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ABANDONMENT CASE FURNISHED COURT ROOM CROWD AMUSEMENT

It took practically the entire day to get rid of the business in Recorder's court Tuesday. Not so many cases were tried but several were contested and one was especially hard fought. This was the case in which Calvin Benton, colored employe of the Cherry Hotel, was tried on the charge of unlawful possession of six jars of whiskey. The same case was tried before a jury several weeks ago and resulted in a mistrial. This time the jury rendered a verdict of guilty. The defendant's counsel, C. R. Wheatly, gave notice of an appeal to Superior Court. Former county Judge E. Walter Hill appeared for the prosecution. The defense contended that one Rufus Taylor had planted the liquor in Benton's car. Police officers Iredell Salter and Jas. Willis testified that both Benton and Taylor had the reputation of bootlegging.

Sam Croom colored, who lives in the Merrimon section, was tried on the charge of having liquor on his premises for the purpose of sale. Officers R. E. Chaplain and Gherman Holland made a raid there on June 21 and found some 40 jars of liquor. Croom did not have a lawyer to defend him and deputy sheriff Chaplain volunteered to act in that capacity. He examined Croom's witnesses, two colored boys who seemed to have a very low grade of intelligence and could not tell anything of any consequence about the matter. Croom himself refused to talk and, as Judge Davis said, either did not have any sense or was a very fine actor. The Judge ordered Croom sent back to jail and kept there until he could have the county physician examine him as to his mental condition.

Curtis Bell, young Morehead City Negro was tried on the charge of driving a car while drunk. Deputy sheriff Chaplain and Police Officer Holland testified that they overtook him on the road between Morehead City and Beaufort and that he was driving on both sides of the road, that they arrested him and found he was drunk. Bell said he had had a drink but was not drunk. He did not have a lawyer and Judge Davis continued the case until next Tuesday to give him a chance to get an attorney.

John B. Congleton who had appealed from the Mayor's court on a 30 day sentence for being drunk, was tried. He was convicted over his protests and despite the efforts of his attorney Luther Hamilton. Judge Davis suspended the sentence on condition of good behavior for sixty days which John cheerfully agreed to do.

Case that furnished the crowd in court room considerable amusement was that in which attorney Wheatly appearing for Mrs. George W. Hay prosecuted Hay on the charge of abandoning his wife and not supporting her. Hay was his own lawyer and the colloquy that took place between him and his wife, while not strictly according to court rules, was amusing. It was also somewhat pathetic. Hay tried to show that he was poor and unable to work. He said he is 59 years old and she admitted 64 years, although she looked younger than that. Mrs. Hay said that she spent much time in playing "sol" a game of cards, and that he wouldn't work. He said he couldn't do much work and was unable to get a job of any sort. He said his wife knew he was poor when they were married and that she advanced \$10 for necessary expenses. They were married last November and parted in March. The defendant was convicted and given sixty days on the road, capias not to issue for ten days which gives him a chance to get out of the county.

The case of Edgar Stancil, who lives in the Bogue section, was charged with secret assault upon C. C. Dennis was taken up after some argument between attorney Hill for the prosecution and W. C. Gorman for the defense, was continued until next Tuesday. The defense showed that the man had been arrested and brought before Justice H. W. Noe, that the warrant had been withdrawn and he had paid the costs. His attorney contended that this constituted former jeopardy and that he could not be tried again for the same offense.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

J. A. Whittington and wife to Richard Whittington, 24 acres Morehead Township, for \$10.

Frank D. Perry and wife to W. T. Potter, tract Morehead Township, for \$100.

Floyd P. Loftin and wife to W. L. Loftin and wife, 1 lot Beaufort, for \$1.

Benjamin W. Ratcliffe of San Francisco, Cal., has been in hospitals seventy times for sickness and accidents.

Greater University Commission Appointed

By M. R. Dunnagan
Raleigh, June 22—The commission to study and submit a plan of consolidation of the University of North Carolina, North Carolina State College and North Carolina College for Women into a greater University of North Carolina has been named, six members by Governor Gardner and two each by the three institutions involved, with the Governor as ex-officio chairman.

