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## State Engineers Make Survey Of County's Highway System

### State Highway Commission Is Having Maps Made of All County Roads In The State; It Is Possible That State May Take Over All Roads

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

Raleigh, Nov. 17.—Carteret County's highway system embraces a total of 204.2 miles, of which 1.7 miles is unimproved, 153.1 miles is graded, none is sandclay or gravel and 49.4 miles is hardsurface, according to the recent survey made for Governor Gardner's experts by the district highway engineers. These figures are actual and are generally less than those shown in replies to Chairman R. A. Doughton's questions a few months ago. In addition, Carteret county has 32.1 miles which is being maintained as a part of the State highway system.

The State highway system at this date embraces 9,040 1-2 miles, probably 60 per cent of which is hardsurfaced, which includes oiled gravel and sandclay. The 100 counties have a total of 45,092 miles, of which 912.7 miles are hardsurfaced, 14,223.6 miles are topsoil or gravel, 18,089.55 miles are graded and 11,865.95 miles are unimproved, the survey shows.

The State Highway Commission is making a set of maps of each county, which show the State highways, the four grades of county highways, the extent of use of each county highway, all towns cities, consolidated schools and streams, as a result of these surveys, and will present each county with a map. Many of the counties have never had a complete highway map before.

Chairman Doughton estimates that the State commission could maintain the 100 county road systems as well as they are now maintained at about 75 per cent of the present cost of between \$7,000,000 and \$8,000,000, or for about \$6,000,000, if the State should take them over. The extra one cent tax on gasoline amounts to about \$2,500,000, the additional \$500,000 allotment giving \$3,000,000 to the counties. One more cent on gasoline, making the tax six cents a gallon, would about take care of the county roads, in addition to the State system, it is figured.

But automobile owners will seriously oppose any addition to the gasoline tax on the ground that they are (Continued on page three)

## Wise Young Owl Halts Trial in Court House

An owl, that grum old bird that bears the reputation of having the wisdom of Madam Justice herself, decided to enact the role of presiding judge here last Monday morning. Justice of Peace Henry Noe, several lawyers, defendants and witnesses and others that go to make up a trial resigned themselves to the court room in the county court house for the purpose of settling a dispute.

But lo and behold! When they entered the room what should they see perched above the judge's swivel chair but a half grown black and brown striped owl. It was not at all perturbed by the presence of the gentlemen who had come to render a decision upon one of their number.

What should be done about the wise young owl? Several suggestions were offered on how to dispose of the bird, for the trial was being deferred by its presence. No one seemed to want to disturb the specimen of wild life, for the rapacious bird is formidable with his long sharp claws and bill.

One of the lawyers procured a paste-board box and Llewellyn Phillips climbed upon a chair and put the box up against the wall and over the bird. Then Dave Willis shoved a calendar up between the box and the wall, thus making the owl a prisoner. W. O. Williams and Charles Stevens were also principals in capturing the creature of the wilds.

Now the trial attendants will perhaps be expecting the incarnation of Madam Justice herself in the court room, after this escapade with Nature's wisest feathered inhabitant.

## COLUMBUS TREASURER CHARGED WITH DEFICIT

Cerro Gorda, Nov. 19.—Relatives of G. C. Radcliffe, deposed as Columbus county treasurer October 30 after a shortage auditors place above \$20,000, are said to have posted \$7,500 bond for his appearance at January term of criminal court.

## Road Sentences Given In Recorder's Court

Family troubles brought two men into Recorder's Court Tuesday. One defendant was white and the other colored and both have court records of considerable extent.

Fairly Wilson the colored defendant pleaded guilty to the charge of an assault on a female, his wife Mary Wilson. The woman testified that she came to Beaufort Saturday night and that Fairly got mad about it and hit her with his fist. She said he also threatened her with an ax. He admitted hitting her but denied the ax part.

Wilson was also tried on the charge of hitting Nellie Wilson who is his niece. He admitted his guilt in this case also. Judge Hill first thought of giving Wilson the chance to pay a fine of \$100 and costs but decided that as there were two assaults upon women road sentences would better fit the crime. For hitting his wife the defendant was given four months on the roads and on the other charge he got two months more.

Elijah Fulcher, who is a Morehead City man, was given four months on the roads for assaulting with a deadly weapon Clem Smith also of Morehead City. Elijah made quite a plea in his own behalf to the court and seemed to think that he has been a victim of hard luck. He has been indicted on several criminal charges and at present is serving a jail sentence for stealing a gun. It appeared from his evidence that a few days ago he jumped over the jail fence, as he had done more than once, and went to hunt for his wife. He found her in the woods with a small girl and Clem Smith. He said the woman was sitting in Smith's lap on a stump. He became very much infuriated and attacked Smith with a knife cutting him four or five times but no serious injury was done. Smith admitted being in the woods with the woman but denied giving any provocation for the cutting.

