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A Sure Enough Port To Be Created Here

Beaufort Inlet To Be Deepened. Work To Start Soon. This Section To Be Terminal of Steamship Lines. May Reduce Freight Rates

Beaufort and Morehead City people, and in fact many others, were very much elated last week when they read in the Raleigh News and Observer's Washington correspondence that the water on Beaufort bar is to be deepened. This work to be done to permit vessels drawing 20 feet of water to come into the harbor. Later if the traffic demands it the channel will be made deeper.

The article referred to has not been seen by all of the readers of the News; therefore it is reprinted here-with:

Washington, Dec. 9.—Wit h the order today of General Edgar Jadwin, United States Chief of Engineers, for dredging Beaufort Inlet to a minimum low water depth of 20 feet, a ship line from Philadelphia to Morehead City and Beaufort to begin operations early in 1927 was practically assured.

Congressman Charles L. Abernethy presented the boat matter line to General Jadwin today following overtures which the Third District Representative has received from the Oriental Navigation Company, the Penn-Piedmont Steamship Company, of New York, the Dyson Shipping Company, New York, and the Inter-Ocean Steamship Corporation, of Philadelphia, and representatives of these lines and J. F. Dalton, General Freight Agent of the Norfolk Southern Railroad, were here for the conference with General Jadwin.

The new boat line will be inaugurated. Congressman Abernethy said tonight, just as soon as the dredging is finished and the Morehead City and Beaufort terminals are completed. In the latter enterprise, the Congressman expressed the opinion that the shipping interests would have the hearty cooperation of the Norfolk Southern Railroad.

Effect Upon Rates.
It is the plan of the promoters of the boat line to put into operation two one-thousand ton oil burning boats to ply between the Quaker City and Morehead City and Beaufort. No immediate effect in the lowering of rail rates is anticipated, but as the line grows in popularity, it is expected that the all water rates will be afforded to Eastern Carolina shippers and manufacturers.

Accompanying Congressman Abernethy to General Jadwin's office today were W. L. Thornton, Jr., Secretary and traffic manager, and A. W. House, president of the Eastern Carolina Wholesale Dealers' and Manufacturers' Association; H. D. Mercer, vice-president of the Dyson Shipping Company, J. F. Shumacher, president of the Inter-Ocean Steamship Company, R. A. Nichol, vice-president of the Penn-Piedmont Steamship Company and J. F. Dalton, general freight agent of the Norfolk Southern Railroad.

Morehead's Future.
It is the opinion of Messrs. House and Thornton that the inauguration of the Philadelphia-Morehead City-Beaufort line is but the first step in the development of Morehead City as North Carolina's foremost seaport town. The pending project, which calls for a depth of 30 feet, will be held in abeyance until the results of the 20-foot project ordered today are determined. Dredging is to begin immediately. General Jadwin said.

The present depth of Beaufort Inlet is 14 feet.

City Board Borrows Money

While Taxes Are Collected

A meeting of the board of commissioners of the town of Beaufort was held last Thursday to attend to some special business. The principal matter was that of borrowing some money to run the town while the new taxes are being collected. Those present at the meeting were Mayor Thomas and Commissioners Maxwell, Noe and Smith.

The board passed a motion authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to borrow \$10,000, one half on 30 days time and one half on sixty days. Mr. Floyd Loftin came before the board and asked that Hancock street from Ann to Broad street be opened up. A motion was passed to

BAPTIST CHURCH SERVICE.

The Reverend H. K. Williams of McColl, S. C. will arrive in Beaufort Saturday and will preach at the Baptist church Sunday morning and Sunday evening at the usual hour for services. The public, as well as members of the church, is cordially invited to attend.

BEAUFORT NEEDS A COUNTRY CLUB

So Says Beaufort Man Who Thinks Time Ripe Now For Taking Action

One of Beaufort's leading citizens suggested to the News the other day that this up and coming town ought to have a country club. He says that no resort is considered complete nowadays unless it has a club in the country where people may go to play golf and indulge in other forms of recreation. It is a fact that all of the larger cities in the State have their country clubs and many of the smaller towns have golf courses.

Of course the chief attraction in this section is, and always will be, the ocean. At the same time people desire other forms of amusement than surf bathing and fishing. This is particularly true in winter. Golf is an outdoor sport that can be played in this section all the year round. It is getting to be more and more popular all the time and a golf course is considered a necessary adjunct of all resort towns. Florida is full of them. The gentleman referred to above says Beaufort can and will become a large resort town and that it ought to provide a country club for the entertainment of its visitors as well as the local people who might desire to join. He suggested that a good club here might get members from Morehead City, New Bern and possibly other towns. At any rate he hopes that people here will consider the matter seriously and take some action. It is suggested that there are several pretty sites on the North River road and also on the New Bern road that might be obtained at a reasonable cost. The News has been asked to give the matter this publicity and is doing so with pleasure.

BEAUFORT BOY PARTICIPATES IN INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATE

Chapel Hill, Dec. 9.—Carolina won the decision here tonight in a debate between George Washington University and North Carolina.