The members are, representing the University, President Frank P. Graham and Dr. Louis R. Wilson; State College, President E. C. Brooks and Dr. W. C. Riddick; N. C. College for Women, President J. I. Foust and Dr. Benj. Kendrick; and appointed by Governor Gardner, Treasurer F. L. Jackson, of Davidson College, Judge N. A. Townsend, Charlotte; Dr. Fred W. Morrison, Raleigh; S. B. Alexander, Charlotte; Mrs. E. L. McKee, Sylvia, and Miss Estelle Shaw, Rockingham.

"I am fully conscious," said Governor Gardner, "of the delicate elements involved in the proposal—elements of sentiment, institutional identity, and pride of position. Yet I feel that these three great institutions, each supported by the people of the State, should henceforth work more closely together and strive more unitedly for the betterment and upbuilding of North Carolina." Governor Gardner remarked that it is generally known that he regards the consolidation of these institutions as "the largest permanent contribution to higher education in North Carolina made in this generation."

Major A. L. Fletcher, deputy State Insurance Commissioner, State American Legion historian and commander of Raleigh post, announces that he expects to become a candidate for Commissioner of Labor in the reorganized Department of Labor, since the announcement of Frank D. Grist, Commissioner of Labor and printing, has announced that he will contest with Cameron Morrison for the latter seat in the Senate.

Indications are that there will be a nice crop of candidates for the labor post, including, possibly, R. R. Lawrence, president of the State Federation of Labor, and rumor has it that a young woman, well known in the State, may throw her bonnet into the ring along with any hats that may lodge within the circle. It's too early yet to name names, however.

POLICE COURT ITEMS

The following matters were disposed of by Mayor Taylor in City Police Court last Friday afternoon:

Edward Chadwick colored, disorderly conduct, cursing and so on, first offense \$1 and costs or 5 days on the street free.

Carlton Parkin, drunk and disorderly, case continued.

Dave Wallace Davis, colored, drunk and fighting, guilty and fined \$2.50 and costs or 10 days on the streets.

John Henry Smith, colored, disorderly and profane language, \$1 and costs or 5 days work on the streets.

Charles Chadwick, colored, drunk and fighting, \$2.50 and costs or 10 days street work.

Nelson Williams, Frank Jones, John Davis, all colored, charged with using loud and boisterous language, were acquitted.

John Stanly, colored, parking on the wrong side of the street. Case dismissed.

J. B. Congleton, drunk, denied the charge but the Mayor said he saw him staggering and so did Police Officer Jones. Thirty days.

Charlie Green colored, drunk. Gone to Florida.

BIBLE SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL PRESENT PROGRAM

On next Sunday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock, a special program will be given by the children of the Daily Vacation Bible School of the First Baptist church of Beaufort. It will consist of songs, Bible drills and other features.

This Bible school has been in progress all of last week and will close with the exercises Sunday night. Mrs. E. L. Davis has been directing the school and has had the assistance of some eight or ten of the teachers of the Sunday school. The public is invited to attend the exercises Sunday.

Bees kept solely to pollinate an 80-acre apple orchard proved so profitable to J. W. Daniels of Taylorsville in Alexander County that he placed the insects in new hives and bought new queens.

TRUCK INDUSTRY GROWS RAPIDLY

Carteret County Is Developing A Big Business In Growing Food Stuffs

By Hugh Overstreet
County Farm Agents
In order to give an idea of the importance of the trucking industry in Carteret County and how it has increased during the past few years, I have secured from the agents of the transportation companies figures showing the volume of produce handled from November 1st., 1930 to June 25th, 1931.

It is hard to realize that 1071 solid car loads of vegetables have been sent from this county during this period by rail and boat, besides a large amount that has moved by trucks. These shipments were composed of the following articles:

Beaufort has shipped 392 cars of sweet potatoes by rail and 50 by boat, 359 cars of Irish potatoes by rail and 50 by boat, 53 cars of cabbage by rail and 20 by boat, 3 cars of beets, 1 car of cukes, 2 cars beans, 3 cars of radish, and 5 cars of broccoli have been handled by rail. This gives Beaufort a total of 948 cars handled by rail and boat.

