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## Voters Will Pass On Sale Of Power Plant

### Question Of Sale Is To Be Decided At The Polls October 13th; The Tidewater Power Makes Best Offer; Rates For Electricity To Be Same As In Morehead City; New Registration Required.

On Tuesday the 13th day of October the voters of Beaufort will have an opportunity to say whether they wish to sell the light and water plant. Several times offers have been made to this board and previous boards to buy the plant but this is the first time the question has ever been left to the voters to decide.

At the regular meeting of the city board Monday night, with all members, Glover, King, Gibbs Parkin and Rumley present a resolution was passed to sell the plant subject to the ratification of the voters and a special election was called for this purpose. A good many citizens were present also and some of them were asked to express their views and did so. Mayor Bayard Taylor presided over the meeting and stated that bidders for the plant were present and their bids would be considered.

R. R. Livingstone of New York who bid in the Morehead City plant some time ago and afterwards sold it to the International Public Utilities Corporation who recently sold it to the Tidewater Power Company, was present and offered \$204,000 for the plant. The Tidewater company, represented by F. A. Mathes, executive vice-president, Louis Poisson, attorney and C. L. Carter, division manager, put in a bid of \$210,000. The rates of both bidders for electric current and water were the same as Morehead City has. The board retired and had a conference with the bidders, separately, and then came back with their offers which were said to be the best they would make.

Commissioner Gibbs said that he had always been opposed to selling the plant but under the circumstances did not see what else could be done. He said that by selling that the town's rate could be cut to \$1.50, otherwise it would be much higher. U. E. Swann said he favored selling provided the money would be used exclusively for paying the town's debts. A. T. Gardner opposed a sale at the price of \$210,000 and said he favored calling an election on the question of selling at \$250,000. Mr. Livingstone arose at this time and said he had offered \$250,000 at one time but he would not do it again as the plant was not worth it. F. R. Seeley said he thought the price rather low but that upon the whole he favored a sale. H. L. Potter said he favored letting the people vote on it. W. G. Mebane said the question had been up several times before but the people had never been permitted to express their opinion about the matter and he thought the question one of sufficient importance to warrant calling an election.

After the discussion a resolution was offered by Commissioner Rumley that the water and light plants be sold to the Tidewater Power Company subject to the ratification of the voters and this was carried unanimously. A resolution offered by Commissioner Gibbs, was passed that should the sale be made that all the proceeds should be used to pay on the towns indebtedness. The offer of the Tidewater Company is that the money will be paid in cash for the plant within thirty days after the election. A new registration of voters will be required and the books will be opened Friday the 11th day of September. No other business was transacted by the board and it adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor.

The News has been informed that the Tidewater Power Company will publish some sort of statement next week setting forth their views as to the purchase of the Beaufort plant.

### AGED LADY DIES

Morehead City, Sept. 10 Mrs. Mary Allen died Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at the home of her daughter Mrs. Carl Edwards in Morehead City at the age of 82 years. The body was taken to Vandemere, her old home for burial, funeral party leaving this morning.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Frank Webb Jr., Magnolia, Del. and Esther M. Simmons, Morehead City.  
H. J. Thompson Jr., Indiana, Penn. and Mary Baugham, Washington.

## Fisherman Takes A Nap And Money Disappears

A considerable array of defendants faced Mayor Taylor in Police court Friday afternoon. They were all colored people and the offenses alleged ranged from disorderly conduct to larceny.

A few days ago Tom Davis, a fisherman, got back from New Jersey where he had been all summer and went to sleep on a porch with about \$300 in his pocket. When he awoke the money was gone. He did some investigating and finally accused George Fuller with having the money. George admitted it and gave it all back but about twenty dollars. In court George said he took the money to keep somebody from getting it. He was bound over to Superior Court under a \$500 bond.

Alonzo Fulford, who shows up in court from time to time, was tried on the charge of stealing a pistol out of the car of Hilton Hill. He denied it but the mayor put him under a \$50 bond for the Recorder's court.

George Fuller charged with disposing of stolen property, to-wit the pistol mentioned above, was held for Recorder's court under a \$50 bond.

Mark Washington, well-known in police court circles, was convicted on a disorderly conduct charge and fined \$2.50 and costs or 10 days on the streets.

Julius Jordan assault on Annie Jordan, continued to next week.

Elisha Murrell, disorderly conduct, guilty \$1 and costs or five days.

Charles Stevens, drunk, guilty and \$2.50 and costs or 10 days.

