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EHRINGHAUS MAY BE HIGHWAY HEAD

While Mr. Jeffress Remains Sick No Successor Will Be Appointed

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Nov. 26—People who profess to be disturbed that Governor Ehringhaus has not done something about placing an active head in charge of the State Highway and Public Works Commission since the stroke received by Chairman E. B. Jeffress three or four months ago, might as well halt their fears, real or imaginary, for Governor Ehringhaus apparently has no thought of filling the place while there is a chance of the recovery of Mr. Jeffress, or unless an active head becomes absolutely necessary, within reasonable limits. In fact, it is known that the Governor will undertake the work necessary himself if need be, for a period.

The attitude of Governor Ehringhaus is, apparently, that Mr. Jeffress is a casualty of the State's service; that his condition is dueto overwork while he was active as chairman, and that he will make no change in his status until he reaches a point of deciding for himself what he will do, or unless it becomes necessary to take some step about it. Governor Ehringhaus, it is said by those close to him, would not ascertain a suggestion of resignation by someone with authority to act for Mr. Jeffress, certainly not at this time. While operation of the department may not be as smooth and efficient as when Mr. Jeffress was in active charge, it is getting along sufficiently satisfactory and it will be some time before Governor Ehringhaus would think of anything about a change.

Big Highway Fund Balance

A balance of more than \$12,000,000 in highway and general funds is shown in the combined statement of the State Treasurer and Auditor for October. The general fund shows a balance of \$1,285,796.63, about a million dollars less than a month before, due to smaller collections and payment of teachers salaries. The October receipts were \$2,089,747.10 and expenditures \$3,077,486.56. In the four months since July 1 the collections have been \$22,712,092.38 and expenditures \$18,824,923.47, changing the \$2,600,000 overdraft at the beginning of the fiscal year to a cash balance of more than a million and a quarter.

The highway fund has a balance of \$10,880,735.02, having received in October \$4,831,964.89 and spent that month \$3,335,983.48. The highway fund has received \$17,435,904.58 in the four months of this fiscal year and spent \$18,734,733.77, thus reducing the balance at the beginning of the fiscal year about \$1,250,000.

The State's total debt, all funded, is \$174,156,000, of which \$99,704,000 is in highway bonds and \$56,717,000 is in general fund bonds.

Large Gas Tax Collections

Gasoline tax collections in November already are the largest that have ever been made in North Carolina in the history of the tax, reaching \$1,651,493.16 last Friday, revenue officials report. The November collections are practically all in and only a few hundred dollars will be added by the end of the month. Even the "double month" collections of April, 1933, amounted to \$1,627,000, or about \$25,000 less than the present month's collections. That was the month in which the 1933 legislative act, moving up collections one month, was effective and collections were made of practically two months in that month.

License plates for 1934 reached 468,043, or 60,754 more than the 407,289 sold in 1933 to the same date, the end of last week. This is due to the very great increase in the sales of new automobiles during the past several months, many of them being for only three-fourths, or one-half, or one-fourth of the year. The total plate sales will not go much higher than the present figure, as new 1935 plates may be bought December 1, but may not be used until December 15.

A warm race is in progress for the speakership of the 1935 House of Representatives, participated in by Robert Grady Johnson, of Pender; Laurie McEachern of Hoke, and W. L. Lumpkin, of Franklin. All of the candidates have been on the warpath, seeking votes that will be cast in the Democratic caucus on the night before the General Assembly convenes. Views have been expressed all along that Mr. Johnson was probably in the lead, although it is known that Mr. McEachern is conducting a vigorous and probably effective campaign, and

Beaufort Young Men Injured in Accident

Two young Beaufort men figured in an auto-train accident in New Bern Monday evening in which both were hurt right badly but not dangerously so. The following account of the occurrence is taken from the New Bern Sun-Journal.

"When they drove their Ford automobile into a shifting Norfolk Southern engine at the National avenue railroad crossing just after 7 o'clock Monday evening, Charles Manson and Prentice Longest, of Beaufort, were painfully though not seriously hurt. They were both taken to St. Luke's hospital, where Tuesday they were reported to be getting along nicely.

Dr. Harvey B. Wadsworth, attending physician, stated Tuesday that both young men seemed to be recovering satisfactorily from their injuries and that apparently there were no serious results. Manson remained unconscious for an hour after the crash but quickly picked up strength afterwards. He received two lacerations on the top of his head. Longest had cuts on the lip and forehead, and lost two teeth. An X-ray examination was to be given Manson Tuesday afternoon at the hospital, to be certain that his injuries were no worse than they seemed.

Norfolk Southern railroad officials declared that the flagman made the proper signal for the slow approach of the engine at the crossing. But the car crashed into the locomotive and was dragged for some distance before the engine could be brought to a hurried stop. The automobile was badly wrecked, but the two occupants escaped miraculously.

