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SHIP EQUIPMENT LEFT TO RUIN

Witness Testifies That Valuable Machinery Was Left Out in the Weather

NEW YORK, NOV. 16.—Machinery and shipbuilding equipment, valued at millions of dollars, was left out in the open to deteriorate in value months after plants were closed down with the ending of the war, Paul H. MacNeil, a former resident engineer of the shipping board in the south atlantic district, testified today before the Walsh committee, investigating shipping board affairs.

MacNeil said he was stationed at Savannah and had five yards under his supervision, his immediate chief being R. H. Dillingham at Jacksonville, the district plant engineer. Just what his own authority was he did not know, he testified, but he said he "assumed a great deal in the endeavor to straighten out tangles."

He said the yards were well organized, "better perhaps than were the emergency fleet forces, for they generally could get the better of the government organization." He brought into his testimony the name of the Terry shipyards and the National Shipbuilding company, and a marine railway organization, over which he had supervision. He said that the Terry people had a trust loan from the fleet corporation to be used in ship construction, and that over his protest money in this fund was used to finance a subsidiary organization engaged in dry dock work, when their contracts were only about one third complete. Through his efforts \$116,000 of this fund was held up, but he added that he ascertained that part of the money was again diverted.

Speaking of the National Shipbuilding company, the witness said that they had shut down previous to his arrival on the scene.

"I found nothing had been done to take care of the properties and valuable machinery was left uncovered to the weather," he said. On his own responsibility he took steps to save as much of it as was possible. He inventoried the properties as to quantity and percentage of depreciation but not as to value. His "guess" at its value was between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000. He also asserted that in the auditing of the affairs of the plant 101 numbered vouchers could not be accounted for.

Another point he made was that equipment, ordered previous to the closing of the plant, was still coming to the yard. He tried to have it stopped and suggested it was new and could be returned to the vendors by payment of the freight only.

"They told me to keep my hands off and let the machinery come," MacNeil declared.

The Terry yard, he testified, had a complete equipment and contracts for several tankers and composite ships, none of which was completed. He valued the equipment of this yard at about \$1,500,000 and added that while there was sufficient lumber at hand to build sheds to protect the exposed machinery, it was not done. The marine railway, he testified, was built on land owned by a private individual, who had an agreement for rental of his property, with no specified amount named. The railway was built with emergency fleet funds amounting to about \$100,000 with an additional \$12,000 worth of filling supplies by the government for another operation. This property, he said, was in controversy and it was his opinion that under the laws of Georgia it was "owned by the man who had title to the land." The rental asked, he understood, amounted to about ten times the appraised value of the plant.

BLOCKADE STILL FOUND.

On Monday morning Prohibition Agents J. A. Hutchins and A. P. Cates and Sheriff T. M. Thomas, Jr., went into the country on a still hunt. About four miles from Beaufort on the North River road 75 yards from the road in some woods they found a distilling plant. The still which was one of 40 gallon capacity had evidently been used a few weeks ago. It was brought to town and destroyed.

U. D. C. MEETING

The next regular monthly meeting of the Ft. Macon Chapter of U. D. C., will be held at the home of Mrs. L. E. Greenleaf on Friday, November 19th, at 3:30 P. M. Each member is urged to be present.

Mrs. Guy D. Potter, Sr.,
Rec. Secretary.

COTTON CROP IS SHORT.

The tabulated cotton report shows there were 440 bales of cotton ginned in Carteret county from the crop of 1920, prior to November 1, 1920, as compared with 1,492 bales ginned to November 1, 1919.

W. Z. McCABE, Agt.
Wildwood, Nov. 15.

A COMING ENTERTAINMENT

A play entitled "The Womanless Marriage" is to be given by local talent in the Court House on Friday night, December 3rd. The entertainment is given under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers' Association, the proceeds of which are to be used for building walks on the Graded School grounds. A full program will be printed in the News next week.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Not many real estate transactions have been recorded lately by the Register of Deeds. They were as follows:

J. C. Mason and wife to Rumley Hardy 57 acres in Merrimon township, consideration \$1,400.

Jas. M. Kerman to Mary F. Kerman 5 acres in Smyrna township, consideration \$10.

Geraldine Oaksmith Waddington for Oaksmith heirs to Harold E. Wilh's tract in Morehead township, consideration \$1 &c.

Walter L. Hancock to Jos. Dixon lots 12 and 13 in square 4, Morehead City, consideration \$2,700.

