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Conference Held On County Indebtedness

Representatives of Insurance And Fraternal Organizations Hold 35 Per Cent of County Bonds Make Proposition to County Board; Offer to Cancel \$180,000 Worth of Coupons For \$34,000.

A start was made this week, small though it may be, towards straightening out the tangled web of Carteret County's huge bonded debt. Efforts along similar lines were also made in regard to the indebtedness of Beaufort and Morehead City. Several conferences between representatives of a group of bondholders and the officials of the county and the two cities were held and lengthy discussions and arguments took place. Many statistics as to debts, revenues, taxes and expenses were produced.

A three hour session of the county commissioners and the bondholders representatives was held in the County Auditor's office Tuesday night. This was attended by all the board members. Chairman W. M. Webb, Martin Guthrie, W. Z. McCabe, E. H. Fulcher, W. P. Smith, County Attorney Luther Hamilton, Auditor J. J. Whitehurst and Clerk to the board Irvin Davis. Those present on behalf of the bondholders were Thurman Plantz, chairman of the committee, representing Royal Neighbors and Modern Woodmen, P. R. Matthews, secretary of the committee and representative of the Endowment Fund Corporation of the American Legion, Charles A. Hines—The Woodmen of the World—J. T. Clifton, auditor of the N. C. Municipal Council, W. K. Gray, executive secretary of the same organization and Charles M. Johnson, Treasurer of North Carolina.

Mr. Plantz opened the discussion by stating that they were here to confer with the county officials for the purpose of working out some plan that would be helpful to the county and also to its creditors. He stated that bondholders wanted to cooperate with the county and were willing to make necessary sacrifices to do so. He hoped something mutually helpful could be worked out. Mr. Matthews spoke along the same line. He said they would like to work out a plan for the current year and if possible something permanent next year. He said they understood the difficult position in which the county finds itself and that they had no purpose or wish to hurt it in any way. They would like to see a tax rate adopted which the people could and would pay. The county's credit would be improved if the bondholders could collect something on the interest due them. He said this would probably be helpful to real estate and that present conditions were harmful. A statement setting forth the bondholders' position was read and discussed. Questions were asked by Chairman Webb, County Attorney Hamilton, Auditor Whitehurst, member of the board W. P. Smith.

The substance of the proposition made by the bondholders' committee, as understood by the representative of the News, is that the county shall pay one per cent interest on its bonds and notes, that it shall reduce operating expenses for the fiscal year 1933-34. A tax rate of \$1.50 was suggested, of which 25 cents was to be used for operating expenses and \$1.25 for debt service. The amount to be raised for debt service would be \$85,000, of which \$34,000 would be paid for interest on bonds for 1933-34 and \$51,000 would be kept by the county and used to buy up bonds being offered at greatly below par prices. For the \$34,000 the bondholders would surrender \$180,000 worth of coupons. The committee, so it was stated, represented 35 per cent of the outstanding bonds and believed other bondholders would come into the arrangement. If they would not accept the plan proposed they could stay out and would not get any thing. The committee suggested that the county's budget should be \$2,888,000, which seemed to be several thousand dollars less than the board had in mind.

The board recessed Tuesday night at about 10:45 and met again Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock. The same matters were discussed at the afternoon meeting. The operating budget proposed by the committee was discussed and objections raised to some of its features. Mr. Plantz said the committee did not desire to be arbitrary about the budget, they merely wished to keep the tax rate low and thought a bigger (Continued on page five)

County Schools Will Open September 18th

With the exception of White Oak, all Carteret County Schools will open for the fall session on Monday morning, September 18th. The White Oak school will begin on Friday, September 15th. The News has been unable to secure a complete list of the teachers for the various Carteret schools this week but Superintendent J. G. Allen has promised to have this in time for next week's issue.

It has been customary to hold a county-wide teachers' meeting in the Court House each year on the Saturday before the opening of school, but this year this will be dispensed with. Meetings will be held in each of the various schools at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, September 16th for the purpose of acquainting the teachers with their year's work.

