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Carteret County Will Receive \$10,407.05 For Extended Term

Allotments Made For All Counties Except Two; Union Gets Most; Allotments Based on Need and Ability to Pay

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, July 23—Allotment of the tax reduction fund for aid in the extended school term for 1932-33 has been completed by the State Board of Equalization, but the fund, appropriated as \$1,500,000, has been subject to the budget reduction, like all other State funds appropriated, except the six months public school fund, the result being that only \$989,861.70, or \$8510,138.30 less than the appropriation, has been allotted. LeRoy Martin, secretary of the board, announces.

Because of the reduced fund, it was necessary to increase the uniform rate necessary to participate from 14 cents last year to 17 cents next year, but Mr. Martin expresses the belief that, due to economies and balances brought over in some cases, only a few of the districts will find it necessary to increase the tax rate.

The 790 districts sharing in the fund; ranging from 1 to 90 per cent of their extended term costs. The total valuation of property in these districts was fixed at \$2,669,646,612, and the cost of all two months extended terms is \$4,221,776.73, a reduction of \$165,867.38 from last year, due to reductions made by the board in the six months standard and through failure of districts to operate terms last year.

The allotments are made upon need and ability basis. The need is shown by the cost calculated for two months on the six months State standard, and the ability of the district to meet this cost is the amount produced by the levy of the uniform rate upon a determined value.

Every county in the State, except Guilford and New Hanover, both with county-wide districts, participate in the fund. The larger amounts go, not to the wealthy and more populous, nor to the poorer and less densely populated counties, but to the average or slightly above average counties. Union leads with \$25,856.17, Davidson gets 24,727.34, Johnston \$24,842.95, Columbus \$23,842.95, Columbus \$23,716, Robeson and Surry above \$22,000, Sampson \$21,000. Carteret county will get \$10,407.05 next year for the extended term.

BUELL COOKE PASSES AWAY AFTER EXTENDED ILLNESS

A Buell Cooke passed away in the Norfolk Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Va., Tuesday night after suffering from arthritis for seven or eight years. For a number of years he and his family have been making their home here in Beaufort, where the father of the deceased, A. J. Cooke, was proprietor of the Davis House for a long time. Mr. Cooke was taken to the Naval Hospital about a month ago but his condition became rapidly worse until he died Tuesday evening. He was in his late thirties.

At the beginning of the World War Mr. Cooke volunteered and served throughout the conflict with the Norfolk Light Artillery Blues company, which made quite a record at the Front in France. Both before and after his military service the deceased was employed by the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company in Portsmouth, Va., and was working there when he was taken with arthritis.

During the years of his intense suffering he was treated both at private and governmental hospitals, but his case proved to be incurable. Through all the painful years Mr. Cooke was very patient with his condition and realized that all was done for him that medical science could do. All during his life Mr. Cooke was a very likeable man and had many friends here in this community and elsewhere.

Funeral services were conducted for the deceased at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon in Louisburg, the former home community of the Cooke family. Interment was in a Louisburg cemetery.

Mr. Cooke is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ivey Cooke, one young daughter, Miss Virginia Cooke, and by his father, Mr. A. J. Cooke. The mother of the deceased passed away here rather suddenly about two years ago.

Those attending the funeral from Beaufort are: Rev. and Mrs. Worth Wicker, Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Munns, and Messdames W. G. Mebane, Bayard Taylor and James Rumley.

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POWER RATES MAY BE REDUCED SOON ROAD CONTRACTS WILL BE AWARDED IN A FEW WEEKS

Hearings To Be Held By Corporation Commission On Rate Question

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, July 25—The North Carolina Corporation Commission will hold hearings of representatives of public utilities companies, including those supplying electricity, gas and telephone services, probably during the first week of August, with a view of reducing rates for these services, the commission announcing in its order that it is determined "that the lowest rates which will yield a fair return shall be promptly put into effect."

