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Tax Collector Hamilton Shows Office Income

Facts and Figures Given Showing That Office Does Not Pay the High Salary Reported, Believes Report Will Clear up Any Question in the Minds of the Taxpayers That Office is not a Gold Mine

Considerable controversy has been going the rounds of the county to the effect that the office of County Tax Collector is netting the collector an enormous income at the expense of the taxpayers. To let the people know just what the office is paying annually and in an effort to clear the wrong impression in the minds of many, Collector Hamilton renders the following statement: Editor Beaufort News:

No doubt you, as a taxpayer and citizen of this county, as well as a newspaper man and seeker of truth, have heard some discussion concerning the present profit accruing to the tax office under present conditions. Whether you know it or not, a few ill-advised citizens have gained the impression that the present tax collector is getting rich. A few enemies (and they are very limited) have tried to create an impression that the present tax collector is making more money out of the tax collector's office than ever before. If that were so, I wonder who would be to blame? Certainly not the collector himself. Certainly not the present county commissioners, who had nothing to do with tax laws passed forty or fifty years ago, and under which we are operating today, and who have cut the fees allowed the tax collector more than forty per cent. Who then would be to blame if the tax collector were getting rich?

As a matter of fact, however, the tax collector is not only not getting rich, but is making considerably less than any man who has collected taxes for Carteret County in the last twenty-five years, as my figures will show later on. This being so, I hesitate to ask you to give this article and these figures a prominent part in your next issue, but knowing, as I do, that a great many of our taxpayers may have been misinformed by one or two men lacking in character, I think if only fair to let the taxpayers of this county know what their tax collector receives for his services and responsibilities in connection with the office. If the handling of hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of tax receipts and records and tens of thousands of dollars of taxes (this (Continued on page eight))

TERMINAL PROJECT STILL HANGS FIRE

Senator Bailey Still Confident, Will Work For Improvement in Beaufort Harbor

Before leaving Morehead City last week after spending a short vacation in that city, Senator J. W. Bailey stated that he was definitely assured of the Morehead City port terminal and that the contracts for the PWA bonds would be completed soon.

Final completion of the matter hinges on further information asked for by Secretary Harold L. Ickes, PWA administrator who has requested Frank Wright, head of the railroad section of the PWA, to get up a report on the traffic expectancy of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad. The secretary has asked for this report and two others, one each from the legal and financial sections of the PWA, prior to decision on the contract for the loan and grant of \$425,000 for the construction of port terminals at Morehead City.

The loan will be offset by receipts from the port, it is believed by advocates; and in addition a ten cent ad valorem tax on all Morehead City property is offered. The income from the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad is also offered as security, but the PWA is afraid of this as the lease, the Norfolk Southern railroad, now is two years in default of rent. The PWA has asked that the state's stock in the railroad be pledged but this could be done only by the legislature.

Senator Bailey stated to a representative of The News that the request of Beaufort for an increase in the height of the breakwater and the deepening of the channel leading to the city dock would have his attention. While the city is asking for a channel of 12 feet Senator Bailey stated that he would see that the channel would be dredged to 20 feet. He is very confident that this work will be done at an early date.

Beach Season Closes Lot Sales Continue

The season's activities at Atlantic Beach were about brought to a close with the dance on Saturday night with Vincent Travers and his orchestra furnishing the music. In spite of the bad weather the latter part of the week the affair was very well attended.

Due to several late reservations the hotel has been kept open later this year than formerly. It is expected to close for the season within the next week. Selling activities of the building lots at this development will continue on through the year. The office of the firm handling the sales will be maintained at the beach while the promotion is on.

Vast improvements in the attendance at the Beach this year has been noted over that of last year. The hotel has been operated at capacity all the season while the dances and other attractions have drawn thousands who have not been in the habit of spending their vacations or weekends in this section.

Recent purchasers of lots at the Beach in many cases are planning to erect cottages during the winter and spring months in readiness for next year's season.

ATTENDING ANNUAL FIELD DAY

Several farmers from this county with County Agent Overstreet, are planning to be in attendance at the 18th annual field day and basket picnic of the Coastal Plains Agricultural Experiment Station to be held today near Willard.

Coastal Section Escapes Storm of Last Week

Coastal North Carolina received heavy rains and the outer banks were swept by high tides early Saturday as the tropical disturbance moving up the coast passed by at sea.

Strong winds were felt inland, but were not of sufficient force to do any major damage.

The Cape Hatteras coast guard station reported the wind reached a velocity of 64 miles an hour about 7 p. m. and small craft and light frame buildings on the banks communities suffered damage.

