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DEATH PENALTY FIGHT IS AHEAD

Execution of Prisoners Recently Causes New Interest in Capital Punishment

BY M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Dec. 10—Capital punishment in all of its gruesome phases has been under discussion extensively in recent days and is expected to reach the 1935 General Assembly in some fashion, following electrocution of three white men at State's prison last week, and soon after electrocution of three negroes.

Also, Dr. C. A. Peterson, Spruce Pine, Mitchell county legislator, has said he will introduce a bill to provide for lethal gas chamber executions, in place of the present electric chair. A few states have the gas chamber. Some still have hanging on the gallows, while the majority have the electric chair.

Bascom C. Green, 44, his son, Lester Green, 22, and his son-in-law, Robt. E. Black, 26, paid the death penalty last Friday for murder of T. C. Barnes, cashier of a Taylorsville bank about a year ago, when the three men and Mike Stefanoff, foreign born, held up a bank. Stefanoff had previously been electrocuted. A few weeks before three negroes were electrocuted for murder.

These electrocutions and Dr. Peterson's proposal will bring up the whole matter of capital punishment, with the likely suggestion that it be abolished. People generally, except those who come in contact with one of the first degree capital crimes, murder, arson, rape and burglary, apparently think the death penalty should be abolished. When they or members of their family become victims, they become ardent advocates of capital punishment, usually.

People who oppose capital punishment often dub it legalized murder and say it should not be permitted. They forget the crime often, as well as the aim of the law to prevent a person given to murder, or the other crimes, from again preying upon society. But the abolitionists can stir up lots of sentiment.

Metropolitan bond buyers check up closely on the agricultural status of a county or around a city or town which has bonds to sell. One was surprised recently at a statement by Frank Parker, federal crop statistician in the State, that in one county of the State the tobacco crop brought more than \$300 an acre. The agricultural production and prospects are checked closely by bond buyers, both present and prospective, Mr. Parker revealed. This year's tobacco returns are not considered a fair basis for a measurement, it is found.

Delinquents Forced To Pay

Steps were taken during September and October to force delinquent taxpayers numbering 2,452 to pay previously by legal methods started by the new regime in the revenue department. Executions were issued in 1,726 cases and warrants served in 726 instances, officials report. Warrants were issued against 627 who failed to pay Schedule B, or license taxes, 23 were for failure to make sales tax returns and 76 were for bad checks. Of the executions served, 1100 were against professional men, lawyers, doctors, dentists, engineers and others who had failed to pay their license taxes. Often these behind in such taxes will pay up if they realize the State is preparing to take legal steps. In one town, for example, about 100 executions were issued and sent to the field deputy. As instructed, he notified the taxpayers he had orders to serve them the next day. Only three were served, the others paying up.

How to Cook Ducks

Governor Ehringhaus offers a recipe for killing the wild, sometimes fish, odor in wild ducks and wild geese: "Wrap a piece of brick in a cloth and put it in the water in which the wild duck or wild goose is being parboiled." That, says the Governor, will kill the wild taste. Although he has lived all his life near the ocean and where migratory and local wild-fowl are found in abundance, he admitted that he had never been wild duck or wild goose hunting.

The State Board of Education will hold hearings December 17-19 at which textbook publishers' representatives will present the good qualities of the basal textbooks in general science, biology, chemistry and physics, on which the board will receive bids December 20. These books, for use in the high school grades, are to be contracted for to use beginning next fall for five years. Laboratory manuals are to go with the books, as well as geography and physiography books. Supplemental books in health, home economics, woodwork, drafting, printing machines

Open Bids Tuesday For Paving To Bridge

Prospects now seem favorable for the early paving of the section of highway 101 between Beaufort and the canal. Bids will be opened Tuesday in Raleigh at the Highway Commission headquarters on this and other projects.

Sand asphalt is to be the type of paving to be used on 101 according to reports. The distance to be paved is 7.71 miles. The roadway is already nicely graded and bridged. It traverses a good farming section and when paved will be a big help to farmers in moving their crops to the market. It may be that later on the rest of the road to the Craven county line or to the intersection near Havelock with route 10, will be paved.