A meeting of all principals in Carteret county will be held in the office of the County Superintendent at 9:30 a. m., Wednesday, September 13th.

The News has been informed that vouchers amounting to \$10 each for the extended term of 1931-1932 have recently been issued and mailed to those who taught in the county that year.

Owing to the fact that those working in the office of the county superintendent will be busily engaged with matters relative to the opening of the schools, no scrip will be issued during the period of September 8th-23rd, it was stated this week.

The high school pupils of the White Oak school will be transferred to the Swansboro High School during the ensuing term. On account of the fact that the Swansboro school begins Friday, September 15th, the White Oak school will also open on that date.

IF INTERESTED IN CAFETERIA SEE MRS. J. G. ALLEN

There being a possibility that the Woman's Club will again conduct a Cafeteria in the Beaufort School for the session of 1933-34, any one interested in managing same will please get in touch with me at once. Mrs. J. G. Allen.

MASONIC MEETING

P. C. Scott Asst. Grand Lecturer will be at the Lodge Room of Franklin Lodge No. 109 A. F. and A. M. from Monday, Sept. 11th, to Saturday, Sept. 18th, for the purpose of instructing the members in the ritualistic work of the Order. All members are invited to avail themselves of this opportunity to become proficient in the work of the Order. J. R. Jinnett, Secretary.

SEVENTY-NINE YEAR OLD LADY DIES HERE MONDAY

Mrs. Mary Frances Fulford passed away at her home on Front Street here Monday morning about seven o'clock, following an illness of several weeks duration. She had been ill for about two years. She was a few months beyond her seventy-ninth birthday, having been born in Beaufort June 7, 1854, the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Lewis Smith. Mrs. Fulford was the widow of the late George W. Fulford.

Funeral services were conducted from the home at four o'clock Monday afternoon by the Rev. Worth Wicker, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church. A large attendance of friends and relatives were present for the last rites and the many floral designs attested to the esteem with which Mrs. Fulford was held. Interment was in Ocean View Cemetery.

The deceased is survived by one son, George W. Fulford, of Beaufort; two sisters, Miss Charlotte Smith and Mrs. Henry W. Noe, both of this community; and by two brothers, Capt. George W. Smith, of Beaufort, and Capt. James E. Smith, of Southport.

Mr. Seymour Guy, of Smyrna, was taken from the Potter Emergency Hospital to the Johnson-Willis Hospital in Richmond, Va., Monday in the Adair-Rice ambulance.

ANTI-REPEALERS START CAMPAIGN

Enthusiastic Meeting Held Sunday And Vigorous Campaign Is Planned

Determination to win the vote of Carteret county for the eighteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States was emphatically expressed Sunday afternoon at the mass meeting in the county court room. Although it was a very hot day a crowd that pretty well filled the room was on hand for the meeting. Beaufort and Morehead City furnished most of the crowd but various parts of the county were represented.

The meeting was called to order at three o'clock by Rev. J. P. Harris, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Beaufort. He stated that he was disappointed that a speaker of statewide prominence had not been sent by the Raleigh headquarters manager Cale Burgess, however he had several local speakers who covered the ground very thoroughly. Mr. Harris stated that the campaign would be a non-partisan affair and no body need expect to get a political reward from it. He said North Carolina ought to stop the rush for repeal and that he favored keeping liquor off Front street. He called upon Rev. R. F. Munns pastor of Ann Street Methodist church Beaufort, who made a short speech in which he said millions were being spent to put out liquor propaganda and that the people must arouse themselves and bring in a big majority for the dry side.

C. R. Wheatly, well known attorney of Beaufort, was called on and spoke briefly but forcefully. He said the ten commandments were frequently violated but had not yet been repealed, that various criminal laws were constantly violated but no one is trying to repeal them and he saw no reason for repealing the prohibition laws because they are broken occasionally. He remembered the days of the bar room and saw no good in liquor. If the prohibitionists want to carry this county though he stated they would have to organize and get to work.

