	
6:55 A. M.	12:17 A. M.
7:18 P. M.	1:13 P. M.
Thursday, Nov. 20	
7:40 A. M.	1:00 A. M.
8:02 P. M.	1:59 P. M.

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