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## INVESTIGATE SPEERS DEATH

### Insurance Companies Trying To Find Out George S. Speers Affairs

The representative of a life insurance company of Hartford Connecticut was in Beaufort Monday making some investigations into the affairs of Geo. S. Speers formerly manager of the Virginia Carolina Farms Company.

As will be remembered by readers of the News Mr. Speers died at his home in Chicago some time in May. His death followed a visit to this county a few days before and was very sudden. There was at the time in the minds of many people suspicion that he had committed suicide. It was known here that Mr. Speers was having considerable difficulty in keeping his project of developing the open grounds afloat. His funds for carrying on the drainage work were practically exhausted and he had been for some time trying to get more money. He was not successful in selling the bonds of the company. These were the facts on which were based the idea of suicide.

On the other hand it was held by some that Mr. Speers did not kill himself intentionally because it was said that he had been offered a half million dollars for the property, which would have then offset all losses.

On his last trip here he was accompanied by a party of capitalists who seemed to be thinking of buying the lands of the company.

The coroner's inquest in Chicago so the News is informed, revealed the fact that he died from nicotine poisoning. This poison was found in his stomach and it is said that a bottle of it was found in his room. It may have been however that he took the poison by mistake for medicine. Mr. Speers' life was insured for \$60,000 and the insurance companies want to be satisfied that he did not kill himself before they pay out the money.

## Women Must Register

Every woman who desires to vote in the November elections must have her name put on the registration books. This of course also applies to all men who have come of age this year. Registration books are required to be kept open twenty days before the closing day which is at sundown on the second Saturday before the election. The same rules as to age, residence and qualifications to read and write. Apply to women as well as men.

## American Legion Convention

The annual convention of the American Legion was held in Wilmington last week and there was a good attendance from all over the State. The Carteret post was represented by Lieutenant E. Walter Hill of Beaufort. A number of matters were considered by the convention one of the most important of which was that of good roads. A resolution was adopted favoring a state wide road system. C. D. Hogue of Wilmington was elected Commander of the North Carolina department of the legion and Hendersonville was chosen as the place for the next convention which will be the 27th of next August.

## Waterless Animals

That there are animals that live without drinking is shown by the gazelle on the island of Sand-ud-Dib, off the coast of Somaliland, where there is no fresh water at all, and where the annual rainfall is less than two and three-quarter inches.

## Politics At Atlantic

A Republican meeting is to be held at Atlantic Friday evening at eight o'clock. This meeting starts the campaign in the eastern part of this county and others will be held right along till election according to plans of the Republican managers. The speakers at the meeting Friday night will be Lieutenant E. Walter Hill and W. G. Mebane of Beaufort. Mr. Hill saw service with the American army in France and will be able to discuss the League of Nations from the standpoint of one who has been there. Mr. Mebane is the editor of the Beaufort News and is the Republican nominee for the State Senate. Republicans, Democrats and independents are invited to the speaking and as women vote this year they are especially invited to be present.

## Commissioners' Meeting

The board of county commissioners held their regular monthly meeting here this week, all the members of the board being present. On account of the pressure of business the board was in session Monday and Tuesday and will meet again next Monday. At the next meeting the matter of the tax levy for this year will be acted upon. Besides the regular routine business a number of road matters were disposed of this week.

A contract was let to Davis and Hancock to build the road and bridges between Davis and Piny Point. This road is a little over two miles and will be the link that connects all the east from Beaufort to Atlantic. The price for building the road was \$4.30 per line a yard and the total cost for road and bridges will be a little over \$27,000. The board also agreed to furnish 5000 bushels of shells for road throughout east Marshallburg.

The surveying and laying out of the road between Marshallburg and Gloucester will be done by the county and citizens of that section will finish it up. The matter of building a bridge across Newport river will be taken up at the next meeting.

## State Guard Encampment

Several companies of the State Guard are in camp this week at Camp Glenn. There are not so many of them there as used to come before the war. Col E D Scott of Graham is in charge of the camp.

