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Sinking Fund Borrowers Behind With Obligations

Large Sums Loaned On Real Estate By Towns And Counties; Wake County Worst Example; Director Johnson Says Interest Must Be Paid

By M. R. DUNNAGAN
 RALEIGH, Sept. 20.—North Carolina counties and cities have approximately \$2,500,000 in their sinking funds, money put aside to pay obligations that mature in the future, loaned out on real estate on some of which no payment of principal has been made and on some of which not even a penny of interest has been paid, Chas. M. Johnson, director of Local Government, states.

Such loans were legal until March 19, 1931, when the Local Government Act became effective, after which the sinking funds are required to be invested in approved Federal, State, county or city bonds, the act requiring all local government units to call in such loans and invest in approved bonds. This part of the act was not rigidly enforced, due to bad economic conditions.

Now, by action of the Local Government Commission, Director Johnson has sent out letters to city and county treasurers, directing them to foreclose on all mortgages by December 1, unless the interest has been paid up to date. If the interest is paid up the loans will be continued, although the treasurers are directed to collect all of the principal possible, and to notify borrowers of the commission's ruling, so they will have sufficient notice.

In some cases, Mr. Johnson said, no interest has ever been paid, some of the loans having been made as long as 10 years ago. Wake county is in the worst shape, having over \$900,000, about a third of the amount of the entire state, loaned this way to about 260 individuals, 100 of whom have never paid a cent of interest on notes that have run from two to 10 years. Probably not more than half of the counties or cities loaned sinking funds on real estate.

Carteret county has no loans out on real estate, Mr. Johnson said. North Carolina has 19,860 more women than men, 1,575,208 males and 1,595,068 females; has 1,140,971 persons with occupations gainfully employed thus supporting the other 2,029,305, which includes housewives, aged and children.

Of the total 3,170,276 population in 1930 1,597,200 or 50.4 per cent lived on farms, 763,299 lived in towns of less than 2,500 and 809,847 lived in larger towns and cities.

In the more important activities, 499,957 were engaged in agriculture, 290,719 in manufacturing and mechanical industries, 103,451 in domestic and personal service 87,476 in trade, 51,993 in professions, 50,564 in transportation 37,352 in clerical work, 11,688 in public service, 9,031 in forestry and fishing, and 2,740 in mining.

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BREAK WATER CONSTRUCTED REAR THREE LOCAL STORES

A breakwater is now being constructed at the rear of the stores on Front Street now occupied by B. L. Jones, F. R. Bell and C. V. Hill. This work is being done by the new owners of these properties which was recently sold.

George J. Brooks designed the sea wall and is also looking after its construction.

The storm this spring played havoc with the breakwater that was at the rear of these three stores. Retreating tides washed the wall down away from the buildings. The new wall is designed and constructed to withstand the lashing of the tides and wind.

MOSQUITO SWARMS PESTER CARTERET COUNTY PEOPLE

After a summer of comparative freedom from that pesky little insect, the mosquito, great swarms of these insects are now very much in evidence in practically all sections of the county. It was perhaps due to the extreme dryness of the spring and summer months that few mosquitoes made.

But with the recent rains and high tides which have overflowed sections near the normal highwater mark, the mosquitoes have reproduced prolifically and are now—in the fall of the year—becoming obnoxious to most of Carteret's citizenry. Perhaps cool weather will be the only thing now that will remove the pests.

COLLECT FISHES LARGE AQUARIUM

Party of Five Men Here Gathering Specimens for John G. Shedd Aquarium at Chicago

The "Nautilus," the aquarium car belonging to the John G. Shedd Aquarium of Chicago, is here again gathering specimens of fish and other salt water animals for that institution. It arrived here Saturday and will probably leave early next week for the Windy City. Some twelve hundred specimens will be taken away in the aquarium car, it is now expected.

This aquarium car first came here in June 1930, shortly after the opening of the first section of the John G. Shedd Aquarium. Max Meyer, who has been in charge of the car since it was started, was told by Dr. Samuel F. Hildebrand, then director of the Bureau of Fisheries Biological Station at Pivers Island, that more and better specimens could be obtained here in September than in June.

Although the first trip here was not much of a success, Mr. Meyer acted upon the advice of Doctor Hildebrand and returned in September of the same year. During the fall trip the party was quite successful in obtaining the number of specimens desired. Last September the "Nautilus" returned and when it left it carried an even greater collection to the Chicago aquarium.

When Mr. Meyer was here the first trip in June 1930 he told this news reporter that he was rather anxious to know whether the fish and other marine specimens could be successfully transported across the mountains. A member of the party informed the writer Wednesday that no trouble is experienced in transporting the fishes over high altitudes, even the Great Divide in the Rocky Mountains.

The "Nautilus" is equipped with all kinds of "live tanks" in which the fishes are carried to the large mid-western aquarium. Aerating machines are used to keep a sufficient amount of oxygen in the water. This is the only aquarium railroad car in existence today, and is thoroughly equipped in every way to take care of the collection from the sea water until the car arrives at the Chicago aquarium. The car also contains sleeping quarters for the members of the party.

The "Nautilus" is side-tracked at the freight depot. A number of "live floats," in which the specimens are kept until just before the car leaves, are tied to a pier near the "Nautilus." When not gathering specimens, the fishes and other things are placed in the towing float—which is shaped somewhat like a boat—until the party gets back to the car and can transfer their catches to the live floats. This towing float was loaned the "Nautilus" party by Dr. Herbert F. Prytherch, director of the Pivers Island Biological Station.

