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First Baptist Church Of Beaufort Sketched

Church Here Organized In 1851; The First Baptist Church Organized In The County Was In Newport In 1778; Celebration of Eightieth Anniversary Held Here Last Week

Last week a notable celebration of the eightieth anniversary of the First Baptist Church of Beaufort was held here. Special services commemorating the event were held Sunday April 26 and the following Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings and again on Sunday morning and evening May 3rd. Large congregations from Beaufort and other places heard the speakers who were among the leaders of the Baptist denomination. A historical sketch of the local church has been prepared by Judge M. Leslie Davis and is published herewith.

SKETCH OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BEAUFORT, NORTH CAROLINA

By M. Leslie Davis
In giving the history of a church or denomination in a given locality, it seems to me that it is more interesting and instructive as a history to give the "setting" of the locality and the varied surroundings, certainly of its religious life. In preparing this brief sketch of the Beaufort Baptist Church, the writer will briefly call attention to this phase of the life of our community and county.

Possibly at the beginning of the settlement of our community, which was early in the 18th century there were no doubt Christians among them but no one knows when the first church was established here, but records are extant of vestry meetings of the Established (Episcopal) church in the forties. In 1744 when James Winwright died in Beaufort and left property for the establishment of a school to teach "vulgar and decimal" arithmetic, the Chairman of St. John's Parish was one of the committee to organize the school. (By the way this was the first money ever given in North Carolina for Public Education). The Established Church went down with the English Government in these parts, in 1781. "The church building belonging to this denomination (Episcopal) stood about fifty yards in the rear of the spot upon which Ann Street Methodist Church now stands." The late Mr. L. A. Potter, who remembered the building, describes it as follows: "This building was what we would now consider a quaint, old-fashioned affair, with immense stone underpinning for a foundation. The superstructure was of native pine, heavy sills, joists, and plates, and doors calculated to insinuate that supernatural strength would have to be exercised by the emissaries of the Evil One who effected an entrance with felonious intent. The seats were straight benches with centre supports but no backs, one half being assigned to either sex, and he would be considered a bold man who ventured to walk up the aisle set apart for females in search of a comfortable seat. The pulpit, for it was then a pulpit and not a rostrum with a stand, was a structure resembling somewhat the watch tower on an ancient wall, erected at one end of the church near the ceiling, and approached by a flight of steps. It was enclosed by a tight box about as high as an ordinary man's waist and contained a bench seat and a desk for the Bible and prayer book."

After the Revolutionary War this church was used by any of the preachers for service and school was taught in it. Some of the timbers are now in the house occupied by Mrs. Ernest Duncan on Front Street, or in a wood house that formerly stood on the same property.

The present Episcopal Church was organized Sept. 1855.

Earl in the 18th century the Quakers came to the county and there is a deed on record where property was purchased or given for a Quaker burying-ground about 1735. This Quaker church stood where is now located Tuttle's Grove Methodist Church about six miles from Beaufort on New Bern Road. The Cemetery is still known as the "Quaker Cemetery." For many years there have been no Quaker meetings in the county and very few, if any, Quakers.

The Methodists came early possibly before the Revolutionary War. When the Beaufort Church was organized no one knows, but we know that there were at least three Methodist churches in Carteret County in

CITY CANDIDATES POLL GOOD VOTE

Much Interest Shown In Election; Taylor And Longest Win Easily

The election here Tuesday brought out a larger vote than is usually polled in city elections. This was notwithstanding the fact that no absentee ballots at all were polled. The candidates for chief of police had a combined vote of 830. The candidates for mayor polled a total of 810 votes. The commissioners had no opposition and therefore no particular effort was made in their behalf. Frank L. King led the commissioners with 688 votes.

The main contests Tuesday were between the followers of Bayard Taylor and Richard Whitehurst running for mayor and W. R. Longest and Robert Dunn candidates for chief of police. Messrs. Taylor and Longest are now incumbents of the offices for which they were candidates and were reelected by good majorities. Several experienced and influential politicians were lined up behind the candidacies of Messrs. Taylor and Whitehurst and Longest and Dunn and their efforts probably accounted for the size of the vote. From sunrise to sunset cars were rolling to and fro and workers were out rounding up the voters.