The commission announces that it has completed its survey of public utilities under its jurisdiction, made with the view of adjustments of rates "in response to the demands of this unprecedented period of depression" and now calls upon the companies to send representatives at a date to be named to confer with the commission, the object being "to effect such immediate reductions in rates as may be legitimately possible under present conditions."

The commission was given additional "teeth" in a law enacted by the 1931 General Assembly to investigate public utilities companies, their condition, management, appraisal of properties, investigation of contracts with holding companies or finance agencies; prevent construction or operation of plants in competition with other companies without a certificate of convenience and necessity from the commission; and require submission of contracts made with holding, managing or operating companies or selling services of any kind, the commission having the right to disapprove any such contract. Expenses of appraisals, audits and investigations may be paid from the contingency and emergency fund when so ordered by the Governor and Council of State.

The utilities companies have suffered, along with individuals, and their profits are limited by the commission, the commission points out, stating that profits made by them in the past decade are from expansion into new territory and building by industry and not from increase in rates.

Ten gas companies are operating in the State, 53 electrical companies, of which 13 are large producers, and 109 telephone companies, only 12 of which are classed as major utilities.

Rural Clubs Picnic Held Last Thursday

Last Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock several hundred members of the various rural women's clubs in the county and their families and other guests went over to Atlantic Beach to observe the annual Carteret County day. Some three hundred attended and enjoyed the bathing and other amusements at the beach. This picnic was sponsored by Miss Ann Mason, home demonstration agent, and she was assisted by Mrs. Estelle T. Smith, district agent of Raleigh.

WILL ATTEND TOURNAMENT

Chief W. R. Longest, John Brooks, Hubert Salter and Hardy Lewis, Jr., will leave here Monday morning for Hamlet where they will attend the N. C. Firemen's Tournament which will be in session there Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

WILL MAKE IMPROVEMENT CARTERET COUNTY ROADS

At a meeting of the State Highway Commission in Raleigh Tuesday certain road projects were taken up and approved; contracts for those will be let August 10. Among these projects are bridges, structures and approaches to State Highway No. 10 here in Carteret, which is now designated only as U. S. Highway No. 70. Work on the road here in the county will probably start sometime in the late summer or early fall.

POSTOFFICE OBTAINS NEW SAFE THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Last Thursday afternoon a large new safe was added to the equipment of the Beaufort Post Office. This is now being used in addition to the sizeable safe that has been in service for the past several years.

WILL GIVE WORK TO 5000

By M. R. DUNNAGAN
RALEIGH, July 25—Contracts for \$3,000,000 in highway construction are expected to be ready for letting to contractors by August 15 and approximately that much more will follow in the next three or four months, as a result of the passage by congress of the emergency relief measure carrying a big highway construction fund, Chairman E. B. Jeffries, of the State Highway Commission, states.

Chairman Jeffries and Attorney Charles Ross were in Washington last week and received assurance that rules and regulations governing the relief fund may be expected this week and plans for using this State's part, \$2,890,203, to match an equal amount of regular Federal Aid, making \$5,780,406, will be ready as soon as needed. Mr. Jeffries expresses the belief that the State will not get \$500,000 expected for road work in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

The fund is for unemployment relief and is expected to give work on the job to 5,000 or more North Carolinians, in addition to that many more in providing supplies and equipment for the work. Convict labor is prohibited on the job, but may be used in quarries; no laborer may work more than 40 hours a week, thus requiring two shifts and giving work to as many as possible; the State Highway Commission is required to fix a minimum rate for skilled and unskilled labor, and will probably fix 20 cents an hour for unskilled; the work must be finished by July 1, 1933, about 11 months from now.

Contractors must agree to the above regulations and for that reason it is not expected that the drop in prices of materials in the last year or two will show in the finished work, as labor will probably cost a little more.

The commission can finish up numbers of highways over the State, its purpose being to take those most needed first and go as far as possible with the money.