Dave Davis, drunk, plead guilty and fined \$1 and costs or five days.

Naomi Turner, disorderly conduct, guilty and \$1 and costs.

Alonzo Fulford, fighting, guilty, \$1 and costs or five days.

George Turner, fighting, guilty and \$1 and costs.

Charles Henderson appeared in court as witness but found himself mixed up in a fighting scrape and ended by having to pay a fine of \$1 and costs.

Rosa Belle Pigott was not charged with any offense but appeared in court, probably as a spectator, and was evidently feeling about right to enjoy herself. She talked most too much and presently found herself on the way to jail to sober up.

## THE BIG MULLET RUN HAS NOT STARTED YET

So far this season the usual big run of mullets in Carteret county has not materialized. The northeast that began Saturday night and lasted two or three days was expected to help out but no large catches have been made. The biggest catch so far that the News has heard of was made last Friday by Captain Ambrose Roberts with the C. P. Dey boat Alert. The catch was 18,000 pounds. However the netters have been catching some mullets in fair sized quantities and of very excellent quality.

## NORTH RIVER BRIDGE IS VERY FINE STRUCTURE

Carteret county is going to have some very fine bridges if the job done at North River is a sample. The new span has been opened for traffic for about ten days and the News has heard many expressions of praise for it. The work was done by the bridge force of the State Highway Department. J. H. Hewett superintended the construction.

The bridge is built of heavy, creosoted timbers and is a solid and substantial structure. The deck is covered with a layer of asphalt and is wide enough for three cars to drive abreast of each other. Eventually fills at either end of the bridge will be constructed but at present parts of the old bridge are used for this purpose. Several other bridges in the county are to be rebuilt also, so the News is informed.

Swain Horoce, did you tell your sister I was waiting?  
Horace: Rather! She said you ought to get a job like that in a restaurant.—Answers.

## BOARD DECIDES TO DROP CASES

### Will Not Take Appeal In Any Of Famous Law Suits

As the result of the passage of a resolution at the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners Monday no further steps will be taken by the county in suits against the Simmons Construction Corporation and several other defendants. The matter came before the board when a letter was read from Chairman W. M. Webb, who is in Florida, in which he stated that he was opposed to any further action. The other members of the board expressed similar views. Shortly before adjourning in the afternoon a resolution drawn by County Attorney Luther Hamilton was read by Clerk Irving Davis and adopted unanimously. The resolution is published elsewhere in the News.

At the morning session of the board several persons appeared and asked for aid from the county. They were told that the Poor Fund was exhausted and help would be given when available. A motion offered by Commissioner Styron was passed that the \$12.50 a month formerly paid John E. Mason be equally divided between him and Fulford Lewis.

An application from I. E. Ramsey was received asking for a revaluation on his property on Lenoxville road. A motion was passed to let it remain as listed.

A motion was passed instructing the County Auditor to correct the valuation of the personal property of Leland Day in line with other property of the same kind. A motion was also passed to relieve Mr. C. H. Wilton of personal property tax for the years 1929 and '30. The bond of Tax Collector Alvah L. Hamilton was accepted and recorded.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Carroll to appoint the Beaufort Banking & Trust Company and the Bank of Morehead City depositories for the Tax Collector's funds was passed.

A motion was passed to sell the county's mowing machine to Earl Taylor. A motion was passed, offered by Commissioner Styron, that the Judge of the Recorder's Court and the Solicitor be invited to meet with the board on the first Monday in October.

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## ORGANIZING MACCABEES COURT FOR CHILDREN

Mr. H. E. Ricks and Mrs. Barbara M. Morton of Kinston, are spending the week in Beaufort in the interest of the Maccabees. A Junior Court for children will be organized next Thursday afternoon. The adult lodge will be organized the same night.

The Ohio river drains an area of about 200,000 square miles.

## INCREASED ATTENDANCE EXPECTED AT OPENING OF BEAUFORT SCHOOLS

The Beaufort Schools will open Monday, September 14th with one teacher less in the high school and an increased teacher load in all classes and in all the grades. This increased load, together with the appropriation slashes for maintenance, will work many hardships on teachers and pupils alike, but it is the purpose of the administration to maintain the same high standard of efficiency as heretofore. One thing is certain, our school carries the same standard and rating of the State Department of Education as heretofore and our graduates will be accepted by the various colleges as usual.

The Board of Trustees had hoped to operate a nine months term this year, using the money levied for last year therefor, but the Board of County Commissioners, our tax levying body, saw fit to decline the request for such permission—so at least for the time being that idea must be dropped.