Among the other 11 street and road projects, for which bids will be opened, are the bituminous surface treatment on 10.82 miles of route 117 from Mount Olive to the Sampson county line; widening of route 40 for 1.08 miles in Rocky Mount; and bituminous surface treatment of 13.18 miles of route 44 from Whitakers to Leggett.

BEAUFORT STREETS TAKE ON A HOLIDAY APPEARANCE

With well decorated show windows and rows of colored lights suspended above the sidewalks Front street in Beaufort presents quite a Christmas like appearance. Christmas trees have arrived already and are being offered for sale.

The children are going to have the pleasure of seeing a real live Santa Claus on the streets here Saturday and also on the following Saturday and on Christmas eve. Indications are that Beaufort will have the best Christmas that it has had in several years. People seem to have more money than they have had in some time and the stores appear to be having a bigger holiday trade.

COLD WAVE WITH SNOW BRINGS TOUCH OF WINTER

The eastern part of North Carolina has been experiencing a touch of real winter recently. In fact according to reports the whole of the Atlantic seaboard from Maine to Florida has had unusually cold weather for December.

Friday night of last week, the cold wave struck this section and some snow fell in Beaufort and surrounding territory. The snow soon disappeared but the cold wave lingered. The coldest here was early Wednesday morning when the thermometer at the U. S. Weather Station recorded a low of 20.5 above zero. Some damage was done to flowers and early truck, as well as to water pipes and car radiators.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Lawrence of Otway, Dec. 6, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Guthrie of Harkers Island, Dec. 1, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Pratt of Beaufort at Morehead City hospital, Dec. 7, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mason of Atlantic, Dec. 12, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Moore of Harkers Island, Dec. 11, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lewis of Marshallberg at Beaufort Hospital Dec. 13, a son.

PARISH DINNER TO BE GIVEN

The vestry of St. Paul's church has sent notices to members of the congregation of a parish dinner to be held December 19 at the American Legion hut. The dinner will begin at 6:30. Bishop Thos. C. Darst will be present on this occasion.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Ruth Bible class will open their sale of fancy articles and candies Saturday morning, December 15, at 10 o'clock in the Beaufort Shoe Shop on Front street. As usual when you help us you are helping others to have a better Christmas.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Eddie Collins and Mary E. Williams, Beaufort.

David G. Lewis, Beaufort and Linda Lawrence, Morehead City.

shop electricity, automobile mechanics, art, jewelry and work books are also to be purchased. These largely will be used from the school libraries and many of them will not have to be bought by the students. High school textbooks now are placed in the same class with the clementry books and will be uniform in all public schools in a few years.

BUSINESS LIVELY IN POLICE COURT

Charged With Drunkenness Defendants Continue Their Spree in City Jail

City Police Court business continues active as was shown by the number of cases set for trial Monday night. It was found necessary to continue several of them. A large crowd of spectators were on hand and seemed to get some entertainment out of the proceedings.

Charlie Smith submitted to the charge of drunkenness and was given the option of paying \$15.00 or working on the streets for 15 days.

Several men were tried on the charge of having raised a disturbance at the Russell House Saturday night. It was alleged that they were drinking in one of the rooms and behaving in a disorderly fashion. They were arrested by Police Officer Holland and ejected with the assistance of night watchman Hayes and C. W. Thomas. Several of the men were taken to the city jail where it was alleged that they got more liquor on Sunday and continued their celebration.

Raymond Springle, one of the above mentioned defendants, plead not guilty to the charge of being drunk and disorderly but was convicted and sentenced to work 10 days on the streets.

Sam Forlaw submitted to the charge of drunk and disorderly and was sentenced to either pay \$15.00 or work 30 days.

Len Merritt also submitted to a drunk and disorderly charge and was given a sentence of 30 days or pay a fine of \$15.00.

W. W. Chadwick plead not guilty to the charge of drunk and disorderly and was acquitted. On the charge of getting drunk in the city jail he was fined \$10, or must work 20 days.