In connection with the construction program, Chairman Jeffries has issued a bulletin calling upon engineers to save all roadside trees necessary for an avenue on each side of the road, directs that one day, August 1, be used by all employees in removing unsightly objects and covering unsightly places, and announces that Arbor Day in 1933 will be one of the greatest treeand shrubbery planting days in the history of the State. In other words highway beautification will be a part of the highway activity from now on, and in a big way.

LARGE NUMBER BLUEFISH AND GREY TROUT CAUGHT

Some over two hundred sizable fish were caught by a fishing party Tuesday afternoon near the sea buoy. About ninety blue fish, ninety grey trout and a large number of croakers were landed by W. W. (Cooch) Chadwick, Fred Mosher, Cecil Merrill, Harry Saunders and L. L. Coats of Dunn. They went out about noon and fished near the sea buoy until late in the afternoon. They started in and ran into quite a bunch of blue fish and trolled for that variety for some two hours, catching ninety of them. They went out in Capt. Fred Mosher's boat, the "Monnie M."

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Henry Turner and Lucille Henry Beaufort, colored.
Harvey D. Brewer, Morehead City and Beulah Hutchinson, Yadkinville, N. C.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Martha Gray and Son to R. S. Tilden, 2 acres Newport Township, for \$50.
H. O. Phillips and wife to Mattie Phillips, 2 lots Morehead City for \$10.
Parker and Gorham, Trustees, to Atlantic Life Insurance Co., 1 lot Morehead City, for \$2857.82.
A Burwell and wife to Julia Andrus Woodland, 2 lots Morehead for \$100.
Sidney Whitehurst to Alonzo H. Whitehurst, 6 acres Straits Township, for \$10.

Atlantic Now Eastern Terminus Federal Coast-to-Coast Highway

Coast Guardsmen Hated Less Food Allowed

According to all reports U. S. Coast Guardsmen who may have been afflicted with what Shakespeare once referred to as "that lean and hungry look" will not be troubled that way much longer. The reason for this is that they are now living on the fat of the land according to reports.

It used to be that members of the Coast Guard crews were allowed \$30 a month each for subsistence. If they chose to spend the full amount they could do it or if they preferred to fatten their bank accounts instead of their bodies they were allowed to do that out of the food allowance.

Now in these strenuous times, when the President has reduced his own salary and all Federal departments are being urged to reduce expenses, the food allowance of the Guardsmen has felt the ax. Instead of \$30 a month the men are allowed \$22.50 and furthermore if they do not use that much for subsistence it is not allowed. The grocery bills are paid by the department and are confined to what is actually spent. This being the case the men are said to be living on the best the markets afford. Fortunately there are plenty of good things to eat and those who have them for sale are glad to have good paying customers.

The vigorous out door lives which the Coast Guardsmen live make them strong and healthy. In this respect they are fortunate and if they are also blessed with good appetites and plenty to eat they are lucky indeed. The Coast Guard is a popular institution and nobody begrudges the crews the good things they have to eat. On the contrary their many friends hope that their appetites and digestion may be of the best and that they will be able to dispose of at least three square meals a day for many years to come.

WILL OF LATE CHARLES P. DEY FILED RECENTLY

The will of the late Charles Pittman Dey was filed with L. W. Hassell, clerk of the Superior Court, for probate July 19. Mrs. Sarah Jones Dey, the widow of the deceased, was designated in the will as the executrix. All real, personal and mixed property was bequeathed to Mrs. Dey. The will was signed May 16, 1922, with Judge M. Leslie Davis and U. E. Swann as witnesses.

LOCAL LEGIONAIRES HAD MELON CUTTING TUESDAY

Tuesday evening the Carteret Post 99 of the American Legion held a business meeting in the court-room of the Town Hall, after which about fifteen ice-cold watermelons were cut. About thirty legionaires were present for the affair. The melons were said to have been delicious.