Rev. W. P. Watkins, pastor of the M. E. church at Morehead City, was the next speaker and he spoke very earnestly saying that every Christian man, every moral man ought to have something to say about this important question. He said that the liquor problem would not be settled in November but would be a problem for a long time yet. He stated that the country had passed through two periods; one the idealism of Woodrow Wilson and the other a period of materialism and depression. We have had a moral slump, some folks have shifted their position on prohibition. Liquor, he said, is an outlaw and a vote for repeal is a vote for liquor.

Other speakers were Rev. J. M. Carraway of Merrimon, who made an earnest appeal for the prohibition cause and captain Eugene Yeomans who promised that Harker's Island would give a big majority for the amendment. A roll call of the various county precincts was made and it was found that Sea Level, Marshallberg, Merrimon, Wire Grass, Beaufort, Morehead City, Harkers Island and Merrimon were represented.

Chairman Harris called for nominations for a permanent chairman for the campaign and C. R. Wheatly offered the name of D. B. Willis of Morehead City who was elected by acclamation. He responded with a short speech in which he pledged himself to do every thing possible to carry the election and called on all to help. He suggested as a slogan "They shall not pass." Other nominations all of which were elected unanimously, were C. S. Wallace, 1st vice-chairman, R. F. Munns, 2nd vice-chairman; Mrs. J. C. Taylor, Morehead City was made secretary and Miss Lillian Duncan of Beaufort, treasurer. An executive committee for the county is to be organized and preparations made for a vigorous campaign.

BISHOP DARST WILL BE AT ST. PAUL'S SUNDAY

The Rt. Rev. Thos. C. Darst, Bishop of the Diocese of Eastern Carolina, will deliver the address at the Sunday morning service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. A confirmation class of some twenty-five or thirty members will be presented to Bishop Darst by the rector, the Rev. Worth Wicker. Members and friends of the parish are cordially invited to attend the morning service and hear Bishop Darst.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

N. H. Russell and wife to Mildred L. Brewer, 5 acres Newport Township, for \$10.

NEW POSTMASTER NOW IN CHARGE

Wiley H. Taylor Wins Appointment Over Several Applicants

Beaufort has a new postmaster. Everybody knew of course that there would be a change but probably very few knew that the change would occur so soon. Postmaster R. B. Wheatly, whose term would have expired next January, has been succeeded by Wiley H. Taylor. Mr. Wheatly received a request from the Postoffice Department for his resignation a few days ago and sent it in Tuesday. At the request of Mr. Taylor he will stay in the office for a few days until the new postmaster gets acquainted with his duties.

Postmaster Taylor is well known in Beaufort and Carteret county and has many friends who are pleased at his appointment. He has been in the wholesale grocery business for many years and has been active in business, civic and political circles. There were several applicants for the postmastership but Mr. Taylor appears to have had the necessary backing to secure the position. His appointment is called a temporary one and a civil service examination will be called in which others may compete if they desire. The salary of the postmaster here is \$2300 less the 15 per cent economy reduction which affects many Federal employees.

Ex-Postmaster Wheatly took charge of the office in Beaufort in July 1921. Prior to that time he had been with the U. E. Engineering Department for a number of years. The News has heard no criticism of his conduct of the office here and has heard patrons of the office, both Democrats and Republicans, say that he has made an efficient and accommodating official. Mr. Wheatly is the third member of the postoffice personnel to resign since the new administration went into office, Messrs. Dewey Guthrie and James Noe having resigned several weeks ago.