LOCAL JUNIOR ORDER REELECTS B. H. NOE

B. H. Noe was re-elected counselor of the Beaufort council, Junior Order, United American Mechanics, at a well-attended meeting held last Thursday night in the local council rooms. He and the other officers elected to serve with him for the ensuing terms will be installed on Thursday night, January 3.

Other officers named for the next terms follow: C. C. Guthrie, vice counselor; P. B. Beachem, chaplain; Wm. L. Hatsell re-elected recording secretary; C. P. Tyler, re-elected financial secretary; Steve Stanley, outside sentinel; T. Piner, inside sentinel; J. H. Iyer re-elected treasurer; J. D. Biggs, Warden; R. K. Dunn, re-elected warden.

Preceding the election of officers an oyster supper was served to those present which was greatly enjoyed. Mr. E. V. Harris, field secretary of Tarboro and T. O. Moore, district deputy, and H. J. Foscutt, treasurer of the New Bern council were present.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

W. P. Norris and wife to Emily Ann Lancaster, 20 acres W. O. Township, for \$400.

C. S. Weatherington and wife to C. W. Weatherington, 20 acres White Oak township, for \$100.

E. F. C. Metz, Trustee to J. E. Howard and wife, 25 acres Newport township for \$500.

Gurney P Hood Comm. Banks to Junius C. Hardesty, 150 acres Newport Township, for \$1.

Susan Whittington et al to Lee Murdock Jr., 6 acres Morehead township, for \$75.

F. M. Goodwin and wife et als to James W. Willis, 1 lot Beaufort, for \$10.

J. Wray Stewart and wife et als to I. E. Ramsey, 4 tracts Straits Township, for \$1.

C. H. B. Davis to T. C. Gilkin, 10.08 acres, Marshallberg, for \$100.

I. R. Davis et ux al to T. C. Gilkin, 10 acres Marshallberg, for \$10.

Three Gates county farmers bought 16 pure bred Hampshire breeder pigs at Goldsboro from the State farm last week.

AYCOCK BROWN RETURNS AND WILL WRITE SOME FEATURE ARTICLES

To collect data for a book he is writing about the central Carolina coast and to do some other writing, Aycock Brown who at one time was connected with the Beaufort News but who has been living on Ocracoke Island for the past several years, returns here this week for an indefinite period. While here he will conduct an extensive research among old records in search of data for a

GOOD MANY CASES TRIED LAST WEEK

Final Account of Business Transacted in Superior Court Last Week

The News was not able to give a full account of the proceedings of Superior Court last week and is presenting herewith the remainder of the cases disposed of. Judge F. S. Hill of Murphy presided over the court. A large number of tax cases were remanded to the Clerk of the court. The following is the record of business transacted:

D. G. Bell against J. A. Guthrie. Verdict for plaintiff of \$100 for injury to his car, plaintiff to pay the court costs. A notice of appeal was given by the plaintiff.

G. W. Duncan against the town of Beaufort, suit to recover for legal services rendered by the plaintiff. The jury verdict was that he was entitled to recover \$430. It was agreed that the plaintiff owed the town \$472.47. The defendant was taxed with the costs. Plaintiff's attorneys gave notice of appeal.

C. D. Jones Co., against A. J. Cooke. The suit had been referred to a referee and a judgment for \$1477.64 was given the plaintiff.

Sound Chevrolet Co., against Mrs. B. L. Davant. Mistrial.

Atlantic Life Insurance Co., against Mrs. Sarah Jones Dey. By consent it was agreed that upon payment of \$200 by June 1st judgment will be cancelled.

Thos. Tosto against C. Z. Chappell and Matthew Bailey and Mrs. Zelba Tosto against C. Z. Chappell and Matthew Bailey, suit for damages on account of car collision. It was adjudged and agreed that plaintiff should recover \$1000 and each party pay half court costs.

Harry E. Dickinson against Marian E. Dickinson. Divorce granted on grounds of separation for two years. Court adjourned Thursday afternoon.