In accordance with a recent amendment to the city charter the new board does not go into office until July first. The official vote in the election Tuesday follows:

FOR MAYOR	
Bayard Taylor	507
John Russell	50
Richard Whitehurst	253
CHIEF OF POLICE	
Walter R. Longest	558
Robert Dunn	272
COMMISSIONERS	
Seth Gibbs	661
Denard Glover	675
Frank L. King	688
John S. Parkin	642
James Rumley	676

Very Short Session Of Recorder's Court

A very short session of Recorder's Court was held Tuesday. No case was tried but two matters were disposed of by the court.

J. J. Frizzelle, formerly of Morehead City recently living in New Bern, was in court on a capias to answer as to why he had failed to comply with a court order to contribute to the support of his wife and child. The child is an adopted one and the couple have not been living together for some time. Mrs. Frizzelle was present and stated that she did not care to press the charge against her husband, provided he would make an effort to get a job and comply with the court's order. Judge Davis told the defendant he would be given an opportunity to do this. In the meantime he was required to raise about nine dollars to pay the costs of the capias and being brought here from New Bern.

The Manly Bailey case which has been hanging fire for some time on a question of law was ended with a six months road sentence. Attorney Wheatly gave notice of an appeal to the Superior Court and bond was fixed at \$250. Court meets again next Tuesday morning at nine thirty.

YOUNG MAN FROM NEWPORT HONORED AT UNIVERSITY

The News has received information to the effect that W. C. (Bill) Barfield of Newport has been elected president of the University of N. C. glee club. He is the son of the Reverend R. W. Barfield well known Methodist minister. He has been a member of the glee club for three years and in that time has missed only three rehearsals and the honor conferred on him is a recognition of his loyalty and ability.

Last year the glee club won the South Atlantic intercollegiate glee club contest at Greenville. This year the glee club was rated seventh in the United States by the American Intercollegiate Association of Music.

CURB MARKET TO BE OPENED SOON

A Market For The Sale of Various Products Starts In Morehead City May 16

By Virginia H. Sloan
Home Demonstration Agent
The Carteret County Farm and Home Demonstration Market is not to be a "Curb Market" in the strictest sense. Produce will not be sold on the curb, as with some markets, but on the excellently located lot in Morehead City on the corner of 12th and Arendell Street. The small building there is to be converted into a county market house. This will enable both buyers and sellers to be almost independent of the weather.

Each seller is to make his or her own sales, the sales to be supervised by Miss Sloan, Home Demonstration Agent for Carteret County. While prices will be kept down, so as to encourage free buying, prices will not be cut to the point of detrimental competition with retail merchants. The object of the market is not to divert old trade into a new channel, but to develop new trade channels. Community merchants must be benefitted rather than injured.

The cost of operating the market will be nominal, and will be amply covered by very slight fees assessed the sellers. Each seller will furnish her own bags, twine, scales, etc.—an incidental expense.

Advertising and publicity will be through two mediums in particular—the home papers and satisfied customers. One patron well-pleased is more effective advertising than a hundred hand-bills. Customers more-than-satisfied is to be the market's primary advertising.

Beginning Saturday, May 16th, the market will be open two mornings each week (Wednesday and Saturday) from 9:00 to 11:30.

Since the market is a Carteret County organization, the area from which produce may be brought for selling will rightly be limited to Carteret County. This will work no hardship on the consumer as the imposing list of products which can be grown or made with in the county itself will surprise anyone. Chickens and eggs, fruits and flowers, vegetables, jellies and canned goods, milk and butter and cream, cakes, cookies and salads, nuts and honey. There will be a display of party favors, candies, pine needle baskets and the home made rag rugs, tufted counterpanes and old fashioned quilts. These are some of the things which will be among the array of Carteret County products at this market "where town and country meet."