CARTERET COUNTY HAS NEW GAME WARDEN NOW

L. E. Warrington, of New Bern, has been appointed game warden for both Carteret and Craven counties, succeeding Blakely Pond, of Davis, as game warden for this county. The following people and firms will sell hunting and fishing licenses in the various communities of Carteret: Mrs. W. E. Jackson, at Bogue; Julian C. Bell, at Newport; Euro Hardware Company, at Morehead City; Noe Hardware Company and Carteret Hardware Company, and D. J. Godwin, at Beaufort; Allen Davis, at Davis; and Cecil Morris at Atlantic. Hunting licenses are somewhat cheaper this year than they were last; resident licenses now sell for sixty cents, whereas they sold for \$1.25 last season.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Roy Ellison and Oiesha Joyner, Beaufort. Arthur Banks Roberts Jr., Morehead City, and Laura Privett, Euro, Beaufort.

Large Quantities of Crabs Being Shipped

Owing to the recent storm along the Atlantic seacoast, which damaged the Maryland crabs industry to a considerable extent, the soft-shell crabs here in Carteret County received a noticeable boost. During the month of August 1,092 boxes of soft crabs were shipped via express from Beaufort, which was an increase over the same month last year. Last fall around 2,000 boxes were shipped during the month of September; and it is said that this month will very likely exceed these figures, judging by the shipments so far made. Crabbers are now getting thirty-six cents per dozen straight for their crabs.

Although quantities of soft crabs are shipped from Carteret county from early in the spring to late in the fall, the bulk of these are marketed during the first month or six weeks of the season, or until the soft-shell crabs industry gets underway at Crisfield, Maryland. When Maryland producers begin, local shipments decrease rapidly. During the past two autumns storms and various other natural causes have reduced the Crisfield crabs industry to a point where the Carteret crabs have been caught and marketed at a profit.

Weather In August somewhat Mixed

There was considerable rain and some high winds in this vicinity during the month of August. Information furnished by the local Weather Station on Piver's Island that a total of 5.54 inches of rain fell and that there were 11 days on which the mercury rose to 90 or more. The hottest day was the 12th and 94 was recorded that day. The heaviest rain occurred on the 23rd, which was 1.70 inches.

There was considerable cloudiness during August and a good many showers, but there were also 17 clear days and seven partly cloudy ones. The wind blew from the southwest 12, northeast 8 days, east four days, southeast two days, south four days, north one day. A right violent storm visited this section on the night of the 22nd and some damage was done to crops but not much otherwise.

The temperature figures for each day follow:

	Max.	Min.
1.	90	77
2.	90	79
3.	90	78
4.	88	78
5.	85	79
6.	82	67
7.	83	72
8.	88	70
9.	90	72
10.	89	73
11.	91	78
12.	94	74
13.	91	74
14.	89	77
15.	89	78
16.	86	73
17.	89	72
18.	88	72
19.	88	71
20.	83	70
21.	88	72
22.	87	73
23.	86	69
24.	87	77
25.	89	77
26.	90	77
27.	91	72
28.	93	75
29.	92	74
30.	85	71
31.	86	70

APPOINT F. F. LONGEST NEW DEPUTY COLLECTOR

Frank F. Longest, prominent local citizen, received notice last week of his appointment on the 29th of August to the position of Deputy Collector of Customs here. A day or two after receiving this, Mr. Longest was informed by John Bright Hill, collector of Customs for the State of North Carolina, that the appointment of the local man would have to have the sanction of President Franklin D. Roosevelt before it would be official. On account of the fact that the president's signature will have to be procured, Mr. Longest will not be sworn in until the latter part of this month.

The Customs Department has a lease on office space in the home of Roy Eubanks on Gordon Street, but Mr. Hill is trying to negotiate a release of the lease contract with Mr. Eubanks so that the local Customs office may be moved to the building on West Ann Street formerly used as a store by Mr. Longest. Announcement will be made later in this paper when Mr. Longest is sworn in, and the location of his office.

Recorder Finds Man Innocent of Charge

The case of W. L. Hancock, charged with following the trade of contract plumber in Morehead City during the fiscal year 1932-33 without paying the privilege tax, which had been continued over a period of several weeks, was finally tried in Recorder's Court here Tuesday morning. Only one witness, D. A. Freeman, was examined. He did not seem to know much about the case, which was appealed from the Police Court of Morehead City.

