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Government Investigating Proposed Lookout Highway

George J. Dodge, Well-Known Consulting Engineer, Investigates Projected Cape Lookout Highway and Its Possibilities; Apparently Much Impressed; Makes Talk Before Rotarians and States Bridge Should Have Been Built Before; Dr. Herbert F. Prytherch Also Favors Proposal.

George J. Dodge, the consulting engineer who is here investigating the proposed Cape Lookout highway for the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, went over the route of the projected causeways and bridges Tuesday. Mr. Dodge appeared to be much impressed with the possibilities and necessity of a highway to Cape Lookout via Harkers Island.

Mr. Dodge is an independent consulting engineer and has worked on similar projects both in this country and Europe, particularly Russia and Germany. He was the engineer for the Kitty Hawk bridge in Dare County, which was built over three miles of water. Not only is Mr. Dodge here to look over the route of the proposed highway, but he is also checking up on the traffic survey to see if sufficient traffic would move over the route to provide the bridge promotion corporation with adequate funds to liquidate the loan.

Having been here the whole week going into this matter, Mr. Dodge is encouraging to the local people—especially the unemployed—by his apparent satisfaction over the obvious necessity of the proposed highway to the people living in this section of the state. The unemployed are looking forward hopefully to the construction of the projected highway, for hundreds of them are expecting to get work on it.

Tuesday evening Mr. Dodge was the guest of the Beaufort Rotary club. In response to the request of the president of the club, Mr. Dodge made a short talk about the proposed Cape Lookout highway. He stated that this project is a much needed one and that he could not see why a highway had not been built to Cape Lookout before.

Dr. Prytherch Favors Cape Lookout Highway

In a recent letter, Dr. Herbert F. Prytherch gave his belief concerning the construction of the proposed highway to Cape Lookout via Harkers Island by the Cape Lookout Highway Inc. Doctor Prytherch is director of the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries Biological Laboratory at Piver's Island and one of the foremost authorities on oysters and oyster culture in this country. Doctor Prytherch's letter is quoted herewith in full:

"In reply to your recent inquiry we believe that the fish and shell industries of North Carolina and particularly Carteret County would be greatly benefited by the construction of a highway from Beaufort to Cape Lookout. Since Carteret County produces 70 per cent of the total catch of fishery products for North Carolina it should have adequate port facilities convenient to the fishing grounds (1) for the rapid transportation of fresh fish from the sea to market, (2) for the protection of fishing vessels operating in offshore waters and (3) for the economical exportation and transportation of fishery products such as fish oil, fish meal, oyster shells, etc. to foreign countries and coastal cities of the United States.

"The winter trawl fishery off the North Carolina coast is a recent important development for supplying fresh fish of various species that heretofore were not obtainable during the colder months of the year. Cape Lookout harbor is by far the most convenient point for receiving these fish and if connected by road to the mainland would make possible their economical and rapid distribution to the markets of North Carolina and other southern states where they would bring the best price. At present these fish are carried to Norfolk and other northern ports and in many cases are actually shipped back to North Carolina at considerable increase in price. More direct transportation of fish from the sea to the consumer would improve their quality, taste and sale value and reduce the expense for ice and the heavy losses from spoilage that occur through delayed transit.

"An important by-product of the oyster industry of North Carolina is the crushed oyster shell used for poultry feed and lime. Though Eu-

NO TYPHOID GERMS IN TOWN'S WATER SUPPLY

Owing to the fact that there have been about nine cases of typhoid fever during the past few weeks here in Beaufort, an analysis was made of the city water to see if this was the source of the typhoid bacteria. Dr. W. S. Chadwick, county health officer, received a report from the laboratory of the State Department of Health Tuesday which stated that the local city water has an excellent rating.

Recorder Tries Number Cases Tuesday Morning

Arthur Midgett pled guilty in Recorder's Court Tuesday morning to a charge of operating an automobile while under the influence of liquor. Sergeant Arthur Moore, of the State Highway Patrol, effected the arrest, but was not present to testify in the case. Chief George J. Nelson told the court that he was at the Morehead City hall when Sergeant Moore brought the intoxicated man there and incarcerated him in one of the cells.

Midgett was given the minimum penalty made mandatory by the state laws, which was a fine of \$50 and costs, and the defendant must not operate a motor vehicle for a period of ninety days.

