

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

MR. McCAIN FALLS AND HURTS HIMSELF

Editor of The Beaufort News: I have a few things to mention this week to my friends. I am still confined to my room. Saturday a week ago I thought I was able to go down town and I went and in getting out of the car somehow or other it strained my best leg and now I can't walk a step, my leg is giving me lots of trouble and the only way I can get to see the most of my friends is by writing a few words.

I see that they keep right on wrangling up in Raleigh against nearly all the bills that come before them that is of much importance toward any relief to the farmer. Some say that is because the farmer went up there without any money to give them a tip. The manufacturers when they wanted anything they had the money to back it up for a fight against it, so you see they carried the day. But it seems like the most of them didn't know just what they wanted and it seems to me like a crowd of children playing over something and neither one could get satisfied. They acted like a crowd of numbskulls, just like our county commissioners are acting in this county. They act like they don't know just what they want and need in this county. They meet one week and discontinue the Demonstration Agent and the very next week there comes a woman from Goldsboro and made them take her back. Now that looks like some more child's play. I thought that the county commissioners were elected by the people of this county to serve the people of this county not to serve the people of any other county. Now if that woman of Goldsboro is going to run this county I say we haven't got any use for any county commissioners. Let's turn it all over to her to run the county.

Now I have got to hear the first person say that they see what benefit she is to our county, we have always been getting along without such and I feel like that we can keep on the same way. My dear friends I don't see no other chance for us to get relief but by doing away with every thing that we can do without. There is many a one in this county that we can do without and I want to say instead of the commissioners cutting salaries they have raised some I don't see any chance for our tax to be any lower at that rate. If our real estate tax isn't cut down I hope that there won't be a man to pay his tax next fall.

We are having some very fine weather now. I don't know how long it will last but I hope that every body will make a good crop this year but I have no idea that they will get anything for it after it is made unless things improve from what they are now. My friends it's right long off and I may never live to see it but I hope that in 1932 we will get a better set of men to represent us than we got this time. Now commissioners get busy and cut some one else out and take it them back next week.

Yours truly, E. L. McCAIN. Newport, N. C.

MR. YEOMANS REPLIES TO THE ELDER

Editor of The News: I did not think to have anything more to say to this Mormon Elder but as he has broken the ice by denying the creed of his own church and says that Yeomans and all other churches are Religious Bigots and no one has the authority to preach except a Mormon Elder, this is what that coon said on Saturday when he made that big talk on the island. Now in justice to myself and for the benefit of all concerned and good feeling and justice to all will say as this Mormon Elder Smith has broken the ice by denying the truth of his church. Now I am not afraid of cold water, let's go. His teaching why we believe the book of Mormon to be the book of God, we believe the Bible in part as far as rightly translated, but we believe the Book of Mormon in full to be the Book of God. Now reader can't you see the deception? Which one of these books does the American Flag rest on as its foundation rock. There has been over twenty-five Presidents of the United States since the days of Washington and not one of them has ever taken the oath of his office that he would protect the interests of the American Flag, by this book of Mormon. Where has this Mormon Bible been all these years? Where was it when God called Mosas on Mount Sinai and gave him the law that should stand forever and be man's guide through life? Where was it when John stood upon the lonely island of Patmos and wrote as he saw, that beautiful home called Heaven and closed by saying "nothing should be taken from or added to this prophecy?"

Now that you have got me started I am going to show you Mr. Elder and give you the whole truth when you have tried to add to and take from this prophecy. The foundation of your church was Joseph Smith a farmer's son born in Windsor County, Vermont, December 25th 1805 and Joseph says that on September 21st 1823, "That an angel appeared to him and engraved in

plates and he published the same in 1830 as the Book of Mormon. When Solomon Spaulding a Presbyterian preacher saw the book he said that it was his lost or stolen fiction. When the people with Spaulding demanded the plates Smith said he gave them back to the angel. On April 6 1830 the first Mormon church was founded in New York state, on June 24th 1844 Smith was arrested and imprisoned in Carthage state jail on a charge of treason and sedition and was shot. Brigham Young was appointed to take charge in 1847. On October 17th 1874 Brigham Young was convicted by the United States Divorce court of Polygamy and put in prison and on July 26th 1877 John O. Lee a Mormon Bishop was executed for cold blooded massacre. Now if you do not think I am right you look up the third volume of the Universal Dictionary of the English Language, and to be frank, don't you think that I am any fool. There is not a member of the Mormon church but what I would do them any favor that is possible for me to do and they know this is so, and it is my desire to be friendly with all man kind. You take John Johnson and his boys, there isn't a better set of boys nowhere, always friendly and kind, not cranky.