Longest is a son of the chief of police at Beaufort. He lost his left arm in an automobile accident during the summer about 20 miles west of New Bern, and remained for some time then in the local hospital.

CARTERET COUNTY TEACHERS MET HERE SATURDAY

The first meeting of the Carteret County unit of the North Carolina Education Association was held in Beaufort Court house Saturday with an almost perfect attendance.

Superintendent J. G. Allen made the opening address and welcomed the new teachers, after which the following officers were elected:

President, Miss Josie Pigott of Newport school.

Vice president, Miss Emily Loftin, Beaufort; Secretary, Miss Myrtle Watson, White Oak School; Treasurer, Mr. J. I. Mason, Morehead City.

A number of extemporaneous talks were made. Mr. Pruitt, principal of Newport, spoke of the School Masters Club. Mr. Joslyn, principal of Morehead City school encouraged singing in the schools in his talk on High School Glee Clubs, and Mr. Eagles, principal of Smyrna school, gave suggestions on the school lunch room.

Mr. Allen discussed Curriculum Construction, and it was agreed upon that "Natural Science" will be the subject used in the group meetings this term.

NEW MINISTER ARRIVES

Reverend Lawrence M. Fenwick, Mrs. Fenwick and their four months old daughter arrived in Beaufort Monday afternoon and Mr. Fenwick will at once assume his duties as rector of St. Paul's church. Mr. Fenwick comes here from Southport where he was rector of the Episcopal church.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

F. Alton Drumwright, Norfolk, Va., and Hazel Mae Skarren, Beaufort.

Edward O. Sutton and Mary Ambrose, Stella.

Johnny Burden and Ruth Smith, Stella.

David Merrill and Ersil Willis, Beaufort, RFD.

Herman Lance and Dollie Slade, Newport.

Alex Murrell and Gertrude Murray, Beaufort, RFD.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Gillikin, November 19th, a son, Ronald.

Five thousand persons are engaged in washing gold by hand in the streams of the province of El Oro, Ecuador.

The index finger usually is longer than the ring finger in women, but in men the ring finger often is longer than the index finger.

that Mr. Lumpkin is covering a lot of territory and making a good impression.

FERA UNITS WILL BE CONSOLIDATED

There Will Be 33 Districts; Carteret Not in Consolidation

According to an announcement made Tuesday by Mrs. Thos. O'Berry State Relief Administrator, a consolidation of the FERA units in North Carolina will take place on December 6th. There are 104 units and these will be converted into 33 districts. Only four counties are not included in the consolidation. They are Carteret, Dare, Mecklenburg and Wake.

It is claimed that by means of the consolidation that \$180,000 a year will be saved for the Government. Branch offices will be maintained in those counties where consolidation is in effect. At present there are 630 case workers in North Carolina and it is expected that this number will be increased sufficiently to make it possible to investigate carefully all applications for relief. Greater efficiency as well as economy is expected from the consolidation.

So far as the News is aware there is to be no change in the personnel of the Carteret county unit of the FERA of which Mrs. Malcom Lewis is director. Quite a large number of people are on the relief rolls in the county. Also employment is being furnished to a considerable number of people in one way or another. Two sewing rooms, one at Beaufort and one at Morehead City, in which about 25 women are working are turning out large quantities of garments that are being given to persons who are too poor to buy such things. Under FERA auspices cafeterias are being run in several of the larger schools in the county where light but nourishing lunches are served free to children who belong to relief families.

In recent weeks a great deal of canned beef and rice has been distributed in this county. Now fresh meat and potatoes will be given to the needy also. A supply of beef, liver and brains has been received and will be distributed.

New Pastor Assigned To Ann Street Church

As a result of appointments made at the North Carolina Methodist Conference held in Washington last week Reverend C. B. Culbreth, who has been pastor of Ann Street Methodist church during the past year has been transferred to the church at Sanford. Reverend C. T. Rogers, who is a native of Carteret county and who has served the church at Williamston for four years, was assigned to the church in Beaufort. Reverend L. C. Larkin former pastor at Sanford has been assigned to Centenary Methodist church in New Bern. Reverend A. J. Hobbs, formerly at Centenary Methodist was sent to Wilson.

The appointments for the New Bern district are as follows:

T. Mc.M. Grant, presiding elder.

Atlantic, W. J. Freeman; Aurora, H. R. Ashmore; Ayden, T. A. Sykes; Beaufort, C. T. Rogers; Dover, E. L. Hill; Fremont, E. R. Shuler.

Goldsboro: St. Paul's, O. W. Dowd; Goldsboro Circuit, M. C. Yearby.