S. P. Hancock and wife and Geo. Huntley and wife to S. C. Campen 4 tracts of land 256 3-4 acres and buildings in Beaufort township, consideration \$35,000.

NORTH RIVER ITEMS.

Mrs. Sallie Carawan, of Vandemere, spent last week with her sister Mrs. H. Hunnings.

Miss Susan Guthrie, of Morehead City, was the guest of Mrs. W. D. Arthur Tuesday.

Miss Kathleen Styron spent the week-end in Morehead City and New Bern.

Friends of Mr. Chas. Mason are glad to know that he is at work after being very sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hill spent Sunday at Marshallburg and Davis.

Mr. George Collins, of Wildwood, spent the week-end here with his wife.

Mrs. Mary Nelson, who has been spending a few weeks in Beaufort, has returned home.

Mrs. Ed Skarrens, of Beaufort spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother Mrs. Peterson.

Messrs. Conbent Norris, Leland Morton, Alonza Foreman, and Henry Dudley, of Wiregrass and Cone Creek, were visitors here Sunday night.

Mrs. Sophia Hoover spent Saturday in Beaufort.

Misses Lillian Piner and Thelma Wade spent Saturday evening in Beaufort.

There will be a basket party at Lower North Diver school house Friday night, November 26th. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

KING DAVID MAKES ASSIGNMENT.

David T. Congleton sometimes known as "King David" who has been running a general merchandise store on Turner street near the Graded School has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. Graham W. Duncan has been named as Trustee. The assets of the assignee consisting mainly of a stock of goods, are estimated to be worth about \$2000. His liabilities are estimated to be between a thousand, and twelve hundred dollars.

Elsewhere in this paper a sale of the merchandise is advertised to take place on Saturday the 27th. of this month.

CATCH DRUM AND GET IN TROUBLE

Portsmouth Fishermen Charged with Violation State's Fishing Laws.

Instead of gaining for themselves a good sized sum of money for a big haul of red drum last week for the crew of the fat back schooner "Captain" the members of the said crew find themselves in the toils of the law.

The Captain is one of the fleet of the Wallace Fisheries, of Morehead City and works for the branch factory at Portsmouth. She is commanded by Captain Charles Foster and carries a crew of sixteen men. This boat, like the others that are engaged in fishing for menhaden, uses a large purse seine. Boats that use seines of this sort must have a special license to catch food fish and it seems that the Captain had no license to take drum, although the boat did have a license to catch mullets, blue fish and mackerel.

One day last week the crew of the Captain sighted a large school of drum, or channel bass as they are sometimes called. Fatbacks being somewhat scarce it was decided by Captain Foster that he might as well make a haul or two for the drum, probably not thinking that to do so was a violation of the State's fishing laws. Some 20,000 pounds of the fish were caught and taken to New Bern where they were sold for low prices, bringing only \$398.20 for the entire lot.

Stat Fish Commissioner, John A. Nelson, read in the newspapers of the whole transaction and so he at once got busy. He went to New Bern to get evidence of the sale and then had the boat seized and warrants taken out for Captain Foster and his crew. The matter was settled later with the owners of the boat by their paying over the entire amount received for the fish. The crew of the Captain were bound over to Superior court and will have to account to that tribunal.

As a food fish drum are not very highly regarded around here and there is not much demand for them on the local market. The smaller ones or "puppy drums" as they are called are fairly good when baked properly. The larger ones are somewhat coarse and are not eaten fresh unless fish are pretty scarce. When salted and dried they make very good eating.

The red drum is taken either in nets or with hook and line. Owing to its strength and gameness it is very popular with anglers, some of whom spend many hours fishing for them. In the Fall these fish assemble in large schools and are found anywhere along the Atlantic coast, but are most plentiful in the South Atlantic. More are caught by Carteret county fishermen than by any others. They are known to fishermen as "puppy drums," "yearlings," "two-year-olds" and "old drums." In weight they run from a few pounds up as large as 75 pounds. Some very large ones have been caught at times in Beaufort inlet.

BUILDING AND LOAN MEETING.

A meeting of the directors of the Beaufort Building and Loan Association was held in the new offices of Secretary G. W. Duncan last night. The secretary's report was heard and other matters given attention.

The association is now in a very flourishing condition having about \$25,000 loaned out and new members constantly coming in. The next series of stock, which will be the fifth, will be issued in February.

