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Jeffress-Maxwell-Pou Receive Appointments

Jeffress Chairman And Pou Executive Director of State Highway And Public Works Commission; A. J. Maxwell Reappointed Commissioner of Revenue; Various Other Appointments Made

By M. R. DUNNAGAN
RALEIGH, June 12—E. B. Jeffress was named chairman and George Ross Pou executive director of the new State Highway and Public Works Commission, formed by the highway General Assembly from the highway and prison departments, headed now by these two men, and A. J. Maxwell was reappointed Commissioner of Revenue in an announcement by Governor Ehringhaus Saturday night.

At the same time Governor Ehringhaus named the six members of the Highway and Public Works Commission, as follows: Charles Whedbee, Perquimans county; W. C. Woodard, Nash; James A. Hardison, Anson; Luther Hodges, Rockingham; Ross Rowan, and Frank W. Miller, Haywood county.

Previously Governor Ehringhaus had broken his silence to appoint Edwin Gill as Commissioner of Paroles, succeeding Tyre Taylor; Chas. Brantley Aycock to handle workmen's compensation cases arising under relief employment through the Governor's Office of Relief; General J. Van B. Metts as adjutant general and Col. Gordon Smith as assistant adjutant general, the latter two having served in these positions for 12 years.

In announcing the highway and public works officials, Governor Ehringhaus said that the law consolidating the two departments will become effective July 1, Mr. Pou serving for a time as superintendent of the prison division. He said many friends had urged naming Mr. Pou as chairman, but naming him as executive director was in line with his own wishes. He stated before the Reorganization Committee of the General Assembly that it was not his desire to be chairman, and he has repeated it several times since. In fact, the campaign for him is said to have been waged more by enemies of Mr. Jeffress than by friends of Mr. Pou.

Regret was expressed that the present highway and prison boards could not be retained, Governor Ehringhaus expressing appreciation of their work. The new board members are all from counties not heretofore represented on the highway body. The remaining officials are expected to be named in the next few days.

Highway Fund Increases

The State highway fund increased about three-fourths of a million dollars last month, to a total balance of \$7,509,043.41 at the end of May, but the State's general fund showed a slight deficiency, bringing the cash overdraft to \$1,035,558.00 May 31, the combined auditor-treasurer report shows.

The general fund overdraft May 1 was \$961,283.81 and receipts for the month were \$948,639.07, leaving a continuing overdraft of \$12,644.74, to which is added the month's disbursements of \$1,022,915.26, bringing the total cash overdraft to \$1,033,558. Total receipts for the 11 months of the fiscal year are \$33,881,569.89 and the disbursements \$34,414,515.46, which, with the deficit of \$502,612.43 at the beginning of the year makes the overdraft above a million.

The highway fund balance May 1 was \$6,753,999.83, while the month's receipts were \$3,045,673.90, a total of \$9,799,673.73, from which disbursements of \$2,045,673.90 left a balance of \$7,509,143.41. Receipts of the highway fund during the 11 months of the fiscal year have been \$37,871,020.85, while disbursements were \$37,492,492.50. The balance at the beginning of the year was \$7,130,515.06, which is slightly increased to \$7,509,143.41 on May 31.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

W. H. Wheaton and wife to B. A. Grant, 1 lot M. City, for \$55.
F. L. King et al to John G. Jones and wife, part lot Beaufort, for \$10.
W. A. Allen, Lig. Agt. to Julian Brown, 2 tracts Marshallberg, for \$5.
J. R. Morris and wife to Melvin Morris, 68-100 acres, Atlantic, for \$10.
Alvin Mason and wife to Melvin Mason, 3-16 acres Atlantic, for \$10.

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FEW CASES TRIED JUNE TERM COURT

Criminal Docket Disposed of and Civil Cases Now Occupying Court's Attention

A two-weeks term of Superior Court started here Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Judge Henry A. Grady of Clinton presiding. Solicitor David M. Clark of Greenville was on hand ready to look after the State's side of the criminal docket. A fairly good sized crowd of witnesses, defendants, jurors and spectators were present at the opening.