RELIEF OFFICE WILL CLOSE

This is to notify all interested persons that the Federal Emergency Relief office in Beaufort will be closed from Saturday, December 22nd, until Thursday morning the 27th of December.

MRS. MALCOLM LEWIS, Federal Relief Director. For Carteret County

ESTABLISHES FARM CENSUS OFFICE FOR THIS DISTRICT

Farm census headquarters for the No. 7 Census District of state North Carolina have been established at Room 205 P. O. Building, New Bern, N. C., according to an announcement by Marvin F. Aldridge district census supervisor. This district includes the counties of Sampson, Jones, Carteret, Wayne, Onslow, Craven, Duplin, Pender and Pamlico.

The actual work of taking the census is scheduled to begin January 2, 1935.

William L. Austin, Director, Bureau of the Census, urges all farmers and ranchers who have not received a sample copy of the schedule to procure one at the earliest possible moment so that they may give careful study to the questions and be prepared to give full accurate information when the enumerator calls. Copies may be obtained by writing to your district supervisor.

COMSTOCK FINISHES DREDGING

The U. S. dredge boat Comstock which has been working on the bar here for several months has finished and gone to Charleston, S. C., where she will work. The Comstock's job here was to deepen the channel of Beaufort inlet to 20 feet which was done.

M. S. Arney of Burke County threshed 11,200 pounds of Korean lespedeza seed from 34 acres of an average of about 330 pounds to the acre.

DRIVING CAR WHILE DRUNK GOT ROAD SENTENCE FOR YOUNG MAN

One road sentence was meted out in Recorder's Court Tuesday and several were put under suspended jail sentences. Cecil Guthrie of Morehead City, who said that he is 17 years old but Judge Webb thought he was older, was given the road sentence.

The charge against the young man was that of driving a car while drunk. Another warrant against him charged temporary larceny of a car belonging to Frank Klein of Morehead City. The case was sent on to Superior Court.

Sheriff Chadwick and Police officer Clarence Peletier testified that they chased young Guthrie on the highway between Morehead City and Beaufort and that he was driving fast and wobbly. He ran into the bridge and damaged the car pretty badly. He was arrested near the site of the old Atlantic Hotel and brought to Beaufort and put in jail. Guthrie offered no defense and seemed to be rather sullen and indifferent. He was given six months on the roads.

Brady Gillikin and Milan Gabriel, two young Beaufort men, were tried on the charge of having taken liquor to prisoners in the Beaufort lock-up last Sunday. They attempted to deny the charge at first but two prisoners Len Merritt and Sam Forlaw who helped drink the liquor testified that they did bring it to the jail and the Judge believed their testimony. Gabriel was given a 90 days road sentence to be suspended for two years provided he violates no law. The evidence was that the prisoners gave him a dollar and that he got some liquor for them. Gillikin said he brought some of his own liquor and gave it to them and therefore he was not put under the suspended sentence. The costs were divided between the two.

W. W. Chadwick on a charge of drunkenness and profanity, which he had appealed from the Beaufort Police court, was convicted. He was put under a suspended sentence of 30 days in jail and required to be of good behavior for two years.

Arthur Smith of the Bogue community, who had appealed from a judgment of Magistrate C. Gould was not tried, as the prosecuting witness, Smith's wife was not in court. The case was noll prossed with leave to take up again.

PRIZES OFFERED FOR BEST DECORATED HOMES

In order to sponsor civic and community pride in Beaufort, the Community club and the Young Men's Business club are offering this year \$5.00 in prizes for the most beautiful decorated homes. The homes will be judged on Christmas eve night. The prizes going to the homes having the best general effect from the street either outdoor, porch or indoors.

Judges will be from out of town and winners will be notified on Monday night, December 24 and the prizes \$2.50 from Community club and \$2.50 from Young Men's Business club will be presented then. Let's make Beaufort one of the most attractive towns in eastern North Carolina this year.