We had also hoped to get by without charging Book and supply fees, feeling that such would be a little saving to the parents, but due to the extremely big cuts in the money appropriated by the State these fees will be even more necessary than in previous years—if the Board is to be able to furnish the books and supplies as heretofore. May we urge you therefore, to pay these fees on the opening day in order that new books and supplies may be ordered immediately thereafter. The fees are as follows:

First Grade ..... \$1.50  
Second Grade ..... 2.00  
Third Grade ..... \$2.50  
Four-Seven inc. (supplies) - 50  
High School pupils who wish the Superintendent to order books will

## SCHOOLS MAY BE SHORT OF MONEY

### County Not Getting As Much From The State As Was Expected

The meeting of the County Board of Education Monday was mainly given to the consideration of financial problems. The schools all over the county, white and colored, open Monday and the details incidental to opening have been given attention. Practically all the teachers needed have been secured and are expected to report for duty Monday morning.

The board is in somewhat of a quandary about the six months term which is supposed to be financed now by the State Board of Equalization. The county has not been allotted the amount of money asked for and which the board and Superintendent Allen think necessary. Carteret county asked for \$87,635.48 from the State for the six months term and the sum of \$60,068.96 was certified back. For janitor service the sum of \$1675 was requested and \$760 was allowed. A request was made for \$400 for water, lights and power and the sum of \$150 was the sum allowed. As to the extended term it appears that there will be no trouble but it is feared that it will be difficult to carry on the schools properly for the six months period on the amount allocated to Carteret county.

On Monday afternoon Superintendent Allen and members of the Board of Education met with the Board of Commissioners and laid their troubles before that body. However it did not avail them much. The school board was told that the tax levy had been made and the tax books were being made up and no additional levy could be made now for any purposes. The matter of getting a county school supervisor and a county welfare worker was also brought before the commissioners. Superintendent Allen stated that by combining these two offices into one the two could be operated successfully and at a comparatively small cost. He thought the increased attendance at the schools would more than offset the cost. No action was taken by the county board.

The enrollment in the county schools last year was 2508. In addition to this Beaufort had 930 and Morehead City an enrollment of 914 pupils.

## OFFICERS CAPTURE STILL

Sheriff Chadwick and deputy Emmett Chaplain captured and destroyed a distilling outfit last Thursday in Cedar Swamp near Newport. The still was a big copper one and apparently had been operated a few days before. The ownership of the outfit is not known.

## Will Grow No Cotton On State Owned Farms

### Prices of Cotton Too Low To Be Profitable; Prison Farms Raised Large Quantity of Wheat, Corn, Oats And Some Rye And Barley; Will Exchange Seed With Farmers.

## Marine Bank Closed Its Doors Wednesday

Notwithstanding the fact that a great many banks failed in North Carolina and other states last year, and a few this year, Carteret county has escaped that misfortune until Wednesday of this week. On that day the Marine Bank of Morehead City closed its doors. Carteret county has never had but one bank failure before, the Bank of Carteret located in Morehead City which failed about twenty years ago.

Not long ago an audit of the Marine Bank was ordered by Gurney P. Hood, State Commissioner of Banks and George T. Abrams accountant was appointed to do the work. When the accountant started work he was informed by the assistant cashier W. U. Mallison that he was short in his cash. The investigation revealed the shortage to be \$10,244.90. On instructions from Mr. Hood a warrant was sworn out for Mr. Mallison and he has been put under arrest.

The Marine Bank was a small one when compared with some of the other banks in the county. Its deposits, as reported June 30, were only \$72,000 and it is rumored that the deposits had shrunk considerably from that figure. The town of Morehead City had the sum of \$18,675.00 on deposit in the savings department. This was not secured and the town had given notice of withdrawal to be made on the 16th. There was also on deposit a joint account of \$5000 belonging to the city and Dr. B. F. Royall. The Marine Bank was organized in 1913 by E. A. Council who was its cashier. Dr. K. P. B. Bonner was president of the bank. Comparatively little excitement was caused by the closing of the Marine Bank and there has been no run on the Bank of Morehead City or the two banks in Beaufort. The News has been informed by leading business men that no trouble is expected and that business conditions as a whole in this county are much better than they were a year ago.

## ESCAPED CONVICT ASKS OFFICERS FOR A RIDE

Sam Daniels, a negro convict who escaped from the county road force May 17, probably thinks that he needs a new rabbit foot or something. At any rate his luck has apparently deserted him.