## Marriage Licenses

The following couples having permits to wed are:

B. M. Rice and Ellen Styron of Morehead City.

Wm. A. Grove of Crimona, Va. and Ethel Elliott Week, Elizabeth City.

## Mr. Hatsell Appointed

On account of the removal of Superintendent R. L. Barney of the Biological Station here to Freeport, Iowa it was necessary to appoint some one in his place. Mr. Chas. Hatsell of Beaufort has been appointed to fill the vacancy. Mr. Hatsell has been with the station here for many years and is thoroughly familiar with the work. The station here is one of the most important that the Bureau of Fisheries has.

## Vague Description

Little Betty running from a luncheon where some very dainty sandwiches were served said: "Mother dear, will you make some of those nice little sandwiches for me some day without any bark on?"

## SPEAKING HERE TONIGHT

### Judge Robinson Of Goldsboro Will Deliver An Address At The Court House Tonight

Local Republicans have succeeded in making arrangements to have a political speaking here Thursday night at eight o'clock at the court house. Judge W. S. O. B. Robinson of Goldsboro is to make the address. Judge Robinson is a prominent attorney of Goldsboro and is well known throughout the State. He was formerly on the Superior Court bench and is regarded as an able lawyer and a speaker of great ability. On account of the fact that women will be permitted to vote in the coming election in November a special invitation is extended them to come out and hear Judge Robinson. It makes no difference what the political views of either men or women are all alike invited to come out to the speaking Thursday night.

The election this year is generally regarded as one of the most important in the history of the county. New issues are being considered and all who desire to be informed about them should hear the speakers who will discuss them. The League of Nations and the re-valuation of property are the two main subjects that are interesting the people of North Carolina this year.

## Now Is The Time

For fifty cents you can get the Beaufort News sent you for three months. This will take you through the campaign and some time afterwards. Every voter in the county should read the Beaufort News. Subscribe now.

## New Fixtures For Bank Arrive

The new fixtures for the Beaufort Banking and Trust Company's new building arrived Tuesday with the exception of some pieces of marble. As soon as the marble comes the work of installing the fixtures will begin. These fixtures were ordered many months ago but owing to the slowness of the manufactures in making delivery they have just come.

## Jewish New Year

Rosh Hashanah the Jewish New Year begins on Sunday at sundown and lasts till sundown Monday. Some Jews also observe Tuesday as a part of this holiday. In the Jewish calendar next Sunday is the beginning of the year 5681 since the creation of the world. Ten days after Rosh Hashanah comes Yom Kippur the Day of Atonement. S. Yoffie and his family are the only members of the Jewish faith in Beaufort. They will however observe these holidays.

## Had Enough of That Number.

A North Carolina man whose automobile license was numbered 13 sent it back to the secretary of state with a letter saying: "The first day I rode with it, I lost \$15, and the second day I lost 13 inches of skin off my leg. Please send me a safer number." He got it.

## Sultan Who Solicits Washing.

Perhaps one of the most primitive of independent kingdoms is the little island of Johanna, in the Comoro group. The sultan boards any ship that may call there and endeavors to secure the washing for his wives, while the prime minister peddles coconuts and bananas.

## DIDN'T FEAZE THE PROFESSOR

### Snake Expert Got Out of Rather Tight Fix in a Somewhat Clever Manner.

There is a certain professor of natural history who delights in propounding catch questions to his class, and one young fellow, who had been caught by one, determined to get even. At the next class, therefore, he said gravely:

"Professor, you have made a special study of snakes, have you not?"

"Yes, I think I am fairly well informed as to that branch," the professor responded.

"Then, professor, you can undoubtedly inform me on a point which, while doubtless simple, puzzles me. May I ask you a question?"

The professor began to feel uneasy, but there was nothing to reply but "yes."

"Then, sir, what I desire to know is, where does a snake's tail begin?" the young fellow asked gravely.