Some people remind me of a swell toad that he haul on the beach with a net. He is all right until he hits the sand then he swells so tight you can hardly find his mouth and eyes. Some of these little mouth people have reported that this Elder Smith eat Yeomans up. Well I did not notice his teeth, but I did notice his jaw and the cheek he had when he said that they had all the authority there was to preach and said that he wanted to give his testimony that Joseph Smith was a prophet. Well I believe he was, but think he was. The brother of Jezebel and a bigger fool than Sampson was when he laid his head on Delilah's lap and went to sleep and lost both eyes, or Nimrod who tried to build a tower up to Heaven.

The first Mormon Elder that ever came to this county from Utah was a young fellow by the name of Telford and he had more sense than the balance of Utah. He came to Diamond City about thirty five years ago. He could talk and was on the job. I took him home with me, I really liked the boy, and everything went well until the third service, then he brought out the Book of Mormon and Joseph Smith then we split. I told him that he would have to find some one who had less sense than I did before he could get that stuff to stick. The truth of this is he was a sharp duck and seemed to know just what I would say.

Now to make this letter as short as possible I sent him to Whale Creek to preach for uncle Tyrro Moore and aunt Mary. I saw him a week later at Harkers Island and when he saw me he came laughing and grabbed my hand. As soon as I could get my breath I hawled out, I thought you were at Whale Creek preaching for those people there. He said I didn't stay there but two days, that old man and his wife were just as good to me as they could be until I showed them the Book of Mormon and told them that Joseph Smith was a prophet, then that old man called a negro by the name of Henry and told him to get his canoe or some such name and it was not ten minutes before that negro came pulling something that was as black as Henry. He told me to get in. I got in and he shoved off; when we were a little ways out that old man says Henry put that man out on the first land you get to and don't bring him back, he is a Mormon Elder.

Now in conclusion I will say Telford got two or three members on the Island, all women, not a man. Later the husbands of these women had to join or stay in a continual Hell. Now reader I am giving you this straight and you can be the judge. These false limbs of Hell pretend to say that the gospel of Christ and the Cross has been taken from the earth and delivered back to Joseph Smith in 1830 as the everlasting gospel. Now Elder I say you are all wrong and to prove that you are wrong I appeal to the oldest man or woman in the state, in your childhood days did you not hear your aged parents speak of the Bible and the Cross of Christ? I say yes, give me the Bible and the Cross, you take Joseph Smith and the Book of Mormon, I am

Your friend, EUGENE YEOMANS, Harker's Island, April 28, 1931.

AS OF JUNE 30, 1929 BEAUFORT HAD AN INDEBTEDNESS OF \$1,179,018.

(Continued from page four) was elected in May 1929 as a Commissioner, and served for near 18 months or until Mr. Chadwick who was elected in May 1929 as Mayor, resigned, without any personal feeling against him or others do you feel that he and the other commissioners have acted fairly in withholding the actual condition of your government? And this is the record of his governmental action, upon which he seeks your vote on May 5th. The Chief of Police has been in office 12 years, more or less, and has made a great many political enemies; because they have felt in his action that he has discriminated, favoring some while opposing others, others feel that if there is any honor, glory or money in the position that the people are

under no obligation to him or other to make of them permanent institutions, again others assert that his association for political preference whether with Republican or Democrats have been only for his election, and that his appeals are made from the personal and not the governmental consideration, and consider his 12 years service and Sec. 31 of Article 1 of the N. C. Constitution: "Perpetuities and monopolies are contrary to the genius of a free state and ought not to be allowed." Referring to persons, or corporation control, etc. I speak nothing personal.

The consideration of the indebtedness of Beaufort is complicated with different figures or estimates and the most reliable are those prepared by the State Tax Commission to 6-30-29 with the total for principal of \$679,500 plus interest \$499,518. The only way to obtain a conclusion as to the total or to be able to estimate the amount due each year is to compute the interest of the total and add this \$499,518 to the principal to obtain the total of \$1,179,018 and with this total of known principal due yearly the deduction of same if paid and the addition of the known interest gives us to wit:

Table with 3 columns: Year (1931, 1932, 1939), Principal, Interest.