From Morehead City the following shipments have been made: 28 cars of Irish potatoes, 20 cars of sweet potatoes, and 43 cars of cabbage, making a total of 91 cars all shipped by rail.

Mansfield, Wildwood, and Newport have shipped 18 cars of sweet potatoes, 9 cars of Irish potatoes, and 5 cars of beans, making a total of 32 cars for this group.

It will be seen from the above figures that Carteret County shipped 89,000 barrels of Irish potatoes this spring, an increase of more than 100 cars over last year's production.

Prices this season on most of these crops have been disappointing but yield and quality have been excellent.

Hoover's Proposal Has A Stimulating Effect

New York, June 22—A financial and business world, weary and dejected from the seemingly endless ordeal of hard times, was revitalized today.

Billions were added to security and commodity values in the great exchanges of the world, as President Hoover's proposal for dropping the heavy burden of war debts for one year was seized a s the meatiest piece of good news in a long time.

Leaders in finance acknowledged that the news may not be digested as joyfully as it was devoured, but held high hopes that it might mark a turning point in a slow change from lean to fatter years.

In Wall street, in Berlin, London, Rome, Tokio, Shanghai, security and commodity prices leaped upward, and even in Paris, although that capital was somewhat cool toward the debt proposal.

Equity share values in Wall street gained \$1 to \$9, cotton advanced more than \$3 a bale. Silver, still a monetary base for a large portion of the world's population, was marked up two cents an ounce. Offerings of copper at eight cents a pound, its low point on modern times, quickly disappeared, as millions of pounds were bought for export. There was a rush of buyers in Worth street textile market, as prices stiffened.

OLEOMARGARINE SALES ARE REGULATED BY LAW NOW

By M. R. Dunnagan
Raleigh, June 22—Oleomargarine colored to resemble butter, cannot be sold legally in North Carolina now, and a sign in gothic letters an inch tall "Oleomargarine Served Here must appear in all dining rooms, hotels, cafes or public eating places serving it in untinted form. The new law became effective June 1 and is administered by the Department of Agriculture, which is charged with making rules and regulations for its enforcement.

Manufacturers of oleomargarine are required to pay an annual tax of \$1,000 a year, while wholesalers or distributors are taxed \$100 a year. The Commissioner of Agriculture is issuing licenses to the eating places serving it on satisfactory application. Commissioner Graham has ruled that the tax this year will be seven-twelfths of the annual tax, the license running for seven months, from June 1 to December 31. Violators of this law are subject to fines of from \$100 to \$500 or imprisonment not to exceed three months, or both, in the discretion of the court.

FEW CIVIL CASES TRIED ON FRIDAY

E. S. Weaver Released; C. S. Wallace Against Way Bros. Tried; Court Adjourned

Last week's issue of the News carried every thing of importance tried in Superior court up to noon Thursday. Court adjourned Friday afternoon. Possibly the case of most general interest tried after Thursday morning was the suit of Charles S. Wallace against B. P. Way and B. C. Way which involved several thousand dollars. The suit was to have some deeds set aside which were made by B. P. Way and wife to B. C. Way on the ground that no valuable consideration had been made and the purpose of the transfer was "to delay, hinder and defraud the rights of the plaintiff and other creditors." The suit was strongly contested and ended in a jury verdict in favor of the plaintiff. A notice of appeal to the Supreme court was given and appeal bond fixed at fifty dollars.

A hearing was held before Judge Devin Friday in regard to Edgar S. Weaver who had been committed to jail by Justice of the Peace H. W. Noe for failure to pay some costs in a trial which occurred several weeks ago and of which an account was given in this newspaper. Mr. Weaver was represented by attorney E. Walter Hill and Attorney C. R. Wheely appeared for the other side. Judge Devin decided that Weaver had been unlawfully restrained and ordered him discharged from custody.

Harry G. Davis, colored, was granted a divorce from his wife Myrtle Davis on the ground of five years separation. The suit was uncontested and the defendant was taxed with the costs.