The professor was silent for a moment, and a titter began to run over the room, which increased to a roar as the professor replied calmly:

"That is quite simple; it begins at the end of the snake which is not the head."

## WILL TUNNEL UNDER STRAIT

### Japanese Authorities Said to Have Decided Upon Engineering Feat of Magnitude.

Several months ago announcement was made that the imperial government railways of Japan intended to build a tunnel under the Shimonoseki strait. This strait separates the main island of the Japanese group, Honshu, from the smaller island of Kiu-shu at the south. It is now crossed by a car ferry, which is rapidly becoming insufficient to meet the demands that are made upon it. Two years are to be spent in studying the geological formation of the sea bed in the strait and in drafting of the general plan of work in preparation for the actual undertaking of tunneling, so that the real work will not commence until 1924. Engineers and workmen will be sent to America and Europe to make a study of what has been achieved in these countries in the way of tunnel engineering. The line is to be seven miles long, one mile of which will be entirely under the sea. The approximate cost of the undertaking will be about \$10,000,000 and the work is expected to be completed in 1928.—Scientific American.

## What's in a Number?

An aero squadron, preparatory to the start for the front, was being initiated again into the mysteries of close-order drill. While most of the men knew every nut, bolt and square inch of canvas on the planes, they were more than busy about the forgotten details of their apprenticeship days in the army.

"Squads right!" bellowed the commanding officer.

The majority of the squadron managed to get there somehow or other, but No. 8, rear rank, fourth squad, was totally lost. He maneuvered aimlessly about the field for a time, trying to find his place, and finally walked into the arms of the captain.

"Here, you, where do you belong? What's your number?"

The buck snapped out of his traces. "No. 294526, sir," he announced.—The Home Sector.

## Small Girl's Criticism.

Little five-year-old Lois had been told not to be in such a hurry when she put away her playthings, to take a little more care and pack them straight. One evening her grandma was taking her home after dark. As they were walking along the street lights were turned on. She looked up and asked: "Grandma, who turned all of those lights on at once?" On being told a man at the electric light plant turned them on, she said: "Well, then, who turns on all the lights in the sky?" Grandma told her God did that. Noticing that the new moon was tilted at a different angle from what she had noticed before, she said rather disgustedly: "Well, I wish God would take just a little more time when he turns on the lights and turn that moon on."

## Simple Beauty Rule.

Women should take five minutes a day from work and lie flat on the back, all muscles relaxed, with eyes closed. It will be found a wonderful preserver of health, beauty and strength, according to the advice of a health expert.

## Hamlet's Advantage.

"The play's the thing" exclaimed Hamlet. Then he added aside: "Fortunately the cinema has not been invented as the king cannot forsake my sword to go to the movies."

## TWO DOLLARS FOR WIFE

### Curious Paper Found Among Court House Records Here

The public records in this county as in many of the old counties of the State often contain matters that are curious and interesting. An instance of this sort occurred last week. B. M. Potter a civil engineer of New Bern while looking through the records here ran across an old document that was quite remarkable in its way. The paper which is more than a hundred years ago discloses the fact that one Abner Willis sold his wife for the sum of two dollars. This was perhaps an unusual price for a wife even in those days, it certainly would not do now in these high cost of living times. The paper referred to which is on file in the clerk's office at the court-house reads as follows:

"This indenture made this 14th day of December Eighteen hundred and Fourteen between Abner Willis of the State of North Carolina and County of Carteret the one part and William W. Oliver of the other part

## Witnesseth

That I Abner Willis have bargained sold and delivered unto Wm. W. Oliver one certain white woman by the name Marce which is or was formally my wife for the sum of two dollars, the Receipt I hereby acknowledge myself satisfied. In witness hereof I place my hand and seal the day and year first written

Abner Willis This mark Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us Benj. Lecraft

Eight years later the paper was probated by G. Rumley Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions.