Total 56300 65162 75265 The decrease is gradual from 1939 until 1966 when the total will be \$1,055. This does not consider deficits and increased indebtedness either in the Town or the Water and Light Plant.

The total bonded indebtedness to 6-30-29 of \$679,500 had a Sinking Fund of \$11,617 and a current liability of \$110,003. This made a total of \$789,503, and as understood the Sinking Fund belonged to the Power Plant—Electric Light Bonds, controlled by Trustees, and as of April 1, 1931, this Sinking Fund amounted to \$11,617.23. As of April 1, 1931 the figures total:

Table with 2 columns: Bonded indebtedness (\$671,000), Non-bonded indebt. etc (138,120).

Total \$809,120

You may see without further figures that the slight deduction of \$8,500 in the principal and the increase in the other indebtedness of \$28,117 will increase the rate necessary to take care of the figure as given for 1931-1932. You are going backwards. In this \$138,120 you have Outstanding Notes \$65,000 Principal past due 31,500 Interest past due 41,620 or you have failed to pay to April 1 1931 \$73,120 of the principal and interest due, and you had a deficit of \$25,140.94 and if included in the indebtedness validated, may later be classified as a possible credit. You have outstanding as of April 1, 1931 Taxes due \$75,539.61 and paving assessments due \$37,434.45. With this \$112,974.06 due and seemingly uncollectable, with \$73,120 of principal and interest on bonds due, and others coming due, you are not justified in making a deduction for credits, as taxes due, special assessment etc.

For book work or for possible future resource it might be acceptable if properly converted, overdrafts and the furniture and fixtures of banks are classified as Resource, but banks as corporations other than Municipal are organized for private gain while counties and towns having the privilege to levy and collect taxes are for governmental purposes, and the taxes—low or high depend upon the actual receipts in hand, and not outstanding future possibilities or hopes. It certainly points the way to Reduction of Salaries, jobs, expenditure etc all along the line and publicity of facts in association with a business administration.

The report heard would indicate that some misunderstanding exists as to the Election Law. Sec 18

Regulation for opening polls, examination of the ballot boxes—any elector who may be present may examine the boxes and "Shall be locked again when Empty." Oath of Registrar and others demands that they do not seek to persuade or induce any voter to vote for or against any candidate etc. If betting-gambling by Registrar or others, the oath and Sec. 30 makes it misdemeanor, if any public official (Sec. 41) knowingly violates the provisions and aids in any way illegal casting or attempting to cast a vote, etc. disqualified as in Felony from holding office in N. C. If any Registrar or pollholder or other officio (38) seeks, receives or accepts money or reward from a candidate or from any source, guilty of a felony—this would include, gambling upon result of an election against any candidate. This would prevent any officer or candidate from being a marker. (31) Fine and imprisonment to impose on any voter. The Registrar would be responsible for any illegal registration in violation of Sec 4 of Article VI of any illiterate etc. The Registrar is responsible for order and (16) at the close of the registration period shall certify the number of voters in his precinct—the poll book shall be signed by the judges at the close of the election (22) and shall deliver all to the proper authorities. This is necessary if it is decided to have the tickets and ballot boxes impounded, or for any reason a restraining order was sought, and this would not be necessary in any election unless fraud was apparent. No outside ballots allowed, and only two to each voter, and with the above sections if 950 registered and 700 vote then the mutilated tickets, plus those on hand, plus those voted and in the box will total (950x2) equals 1900 ballots. (26) Assistance to voters—Fair representation to each party, and the markers selected by each side "may not influence voters in any way or keep any memorandum etc., See oath.

Voter may indicate his preference as to marker or assistants, and the Registrar shall direct that the marker so indicated by the voter accompany him in the booth Sec. 42 the town governing body shall appoint "fair representative marker, Sec 26 or if any intent is to discriminate or commit fraud—protest and legal resistance may be necessary to have a fair election, Sec 10 of Article 1 "All elections ought to be free." It is not free when one candidate is discriminated against and the Registrar becomes responsible for its conduct at the polls and along with the judges keeping right tally and protecting the ballot box. The law has teeth if there is fraud, and if fraud is of wilful intent the punishing as Felony is sufficient. A fair election does not require markers. Respectfully, GEORGE DAVIS. Beaufort, N. C. April 27th, 1931.

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