This party of specimen gatherers is composed of five men: Max Meyer, who is in charge, Lee Auers, Alphonse Stittis, Patrick Lally and Wakefield Ledbetter. Several of these men have been here with the "Nautilus" on all four trips.

While here, these men are being taken out in the bays, rivers and sounds by the following three local fishermen: Leslie Whitehurst, Jerry Darling and Adrian Rice.

NO RECORDER'S COURT

On account of the death and funeral of Mrs. Narcissa Elizabeth Webb Davis, mother of Judge M. Leslie Davis, mother of Judge M. Leslie Davis, no Recorder's Court was held Tuesday. The cases that would have been tried then were deferred until Tuesday of next week.

FIERCENESS OF MOSQUITOES CAUSES CLOSING OF SCHOOL

Owing to the the great number and the fierceness of the mosquitoes, the Beaufort Graded School was dismissed immediately after the pupils returned to their rooms this afternoon. It was said that it was physically impossible for the pupils to study, so it was a tough expedient to dismiss school early this afternoon.

RED CROSS WORKERS MAKE SURVEY OF CONDITIONS IN BEAUFORT

During the past week Representatives of the American Red Cross, have made a house to house canvas in the colored sections of Beaufort, and made a survey of conditions in the sections of Beaufort housing the less fortunate of the white people. It has been learned that there are a great many children of school age who are not in school, both among the white and colored. Many have no clothes, or shoes and no money with which to buy them.

This canvas was made to find out just what will be needed in the way of distribution of flour and the distribution of the clothing which will

DEMOCRATS PLAN ACTIVE CAMPAIGN

Will Follow Old Method of Speaking And Hand Shaking

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Sept. 19.—The Democratic campaign in North Carolina will be waged on the old, tried and successful plan in operation for many years, that of many platform speeches of leaders and hand-shaking before and after, and not, as suggested, by sending the candidates on a whirlwind motorcade march touching briefly every county and principal town and city in the State with platform talks and greetings.

The suggestion is purported to have come from friends of Robert E. Reynolds, colorful candidate for the U. S. Senate, and is somewhat in line with his very successful primary campaign in an old Ford. However, John Bright Hill, his second primary campaign manager and now secretary to the State Democratic Executive Committee, denies that he has any part in the suggestion. It doubtless came from some modern and youthful members of the party who wanted to see something spectacular and enlivening.

But State Chairman J. Wallace Winborne is going about it in the orthodox manner that has been successful in about all of the campaigns since the reconstruction era. He is getting out good Democratic material and arranging schedules of speeches all over the State for all of the candidates and many other prominent Democrats.

The opening big guns of the campaign may well be said to have been sounded between Greensboro and High Point Saturday afternoon, at a meeting arranged by the Young Democratic Club of Guilford county, when about all of the leaders of the party were present and several of them made brief speeches.

Governor O. Max Gardner spoke on Franklin D. Roosevelt, Democratic nominee for President. He described the early legislative days and the courage and honor displayed, of the attack of infantile paralysis, which he fought and won, of his days as assistant Secretary of the Navy, of his work as Governor, of his fearless handling of the Jimmy Walker case, and of the fight he is making, against selfishness and privilege. "His only weapons are his clean record and the Democratic platform," said Governor Gardner.

Senator J. W. Bailey, Governor-nominatee J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Senate-nominatee Robert E. Reynolds, Chairman J. W. Winborne and other Democratic leaders spoke, at one of the most enthusiastic gatherings of Democrats in many moons.

BANKRUPT STOCK SALE

The bankrupt stock of W. P. Smith of Beaufort which was sold Monday a week ago as related in the News last week, is now being offered to the public. The Norfolk Sales and Jobbing Company, a large business firm of Norfolk, Va., bought the stock and are putting on a sale. An advertisement of the sale is on another page of this newspaper.

DRIDGE STARTS OYSTER CREEK FILL THIS WEEK

The dredge "Neverrest" belonging to the Coast Construction Corporation went to work Tuesday on the fill which will extend almost across Oyster Creek at Davis. It will take about a month of favorable working conditions for the "Neverrest" to construct the fill.

After the fill is made, the Loving Construction Company, of Goldsboro, will build the bridge which will span the remainder of the distance between the ends of the fill.

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. 23 | |
| 1:28 a. m. | 7:11 a. m. |
| 2:01 p. m. | 8:20 p. m. |
| Saturday, Sept. 24 | |
| 2:35 a. m. | 8:15 a. m. |
| 3:06 p. m. | 9:23 p. m. |
| Sunday, Sept. 25 | |
| 3:41 a. m. | 9:20 a. m. |
| 4:05 p. m. | 10:16 p. m. |
| Monday, Sept. 26 | |
| 4:34 a. m. | 10:20 a. m. |
| 4:56 p. m. | 11:02 p. m. |
| Tuesday, Sept. 27 | |
| 5:23 a. m. | 11:00 a. m. |
| 5:43 p. m. | 11:15 p. m. |
| Wednesday, Sept. 28 | |
| 6:07 a. m. | 11:45 a. m. |
| 6:28 p. m. | 12:06 p. m. |
| Thursday, Sept. 29 | |
| 6:50 a. m. | 12:28 a. m. |
| 7:12 p. m. | 12:55 p. m. |

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