Records made in this section show that an even eight inches of rain fell during Friday and Saturday. Some crops in the North River farms show the effect of the beating rains and high winds. Many of the dirt roads of the county suffered by washouts which will keep the highway boys busy for several weeks. The South River road is reported to be in very bad condition.

MAYOR'S COURT IS SHORT AND SNAPPY

Four cases were on the docket in Mayor's court at the weekly session Monday night. Eugene Bell and John Garrish were found guilty of being drunk and were given five days on the streets or a fine of \$2.50.

Luke Johnson pleaded guilty to a charge of driving while drunk and Henry Turner, Jr., admitted that he beat up a female and resisted arrest. These cases were sent on to Recorder's court under bond.

RETURNS FROM MEET OF DISTRICT AGENTS

Miss Helen Dry, county home demonstration agent, was back at work in her county office Monday, following attendance last week at the district camp for agents in the southeastern district of the state held at White Lake.

Miss Dry reports a most profitable and enjoyable time at the district meeting. Mrs. Estelle Smith, district agent, was in charge and there were three state specialists to assist with the courses. Seventeen agents attended.

DISTRICT M. E. MEETING

A conference of ministers of the New Bern Methodist district was held Monday at Queen Street Methodist church in Kinston, with Rev. Thomas M. Grant, presiding elder, in charge. Lunch was served by women of the church following the morning business.

In attendance from this county were Rev. C. B. Culbreth, Beaufort; Rev. R. W. Barfield, Atlantic; Rev. D. M. Sharp, Morehead City; Rev. E. H. Measmer, Newport and Rev. W. A. Tew, Ocracoke.

Will Move Soon Into New Business Location

B. H. Noe of the Noe Hardware Company, who with F. R. Bell are erecting the new brick business block on the former Clawson property, states that the west half of the building that will be occupied by the Noe Hardware Company will be ready for occupancy about October 1.

Preparations are being made to move the stock from the present store just as soon as the modern shelving and store equipment is installed. Added floor space in the new quarters will give this concern one of the most modern and best equipped hardware stores in Carteret county, if not in this part of the state.

Besides giving this firm the advantage of added facilities for the increasing growth of their business, this new block is a valuable asset to the business district of Beaufort. No announcement as yet has been made as to what firm will occupy the store space on the east side.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

W. C. Gorham, Trustee to Gurney P. Hood, Comm. of Banks, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$525.

Atlantic Beach and Bridge Company to C. R. Young, 1 lot Atlantic Beach, for \$500.

Atlantic Beach and Bridge Company, to J. McGilvery Powell and Alfred L. Powell, 1 lot Atlantic Beach for \$500.

WESTERN CATTLE ARRIVE IN COUNTY

Cattle from the drought section of the west, numbering eighty head arrived at Beaufort the past week and were placed on range. Forty heads were put on pasture on lands of K. W. Wright and the other forty heads at Mrs. Mildred Pinner. This is the first consignment of cattle to be received in this county. Other shipments are expected at a later date.

IMPROVEMENTS AT CCC CAMP

Construction of new barracks at the CCC camp at Fort Macon was completed about the first of the month allowing the boys to move into their new quarters which are a big improvement over the old accommodations.

All of the buildings are completed except the fourth barracks and recreation room. A laundry is expected to be in readiness by the first of October. The new barracks are equipped with electric lights and other conveniences. Sleeping bunks for fifty men are arranged in each barracks. Eight men have recently been discharged from the camp bringing the total attendance down to 175.

ACTING EDITOR

On account of the illness of Mr. Mebane, who has been sick for several days, Mr. F. C. Salisbury of Morehead City is kindly acting as Editor of the Beaufort News this week.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RESENT HERALD'S CRITICAL ATTACK OVER ADJUSTMENT WITH TAX COLLECTOR

Dr. K. P. B. Bonner, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners takes issue with the editor of the Carteret County Herald published at Morehead City regarding what the chairman calls a "critical attack upon the Board of Commissioners." For the benefit of the citizens of the county who have been following this controversy over the matters of county tax collector we are glad to present Dr. Bonner's views as representative of the County Board. To the Editor of the Carteret County Herald:

I have been following closely and with interest the recent discussion in the columns of your newspaper relative to the tax collecting policy of Carteret county and the conduct of the office of the Tax Collector. It was not until the article appeared in your last issue, in which a severely critical attack was made upon the Board of Commissioners, that I felt it necessary to reply, and at the same time give the public the actual facts in the case. This article in question single out the Tax Collector, County Attorney and Chairman of the Board and states unqualifiedly that these three were solely responsible for no action being taken by the Board of Commissioners at its recent meeting; action that would have changed or modified the present situation.