## Another Bear Killed

Hog killing bears seem to be faring rather badly in Carteret county this year. The News last week told of the killing of one of the animals and a report has been received of the death of another one a short time ago. The last bear was killed near Williston by E. D. Lynch of that place. Mr. Lynch was awakened about midnight by the terrified squealing of one of his hogs and guessing at once what was the trouble he seized his gun and made for the hog pen. He found on arriving there that a bear had one of his hogs and was just about to throw him over the fence. Aiming at the bear's body he pulled the trigger and dropped him dead in his tracks. The animal was quite a large one. His feet were nine inches long and he weighed 400 pounds.

## Valuable to Science.

The telescope gives enlarged views of distant objects, the microscope shows only what is almost in contact with its lens, and by giving a means of making intermediate observations the modifications of the Davon microscope have proved a boon to the naturalist. With great depth of focus and a large field of view, the short focus type, for example, has a working distance of 10 to 18 inches, and magnifies 15 to 35 diameters. An adjustable rubber-tipped rod serves as a rest to support the instrument at the desired height for studying such objects as insects, plants and rocks.

## The "Porcelain Tower."

That was an octagonal structure with variegated porcelain from which bells and lamps were hung. This was destroyed by the Taipings in 1852, but lives in history as one of the seven wonders of the middle ages.

## School Opening

The Beaufort Graded School will open Monday, September 20, 8:30 A. M. It is hoped that every child will enroll the first day so that all may begin work together. According to the Compulsory Attendance law every child from 8 to 14 years inclusive, should enroll on the first day and attend school so long as it is in session in this district where he lives. In addition to the regular course of work the school will maintain a music department and commercial department. There will be no charge for the instruction in the commercial work, but a minimum rental fee will be charged those taking this course for the use of typewriters. We can take only a limited number this work at present because of the lack of equipment.

The public, and especially the patrons, are invited to attend the opening exercises, and get acquainted with the new teachers.

G. H. Ferguson, Supt.

## Real Estate Transfers

The following are real estate transactions recently recorded: E S Vought and wife reparation right in lot no. 4 Beaufort Heights to G W Duncan con \$10 & C S and Odell Willis to J E Buck house and lot no 6 in square 109 Morehead con \$100 & Mrs. Rena Bullock and husband to Melvin Robinson 1 acre in Hunting Quarter township con \$200.

Alex Murdock and others to M C Tolson 9-10 acre Morehead con \$5

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Angelina Willis to Jos. Willis tract on Harker's Island \$1c M C Parker and wife to S F Brinson and W N Dennis 1 acre con \$10

F F Garner and wife to F F Garner lot in Newport con \$1400

Stephen F. Willis to Fulford Willis 8 acres in Hunting Quarter township con \$100

H C Podrie to Chas Swindell lot corner Board and Craven sts, con \$10 &c

Jas B Morton and wife to Geo A Woods lots 1-2-14-15-16 in square 115 Morehead City con \$1000

Jas Eldred and wife to Geo A lot 12 in square 139 Morehead con \$600

W M Webb and wife to Geo A Woods lots 3-5-11-13 square 115 Morehead con \$1 &c

A D Harris and wife to Geo A Woods house and lot no 4 in square 115 Morehead City con \$1350

Melford Eldred and wife to Geo A Woods lot no 11 in square Morehead City con \$750

## Meteors.

Observations made simultaneously from stations far apart have proved that the average meteor when first seen is about eighty miles above the surface of the earth, and disappears from view at thirty miles. In other words, it travels fifty miles before the atmospheric friction burns it up. This friction, it is reckoned, raises it to a temperature of something like 3,000,000 degrees, so that, unless of large size, it has no chance to reach our planet.

## Tit for Tat.

The late Archbishop Benson was had to face criticism of the clergy as a body. It was urged that the bishops ought to see that better candidates were brought to them for ordination. Benson, with good humor, replied: "Well you see we bishops had our selves in a difficult position, as we have only 11-12 bishps to choose from."—London Morning Post.