Judge Grady wasted no time in his charge to the grand jury. His remarks pertained entirely to the duties and functions of the grand jury and he gave a lucid explanation of what that body should do. Besides giving attention to indictments and presentments he instructed the jury to investigate the records of all county officials and also to see whether magistrates had fled the reports which they are required by law to file. D. B. Willis of Morehead City was appointed foreman and Herbert Forlaw of Beaufort was appointed deputy in charge of the jury.

The criminal docket was somewhat lighter this court than usual and no case of unusual interest was tried. The case against Frank Bullock charging larceny of some diamonds from Mrs. B. Streeter Shepherd of Farmville while a guest of the Hotel Cherry, was continued to the October term of court. This was done on request of Solicitor Clark who stated that he had a certificate from a physician that Mrs. Shepherd was too sick to appear in court.

Few criminal cases were tried this week, and most of the work done in court the first three days of the week was routine matter. This morning several sentences were pronounced and the remainder of the day was devoted to the hearing of motions. No jury trials were had.

Judge Grady announced this morning that all civil cases docketed for trial next week would—if possible—be tried Monday and Tuesday.

One divorce has been granted so far this court. Gladys Bell sued for divorce from William R. Bell, of Newport, on grounds of five-year separation. This was granted and the custody of the two children—Rose Alberta Bell and Bobbie Bell—was given to the mother.

The matters taken up by the court are as follows:
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ANOTHER STATE IN WET COLUMN

Massachusetts Is Eleventh State To Vote For Repeal

BOSTON, June 14—Massachusetts stood in the repeal column today—the eleventh consecutive state to go on record in favor of repeal of the 18th amendment.

It was a sweeping victory with the repealist piling up a margin of 4 to 1 in the state at large and a ratio of 10 to 1 in Boston.

The ten states already on record in favor of repeal were: Wyoming, Illinois, Indiana, New York, New Jersey, Michigan, Rhode Island, Delaware, Wisconsin and Nevada.

Three pledged delegates were chosen from each of the 15 Massachusetts congressional districts at yesterday's election. The vote cast for the repeal pledged delegates totalled 441,195. Those pledged to vote retention of the prohibition amendment polled 98,884 votes.

Not a single "dry" delegate was elected to the constitutional convention which will act on repeal of prohibition in the near future. Governor Joseph B. Ely expressed "pleasure" at the result of the referendum and said that he would call a convention "immediately."

Most Massachusetts communities also voted on the question of local license and the results showed an amazing overturn for the "wets." Only a few scattered towns stood firmly against license.

Five other states will vote on repeal during the remainder of this month. New Hampshire, Iowa and Connecticut will vote June 20, and California and West Virginia June 27.

AMERICAN LEGION TO ELECT NEW OFFICERS TUESDAY

The regular monthly meeting of Carteret Post No. 99 American Legion will be held Tuesday evening, June 20 at 8 P. M. in the hut. The election of new officers will be held at this meeting. All members are urged to be present.

CIRCLE WILL MEET

Circle Number 1 of the Woman's Society of the Beaufort Baptist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Hubert Fodrie on Craven Street Friday evening at 8 o'clock. All members are requested to be present.

SAFE CONTAINING \$410 AND OTHER VALUABLES STOLEN FROM DWELLING

Some person or persons entered the home of Alex Graham at West Beaufort Saturday evening between eight and eleven o'clock and removed a three-hundred-pound safe which contained four hundred and ten dollars in currency and also many other valuables. At this writing neither the thief or thieves or the safe have been apprehended or recovered.

This safe was kept in a clothes closet located in the upper story of the Graham home. The absence of the safe was not discovered until early Sunday morning. Upon an examination it was that the safe had been carried from the closet to one of the adjoining rooms and thrown out one of the upper windows. The depression in the ground where the safe landed could be plainly seen Sunday morning.