Three tax cases were heard in which the town of Morehead City was the plaintiff and Mrs. Keithley Willis, Mrs. Gertie Willis and Mrs. Julia Arthur were defendants. It appeared that M. L. Mansfield had paid several years taxes on the property of the defendants and they had been allowed from March court until June to pay the advances made by him and had failed to do so. It was ordered that Mansfield be given possession of the property.

A temporary restraining order against the Atlantic Beach Corporation in favor of W. L. Arthur was continued. This was concerning a roadway on the beach which the Beach Corporation was about to remove.

Boys Hurt In Accident Making Good Progress

The three Beaufort youths who were injured in an aeroplane crash at West Beaufort Wednesday a week ago, an account of which appeared in last week's News, are reported to be making good progress towards recovery.

Henry Wilson Hatsell who was hurt the worst, having a leg broken, nose broken and other injuries is now considered to have a good chance for recovery. Jack Longest who sustained cuts over and under his right eye and was bruised up considerably is able to sit up now and will soon leave the Emergency Hospital. Julius Duncan who was taken to the Morehead City hospital and who was badly bruised and had an injury to his right eye is getting along very well now and will soon be out again.

Walter Arthur who was taken to the Emergency Hospital last Thursday badly scalded is said to be making satisfactory progress and will recover. He works at the Taylor's Creek fish factory and was scalded when a steam valve burst. Mr. C. T. Eubanks who has been in the hospital for several weeks left Sunday for his home in the country. Other patients who are receiving treatment there now and getting along very well are: Clifford Lewis of Beaufort who has rheumatism, Willie Willis, of Davis, rheumatism, Edward Rose, Harker's Island, stomach trouble, Wesley Willis of Winton, trench mouth.

FISHING VESSEL LEAVES FOR FERNANDINA, FLA.

The menhaden fishing boat W. B. Blades, Captain Harry Parkin in command, sailed from Beaufort harbor Monday night for Fernandina, Florida. The other vessels of the Beaufort Fish Scrap and Oil Company's fleet left several days earlier. Their boats and others from Carteret county will fish in Florida waters until the early fall.

Test Tax Cases Come Before Supreme Court

Tax Anticipation Notes Have Been Issued And The Question Is Can Funding Bonds Be Issued To Take Them Up? Test Cases From Duplin County And One From Durham; Many Counties Are Interested

Vocational Teachers Will Hold Convention

Raleigh, June 23—One hundred and forty-four teachers of vocational agriculture from 80 counties of the State will assemble for their annual conference at N. C. State College, Raleigh, on June 29, 30, and July 1, according to Roy H. Thomas, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture.

During the three-day meeting the teachers of agriculture will plan their program of work for the coming year. The group will be organized, stated Mr. Thomas, so that State and district programs will be mapped out. The program will consist of professional and agricultural divisions with emphasis on the latter. Robert D. Maltby, Regional Agent for Agricultural Education for the South, and a man from the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., will be present to help in the formation of the annual program.

Another factor to be discussed will be how teachers of agriculture can use outlook material in their teaching. The discussion on this subject will point out how the teachers can use the outlook information in their all-day, part-time and evening classes.

On two mornings instruction in tobacco grading, under the direction of Frank B. Wilkinson, Chief of the Tobacco Section of the United States Department of Agriculture, and his assistants, will be given to the teachers. This instruction will enable the 144 teachers to carry to 12,500 persons in their classes information on the desirable way of getting their tobacco ready for the market.

WAR VETERANS SHOULD FILE THEIR CLAIMS NOW

The last Congress passed an act extending the time for a World War veteran to make claim for what is due under lapsed insurance. That act provides that suit may be brought in the U. S. district courts or in the Supreme court of the district of Columbia, if the claim is not allowed by the Veterans' Bureau.

If there are any veterans in Carteret county who have the right to make claims as referred to they should file their claims before the 3rd of July. The News will be glad to give any information that is able to any who are interested in the matter.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Helen Hulen, Pollockville and Adeline Benson, colored, Beaufort.
Kelly Guthrie and Lucile Lewis, Morehead City.