D. S. Robinson, through his attorney C. R. Wheatly, entered a plea of nolo contendere to a charge of driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor, damaging a number of automobiles that were parked on the street in Morehead City and not stopping after this damage had been done. Robinson must pay the cost in the case, pay all damages and not drive a car during the next ninety days. Prayer for judgment was continued until next Tuesday in order that the defendant may have time to pay for the damages done.

The case of Roy Potter, colored, charged with violation of the prohibition laws, was continued until next Tuesday on request of C. R. Wheatly, because of the absence of the State's witness, Ivey Scott, of Harkers Island. Scott claims that he purchased a quart jar of liquid from Potter, which the state contends was liquor.

St. Paul's Cagers Win Fifth Victory

St. Paul's School won a 12-10 victory over Newport here Friday afternoon.

The game was closely fought throughout with Newport holding a 7-3 lead at the end of the first half.

During the second half St. Paul's boys showed more speed and scored nine points against Newport's three. Rose led St. Paul's scoring with six points followed by Longest with four points. Allen and Mann were the leaders for Newport with three points each.

Lineups—
S. P. S. R. F. Allen (3)
Longest (4) L. F. Mann (3)
Thomas (2) C. Lockett (2)
Rose (5) R. G. Millis (2)
Harrell (1) L. G. Garner
Marshall
Substitutes: — Newport, Barfield and Mizelle. Referee—Longest.

This is a fifth victory for St. Paul's School with a 100 per cent average, including two conference games. The total points are St. Paul's 65; opponents 52.

SOMEWHAT CROWDED THIS WEEK

Owing to the lack of space several news articles were left out of the News this week. Some of them will appear next week.

HOOVER FAMILY TO LEAVE SOON FOR CALIFORNIA

President Hoover Has Been Offered Several Attractive Positions

WILL GO VIA PANAMA

Washington, Feb. 1 — Herbert Hoover has a plan for retiring from the public eye for a nine-month period after March 4 but he will leave an unofficial observer behind in the national capital.

The President has told some of his friends he intends to withhold decisions as to his future until around the dawn of 1934 and that during these months of rest in his Palo Alto, Calif., home, he intends to issue no statements upon the course of public affairs and grant no interviews.

During this period, however, he will be able to watch the turning of the government wheels under the direction of his successor through the eyes of Lawrence Rickey, his secretary and intimate aide for many years, who already has engaged a suite of officer here.

Mr. Hoover has been offered a number of attractive positions, his friends say, several of them involving his practice as civil engineer. Which one he will accept or whether he will accept any, it was said, will depend in part upon events during the remainder of this year.

Rickey will accompany Mr. Hoover to his west coast home and probably spend some time there before returning to Washington where he plans to mix work with a vacation of his own.

White House aids said today that Mr. and Mrs. Hoover would go directly to the railroad station after the inauguration ceremonies for Franklin D. Roosevelt on the steps of the capitol and probably head for New York.

Tentative plans have been formed for Mr. Hoover and several members of his present official family to travel by water to the Panama canal with a side excursion in the southern waters in search of deep sea game fish.

METHODIST LEADERS

GATHER AT NEW BERN

New Bern, Jan. 31—Group leaders for Christian educational programs in the New Bern Methodist district met here Monday with Rev. Thomas M. Grant, Methodist presiding elder and district director for Christian education, for the purpose of working out plans for presentation of appropriate programs to the various ministers in their respective groups.

The group leaders are Rev. O. W. Dowd of Goldsboro, Rev. R. E. Brown of Kinston, Rev. A. J. Hobbs, Jr., of New Bern, Rev. F. Munn of Beaufort, and Rev. E. L. Hillman of Greenville. Mr. Hobbs is associate director of the district.

HOTEL GUEST PRESENTS BILL

FOR \$1,000 TO PAY CHARGES

Wilmington, Feb. 1—Harold Jeter, hotel manager here, is one man who can vouch for the fact that there is still some money in circulation.

A guest walked up to the hotel desk and offered one of three \$1,000 bank notes as payment on his bill. Jeter had to send to a bank for change.

SCHOOL BOOK COMMISSION FAVORS FREE BOOKS FOR ELEMENTARY GRADES

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Jan. 30—Free textbooks for the elementary school children, purchased but not printed by the State, and adopted over a period of four years, so as not to make the cost excessive, is recommended by the School Book Commission named by former Governor Gardner under a resolution of the 1931 Legislature, to make a study of the school book situation and report to the State Board of Education. State Supt. A. T. Allen is chairman; Supt. H. M. Roland, of the Burlington schools, is secretary; Supt. E. E. Sams, Lenoir county schools; Cale K. Burgess and Robert G. Lassiter, Raleigh, and Julian S. Miller, Charlotte, compose the committee which made its 70-odd page report Friday.