A case against Clem Smith charging attempt at rape was noll prossed at the request of Solicitor Dunagan.

## Beaufort-Los Angeles Highway Is Proposed

(New Bern Sun-Journal)

United States Highway 70, with its eastern terminus at Beaufort and its proposed western terminus at Los Angeles, is shown in a half page map in the Los Angeles Examiner of Sunday, October 19. A copy of that paper has just been received by H. R. Shriver of this city from his niece, Mrs. Alvin Stafford, who lives in Los Angeles but who was a visitor in New Bern last year. The map shows the present western terminus of the road in central Arizona, but tells of enthusiastic response to the plan for extending it to Los Angeles.

Jack Howe, automotive editor of the Examiner says:

"A transcontinental highway linking the Atlantic and the Pacific coasts is almost an airline from Beaufort, N. C., to Los Angeles, by extending U. S. Highway No. 70 as proposed in the Examiner automotive section of July 27, stirred such a spontaneous response all along the line that a national organization is already being formed to support the project and assure its success.

"A letter of inquiry broadcast to chambers of commerce and highway officials with a reproduction of the Examiner map entitled the surprising fact that the entire route of more than 3,000 miles from coast to coast, is almost completely paved or hardsurfaced. The returns disclose that the U. S. No. 70 transcontinental highway, including the proposed extension from its present terminus at Holbrook, Ariz., into Blythe-Mecca links, would be approximately 3,114 miles long. Of this mileage 1,639 miles are paved with permanent type pavement, such as concrete or rock asphalt; 1,000 miles have been surfaced with gravel or some other all-weather surfacing, not regarded as permanent. Only 475 miles remain dirt, graded roads.

## Municipal Court Tries Lone Case

For the first time in several weeks, Police Court convened in the city hall Friday afternoon to try a docket of some three or four cases. On account of several of the defendants being out of town fishing, only one of the cases came up for trial.

Viola Roberts, colored woman, was convicted of being disorderly. Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case.

The following cases were continued until the next session of Municipal Court Friday afternoon: Bennie Willis, Herbert Springle and Warren Henry.

## TRUCK FARMING GROWING ASSET

### Was In Its Infancy Half-Dozen Years Ago, But Has Grown Rapidly Since Then

Carteret County farmers have large crops to plant or to abandon the old practice of planting one or two major crops each season and of letting their land lie idle during the winter. They are beginning to take up more and more the newer practice of growing truck crops and keeping something growing the year 'round. When a man depends wholly on one or two major crops and they happen to pan out bad, the farmer is out entirely; but if he has a half a dozen or more truck crops that as a general rule nearly always sell well, he can work better, because he has a good chance of getting well paid for his labour.

Right now the agricultural part of Carteret County is undergoing marked revolutionary changes. Not only are they turning to trucking more each year, but new machinery and new methods are being taken up and used more now than ever before. Even half a dozen years ago there was comparatively little trucking done hereabouts, but since then things have improved wonderfully.

Broccoli, a salad green that is in great demand in the North, had never been planted around here until this Fall. Fifty-five and one-half ac-

## Home of K. W. Wright Burns at Wire Grass

The large and beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Wright, of Wire Grass, burned to the ground about noon last Friday. Mr. Wright was in the kitchen waiting for his wife to finish dinner, when some of the neighbors ran over and informed them that their home was on fire. He went to investigate and found the whole roof ablaze.

Because the fire had progressed too far and there being no fire-fighting equipment at hand, they were unable to extinguish it. All of the household furniture, and the windows and doors of the lower floor were saved. The structure was insured.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright have been living there only about two or three years, having moved here from Virginia several years ago.

## FREE WILL BAPTISTS TO HOLD MEETING HERE

A district meeting of the Free Will Baptist denomination will be held in Beaufort Saturday and Sunday November 29 and 30. Services will be

## REVALUATION OF REAL ESTATE WILL BE MADE IN ALL COUNTIES NEXT YEAR

According to law and custom in North Carolina a revaluation of all real estate is made every four years. The year 1931 is the year when this will be done. This to be done in every county in the State. The State Board of Assessment has sent letters to the chairmen of the boards of commissioners with reference to this matter. As there is a good deal of interest in the subject the letter is published below and reads as follows: Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, Dear Sir:

The Boards of County Commissioners of the several counties of the State will, under the present Machinery Act, at their regular meeting the first Monday in December, begin to set up the organization for the revaluation of all real estate for purposes of taxation for the ensuing four years. The revaluation work is to begin on January 1st. All real property will be assessed with relation to its value on January 1, 1931, and will be listed with reference to its ownership on and after April 1, 1931.