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, June 26	Low Tide
4:39 A. M.		10:26 A. M.
5:13 P. M.		10:59 P. M.
	Saturday, June 27	
5:36 A. M.		11:36 A. M.
6:06 P. M.		11:19 P. M.
	Sunday, June 28	
6:28 A. M.		12:29 A. M.
6:57 P. M.		12:12 P. M.
	Monday, June 29	
7:16 A. M.		1:18 A. M.
7:45 P. M.		1:05 P. M.
	Tuesday, June 30	
8:05 A. M.		2:05 A. M.
8:31 P. M.		1:51 P. M.
	Wednesday, July 1	
8:51 A. M.		2:46 A. M.
9:15 P. M.		2:37 P. M.
	Thursday, July 2	
9:39 A. M.		3:28 A. M.
9:57 P. M.		3:23 P. M.

By M. R. DUNNAGAN
Raleigh, June 22—The North Carolina Supreme Court has before it now the first constitutional problem arising from the actions of the 1931 session of the General Assembly and one of importance to many of the 100 counties and 432 municipalities in the State. Two test cases before the court, one from Duplin, the other from Durham, were argued Saturday, in order that the problem may be disposed of as soon as possible.

The status is that many units of government have issued tax anticipation notes to pay current expenses and to be repaid from later revenues. Some of the units failed to collect sufficient revenues to meet these notes. The 1931 Local Government Act permits funding these notes by issuance and selling of bonds, the bonds and interest being payable "from an unlimited tax upon all taxable property" of the unit, thus making it a "special purpose" tax.

The court is to decide whether such funded bonds are for a special purpose, in that the present economic condition makes it an emergency, as is provided in the Local Government Act, and such bonds retired by special tax levies; or whether such a tax would be for general current expenses and, therefore, against the constitutional prohibition of a levy of more than 15 cents on the \$100 property valuation for current operating expenses.

This action has a bearing on the law recently enacted which would permit 30-odd counties to levy taxes for court and jail costs and expenses of the quadriennial revaluation of property as special purposes and in addition to the 15-cent limit for general expenses. Belief is that this act is unconstitutional, but was enacted as a method of "keeping county commissioners out of jail" for exceeding the 15-cent limit of tax levy.

Dr. Charles E. Brewer, president of Meredith College, has been elected National Councilor of the Junior Order United American Mechanics and national headquarters of the order will be in Raleigh for the next two years. Dr. Brewer is the second Raleigh man to become national head of the order, the late W. E. Faison having held the office several years ago. Dr. Brewer has been Vice Councilor for two years, by permission of the trustees of the college.

Lots Can Save Gardner
"Where," asked Governor O. Max Gardner in a radio talk last week and referring to the estimated amount of money annually sent out of this State for food and feed—"where is this \$150,000,000 to come from this year? Can it come from cheap cotton and cheap tobacco this fall? Do you think we are not going to have cheap cotton and cheap tobacco this fall?"

Let's can and preserve and conserve every dollars worth of the surplus vegetables, fruits and food stuffs we raise," he pleaded, saying that "Last year we allowed between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000 of vegetables and fruits to dry up and rot and waste." He asked those who could not gather and keep their produce to invite their neighbors or tenants or relatives or friends in town to come get and preserve it.

"Let's not only produce the \$30,000,000 additional of food and feed stuffs that we set for our goal in 1931, but let's also save it, once we have produced it. Let us raise something to eat and then save all we raise. I could think of nothing more comforting right now than to feel sure there would be no soup kitchens, bread lines and stark hunger in this State this year," he said.

Captain Charles D. Farmer, of the State Highway Patrol, has started his school for three weeks to train 100 "rookies" to fill about 35 places on the patrol, which is to be increased from the original 37 to 60. The training ground will be around a pavillion on the beach near Morehead City and the lieutenants who trained two years ago in Pennsylvania will be instructors.

While the General Assembly did not actually increase the number of patrolmen, it did give the State Highway Commission leeway to make such changes and additions as were considered necessary.

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