For the information of the Herald and its readers, will say that a very careful and detailed investigation has been made during the time that this agitation has been under way. It has been found that the compensation

RURAL WOMEN CAN FOR WINTER USE

Donate Thousands of Cans of Vegetables to be Used For Undernourished

Many an undernourished child will benefit this winter through the work of country people who have prepared thousands of cans of vegetables and fruits during the past season.

In the store room of the County Home Agent is over 3,000 cans of vegetables that have been given for this purpose. This supply was obtained from the farm women in exchange for cans and rubbers supplied through the Welfare Department of the county. No given amount was demanded of the canners but in cases where the Department furnished the cans and supplies it was understood that a donation was to be made in return. The donors have been most liberal. In some cases twenty five per cent of the things canned have been given in. In cases where only a small amount was canned, such persons have not been permitted to make donations.

In addition to the number of cans turned in by the rural folks, some 500 cans of tomatoes have been put up at the office of the Home Agent. This work has been in charge of Miss Minzette King, also Miss Dry kept a watchful eye over the canning. The tomatoes were secured at a very low price by the relief department and under the able work of Miss King present a most appetizing display.

Seventeen leaders of the Home Demonstration Clubs of the county headed up the canning program. Much credit goes to the two leaders who had the work in charge that took in the Broad Creek and Wildwood section for this group turned in 1,000 cans of vegetables.

The work of canning is not over with for it is planned to put up many more of the late vegetables as well as some fruits. Before the canning program is brought to a close it is expected that some 5,000 cans will be in storage of winter relief. Most of this material will be used for lunch at the schools of the county where undernourished children are given a noonday lunch. This work speaks volumes for the efforts of the Home Demonstration Clubs and their able leaders and assistants.

SEABREEZE THEATRE MAKES IMPROVEMENTS

Citified in every respect is the appearance of the exterior of the Seabreeze Theatre since Manager Paul has built a most pleasing marquee over the main entrance of the theatre.

In addition to the advantages of affording the patrons of this show house protection for the weather, the marquee offers and advertising medium for the film attraction for large adjustable letters across the front and ends can be arranged for announcing the attraction being played.

Democratic Women Plan Fall Roundup

Mrs. Charles W. Tillett, Jr., of Charlotte, who was recently elected vice chairman of the state democratic executive committee, succeeding Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, visited Craven, Pamlico and Carteret counties during the week-end to confer with democratic officials as to the early beginning of the fall campaigns.

In Carteret county she conferred with Luther Hamilton, of Morehead City, chairman of the Carteret democratic executive committee; Mrs. A. B. Roberts, of Morehead City, vice chairman; and W. H. Bell, of Newport, a member of the state democratic committee.

Both Mr. Hamilton and Mrs. Roberts showed much interest in Mrs. Tillett's plans for the fall, particularly in trying to get out a large democratic vote in the November election. Mrs. Roberts will go to work shortly in completing the list of precinct vice chairmen, some of them having been elected at the precinct meetings.

Invitation was extended to all democratic women to attend an all-day institute in Raleigh later this month or early in October, at which there will be a study of the New Deal, with some of the leading statesmen of the state on the program. It is hoped to have the national vice chairmen there from national headquarters. After a luncheon at the Woman's club, there will be a reception at the Governor's mansion.

Accompanying Mrs. Tillett on her tour of eastern counties was Miss Frances Douglas, of High Point, who is to be at the state headquarters at the Sir Walter hotel for the campaign.

FAIR BOOSTERS COMING

After making a tour of a part of the route of the State Special, officials have announced that arrangements are complete for the boosters' visits in 51 Eastern Carolina towns on Sept. 27 and 28. The boosters are scheduled to be in Beaufort at 5:30 P. M.

At Morehead City, where the caravan will make an overnight stop at the Villa Hotel, a large vacant lot in the heart of town will be used for a special program by the boosters, by arrangement with Mayor Gibbs.

A concert by the State College Band, an address of welcome by some Morehead citizen and a speech on the fair by a member of the Raleigh party will be included on the program.

Potato Growers Will Study Needs

Several representative potato growers of the county, in company with Hugh Overstreet, County Farm Agent, will be in attendance at the meeting of potato growers called by Congressman Lindsay C. Warren for September 20 at 10:30 A. M. at the John H. Small school building in Washington. A. E. Mercker, potato expert of the United States Department of Agriculture, will be present and efforts are being made and have Chester Davis, head of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration address the gathering.