The commission recommends adoption of free books in grades 1, 2 and 3 the first year; grades 4 and 5 the second year; grade 6 the third and grade 7 the fourth year, by which it estimates the cost will be approximately \$500,000 a year. Belief is expressed that this method will save money in the purchase of school books, lighten the family burden of book buying, increase educational opportunity of the children, im-

EIGHT MONTHS SCHOOL TERM LAW PROPOSED

Senators MacLean of Beaufort And Bailey of Washington Introduce Bill

NO REAL PROPERTY TAX

RALEIGH, Feb. 1—Senators MacLean of Beaufort, and Bailey of Washington, introduced a bill in the General Assembly today to provide a state-supporter uniform eight months school term for all counties, districts and cities requesting the same.

Introduction of the bill came shortly after the joint education committee of the assembly had appointed a sub-committee to draft school legislation with the evident intent of the group being that an eight-months term be provided.

Under the MacLean-Bailey bill a uniform eight months term would be supported by the state from sources of revenue other than taxes on real property.

MacLean was the author of the 1931 school law which committed the state to complete support of the six-months school term.

It was set forth in the bill that the present dual system of support, with the state maintaining a six months term and local units supporting the other two months, did not allow the proper and necessary economies and efficiency in school administration.

A full state-supported and state-governed eight months term can be supported for about \$3,000,000 less annually than the present set-up, the bill stated.

It was added that it is "now openly admitted" many counties and school districts cannot support an extended term beyond the state-supported six months session "for any length of time whatsoever."

At the joint education committee meeting all bills which had been introduced to affect the schools were discussed and the subcommittee was directed to draw up legislation which it was deemed best to enact, embodying the best features of all measures.

Representative Pope of Halifax, proposed the creation of the sub-committee to draft school legislation and on motion of Moss of Nash the sub group was instructed to include the practicability of extending the daily classroom school-hours by one hour per day and to make the school week six days instead of five. This, Moss said, would enable conduct of an eight months term in seven months.

The Douglass, Ingram and Aycock-Thompson bills to consolidate or allow consolidation of county educational units to allow more than one county to be under a single educational superintendent were discussed at length but the matter was left with the sub-committee.

Ingram offered a substitute for his original bill which creates 40 county superintendents being abolished. The Douglass bill would create 11 school divisions, one for each congressional district. The Aycock-Thompson proposal would allow consolidation of counties where school enrollment is less than 5,000.

Roger Johnson, 4-H club member from Lenoir County, has been announced as champion 4-H tobacco grower for the year 1932 by L. R. Harrill, state club leader.

May the Short Session Of General Assembly

Considerable Progress Has Been Made; Committees Have Held Many Hearings; Many Protests Against Any Raise In Tax Rates; Reorganization Plans Are Opposed

Flowers Bloom Freely As January Departs

The longest month of the winter, January, has passed and it can be said in its favor that in these parts there can be very little room for complaint as to its behavior. The coldest day of the month, the 29th, the temperature dropped to 30 degrees above zero. There were 15 sunny days and the rainfall for the month was three inches. The wind blew from the southwest 11 days, from the northeast 8 days, the northwest 5, north 2, south 2, southeast 2, west one.

One day during the month the temperature rose to 71 and on many days it went above sixty. Flowers bloomed all during the month and are still blooming in great profusion. Temperature figures for the month are as follows:

	Max.	Min.
1.	65	32
2.	59	32
3.	68	47
4.	68	52
5.	65	54
6.	63	46
7.	69	45
8.	64	46
9.	65	47
10.	61	39
11.	69	42
12.	64	46
13.	48	39
14.	48	39
15.	48	40
16.	56	33
17.	56	39
18.	65	46
19.	64	51
20.	71	51
21.	64	48
22.	66	54
23.	63	55
24.	61	52
25.	63	47
26.	63	49
27.	59	45
28.	57	38
29.	52	30
30.	53	32
31.	57	37

BEAUFORT HIGH WILL PLAY DOUBLE HEADER SWANSBORO

Both the boys' and girls' basketball teams of Beaufort High School will play the teams of the Swansboro High School here Friday evening, the first game to be called at 7:30 o'clock. The indoor court in the court house annex will be the scene of the conflict.

