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RECORDER'S COURT TO BE ABOLISHED

Board of County Commissioners Passes Resolution Ending Court Next Year

Unless some change is made some time in the future there will be no Recorder's court in Carteret county after December 1932. This is in accordance with a resolution adopted by the board at its meeting here on Monday.

The resolution which was offered by Commissioner Chadwick, states that "after two years trial the public interest does not require the continuance of the court." Mr. Chadwick also said that the audit recently made shows that the court is costing several thousand dollars more than it brings in. There was no opposition to the resolution and it was adopted.

County Superintendent Allen and Mr. Ira Garner of Newport came before the board to see if some arrangement could be made about paying the salary of Mr. C. S. Long, agricultural teacher in the Newport school. This matter was also brought up at a previous meeting. As before it was stated by the board that nothing could be done about the matter as the tax levy for all purposes was fixed several months ago.

Miss Lillian Duncan of Beaufort and Miss Dozier representing the State Department of Welfare came before the board and asked that a County Welfare Agent be appointed. Miss Dozier stated that there were more than 900 persons in needy circumstances in the county and that practically no welfare work is being done. There was considerable discussion the outcome of which was that the matter be deferred until the first Monday in January.

There were several applications made to the board for financial aid. An order was passed to pay Mrs. Bettie Rose of Harker's Island \$5 a month, to pay Lee Murdock of Wildwood, for Tobe Shepherd \$5 a month and that Mrs. Ruby Lockett be allowed \$7.50 a month and that the State Welfare Department be asked to appropriate the same from the Mother's Aid Fund. An order was passed admitting Mrs. T. D. Meares of Morehead City to the County Home. T. Clifford Wade of Morehead City was allowed \$1.50 a month the same to be paid on his taxes.

J. F. Duncan and Stanly Woodland came before the board and asked for a reduction in the valuation of the Tidewater Power Company's plant in Morehead City. A motion offered by Commissioner Chadwick was passed that the valuation remain unchanged. A motion was passed appropriating \$15 to aid in paying the burial expenses of Floyd Robinson of Beaufort.

The Auditor was instructed to adjust the tax matter of J. M. Willis of Morehead township.

The Auditor was instructed to notify J. T. Ricks, Solomon Willis and Julian Fulcher to come before the board at the January meeting to straighten out a tax matter.

A motion was passed to pay Sheriff Chadwick two months salary as soon as funds are available.

The audit recently made by A. M. Pullen and Company for the county for the year ending June 30, 1931 was presented to the board.

Dill Ambulance In Mix-up With Sedan

Monday afternoon Geo. W. Dill, Morehead City funeral director, was driving his ambulance down one of the east and west streets in that community and a Chevrolet sedan driven by Mrs. Daisy Meekins and occupied by four other ladies came out of a side street and hit the Dill vehicle, tearing one of the rear wheels completely down, bending up the fender and ripping the bumper off. Coroner Dill said that he blew his horn several times and drove onward, as he had the right of way. Mrs. Meekins, who is said to have only recently learned to drive an automobile, said that she did not hear the horn blow.

As the Dill Funeral Home was conducting a funeral Monday afternoon, the ambulance service of Adair & Rice, Beaufort funeral directors, was procured for this after the collision put the Dill vehicle out of commission.

PLENTY OF RAIN NOW

The drought that has afflicted Carteret county for about two months was definitely broken last Friday with a good rain that lasted most of the day. Also yesterday there were a good many heavy showers. The forest fires have been extinguished and the crops greatly helped.

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Funeral Services Held For Fred Lathrop King

After having been in ill health for the past several years, Fred Lathrop King Sr., widely known and universally liked local man, passed away Monday at noon in Norfolk, Va., at St. Vincent's Hospital, the immediate cause of his death being abdominal hemorrhage. His failing health culminated several weeks ago in his being removed to the Norfolk hospital. Up until just prior to noon Monday the St. Vincent doctors believed Mr. King to be improving; the change came quickly just before noon and was followed in a short while by death.