## NO GREAT DAMAGE DONE BY DROUGHT

### Corn Did Very Well; Tobacco Showed Increase In Acreage And Yield

(Crop Reporting Service)

Raleigh, Nov. 17.—Now that practically all of the 1930 crops are harvested, we have a first opportunity for looking at the situation from a preliminary production standpoint. North Carolina was fortunate in experiencing relatively little of the drought situation. Even those counties of the Piedmont Belt that did suffer are in much better shape than most of Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia. The Fall has been favorable for the harvesting of most crops and fairly favorable for the preparation of fields, looking to the seeding of small grains. The cotton crop is more nearly picked than usual at this season. Late pastures were fairly good, following late summer drought conditions in the livestock counties.

While farmers are severely handicapped by the low prices received for practically all of their products, considerable relief was experienced in North Carolina by increased acreages of food and feed crops, as advised by Commissioner Graham's "diversification" and Governor Gardner's "live-at-home" program. A wide expansion in these programs is expected next year.

Corn, being the principal crop in acreage and distribution in North Carolina, shows a much better yield than was expected, particularly in the southeastern half of the State. Even in fairly dry counties, the yield has been fairly good. Together with the 10 percent increase in acreage, the corn crop is good this year. The drought conditions in the Mississippi Valley territory greatly reduced the yield of the country at large, resulting in 20 percent less production than last year and 22 percent less than the five-year average; in fact, the 1930 crop is the smallest since 1901. It (Continued on page three)

## Reduce Insurance Rate About 40 Percent Here

As was predicted by the corps of state insurance rating men who were here in August, the insurance rate here on dwellings and other similar buildings have recently been reduced about forty per cent. Of course the rate on the better class of buildings used for businesses have similarly been cut, but not as much. Some of the older wooden buildings used for various business uses, on account of the material they are constructed of, have not been reduced at all.

The town has been entirely gone over and where the class of structures have justified it, a new rating has been made. The newer rate was made according to the kinds of material used in constructing the buildings and according to where they are located. The greater cut was made on the dwelling houses, which averaged about forty percent.

held in the Free Will Baptist church here in the mornings at 11 o'clock and in the evenings at 7 o'clock. There are eleven Free Will Baptist churches in Carteret county and this constitutes a district in itself. A good attendance is expected at the meetings to be held here.

This schedule for the valuing of real estate was set up so as to give ample time for a thorough and painstaking valuation of all the real estate in each county to be completed in time for the Boards of Commissioners of the several counties to have before them accurate information as to the total value of properties in each county when the time comes to make up their levy of taxes, and so that the making up of the tax books would not be delayed in the revaluation year.

Section 400 of the Machinery Act provides that the Boards of County Commissioners of each county shall on the first Monday in December, 1930, appoint a county supervisor of taxation, who shall be a free-holder in the county, an experienced and practical business man with a knowledge of the valuation of real and personal property in the county, and who shall have been a bona fide resident in the county for at least twelve months.

It is also provided that in counties where there is an auditor, tax clerk (Continued on page three)

## WILL HAVE SPECIAL TERM

In a letter received by Chairman Bushall of the Board of County Commissioners a few days ago Governor Gardner stated that he would call a special term of court to try the county suits against the Simmons Construction Corporation and others next April. The session of court is to begin April 13 and may run three weeks if necessary. Chairman Bushall wrote the Governor in reply that this would be satisfactory to the county. It is understood that Judge G. V. Cowper of Kinston will be the presiding judge.

## BEAUFORT HARBOR TO BE IMPROVED

### Prospects Good For Large Turning Basin And Deeper Channels

Prospects seem good that a large improvement to Beaufort harbor will soon be under way. The same applies to Morehead City harbor also and to other dredging work in this part of the State.

The Rivers and Harbors act of this year carried a provision for the expenditure of \$55,000 on work in Beaufort harbor. In order to proceed with the work specified in the Rivers and Harbors bill it is necessary for Congress to pass an enabling act—that is appropriating the money. It is thought that the session of Congress which meets in December will make the appropriation so as to get work started on the various river and harbor projects early next year. President Hoover is in favor of doing all the public work possible in order to relieve the unemployment situation as well as to get the improvements made. It seems therefore that the bill appropriating the money will for rivers and harbors will be passed promptly, unless a wrangle over something else should develop and a filibuster started which would delay all legislation.

District Engineer Harry T. Paterson was in Beaufort last Friday afternoon and while here consulted with a number of property owners in regard to the proposed harbor improvements. He desired to get permission from owners of riparian rights for dumping the refuse taken from the harbor. This permission was readily obtained. Engineer Paterson said that it is proposed to make a turning basin 400 feet wide beginning at the foot of Craven street and going to the channel which runs from Gallants Point to the Bulkhead. This channel is also to be made twelve feet deep for its full length. This will give Beaufort a fine harbor and one which is much needed owing to the fact that much larger boats are used here now than in former years. Mr. Paterson said work would probably start here early next year.