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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, Dec. 14	
2:25 a. m.	8:50 a. m.
2:43 p. m.	9:03 p. m.
Saturday, Dec. 15	
3:27 a. m.	9:52 a. m.
3:54 p. m.	9:57 p. m.
Sunday, Dec. 16	
4:39 a. m.	10:53 a. m.
4:58 p. m.	10:50 p. m.
Monday, Dec. 17	
5:34 a. m.	
5:52 p. m.	11:48 p. m.
Tuesday, Dec. 18	
6:24 a. m.	11:42 a. m.
6:40 p. m.	12:42 p. m.
Wednesday, Dec. 19	
7:10 a. m.	12:32 a. m.
7:24 p. m.	1:27 p. m.
Thursday, Dec. 20	
7:53 a. m.	1:18 a. m.
8:05 p. m.	2:00 p. m.

STATE PARK SITES SHOULD BE GIVEN

CCC Workers Are Developing Park Areas in Some States

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

Raleigh, Dec. 10—North Carolina will lose much that would come to the State unless counties, cities, communities or individuals offer sites for State parks while the Federal government is in the mood and has the money for developing such sites. Other states, notably Virginia and South Carolina, have several State park areas that are being developed by CCC camps and this State should take advantage of the opportunity offered, Director R. B. Etheridge, of Conservation and Development, states. The sites must be in the forms of gifts, but the Federal government usually spends much more than the initial cost in their development. Permanent recreational places add to the life of the community and attract visitors, Mr. Etheridge points out. Sites must be acceptable to the National Park Service, must contain 1,500 acres or more and must have some or all of these assets; accessibility, outstanding scenery, recreational advantages, particular historical interest, unusual landscape features, or others.

Officials of the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries were scheduled to meet officials of the Department of Conservation and Development at Lake Mattamuskeet Wednesday to observe fish life and consider plans for establishing a natural pond hatchery on this site. The group will study plans for protecting eggs and young fish and of planting aquatic growth to increase the food supply, if needed, in order to increase each year the number of game fish in the lake.

Hunter's License Sales Good

Hunting licenses this season, up to last week, brought in \$93,049 in revenue or \$23,152 more than the \$69,897 received to a similar date last year, with the belief that because of unfavorable hunting weather around Thanksgiving, the increase will be even larger during the remaining part of the hunting season. Game is reported plentiful this season, due to little hunting in recent years and conservation of stock. Migratory waterfowl are an exception, experts saying that ducks and geese have not bred as successfully during recent years, due to drought conditions in the prairie states and in Canada.

Kitchen M. Barnes, 62, native of Wilson county, who has been secretary and purchasing agent in the Department of Agriculture for 19 years, after a period as teacher, merchant and farmer in Wilson county, died Friday night from an attack of apoplexy in the Agricultural building in the afternoon.

Coordination Favored

One of the first problems tackled by the new head of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, Capus M. Waynick, High Point editor, Guilford senator and director of reemployment in the State, is a closer coordination between the highway and the prison divisions of the department. He has already been holding conferences with Jack Roach, head of the prison division; Sam Smith, auditor, and W. Vance Baise, acting State engineer since the death of John D. Waldrop, to bring about a closer cooperation in these divisions. Prison labor is not permitted on federal aid highway construction, the object being to give employment. But it may be used on all repair work and in providing materials for highway work, and this is to be done to a greater extent. Still another problem is the Wright Memorial bridge from the mainland peninsula to the banks over the sound. Owners declined the State's offer of \$125,000, asking about twice that much. Tentative plans have been started to erect a parallel bridge to cost about \$500,000. Mr. Waynick is "assistant chairman" at a salary of \$5,000 a year. Chairman Jeffress, stricken in the summer, is continued as chairman.

BOY FATALLY WOUNDED WHILE ON HUNTING TRIP

Herman Wethington, 14 year old son of George Wethington of the Stella community, was accidentally killed while in the woods hunting last Saturday. The boy went hunting with some men but was alone when his gun was accidentally discharged and he was fatally wounded. He was taken to the Morehead City hospital and died there Sunday night.