RURAL HOMES HAVE LOVELY FLOWERS

One of the loveliest sights hereabouts at present is the Japanese Quince (Pyrus Japonica) in the home of Mrs. Joe Merrill, on the old New Bern road, just a little beyond Russell's Creek. This bush is about six feet in diameter and is a mass of flame-colored blooms from top-most branch to the ground. There are any quantity of the shrubs in Beaufort and around, but this is unusually large and a mass of bloom. Another yard in the country which would surpass any "streets of gold" is that of Mrs. Tom Piver on North River road. Here she has bordered her walk with violets on either side, fully eighteen inches wide, and ten massed the yellow jonquil and Orientalis. All are in bloom and it is a lovely sight. In addition she has gladioli, hyacinths and other bulbs in full bloom.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

C. W. Graham and wife to David S. Nelson and wife, 1 1/2 acres Newport Township, for \$75.00.

M. L. Davis and C. R. Wheatly, Commissioners to D. J. Godwin, 3 acres Beaufort Township, for \$250.
D. J. Godwin to Julius H. Whitehurst, 3 acres Beaufort Township, for \$300.

Lionel Gillikin and wife to Warren D. Gillikin et al 7 acres Straits Township, for \$25.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

James T. Darling and Louise Willis Beaufort.

Paul S. Jones and Ruth Killingsworth, Beaufort.

READ THE NEWS WANT ADS

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Jan. 31—Apparently the 1933 General Assembly was from one to two weeks ahead of former bodies as it ended its fourth week, but still a little short of the half-way mark as the first week was a short one. Unless unexpected difficulties arise this body may be expected to complete its work within the 60-day period, or not long thereafter. But it still has many problems to solve.

Committees have been at work morning, afternoon and night in hearing and considering bills before them. Finance committees have heard complaints of many lines of business and industry against imposition of higher taxes, while the appropriations committees have been hearing pleas for more money for activities carried on by the State. The Reorganization committee is besieged with prayers against abolishing or consolidating and eliminating many posts. All committees are having their troubles, and are meeting them as they appear.

Seemingly there is a definite trend discernable against the wholesale abolishing and consolidating recommended by the Reorganization committee. This is due in large part to the pleas of those who would be hurt, but also in part to forging ahead by this committee and its demand for action on its measures without committee hearings. The trend is shown by the reversal of the legislative bodies calling for committee hearings. Doubt is now expressed that even half of the recommendations will be enacted, or that even a small percentage of the \$2,000,000 predicted will be saved if all are enacted.

Health, welfare, educational, agricultural and other forces are beginning to make their voices heard. And it will be hard to get abolishing legislation through, even though there is a huge demand for economy. Two of the committee's measures have been enacted into law, one providing for the voluntary return of \$1,000 a year by justices and judges, which was agreeable to them; the other transfers the Legislative Reference Librarian to the Attorney General's office. Highway construction will doubtless be stopped for two years. The Personnel director's office will be abolished. So will that of Executive Counsel, probably, but with a pardon commissioner or something else to take its place.

But when it comes to abolishing the test farms, combining the highway and prison departments, making gasoline and oil and weights and measures inspector of the Highway Patrol, abolishing the Corporation Commission and providing a public utilities commissioner instead, and a few others suggested, there is due a mighty opposition. Some of these may get over, but it seems doubtful. (Continued on page six)

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, Feb. 3	
2:05 a. m.	8:54 a. m.
2:18 p. m.	8:55 p. m.
Saturday, Feb. 4	
3:08 a. m.	9:52 a. m.
3:24 p. m.	9:49 p. m.
Sunday, Feb. 5	
4:18 a. m.	10:48 a. m.
4:29 p. m.	10:43 p. m.
Monday, Feb. 6	
5:15 a. m.	11:01 a. m.
5:27 p. m.	11:42 p. m.
Tuesday, Feb. 7	
6:02 a. m.	11:37 a. m.
6:16 p. m.	12:32 p. m.
Wednesday, Feb. 8	
6:42 a. m.	12:25 a. m.
6:53 p. m.	1:14 p. m.
Thursday, Feb. 9	
7:23 a. m.	1:11 a. m.
7:41 p. m.	1:54 p. m.