## Scouts Will Have Court of Honor Tuesday Night

The Court of Honor of the County Boy Scouts will hold its first meeting in the Scout hall here in the Court Court House annex next Tuesday evening at 7:00 o'clock. Composing the Court of Honor are: Reverend J. A. Vache, Chairman, Dr. B. F. Royal, H. L. Joslyn, J. H. Workman and Dr. S. F. Hildebrand, Wm. H. Bailey, who is District Commissioner, is ex officio secretary of the Court of Honor.

The purpose of this Court is to examine those scouts who present themselves either for promotion in the ranks before they reach the First Class Scout stage, or to determine whether they are eligible for merit badges after they become First Class Scouts. This is the first Court of Honor ever to be organized in Carteret County.

## JUDGE MEEKINS REFUSES TO ALLOW ATTORNEYS FEES

Raleigh, Nov. 19.—Claims of the three attorneys involved in the receivership of the Tri-State Tobacco Growers' cooperative for \$25,000 fees today was denied by a United States district court order signed by Judge I. M. Meekins.

The three attorneys have been allowed \$5,000 fees each, but they sought additional compensation. The attorneys are P. W. Glidewell of Reidsville, N. C.; E. P. Buford, of Lawrenceville, Va., and the late William M. Person of Raleigh and Louisville.

## MOREHEAD WILL VOTE ON SALE OF FACILITIES

### Will Submit Sale of Light and Water Plants to People for Decision

#### BEAUFORT REJECTS BIDS

The town board of commissioners met at ten o'clock a. m., in the city hall Wednesday morning with Commissioners Chaplain, Taylor and Willis present and Mayor C. T. Chadwick presiding for the purpose of receiving and opening bids submitted for the Electric Light and Water facilities of the town. The Utilities Engineering & Management Company of Charlotte, made an appraisal some time ago of these and a representative, Mr. G. H. Bishop, was present Wednesday.

Two bids were received and opened, one from the Tidewater Power Company, of Wilmington, for \$185,000, and one from Robert R. Livingston, of New York for \$250,000.

After little discussion, a motion was offered by Commissioner Willis to take the bids under consideration. There was no second to this.

Then Commissioner Taylor made a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Chaplain to not take any of the bids under consideration. Motion carried.

At this meeting were two or three dozen people, six or eight were representatives of the bidding companies, while the rest were townspeople who were interested in whether the bids would be submitted to a vote of the people for confirmation or rejection.

Bids were received and opened and likewise rejected at a meeting here the twenty-ninth of last July. At that time both the Tidewater Power Company and the Western Power, Light and Telephone Company, of Salina, Kansas, offered \$180,000 each.

## Will Call Election

The commissioners of Morehead City received bids for their light and water facilities at a meeting held in the city hall at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening. At that time the Tidewater Power Company bid \$295,000 and Robert R. Livingston \$350,000. These were taken up and discussed in an executive session and the commissioners unanimously decided in favor of submitting the highest bid to a vote of the people of that city. City Clerk Perry Godwin informed the News that no date had been set for the referendum, but that it would very likely be held in just a short while.

On the night of July 28, the Morehead City commissioners also received bids that were rejected. The Western Power, Light and Telephone Company offered \$285,000, and the Tidewater Power Company \$295,000. The amount of the latter bid has not been changed since July.

Neither the Morehead City nor the Beaufort light and water facilities are making any money, it is said. It is the opinion of some that the plants could be operated by private companies in such a way that the rates would be reduced, and that the money received from the sale of these facilities would help the municipal governments nightly.

## 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	Friday, Nov. 21	Low Tide
8:24 A. M.		1:46 A. M.
8:46 P. M.		2:42 P. M.
	Saturday, Nov. 22	
9:08 A. M.		2:30 A. M.
9:31 P. M.		3:25 P. M.
	Sunday, Nov. 23	
9:51 A. M.		3:13 A. M.
10:17 P. M.		4:09 P. M.
	Monday, Nov. 24	
10:36 A. M.		3:59 A. M.
10:47 P. M.		4:54 P. M.
	Tuesday, Nov. 25	
11:06 A. M.		4:47 A. M.
11:23 P. M.		5:41 P. M.
	Wednesday, Nov. 26	
12:00 M.		5:40 A. M.
12:13 P. M.		6:31 P. M.
	Thursday, Nov. 27	
12:59 A. M.		6:38 A. M.
1:08 P. M.		7:22 P. M.