For many years Mr. King followed the vocation of a painter here in Beaufort and the vicinity, and was considered to be an excellent workman at that trade. During the last few years, however, he has been employed by Adair & Rice, local funeral directors and embalmers. In both capacities he won for himself a favorable place in the hearts of the people of this community and elsewhere. To many of the younger generation he was just plain "Uncle Remus," as they affably designated him. He was one of those rare individuals who never grew old in spirit, and therefore was as much at home with the youngsters of today as he was with the grown folks.

Mr. King was married twice, his first wife being Miss Mattie Fulcher, and to that union was born two sons, W. Fred King, of Beaufort, and Roland King, of Greenville. After the death of his wife he married Miss Minnie Neal; two children survive this union, John Bragg and Virginia King.

Funeral services were conducted at three o'clock Wednesday in St. Paul's Church by the rector, the Rev. Worth Wicker. The remains lay in state in the church from twelve o'clock until the services began. Mr. King was for many years a faithful member of this church and at the time of his death was a vestryman. "The Strife is O'er" and "Hark, Hark My Soul," were sung at the church, and Mrs. John Brooks sang a solo, "The Old Rugged Cross." At the grave "There is a Blessed Home," was sung. Interment was in Ocean View Cemetery.

The undertakers were represented at the funeral by D. G. Smaw, of New Bern, Geo. W. Dill, Morehead City, and by Mr. James, of Bell & James, Morehead City.

Active pallbearers were vestrymen of St. Paul's Church: C. R. Wheatly, C. A. Clawson, Walter Guthrie, C. H. Bushall, W. A. Mace and Joseph House.

He is survived by his wife, three sons and one daughter, named in the foregoing; one sister, Miss Maude King of Goldsboro; a niece, Miss Eunice Freeman, of Goldsboro; and a nephew, William Duncan, of Raleigh.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Geo. M. Piner et ux to Colonial Oil Co., tract Morehead Township, for \$10.

W. L. Stancil, Trustee to Mrs. Mary and Robert F. Tillett, 1 lot Beaufort, for \$600.

E. W. Glass et al, to Beulah B. Stewart, 6 acres Straits Township, for \$10.

NAT EBORN BOUND OVER TO RECORDER'S COURT

Nat Eborn, who lives near Morehead City, was tried before Justice of the Peace H. W. Noe at the courthouse Monday on the charge of transporting liquor and bound over to the County Recorder's court under a \$150 bond. Another warrant containing some other charges was withdrawn with the consent of the prosecuting witnesses. Eborn has been in court before on liquor charges.

Big Department Store Destroyed By Fire

New Bern has had several disastrous fires this year but probably the worst of all was that Wednesday morning when the Coplon building occupied by the Belk Department store was destroyed. The fire was discovered shortly before three o'clock and was raging furiously. It seems to have started on the second floor. Help from Kinston and Morehead City was obtained but it was impossible to save the building. Adjoining buildings were damaged somewhat but were not destroyed.

Manager McJordan of the Belk store stated that a large stock of goods, estimated at \$90,000, was in store. A great deal had been bought for the Christmas trade. About \$40,000 insurance was carried on the stock. The building belonged to the Coplon Investment Company of New York. Some 50 to 60 people were employed in the Belk store. The building is estimated to be worth between \$75,000 and \$100,000 and there was about \$40,000 insurance on it.

Several Suits Tried In Court This Week

Superior Court has been in progress here this week beginning Monday. Several cases that were on the calendar have been tried but most of them will not be reached, in fact a considerable number have already been continued. Judge Sinclair is presiding over the court.

The case of Elks and Broadus, administrators, versus Atlantic Beach and Bridge Corporation was taken up and after considerable sparring between attorneys was dismissed. Attorneys for the plaintiffs took an appeal to the Supreme Court. This is the case growing out of the deaths of Jasper Hoel and H. L. Joyner of Greenville which occurred while they were fishing near the bridge and were electrocuted when their fishing line got tangled up with a live wire on the bridge. The case was tried last January and resulted in a mistrial. Other cases were:

William Sasseen against John Hanf, W. B. Hanf agent and C. T. Gillikin. The evidence was in defendants asked for a nonsuit and the same was granted. The plaintiff appealed.

Morehead City and M. L. Mansfield against Mrs. Gertie Willis, Franklin Willis and Carteret county. Judgment was that Mansfield was entitled to \$10 a month rent for 12 months.