The grading of vegetables, fruits, chickens and eggs will be supervised by the Farm Agent, Mr. Hugh Overstreet. Only fresh, clean produce will be sold. Butter, cakes, and similar products will be well wrapped in standard sizes, and all meats will be kept covered with clean cloths.

A distinct attempt will be made to anticipate demand and display for sale items especially wanted. The best service will require that producers be on hand regularly when markets days come around, that all patrons may have a wider choice.

The marketing will be handled in a business-like manner. Price-cutting will of course not be tolerated. Regulations posted at the market place will be strictly enforced.

A wide selection of fresh and clean products, backed up by good service, for the consumer; a new outlet for more produce and a constant source of additional income for farmers; a stronger business life for the whole county. These are the primary aims behind the organization of the Carteret County Farm and Home Demonstration Market.

STRUCK BY CAR LEON COOK DIES FROM INJURIES TWO HOURS LATER

Leon Stevens Cook of Morehead City was struck by an automobile Friday night on the State highway a short way west of Morehead Bluffs and sustained injuries from which he died. The car was driven by A. B. Morris, well-known Morehead City attorney and D. G. Bell and Richard Fodrie were in the car with him at the time. They were returning from Wilmington where they had been on business with the Federal court. The accident happened at 9:30 and the victim died two hours later in the Morehead City hospital.

County Coroner G. W. Dill impounded a jury Saturday, consisting of B. H. Brady, H. D. Gaskins, Earl H. Willis, W. A. Ball, Eugene Wade and Jack Lawrence, and investigated the occurrence. A number of witnesses

COUNTY'S DEBTS MAY BE REFUNDED

Bond Dealers Make Proposition To Straighten Out Indebtedness

An effort to get the county's floating debts in better shape by issuing funding bonds to take up these debts will be made. This is in accordance with a resolution adopted by the county commissioners at their regular meeting Monday. All members of the board were present except Mr. Webb. In his absence Commissioner Chadwick is acting chairman.

The firm of Craven and Craven, bond dealers, submitted a proposition to refund the county's indebtedness and to handle all the details in connection with the transaction. On motion of Commissioner Carroll seconded by Commissioner Styron the proposition was accepted. This will not increase the county's present indebtedness but is intended to get it in better shape than it is now. The floating indebtedness amounts to \$289,450. This does not include bond issues outstanding of course.

Dr. Manly Mason, represented by J. Wallace Mason, came before the board with reference to adjusting a tax matter. This was referred to the auditor as was also a request for adjustment by T. C. Davis.

Attorney E. H. Gorham asked for an adjustment on the Mansfield property. Action on this was deferred until June.

A motion was passed by the board, offered by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Styron, that the county furnish \$50 worth of material and tractor and other machinery for work on the old Mill Creek road in Harlowe township.

The board passed a resolution to continue the county's appropriation for the State Mother's Aid Fund.

A motion was passed to defer advertising delinquent taxes until June. The request of J. W. Guthrie of Wildwood for a tax adjustment was referred to the County Auditor. The jurors for the June term of court were drawn and are the following:

First Week	
Van B. Willis, Marshallberg; Masposon Chadwick, Marshallberg; H. F. Williams, Newport; S. G. Gould, Newport; L. H. Dudley, Beaufort; L. W. Pelletier, Stella; W. E. Harris, Roe; A. W. Fulcher, Gloucester; John Chapman, Beaufort; G. L. Mann Freeman, Atlantic; J. L. Garner, Newport; Gerald Pelletier, Stella; Geo. W. Piner, Morehead City; Jasper Lupton, Sealevel; B. F. Taylor, Bogue; H. C. Davis, Morehead City; L. H. Hardy, Merrimouth; H. H. Davis, Davis; Geo. W. Davis, Smyrna; Henry Smith, Atlantic; J. L. Smith, Atlantic; J. T. Beveridge, Beaufort; C. H. Edwards, Lukens; J. A. Hill, Davis; D. C. Garner, Newport; R. H. Dowdy, Morehead City; C. T. Gillikin, Morehead City; Oliver Chadwick, Gloucester; Tyree Moore, Harkers Island; Walter Davis, Harkers Island; J. W. Humphrey, Beaufort; J. E. Taylor, Sealevel; W. H. Guthrie, Harkers Island; D. J. Day, Lola; Christopher Willis, Lola.	
Second Week	
Gay M. Arthur, Wildwood; J. H. Dill, Beaufort; Tyree Moore, Marshallberg; Richard Felton, Beaufort; Kilby Davis, Davis; Everett Whitehurst, Smyrna; Herbert Hancock, Smyrna; E. G. Daniels, Lola, S. A. Chalk, Morehead City; Will Pake, Beaufort; R. F. D.; John A. Guthrie, Wildwood; H. M. Carraway, Merrimouth; Rumley Gillikin, Beaufort, R. F. D.; Sam W. Salter; Harkers Island; Walter Hunnings, Beaufort; Eli Trotter, Stella; W. T. Gilgo, Portsmouth; C. H. Haskett, Harlowe.	