MR. ABERNETHY RECOVERS FROM NERVOUS BREAKDOWN

NEW BERN, NOV. 11.—Friends of Charles L. Abernethy, a well known New Bern lawyer, who has in the past few years been a candidate for Congress in this district, and who has recently been in the north undergoing treatment for a nervous breakdown, will be glad to learn that he has returned home completely recovered. It is understood that Mr. Abernethy will continue the practice of law.

SCHOOLS OPEN PUPILS MUST GO

Children of School Age Must Attend Or Be Reported To Attendance Officer

According to the laws of the State of North Carolina children between eight and fourteen years of age are required to attend school provided a school in their locality is open. This law applies to the children in both country and towns. Many of the schools in Carteret county are now open and the children are expected to attend them.

Superintendent of Welfare for Carteret county, A. H. Outlaw, sends the News a statement in regard to this matter which is published herewith.

"Many of the public schools of Carteret county are now opened and the teachers are making reports to the attendance officer of the unlawful absences. If a special attendance officer is appointed in any town or community he makes reports to the Chief Attendance officer who is the County Supt. of Public Welfare, however, a special attendance officer has a right to prosecute for non-attendance of school.

"Our present system of reporting makes it impossible for a child to be absent from school unlawfully and the attendance officer not finding it out. All children between the ages of eight and fourteen are required by law to attend school so long as school in his or her locality may be in session.

"This is one of the best laws ever made in North Carolina. That is the way North Carolina does things. If a man through carelessness and indifference does not care to send his child to school then the attendance officer says he shall go and the great state is behind it therefore, negligence, indifference of parents along this line truancy, etc., will not in the least sense be tolerated.

"The Compulsory Attendance Law with the hearty co-operation of the County Superintendent of Public Welfare, and the public school teachers, is designed to do a great deal of good today in keeping the children in school, hence, out of the streets and immoral places and in the coming years a better developed mind. And it is the sincere desire of the County Superintendent of Public Welfare that the general public will say unitedly 'let us have better school attendance.'"

A. H. OUTLAW,
Supt. of Public Welfare.

HER 18TH ANNIVERSARY.

An event of great interest was that which took place on Friday evening, November 12th, at 9:00 o'clock when friends of Mrs. C. S. Maxwell learned that she was again the same bride of eighteen years ago and fully awakened her of the fact when they poured in on her from all corners, showering her with gifts and all good wishes for this happy day. "Her 18th Anniversary." Such a complete surprise it was too, one wondered if the little bride would try to make her escape or what would happen. She soon realized the complete web she had been caught in and came forward to be wished again, and again, many happy returns of this day.

A pleasant evening was spent together with friends, a father, mother and loving husband. Some entered into games, others chatted. Many lovely gifts were received, one which deserves mention, a little "Link of Love" presented by Mr. B. A. Bell, all adorned with flowers and carried in a very beautiful vase.

Later in the evening delightful refreshments were served which had been so thoughtfully planned and prepared by the good and devoted neighbor, Mrs. Edward Potter, after which all said good-night and went home.

PARENT - TEACHERS MEETING.

There will be a meeting Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock of the Parent-Teachers' Association at the Graded School building. There are several matters to come before the meeting at this time and a full attendance is desired.

RED CROSS SERVICES.

There will be a special service at the Baptist Church next Sunday night at 7 o'clock, in the interest of the Red Cross Roll Call.

There will be a sermon by the Reverend Mr. Day, appropriate to the occasion and all persons are invited and urged to come.

SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S.

There will be services at St. Paul's Church, Sunday, November 21st, at 11 in the morning and 7 in the evening. In the absence of the Rector, services will be conducted by Mr. J. M. Lord, a layman of Wilmington, N. C. Mr. Lord is an interesting speaker and it is hoped that there will be a good attendance.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Assistant Register of Deeds, J. R. Jinnett, has issued permits to wed to the following couples:

Jas. Coppedge, Greensboro, and Ethel Weeks, Beaufort.

Geo. R. Willis and Mary Bloodgood, Morehead City.

R. F. Lawrence, Otway, and Lena Lewis, Bettie.

Seymour G. Davis, Williston, and Fannie E. Gillikin, Otway.

ADOPTION CASE HEARD.