Morehead City and M. L. Mansfield against Mrs. Keithy Willis and Keithy Willis. Jury gave verdict in favor of Mansfield. He is to get \$10 a month rent for 12 months.

Hamilton Grocery Co., against Chas. S. Davis. Verdict in favor of plaintiff for \$24.22 and interest from July 26, 1928.

WARM AND DRY WEATHER DURING MONTH OF NOVEMBER

While not so dry in these parts during the month of November as October was it was still pretty dry. The rainfall for the month was 1.51 inches. There was a fairly good rain on the 19th, .45 inches and on the 28th, .90 inches. The weather was also warm, the coldest temperature was 41 above zero, on the 7th and 8th. There were 19 clear days, two cloudy ones and 9 partly cloudy. The winds blew from the northeast 12 days, southwest seven and the rest of the time from other directions.

The temperature figures for the month day by day are the following:

	Max.	Min.
1.	65	42
2.	65	43
3.	66	45
4.	70	48
5.	74	46
6.	57	41
7.	60	41
8.	68	45
9.	71	47
10.	71	47
11.	72	48
12.	72	48
13.	72	48
14.	74	57
15.	77	55
16.	76	60
17.	77	61
18.	77	67
19.	80	64
20.	77	64
21.	79	65
22.	77	61
23.	76	61
24.	72	61
25.	74	59
26.	72	49
27.	74	46
28.	70	52
29.	65	53
30.	75	57

CHECK FLASHER VICTIMIZES SEVERAL PERSONS IN MOREHEAD AND COUNTRY

A young man—probably twenty three or four years of age—who is using the name of "D. E. Britt" in Morehead City and the vicinity last week and the first part of this, passed a good many worthless checks off on the people, possibly around a hundred and fifty or two hundred dollars in all. In fact, so many people "swallowed the bait" that it is almost impossible to ascertain just how much the people were swindled out of, or the exact number of people that were plagued by him.

The man was described by one Morehead City merchant as being somewhat young in appearance, tall and slim, and attired in working clothes. He posed in several instances as a linesman of the Tidewater Power and Light Company, the concern that now owns both the Morehead City and the Beaufort electric light plants.

Several of the Morehead City stores—including the Paragon, W. C. Mathews at the Morehead City Drug Company, and quite a number of others—are holding worthless checks of "D. E. Britt." Both Will Curry, well-

APPLICATION FOR A GAS FRANCHISE

A Warm Discussion Before City Board On Question of Issuing Franchise

The board of city commissioners at the regular meeting Monday night passed the resolution giving the Tidewater Power Company a franchise on its second reading. The resolution has to be passed at the next regular meeting for the third time which will be final. Those present were Mayor Taylor and Commissioners Gibbs, Glover, King and Rumley.

Considerable time was taken up in discussing the city's debts and what should be paid out of the money derived from the sale of the water and light plant. An order was passed instructing City Clerk Thomas to issue vouchers in favor of the Beaufort Banking and Trust Company for \$8000 on a note that is due and also paying \$10,298.33 on some bonds and interest coupons that are past due. A note for \$11500 due the Bank of Beaufort and which was held by Col. F. S. Dickinson of Rutherford, N. J. as security for a loan, was paid last week. It was stated that he board will order some other obligations paid in the near future.

An application for a franchise to lay gas pipes by attorney C. R. Wheatly representing Richard M. Johnson and associates of Norfolk, Va., was laid before the board and brought on a rather spirited discussion. Attorney J. F. Duncan and Messrs. Mathes, Poisson and Carteret representing the Tidewater Company were present and joined in the discussion. The Tidewater representatives did not ask for a gas franchise but said they intended to make a survey of the situation here and might ask for a franchise later. Mr. Wheatly argued against giving the Tidewater Power a monopoly of the gas and electric business in Beaufort and said that a franchise should be given to any one should ask for it. The board indicated that it was not ready to grant a franchise until the matter had received more consideration and on motion of Commissioner Gibbs action was deferred until the January meeting.

A motion was passed on request of a committee of citizens that 20 be allowed toward paying the funeral expenses of Floyd Robinson.