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Mr. Jim Wheatly returned yesterday from Southport where he has been on a survey party.

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.

GARDEN CLUB MEETS

The regular monthly meeting of the Garden Club will be held at the home of Mrs. J. A. Cree on Ann St., Friday, May 8 at 7:45 P. M.

Legislative Deadlock Still Gives Trouble

Last Week Adjournment Was In Sight But Senate Refused To Accept Luxury Tax; Senate Wants Ad Valorem Tax on Land; Conference Committee Must Work On Bill Again

Not Very Much Rain During Month of April

April showers were not very numerous in this part of the country this year but there were enough to make a total rainfall for the month of 1.55 inches and to keep the crops moving along. There were 22 clear days during the month and eight cloudy or partly cloudy ones. This is according to information furnished the News by the local U. S. Weather Bureau station.

The maximum temperature for the month was 76 degrees, on the 20th and the lowest occurred on the 7th and was 40 degrees. There was no frost here during April. The wind blew from the southwest 12 days, from the northeast six and from various points of the compass the rest of the time. The temperature figures day by day follow:

	Max.	Min.
1.	63	53
2.	62	46
3.	68	48
4.	69	58
5.	66	50
6.	53	47
7.	57	40
8.	65	42
9.	72	51
10.	70	55
11.	70	58
12.	66	53
13.	71	41
14.	74	50
15.	73	58
16.	71	55
17.	73	52
18.	74	59
19.	74	57
20.	76	56
21.	74	60
22.	72	62
23.	67	42
24.	64	44
25.	69	53
26.	72	60
27.	70	49
28.	65	48
29.	71	56
30.	71	54

CAR BADLY DAMAGED PASSENGERS ESCAPE HARM

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LAST WEEK IT SEEMED AGREEMENT WAS REACHED

By M. R. DUNNAGAN
Raleigh, May 4—The House and Senate deadlock is broken on the amount of State support for schools, the Revenue bill containing the estimated \$18,000,000 for the full six months term, in part by the so-called luxury tax, having passed the House and is now before the Senate, after that body received it in a conference report by a 27 to 22 vote.

To all appearances, at this writing, the measure will be enacted by the Senate during the first half of this week and the General Assembly, after a session of 119 or 120 days, twice the usual time, will be ready to adjourn before the week is over, unless unexpected snags are struck. Only a few other bills or importance remain to be acted upon, including the appropriations and machinery bills, which are expected to be cleared up in short order, along with several other measures yet pending.

The majority by which the House passed the Revenue bill, votes ranging from 60 to 70 for to 30 to 40 against, has served to help break the morals of the Grier-Folger group in the Senate, supporting the \$10,000,000 equalizing fund, along with the deflections of two or three of their own group, which on three previous occasions had maintained a 26 to 24 majority against the luxury tax measure. The House majority apparently is becoming more "set" each time and the break in the Senate ranks seems to indicate a hopeless task.

However, a last stand is to be made, with the possibility that the House luxury tax measure may again be defeated in the Senate and the Grier-Folger plan again returned to the House. In such case the action of the House would be uncertain, but it would apparently be unshaken in

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Carrie Broughton
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