Charles W. Stevens, who represented the defendant, moved for non-suit at the opening of the case on the grounds that the Morehead City ordinance read "contracting plumber" and that the warrant read only "contractor." When this was refused because the warrant also gave the number of the ordinance, the case was continued. The solicitor, however, was unable to prove that Mr. Hancock was a "contracting plumber," and so Judge Paul Webb found the defendant not guilty.

Wilkes County dairymen are digging trench silos and remodeling old barns as a part of the new program of dairy farming in that county.

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SCHOOL EXPECTS RECORD STUDENT BODY THIS FALL

Eight Hundred Expected to Attend Beaufort Graded School This Term

USE LOCAL TEACHERS

When the Beaufort Graded School opens its doors on the morning of September 18th for the autumn term, some eight hundred pupils will be enrolled, which will be about a hundred more than the even seven hundred that attended the school last year. During the previous session there were only fifty two first-grade pupils, but Principal R. L. Fritz stated to a News reporter recently that there will be at least one hundred beginners this autumn, judging from the pre-school clinic held last spring.

All teachers for both the elementary grades and high school have been selected. The entire high school faculty is from Carteret County. Eight of the thirteen teachers of the elementary grades are from Carteret County, three are from other sections of North Carolina and two are from out of the state.

Miss Virginia Howe, of East Radford, Va., will teach piano. Public school music will be continued, taught by one or more of the regular school teachers. As was the case last year, home economics will not be taught this term.

The first teachers' meeting of the autumn session will be held at the school Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, September 16th.

The teachers will be as follows: Elementary School

First Grade—Miss Virginia Howe, of East Radford, Va., and Miss Louise Hudgins, of Beaufort. Second Grade—Miss Helen Proctor, of Davidson, and Miss Louise Fletcher, of Gibbons.

Third Grade—Mrs. John Brooks and Miss Sunsan Rumley, of Beaufort.

Fourth Grade—Misses Lessie Arrington and Mamie Wolfe, both of Beaufort.

Fifth Grade—Miss Esther McNeill of Lumberton, and Miss Edith Lewis, of Marshallberg.

Sixth Grade—Miss Nellie Lewis, of Marshallberg, and Miss Emily Loftin, of Beaufort.

Seventh Grade—Miss Lucy Bowers, of Heath Springs, S. C.

High School

Assignment of subjects to high school teachers has been made for the present on a tentative basis, and these are as follows:

William Potter, of Beaufort—athletics, civics and English. Eighth grade home room teacher.

Miss Mildred Salter, of Merrimon—science and eighth grade home room teacher.

Miss Varina Way, of Beaufort—mathematics and home room teacher for the ninth grade.

Miss Eleanor Jones, of Beaufort—French, English and home room teacher for tenth grade.

Miss Lena Dun an, of Beaufort—history, Latin and home room teacher for eleventh grade.

Principal R. L. Fritz, of Beaufort—mathematics.

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, Sept. 8	Low Tide
10:51 a. m.		4:33 a. m.
10:50 p. m.		5:20 p. m.
Saturday, Sept. 9		
11:07 a. m.		5:13 a. m.
11:30 p. m.		6:09 p. m.
Sunday, Sept. 10		
11:46 a. m.		6:00 a. m.
12:14 p. m.		7:03 p. m.
Monday, Sept. 11		
12:20 a. m.		6:53 a. m.
1:00 p. m.		8:00 p. m.
Tuesday, Sept. 12		
1:20 a. m.		7:54 a. m.
1:55 p. m.		8:58 p. m.
Wednesday, Sept. 13		
2:24 a. m.		8:55 a. m.
3:01 p. m.		9:56 p. m.
Thursday, Sept. 14		
3:41 a. m.		9:53 a. m.
4:09 p. m.		10:49 p. m.