A bill of the Utilities Engineering and Management Company of Charlotte for \$8400 for commission claimed on the sale of the water and light plant was read and on motion laid on the table.

A request of the State Highway Commission to allow lights to be discontinued on the highway fill between the two bridges was not acted on.

CONDUCT LAST RITES FOR FLOYD ROBINSON

Funeral services were held this afternoon at three o'clock at the home of Mrs. Robert Dunn for Floyd Robinson, the Rev. R. F. Munns conducting the last rites, assisted by the Reverends Worth Wicker and J. P. Harris. Interment was in Ocean View Cemetery.

Death came after a lingering illness that had persisted for years. He had received sanatorium treatment on several occasions and was at the Marine Hospital, Norfolk, Va., at the time of his death Sunday morning.

Mr. Robinson is survived by his wife, Mrs. Carrie Robinson, three children; one brother, Tuttle Robinson, and a sister Mrs. George Gilbert both of Beaufort.

Hibbs Fish Company Plans Big Expansion

A recent issue of the Fish and Oyster Reporter of Tampa, Fla., contains a reprint of an article from the St. Petersburg Independent in which a good many people in this section will be interested. The article refers to the plans for the expansion of the Hibbs Fish Company of St. Petersburg. The founder of that concern, H. W. Hibbs, is a native of Carteret county and has a fine summer home here on Bogue Sound. The growth of the Hibbs company, despite the dull times, will doubtless be noted with pleasure by many people in Carteret county. The article follows:

"Fishing interests of the South will be interested in the announcement of the expansion program recently undertaken by the Hibbs Fish Company of St. Petersburg, Florida. According to the St. Petersburg Independent, an industrial program involving a quarter of a million dollars has been undertaken by this pioneer fish company of the West Coast of Florida. The St. Petersburg paper says:

"With the veteran H. W. Hibbs, founder of the local industry, still at the helm in the operations of the fleet and guiding the board of directors in markets of his long established trade throughout the nation, new interests come to carry through a program which will include the building of a storage plant of 1,000,000 pounds capacity with sharp freezing system, the biggest plant of its kind in the southeast; the erection of a modern cannery, with equipment to pack a wide variety of seafoods so abundant in the gulf and on the West coast of Florida; the continuous operation of the company's fleet of eight vessels, known to be of the best on the waters of the state; the erection of a fish meal plant with the dehydrating system; supply of the markets long ago built up in practically every consuming center east of the Mississippi, and finally, the employment of fishermen and their boats in this territory and adjacent waters.

New Officers
"In the expanded organization the officers are as follows: H. W. Hibbs, chairman of the board of directors; John A. Thompson, president; William Hibbs, vice president; M. K. Thompson, secretary and treasurer; Herbert T. Davis, general manager in charge of operations. All are residents of St. Petersburg, so that this industry is strictly a home enterprise.

Prolonged Negotiations
"Negotiations have been under way for some time. Extensive research work has been carried on. Complete surveys have been made. These negotiations have now been completed as between the fish company and the Tax Securities corporation and those associated with that organization, which has its headquarters in the Florida Theatre building. In the transaction Judge William G. King represented the Hibbs interests.

"The Hibbs Fish Co., is operating now and has been a leader in the shipment of Florida fish from this city since 1889. In these 42 years the company in its business annually has often topped all other industries of the city. The company's business likewise has been the one big factor in making St. Petersburg the center of the fish industry of the Gulf of Mexico."

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, Dec. 11	Low Tide
9:13 a. m.		2:33 a. m.
9:37 p. m.		3:30 p. m.
	Saturday, Dec. 12	
10:02 a. m.		3:23 a. m.
10:29 p. m.		4:18 p. m.
	Sunday, Dec. 13	
10:51 a. m.		4:15 a. m.
11:01 p. m.		5:05 p. m.
	Monday, Dec. 14	
11:23 a. m.		5:09 a. m.
11:41 p. m.		5:52 p. m.
	Tuesday, Dec. 15	
12:20 a. m.		6:06 a. m.
12:33 p. m.		6:41 p. m.
	Wednesday, Dec. 16	
1:19 a. m.		7:06 a. m.
1:27 p. m.		7:30 p. m.
	Thursday, Dec. 17	
2:14 a. m.		8:09 a. m.
3:22 p. m.		8:18 p. m.