An adoption case was heard before Superior Court Clerk K. J. Respass yesterday. Miss Aire Peterson through her counsel C. R. Wheatley, applied for authority to adopt Lucille Hill the two and a half year old child of John and Della Hill, deceased. Miss Peterson is the aunt of the little girl and has had entire charge of her since she was about two and a half months old. The child's grandfather, J. R. Hill opposes the adoption and his attorney, M. Leslie Davis, asked the court to hold the matter in abeyance until next Wednesday in order that further evidence might be offered. The Court consented to the continuance of the case.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

At a meeting of the directors of the Bank of Beaufort held on November the 9th, resolutions of respect to the memory of E. C. Duncan a former stockholder and director were adopted. Mr. Duncan was for many years connected with the bank and always deeply interested in its success. The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas the all-wise Father has seen fit to take from us our beloved friend and esteemed director, Mr. E. C. Duncan, and whereas we deeply feel the loss of his presence and sincere personality, and whereas we highly respected him living and honor his memory therefore be it

Resolved, by the Board of Directors of The Bank of Beaufort, First; that we bow in humble submission to the Divine will that has seen fit to call from among us our beloved member.

Second; that we deeply feel the loss to our institution of so courageous and honorable an officer whose learning and talents have ever rendered him a source of strength and pride to his office and whose untiring energy has meant so much to the institution which he served.

Third; that we individually suffer the loss of a loved and loving friend whose heart seemed to have no limitations to its love for his fellow man.

Fourth; that our sympathies go out in sincerity to the bereaved ones who have lost in him a devoted husband, a loving father and a true brother.

Fifth; that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy published in the local paper and a copy spread upon the minute-book of the Bank of Beaufort.

JNO. FORLAW,
G. W. HUNTLEY,
J. A. HORNADAY, JR.,
Committee.

Rev. G. W. Lay left Sunday afternoon for Louisville, Ky., to attend the Provincial Synod of the Episcopal church. He will be out of town for ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Desiron, of Morehead City, spent Wednesday here on business.

BAD WEATHER BOTHERS SHIPS

Vessels Seek Refuge in Lookout Harbor and Fish Boats Are Tied Up.

The bad weather that has prevailed for several days has forced fishing boats to lay up at their wharves and has driven a number of vessels to seek the friendly shelter of Cape Lookout harbor. Strong northeast winds for a day or so followed by a southeast gale and that by stiff westerly winds have kept the ocean in a turmoil and every vessel that could find a safe anchorage has lost no time in getting to it.

A message was received here Sunday that the steamer Makanda was disabled and in a helpless condition southwest of Cape Lookout and vessels were asked to keep a close watch for her. The sea planes were reported to be going out in quest of the crippled ship if weather conditions would permit them to do so. Tuesday the news was received here that some steamer had found the Makanda and was towing her into port.

The tug W. B. Keene came into Lookout harbor Sunday towing a barge loaded with mahogany and bound for New York. She is still there as is also the Moositauga towing a ship bound for New York and the Cadamus towing a barge to Charleston. The latter barge is loaded with cargo of many thousands of rifles belonging to the U. S. Government.

Captain New Lewis left here a week ago with the W. B. Lewis in quest of fat backs. The boat rounded Cape Hatteras and caught some fish and was getting ready to return when the storm began. The blades then took refuge in Oregon inlet and has been lying there ever since hoping to be able to get away. Owing to the unfavorable weather very little fishing has been done recently and the market here is getting pretty bare of both fish and oysters.

GOSOLINE REDUCED

In announcing a reduction in tank wagon prices of one cent a gallon for gasoline, effective Monday Nov. 15th, the Standard Oil Company (N. J.) made the following statement:

While there has been no material relief from any of the conditions which brought about the rise in the price of petroleum products, the Standard Oil Company (N. J.) believes that the process of readjustment now under way in the business world must eventually contribute to lower cost of producing and refining oil. To date there has been no lowering of labor costs nor crude oil prices, nor recession in the demand for gasoline. Reductions that have already taken place in many of the principal items entering into the cost of living have for the most part not reached the ultimate consumer, but it is inevitable that before long lower prices will be brought about by new quotations now prevailing in primary markets. The Standard Oil Company (N. J.) believes that this movement towards a restoration of what are popularly considered normal prices should be aided by the oil industry.

A Long Face.

(Stanley News-Herald.)
A leading Albemarle Democrat was seen on the streets the other day with a week's growth of whiskers on his face. He was asked the question by a friend "Why do you not get a shave?" "Well," he answered, "I went into Plyler's barber shop the day after Stanley went Republican to get a shave, but the barber said my face was so long that he would have to charge me double price, so I left with my whiskers on."

Messrs. Hubert Reimeis, G. F. Smith and Frank R. Clay, of Brooklyn, New York, spent several days here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Heard, of Boston, arrived in the harbor here last week in their yacht the Mamma and will be here for some weeks.