Greenville-Jarvis Memorial, C. R. Combs; Griffon, D. H. Fields; Grimesland, J. C. Harmon; Hookerton, J. G. Phillips; Jones Circuit, J. D. Young.

Kinston: Queen Street, R. E. Brown.

La Grange, L. L. Smith; Morehead City, D. M. Sharpe; New Bern, Centenary, L. C. Larkin; Newport, M. W. Warren; Ocracoke-Portsmouth, W. A. Tew; Oriental, J. C. Humble; Pamlico, J. M. Joliff; Pikeville-Lem Street, Leon Russell; Pink Hill, N. B. Strickland; Riverside-Bridgeton, J. B. Thompson; Seven Springs, R. W. Barfield; Snow Hill, W. L. Maness; Straits-Harlowe, F. B. Brandenburg; Vanceboro, T. E. Davis; Missionary to Africa, J. D. Barden; director suanute fund, T. M. Grant; superannuates: S. A. Nettles, J. M. Wright, R. A. Bruton and Guy Hamilton.

Christmas Shoppers

It is time to get busy. Only twenty shopping days remain until Christmas. Those who buy early usually get the best selections. Read the advertisements in the News and come and look over the stocks which the merchants have to offer. When you buy from local merchants you see what you are getting. You cannot tell much from a mail order catalogue.

MANY TAX CASES ON CIVIL DOCKET

County Will Seek To Get Judgments For Past Due Taxes

A one week's term of Superior Court will convene here Monday. By reason of an exchange arrangement Judge Parker will not be here and Judge F. S. Hill will preside over the sittings of the court. He is from the western part of the State.

Next week's term of court will be for the trial of civil actions only. The distinguishing feature of the docket is the large number of tax cases set for trial. The News understands that some of these cases have been settled and therefore will not be tried. County Attorney Luther Hamilton will appear for the county in these tax suits and will seek to get judgments. Some of the suits are for 1928 and some for 1932 and prior dates. Answers have been filed and indications are that there will be contests in some of the cases.

The cases docketed for the term are the following:

Monday, December 3rd.

No. 129a—Piner Bros. vs. Blythe Bros.

154—Carteret County vs. Wm. C. Garner.

155—Carteret County vs. Harvey T. Piner.

156—Carteret County vs. Thos. B. Lewis.

157—Carteret County vs. Elmer I. Garner.

158—Morehead City vs. U. S. G. Bell.

159—Carteret County vs. U. S. G. Bell.

160—Carteret County vs. T. M. Thomas.

161 Carteret County vs. C. S. Maxwell.

162 Carteret County vs. C. S. Maxwell.

163 Carteret County vs. Hiland Park

164 Carteret County vs. W. H. Garner.

165 Carteret County vs. J. R. Glover

166 Carteret County vs. Wilber Lewis.

167 Carteret County vs. James B. Glover.

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Recorder's Court Had Light Docket Tuesday

For several weeks there has been a sort of lull in business in Recorder's Court. It was that way Tuesday as only two cases were tried.

Howard Rhodes, young Beaufort colored man with a reputation for getting into court, was tried on charges of assaulting Thelma Chadwick and also for hitting his brother Sam with a frying pan.

On the first charge there was no evidence that he actually struck the girl but he admitted hitting his brother who had hit him with his fist. Judge Webb gave Howard nine months in jail to be worked by the Board of Commissioners at the County Home.

Glenn Guthrie of Morehead City, whose case has been hanging fire for several weeks, submitted to a charge of having liquor in his possession. He was arrested by Sheriff Chadwick some time ago near the barbecue stand of "King" Watson with five gallons of liquor. Guthrie said he had reformed and promised to walk the straight and narrow path. He was fined \$10 and costs.

As Superior Court will be in session here next week there will be no session of Recorder's Court until the following week.

OBSERVE THANKSGIVING DAY

In accordance with its custom the News office will be closed today. It will be open Friday as usual. The postoffice, banks and many of the merchants will close also. The indications are that Thanksgiving Day will be observed pretty generally in Beaufort and vicinity.

DRUNKENNESS AND FIGHTING BRINGS SEVEN TO COURT

Seven cases were tried in the Mayor's Court Monday night. Drunkenness and fighting were the charges on which prosecutions were based. The following named were the defendants:

Howard Rhodes, colored, assault on a female and assault with a deadly weapon on his brother Sam Rhodes. Sent to Recorder's Court.

George Johnson, colored, drunkenness and fighting, guilty and sentenced to pay \$15.00 or serve 30 days on the street force.

Spencer Copes, colored, drunk and fighting was convicted and given the option of paying \$15.00 or working 30 days.

James Johnson, colored, for the same offense as the above two was given the same sentence.