Distinct tracks made by automobile tires were traced from there to a place where the safe fell from the running board of the vehicle and made another depression in the dirt roadway. At this point a small part of the automobile fell off and was found by the Grahams. When the safe was again loaded on the car it was evidently placed in the rumble seat of the Ford roadster—as later investigations disclosed.

On account of other trouble the Grahams had had with Adrian Scott, a twenty-four-year-old white man originally from Marshallberg, Scott was suspected of the crime. James and Alex Graham, Jr., then went to New Bern and brought Scott back in order to compare his automobile tires with the tracks near where the safe landed when it was thrown out of the second story window. It is said that the tires correspond exactly with the tracks. Furthermore, a horizontal scratch was observed on the side of the car, which was thought to have been made by the safe when it was being carried on the running board of the car. The automobile part found near where the safe tumbled off the runningboard was missing from the Scott vehicle. Evidence of the safe being carried later in the

rumble seat of the automobile was seen.

Following the disclosure of this evidence, Scott was taken to the court-house by Sheriff Elbert M. Chadwick and questioned concerning the robbery. No confession of any kind was obtained from him. The prisoner claimed that he could prove that he was in Morehead City during the time of the alleged crime. On account of the lack of further evidence, the young man was released.

After obtaining other evidence Sunday evening, Mr. Graham swore out a warrant here and carried it to the Sheriff of Craven County early Monday morning for the arrest of Scott, but the young man could not be found in or about New Bern, nor has he since been apprehended. The grand jury found a true bill against Scott Monday afternoon, charging him with housebreaking and the larceny of the safe and its contents of money, deeds, notes and insurance papers from the dwelling of Alex Graham. Information given in this story is based upon information given a News reporter by Alex Graham.

It is thought that Scott had aid in getting the safe, but no one but Scott was named in the true bill.

Several years ago Scott was arrested in New Bern for forging checks on Mr. Graham aggregating about a hundred dollars. In order to give the young man a second chance, Mr. Graham himself paid the costs of the case. After last Christmas Mr. Graham lost a five-gallon can of paint, and since the safe robbery it has been disclosed that young Scott late in the winter tried to sell a five-gallon can of paint to various colored people here in Beaufort.

The Three Fates have evidently been sitting cross-legged over the destiny of the Graham safe, for before the Grahams removed to West Beaufort from Harlowe a store in which the safe was located was burned to the ground in a rather mysterious manner and the metal money in the safe was melted, but little damage was actually done the safe.



G. A. BARDEN

of New Bern whose candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the third district has been announced.

Barden Candidate For Congressional Honors

For some weeks there have been rumors afloat that Graham A. Barden, former judge of the Recorder's court of Craven county, would be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the Third District. The News is informed that Judge Barden has now definitely decided to become a candidate but as the time for holding the primary is about a year away he will not begin an active campaign for some time yet.

Judge Barden represented Craven county in the recent session of the General Assembly being a member of the House of Representatives. He took an active part in the work of the Assembly having been especially interested in education and in public welfare legislation. It is said that his services were regarded favorably by his constituents.

Judge Barden is a native of Sampson county but has lived in New Bern since shortly after the end of the World War. He taught in the school there for a time and then began the practice of law. He served as county judge for six years. He is a Sudan Shriner, past master of Doric Lodge A. F. and A. M. and is a member of several other fraternal orders and the American Legion. Congressman Abernethy has not made any public announcement as to whether he plans to be a candidate again or not but it is generally assumed that he will run again.

An Impressive Service Given Here by Orphans

A most impressive song and prayer service was rendered by nine members of the Methodist Orphanage singing class during the eleven o'clock hour Sunday morning before a congregation that filled the Ann Street Methodist Church to capacity. This was under the direction of Mrs. Nellie B. Reeves, who is the voice teacher at the Orphanage. Sunday was Orphanage Day at the Methodist church here, and it was for this reason that the singing class came down at this time.

Rev. A. S. Barnes, superintendent of the Orphanage, gave a short talk at the beginning of the service. The Reverend Mr. Barnes held the pastorate here for several months about nineteen years ago, which was his last charge before being called to the superintendency of the Orphanage.