Mr. Warren wishes it understood that it is to be a growers' meeting and held in their interest. He has been advised that delegations are coming from Virginia, South Carolina, and Alabama. Governor Ehringhaus has been invited to be present. "The plight of the potato growers, due in main to the contract system, is tragic," declared Mr. Warren.

Mr. Overstreet states that he feels that this is a very important meeting and hopes a large delegation of Carteret farmers will avail themselves of this opportunity to assist in a movement that should mean much to themselves as well as all other potato producers.

It will be necessary to leave Beaufort by 7:30 A. M. in order to reach the meeting on time.

ASKING FOR BRIDGE BIDS

Bids will be opened on September 1 for the construction of a hydraulic fill and bridge trestle connecting Pivers Island with the mainland.

Specifications call for the construction of a hydraulic fill incident to the construction of the 280 foot trestle bridge. Advertisement for bids on the project were published several weeks ago.

It is understood that the bridge and fill will be located on the northern edge of the island and will interlink with the highway at a point several hundred feet below the Beaufort Draw bridge.

At present the only means of getting to and from the Island is by way of boat.

FIND NO CAUSE ABDUCTION CASE IN RICE MATTER

Captain Elijah Lewis Cleared of Serious Charge in Court Hearing; Large Docket Before Judge Webb

FEW ESCAPE SENTENCE

Opening of Recorder's Court on Tuesday morning and which extended over to Wednesday, had every evidence of a Superior Court calendar for there were seventeen cases presented for trial.

Domestic difficulties, alleged to have been existing between Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Rice of this city, came to a focus at this sessions of court when Mr. Rice brought charges against Capt. Elijah Lewis of Marshallburg under a warrant charging that Mr. Lewis "did feloniously abduct and or elope with the wife of L. F. Rice . . . and aided and abetted Mrs. Rice to leave the State of North Carolina causing her to abandon her husband."

This case was called for trial Tuesday afternoon but for lack of an important witness from Norfolk the case was recessed until Wednesday morning.

Mr. Rice was the first witness to take the stand. He told of an affair that occurred at his home a week ago Sunday night when Mrs. Rice was said to be sitting in a car parked in front of her home. That Mr. Lewis came out of the Rice home and when confronted by Mr. Rice, he asked Mr. Lewis how long Mrs. Rice and he had been married. Rice then struck Mr. Lewis but was prevented from following up the assault by intervention of friends.

Mr. Lewis is said to have entered the car in which were Mrs. Rice and two men unknown to Mr. Rice. Later Mrs. Rice and child are said to have boarded the freight boat operated by Mr. Lewis that was tied up in this port at that time. The alleged charges of abduction against Mr. Lewis were based on the taking of Mrs. Rice and child to Norfolk on the freight boat. When the boat docked in Norfolk, Mr. Lewis was apprehended and brought back to this city under the charges as stated. Another witness swore that he did not see Mrs. Rice in the car as stated by her husband.

Previous to the departure of Mrs. Rice for Norfolk on the freight boat, Mr. Rice stated that some time in August upon his return to Norfolk from Texas, as he entered the house where Mrs. Rice was residing, he saw Mr. Lewis come out of Mrs. Rice's bedroom. Also that later in the day she departed with Mr. Lewis in a car and did not return until late that night.

The facts as presented to this court was for the purpose of a hearing to determine if there was sufficient evidence to bind the defendant over to (Continued on page eight)

Death of Fred Mosher Claims Good Citizen

Following several weeks of illness, Fred Mosher, age 58, died Sunday at the U. S. Marine Hospital at Norfolk where he was taken the week previous.

Mr. Mosher was born at Leola, Wis. Most of his life was spent in Wisconsin. Some ten years ago he came to Carteret county with the dredging firm that had the contract for the cutting of the drainage canals in the "open grounds." After that work was completed, Mr. Mosher continued to reside in Beaufort. He was always interested in the "open grounds." At one time he had charge of the property and Buckhead Lodge when it was taken over by the Walton League.

Those associated with the deceased during his residence in Beaufort speak of him in the highest terms. In his business dealings his word was ever sufficient that he would meet any obligation. As a husband and father he shared the love and respect of those most near and dear to him while to his fellowman he was ever considerate of his duties as a citizen and neighbor. His passing leaves a host of friends to mourn his going.

The remains were brought to the family home and accompanied by the widow and son Clinton Mosher, were taken by train Monday afternoon for Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., where burial will take place.

Surviving besides the widow and son Clinton, also one grand child of this city are three brothers and two sisters who reside in Wisconsin. Mr. Mosher's parents who are dead came Hungary.