John Henry Smith, colored, drunkenness charge, guilty and given either \$5.00 or 10 days.

Wade Goulden, drunkenness, guilty, \$5.00 or 10 days.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Shepard's Point Land Co., to W. W. Freeman, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$75.

Town of Morehead City to Stephen Styron, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$10.

J. F. Duncan, Comm. to J. H. Neal Trustee, part lot Beaufort, for \$8,800.

J. L. Gaskins and wife to Cleveland Gillikin, 3-5 interest 50 acres, Straits, for \$330.

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, Nov. 30	Low Tide
2:30 A. M.		8:57
2:32 P. M.		9:15 P. M.
	Saturday, Dec. 1	
3:29 A. M.		9:52 A. M.
3:32 P. M.		10:01 P. M.
	Sunday, Dec. 2	
4:21 A. M.		10:46 A. M.
4:26 P. M.		10:47 P. M.
	Monday, Dec. 3	
5:10 A. M.		11:38
5:18 P. M.		
	Tuesday, Dec. 4	
5:56 A. M.		11:34 A. M.
6:08 P. M.		12:28 P. M.
	Wednesday, Dec. 5	
6:41 A. M.		12:21 A. M.
6:56 P. M.		1:16 P. M.
	Thursday, Dec. 6	
7:29 A. M.		1:08 A. M.
7:42 P. M.		2:03 P. M.

GOVERNOR URGES TOBACCO SIGN UP BY N. C. FARMERS

While Farmers Are Feeling Good Get Them To Sign Contracts

REFERENDUM IN DECEMBER By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Nov. 26—Another tobacco sign-up to limit tobacco growing for another two years in North Carolina, as well as in other states, is being urged by Governor Ehringhaus, who last week wired J. B. Hutson, chief of the tobacco section of the AAA, urging that the sign-up be conducted at the time of the referendum to be conducted probably the second week in December on the continuation of the Kerr-Smith tobacco control act, effective the past year.

Governor Ehringhaus talked last week with Mr. Hutson and followed up his plea by telegram, telling of the unanimous and insistent approval of control at the Farmville meeting a few weeks ago. He urges that Mr. Hutson not wait for authority from Congress, since the sign up last year was made and the authority given later. Now, while the growers are elated over the success of the first years control results, is the proper time for the sign-up. Governor Ehringhaus urges, saying "we have every thing to win and nothing to lose" by it.

A referendum on the Kerr-Smith act will be conducted not later than Dec. 15, and it is believed that the sign up should be conducted at the same time. Also, the referendum on the Bankhead cotton control act is to be conducted on Friday, December 14, and it is possible that the tobacco referendum will be held at the same time, as there are many counties in which both tobacco and cotton grow.

Forest fire damage in October continued at a low figure in the 44 counties organized for protection. Only 29 fires were reported, burning over 815 acres and causing damage of \$1,699. Damage in September was \$1,289 and in August only \$48 in these organized counties. Only one fire occurred in the two western North Carolina divisions, 22 were in the eastern and southeastern divisions and the remaining six were scattered over the State. Smokers are charged with 14 of the 29.

Prof. E. C. McIntosh, State director of the education division of the ERA, will hold three regional conferences and discussions on types of work, hourly wage rates and other phases of the Federal Aid program in the State. Meetings will begin at 11 o'clock on the following schedule: November 27, East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville; Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory, on December 4, and December 5 at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. All college and university presidents and other faculty members are invited to take part. Prof. McIntosh will speak at the annual convention of the National Association of University and College Business Officers at Pinehurst December 7 on the subject; "The Federal Student Aid Program in North Carolina."

New Highway Project

Fourteen highway projects, involving building of about 50 miles of new roads, four bridges, one underpass, approaches to bridges and underpasses and widening several miles of concrete roads, have been turned over to the Federal Bureau of Public Roads, W. Vance Baise, acting State highway engineer announces. As many of them as are approved in time will be included in the next highway letting, to be held next month, December 11 or 18, probably. The State Highway and Public Works Commission will hold a meeting December 4. The projects are in Edgecombe, Nash, Wilkes, Carteret, Robeson, Granville, Wake, Hoke, Madison, Rockingham (two); Durham, Randolph and Stanly counties.

The Carteret county project, previously announced, is sand asphalt surfacing on Route 101, between the intersection with Route 10 and the Inland Waterway.

Governor Ehringhaus has accepted an invitation to deliver an address at the annual convention of the National Association of Life Insurance Presidents to be held in New York City December 13-14. One governor is invited to address the convention each year. Insurance Commissioner Dan C. Boney, who is expected to be elected president of the National Association of State Insurance Commissioners, following their annual convention in Florida December 4, is also expected to be on the program of the "life presidents" with Governor Ehringhaus, as one of the speakers.