Following this, the entire hour was turned over to the singing class, which was composed of six young ladies and one young man. Then followed what is said to be one of the best services of its kind ever heard by a Beaufort congregation. The arrangement of the program and the manner in which it was delivered was a credit to the Orphanage at Raleigh. It was said by many local church attendants who were present at the service Sunday morning.

The singing class arrived here Saturday afternoon, and the members were the house guests of various members of the Methodist church. After remaining here until about three o'clock Sunday afternoon, the class left for Vanceboro, where it was scheduled to sing at the Methodist Church there at the evening service.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Ervin Gillikin and Nina Gillikin, Beaufort, RFD.
Wilbur Sabiston, Beaufort, and Martha Olive Harrell, Greenville.

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GRAFT CHARGES PROVEN UNTRUE

Welfare Superintendents Do Not Have Any Thing To Do With Relief Funds

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, June 12—In fully 20 North Carolina counties reports have been circulated freely that county welfare superintendents were getting a "rake off" of Federal funds distributed through the Governor's Office of Relief by taking a few cents of every dollar. Invariably the reports are almost identical in every county: that a worker expecting \$1 would get 75 cents, raise a kick and get told that was all he would get. The worker would turn out to be a Federal secret service man and would show his badge, thus catching the welfare worker redhanded, according to Ronald Wilson, acting relief director. None of the reports are true, and Mrs. W. T. Bost, State welfare commissioner, issued a statement showing that the welfare officer never touches the money, which is sent to the county treasurer and is paid out on order of the welfare officer, approved by the county accountant, on check issued by the sheriff. Mr. Wilson says it may come about because city workers are paid \$1 and rural workers 75 cents, due to the difference in living costs.

Governor Ehringhaus relates that one man, calling on him, said he did not want much from him, just the appointment as secretary of the N. C. Railroad Co. "It might interest you," the Governor replied, "to know that there have been more applications for that job than any other I have to appoint. D. F. Giles, Marion, now holds the job, from the Gardner administration. Judge Wiley G. Barnes, of the Raleigh city court, held it under Governor McLean. It's a part-time job, with fair remuneration and railroad passes.

The State Corporation Commission has granted the Winston-Salem Southbound Railway Co., to remove its one round-trip passenger train from Winston-Salem to Wadesboro under the 1933 law which allows the commission to order removal of passenger trains if there is no public convenience or necessity involved. But it continued indefinitely the petition of the Atlantic & Yadkin Railroad to be permitted to remove its daily round-trip train. Senator Robert R. Reynolds and Congressman Walter Lambeth asked that the hearing be continued, on the ground that pending Federal legislation might give the relief sought. Earlier petitions by both roads were denied on the ground that the commission did not have the authority, which was granted by the 1933 act. No one protested the W-S Southbound train removal, but a delegation opposed the A. & Y. petition.

In 1922, diphtheria caused 508 deaths out of 8,136 cases, and in 1932 it was the cause of 150 deaths from 1,895 cases, the State Board of Health advises in its plea to parents to have their children immunized and thus help to eradicate this disease from which 75 per cent of the deaths are of children under five years of age. Most of the deaths occur in early fall, and a campaign is being waged this summer to get parents to have children between ages of

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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, June 16	
2:59 a. m.	9:06 a. m.
3:39 p. m.	10:01 p. m.
Saturday, June 17	
4:04 a. m.	9:55 a. m.
4:35 p. m.	10:55 p. m.
Sunday, June 18	
5:00 a. m.	10:44 a. m.
5:22 p. m.	11:10 p. m.
Monday, June 19	
5:45 a. m.	11:45 a. m.
6:06 p. m.	11:34 p. m.
Tuesday, June 20	
6:26 a. m.	12:31 a. m.
6:42 p. m.	12:20 p. m.
Wednesday, June 21	
7:07 a. m.	1:13 a. m.
7:22 p. m.	1:03 p. m.
Thursday, June 22	
7:50 a. m.	1:53 a. m.
7:59 p. m.	1:44 p. m.