ENSIGN SNOWDEN NOW ON U. S. S. OKLAHOMA

Ensign Ernest Snowden U. S. N. was detached from the U. S. S. West Virginia 18th July and ordered to the U. S. S. Oklahoma for temporary duty. He will attend the Gunnery school for anti aircraft batteries to be held on that ship for about six weeks. He is the youngest officer and the only man in his class on the West Virginia to have been ordered to the gunnery school which will give highly advanced course of instruction on the newest anti aircraft guns. Ensign Snowden will then resume his duties as Port Anti Aircraft Battery officer and junior watch and division officer on the West Virginia. The Oklahoma is based at San Pedro California but will go up to San Francisco for the Shrine Convention about 24th July.

LARGE CROWD HEARS NOTED ORCHESTRA AT ATLANTIC

One of the largest crowds of the season assembled at the Atlantic Hotel Saturday night to hear the famous Ben Bernie orchestra. In spite of the fact that it was a very hot night both dancers and listeners were highly entertained. A large number of dancers were on the ball room floor and the galleries above were packed with those who desired to hear the music. The Bernie orchestra was the second big attraction of this kind which Manager D. G. Bell of the Atlantic has booked this season. Cab Calloway and his noted players were there on the preceding Saturday night and also highly entertained a big crowd.

Atlantic Now Eastern Terminus Federal Coast-to-Coast Highway

Atlantic has recently become the eastern terminus of the U. S. Highway No. 70, which meanders across the southern part of the United States to Los Angeles, California, some three thousand miles away. Thus Atlantic has taken the honor away from Beaufort for being the eastern terminus of this great transcontinental highway. Now a person can leave Atlantic and drive for days westward until he reaches the sunny southern California city without having to leave U. S. 70 highway.

This Federal highway takes the same route through this state that until recently was designated as State highway No. 10, which runs from Atlantic to Murphy, over in Cherokee County, and on to the Tennessee line. A few days ago, however, the State highway signs were removed from the erstwhile route 10. It thus ceases to be in name a State highway, but continues to be U. S. Highway No. 70. This will be kept up in part by Federal aid and part by the State.

It seems rather odd that Atlantic, with approximately six hundred population, should be the eastern terminus, while Los Angeles, with upwards of a million population, is the western terminus. There is quite a contrast, both in size and population, between the Carolina town and the Californian city. Both are in practically the same latitude of the United States.

In the years to come many people of this country may desire to traverse the lower extremity of the United States by the southern route from Los Angeles to Atlantic. Also, the automotive sections of various metropolitan newspapers and touring guides will depict the western city and the Carolina town as the two termini of the transcontinental highway; in this way Atlantic will obtain without cost advertising from coast to coast and in time may grow to be a resort of consequence on the eastern shores of the United States.

Several Charges Send Negro Superior Court

Jimmie Oden, colored local Negro, was tried Monday morning by Justice of Peace H. W. Noe for breaking and entering the home of Blanche P. Pearsall Sunday night and breaking into her trunk and taking therefrom certain articles of personal property and setting fire to the rest of her clothing; also attempted arson. Blanche Pearsall, Priscilla Oden, Nancy Washington appeared as witnesses for the State; while Hazel Lawrence appeared for the defense.

After hearing the evidence of the colored people Justice Noe found probable cause and bound Oden over to the October term of Superior Court under a \$250 justified bond. So far the defendant has been unable to procure bond, so he is perforce remaining in the county jail.

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, July 29	Low Tide
4:52 a. m.		10:25 a. m.
5:17 p. m.		11:40 p. m.
	Saturday, July 30	
5:40 a. m.		11:33 a. m.
6:02 p. m.		11:15 p. m.
	Sunday, July 31	
6:25 a. m.		12:19 a. m.
6:44 p. m.		12:01 p. m.
	Monday, Aug. 1	
7:06 a. m.		1:00 a. m.
7:26 p. m.		12:47 p. m.
	Tuesday, Aug. 2	
7:47 a. m.		1:39 a. m.
8:05 p. m.		1:32 p. m.
	Wednesday, Aug. 3	
8:27 a. m.		2:18
8:45 p. m.		2:19
	Thursday, Aug. 4	
9:09 a. m.		2
9:25 p. m.		