While standing on the highway near Havelock last Friday waiting to bum a ride he saw a car with two men in it approaching and waved it down. The car accommodatingly stopped and its occupants, sheriff Chadwick and deputy sheriff Chaplain, gave Sam a most urgent invitation to get in and take a ride. Instead of taking him to New Bern though they carried him to a convict camp located near there.

## 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, Sept. 11
6:45 a. m.	12:41 a. m.
7:19 p. m.	12:57 p. m.
	Saturday, Sept. 12
7:42 a. m.	1:25 a. m.
8:08 p. m.	1:48 p. m.
	Sunday, Sept. 13
8:30 a. m.	2:09 a. m.
8:56 p. m.	2:39 p. m.
	Monday, Sept. 14
9:19 a. m.	2:54 a. m.
9:45 p. m.	3:33 p. m.
	Tuesday, Sept. 15
10:09 a. m.	3:39 a. m.
10:34 p. m.	4:25 p. m.
	Wednesday, Sept. 16
10:45 a. m.	4:28 a. m.
11:05 p. m.	5:22 p. m.
	Thursday, Sept. 17
11:28 a. m.	5:22 a. m.
12:05 p. m.	6:22 p. m.

By M. R. DUNNAGAN  
RALEIGH, Sept. 7.—North Carolina is giving notice to the world that no cotton will be planted on State-owned farms next year, cutting out completely the staple in which the prison farms planted 3,600 acres in 1929, 2,600 in 1930 and 1,300 acres in 1931, in a statement issued by Governor Gardner.

The decision does not mean that Governor Gardner thinks North Carolina farmers should cut out cotton growing completely in 1932, but he expresses the belief that the State ought to set an advanced example to cotton growers in drastic acreage reduction so the South's greatest crop may bring a profit to growers—and it will not at present below—cost prices.

Success of Governor Gardner's live-at-home program this year generally and especially at State-owned farms is given as one important reason for eliminating cotton. Prison farms, he points out, this year have threshed 38,793 bushels of wheat, 24,245 bushels of oats, 4,493 bushels of rye and 3,669 bushels of barley with indications that more than 100,000 bushels of corn will be gathered.

Plans are being worked out, Governor Gardner states, to exchange every bushel of the small grains, all produced from pure-bred, certified seed, with North Carolina farmers, so it can be available for sowing this fall. "This wheat is too good for prisoners to eat. In fact, it is too good for anybody to eat while it is so scarce in North Carolina," Governor Gardner said.

## The Cotton Situation

Governor Gardner took occasion to refer the national and international problem presented by the cotton situation, which he states, can be successfully met for the partial salvation of its growers only by world-wide cooperation of cotton growing sections. That's what he told President Hoover in a telegram calling upon him to convene Congress to initiate legislation, and by treaties with other countries growing cotton, to start a solution.

Also, Governor Gardner has "called" Governor Ross Sterling, of Texas, by asking him, as Governor of the state growing millions of bales, to join in a call for a conference in Memphis, Tenn., September 14-15, of Governors, U. S. Senators, agricultural commissioners and cotton growers of the cotton states to consider "nobody's pet plan," but to work out a curtailment and marketing program which might help save the growers this year. But Governor Sterling said no, the real reason being that Texas doesn't want to curtail, even though it wants other states to cut production.

Senator John W. Hinsdale, luxury tax advocate, and Senator Frank L. Dunlap implacable foe of all sales taxes, have worked out and are broad casting a cotton plan, calling for non stock associations in all states, securing 85 per cent of the cotton acreage, reducing acreage 50 per cent next year, fixing a penalty for planting in excess of 50 per cent, urge utilization of land thus provided for food and feed crops, and suggesting like plans for tobacco and wheat, or other commodities. The authors predict an immediate increase in price of cotton three or four cents upon the perfection of such associations.

While cotton growers are in the throes of dependency, tobacco growers are experiencing varying emotions. Last week's sales in the new bright belt of eastern North Carolina indicated prices slightly above those of last year and an apparent tendency to increase proportionately. While the start was low, as usual, due to inferior grades as barometers, growers grew more encouraged as the week progressed. The upward trend brought out better grades and the average prices, accordingly, increased. Growers, while not completely satisfied, are not as blue as they feared before the markets opened. Tobacco grown this year cost less to produce than it did last year, it is maintained. If the present trend continues, the tobacco growers will be able to make much more on the crops than they did last year.

Brummitt Discusses Taxes  
Taxes on some forms of business and industry were increased to a

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