MANY NOTABLES ATTEND MEETING IN CAPITAL CITY

Literary And Historical Association Had Unusually Fine Meeting

DR. NOBLE WINS PRIZE

By M. R. DUNNAGAN
RALEIGH, Dec. 7—Raleigh went "high hat" last week, as one of the Raleigh editors expressed it, referring to the gathering of many notables of the State for the annual convention of the State Literary and Historical Association, and its relatives, the North Carolina Art Society and the North Carolina Folk-Lore Society, and will keep the head-gear at a rakish angle all through this week, while paintings of North Carolina artists are being displayed and visited daily by hundreds of citizens, with many school groups.

The Literary and Historical Association had a peculiarly interesting gathering, due in part to the announcement that Dr. Marcus Cicero Stevens Noble, Sr., head of education at the State University, had won the award of the new Mayflower Society Cup, for the best literary work published during the year. His book was "A History of the Public School of North Carolina."

The new cup is a handsome and valuable product, 20 inches high, made of hand-hammered silver, resting on a Belgian marble base and surmounted by a reproduction of the ship Mayflower. It is in a case made of walnut and plate glass about six feet tall and will be kept in the Hall of History in Raleigh. A band will take the names of the winners each year and may be removed and another band substituted when the first is filled. The novel part is that a small six inch replica or model of the larger cup becomes the property of the winner each year, also engraved with his name, the year and name of his work.

Dr. George W. Paschall, of Wake Forest College, was elected president; Burnham Standish Colburn, Blitmore Forest, governor of the Mayflower Society in the State, is first vice-president; Miss Sallie Joyner Davis, Greenville, second vice-president; Rev. A. J. Howell, Wilmington third, and Dr. A. R. Newsome, Raleigh, secretary. Speakers included Dr. Ulrich B. Phillips, on "The Historic Defense of Negro Slavery," Judge Robert W. Winston, on "Andrew Johnson: the Modern Prometheus," Bishop J. B. Cheshire, president, on early religious influences in North Carolina, and others.

The Art Society did an unusual thing by inviting resident or native artists to display their works, instead of bringing them, as for several years, from the Grand Central Art Gallery, New York. A complete display of excellent art work is the result.

Donald Matteson, winner of the Prix de Rome, is one of the most noted of the artists displaying paintings, while the paintings of Bishop Cheshire and the late Edward K. Graham, by Clement Strudwick, Hillsboro, are attracting much attention. Others having pictures on display are Charles Bakerville Jr., now of New York; Isabelle Worth Bowen, Raleigh; Elliott Dengerfield, Gene Erwin, Durham; Mary Graves Rees, Chapel Hill; James McLean Raleigh; Mrs. Ruth Huntington Moore, William Pfohl, old Salem sketches; Mabel Pugh, Francis Speight, William Steens, Mary H. Tannahill, Mary Tillery and Louis Verhees. The display will be open daily until December 14.

Mrs. Katherine Pendleton Arrington of Warrenton, president, who has done much toward the promotion of art in the State and presented many portraits to schools, paid the entire cost of the exhibit. She was re-elected president and Governor O. Max Gardner honorary president. William T. Polk, Warrenton; Mrs. S. Westray Battle, Asheville, and Josephus Daniels, Raleigh, are vice presidents; M. C. S. Noble, Jr., secretary; Miss Isabelle Bowen, treasurer, and Dr. Clarence Poe, chairman of the executive committee.

The Folk-Lore Society, engaged in studying, collecting and preserving the songs, stories and expressions of negroes and Indians, isolated mountaineers and secluded fisher-families, the illiterate and the learned, heard a talk on Folk Music in America by Lamar Stringfield; a report on Mythical Monsters, by Mrs. John Carr; North Carolina Folk Tales, by Ralph C. Boggs; Voodooism, by Edward P. Dreyer, New Orleans, and Proverbs, by Geo. E. Hoffman, Winnetka, Ill.

Officers were re-elected, as follows: Mrs. Josephus Daniels, president; Mrs. Maude Minish Sutton, Dilboro; Dr. T. B. Harrison and W. J. Andrews. (Continued on page eight)