The query was: Resolved, That the Volstead act should be modified as to permit the use of light wines and beer.

Carolina represented the affirmative and George Washington the negative. Carolina's speakers were L. B. Kennett and R. W. Noe, while George Washington was represented by Edward Gallagher and J. H. Vesey.

The debate was held under open forum rules.

Messrs. W. B. Duncan, Gordon Smith and E. L. Warren of Raleigh were guests of the Davis House Sunday night. They were on the way to Stacy on a hunting trip.

MANY CONTRACTORS BID ON SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Perhaps the largest number of contractors ever in Beaufort at one time were here today to bid on the new school buildings for white and colored pupils. The board of trustees met at the Beaufort school building at 2 o'clock for the purpose of opening the bids and were engaged for several hours considering them. The lowest bid for the large building was that of J. W. Jones and Co. \$83,700 and that for the smaller building was made by the Davis Construction Company which was \$23,800. The plumbing and heating were not included in these bids and separate bids were made on these items. The News will not be able to give full details of the letting in this issue and will do so next week.

FOURTEEN GIRLS CLUBS IN COUNTY

Home Demonstration Agent Makes Report of Work Done in The County

Since I came into Carteret County on July 1st, 1926, fourteen girls' clubs with a total membership of two hundred and forty, and eight women's clubs with a membership of one hundred and forty-seven have been organized. Seventeen different communities are being reached in this way. White Oak, Harker's Island, Atlantic and Wire Grass have both the girl's and women's club. Smyrna, Williston, Merrimon and Core Creek have only the women's club. Upper North River, Russell's Creek, Otway, Straits, Marshallberg, Davis, Stacy and Sea Level have only the Girl's club. With Monday mornings and Saturday mornings for office hours there are four and one half days for field work each week. This makes a total of eighteen days for field work each month. With a total of twenty two clubs, more than one meeting per day must be arranged in order to meet all the clubs once a month.

The month of July was devoted to traveling over the county to learn the roads, and to meet the people and to find the centers in which Home Demonstration work might be established. August and September were devoted to food preservation in the homes of individuals with a view to organization of Demonstration Clubs for the several communities in which work was done. In the meantime, several clubs were organized for the women.

With the opening of the 8 months school term, clubs were organized for the girl's as quickly as was possible to reach the different schools October and November were devoted to Demonstration for the clubs organization.

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CITIZENS ARE TRYING TO SAVE KNITTING MILL

A meeting authorized by the board of town commissioners was held last night in the county court room. Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order and asked Mr. C. R. Wheatly to explain its object. About twenty-five persons were present.

The purpose of the meeting as stated by Mr. Wheatly was to consider the matter of reviving the knitting mill here which has been shut down for several months. He stated that the owners of the property, who are Kinston people, had offered to sell it for \$32,500. By making certain improvements he said the mill could furnish employment to about 150 people and would be a very valuable asset to the town.

Mr. S. D. Ford who was present was called on and told some thing about the operation of the mill and stated that it had been appraised at \$58,000. He said the mill could be operated at a profit. A good many questions were asked and there was some general discussion. The opinion was expressed by several persons that considerable stock could be sold and the statement was made that \$10,000 worth had already been pledged. The result of the discussion was that the committee appointed recently by the Mayor will go to Durham and Burlington for the purpose of conferring with knitting mill people there and perhaps later another mass meeting will be called to take final action on the matter.

CHILD WANDERERS REACH BEAUFORT

Insane Man And Two Children Picked Up Near Mansfield

Carteret county received a somewhat unusual Christmas present a few days ago when two children and their father were left on its doorstep. Sherman Geren who is ten or twelve years of age and his little sister Mabel about six or seven years old and their insane father were taken in charge last Friday by Sheriff T. C. Wade and Mrs. F. C. Salisbury. They were found in a hay stack by the side of a hog pen near Mansfield. The man was put in the Morehead City calaboose and the children were brought to Beaufort. They were all dirty ragged and hungry. County Auditor Stencil and Deputy Sheriff Chaplain looked after the children's needs and since then they have been staying at Mr. Stencil's home.

The Geren children are bright and healthy looking youngsters despite the hardships they have undergone. They are able to give a pretty good account of their experiences since they left Independence Kansas last March. They have wandered through many states from Kansas to Texas and thence to North Carolina. Their mother is dead and their father who was an unsuccessful tenant farmer became despondent and decided to hunt new fields. They started out with a wagon, a couple of old horses and a brother about fourteen years of age. The horse died on the way and the older boy disappeared somewhere in Texas. They had many experiences, were arrested and locked up sometimes and helped at other times. When they could get food they ate and when they couldn't get any they went hungry. The boy says he managed a number of times to kill a rabbit with a sling shot and on such occasions they had quite a feast.

At this writing the future of the Geren is somewhat uncertain. A telegram from the Salvation army in Independence received by Mrs. Salisbury says the man is crazy and that they should be returned to Kansas. Efforts are being made now to do something for the unfortunate wanderers.

LONG ISLAND BOOSTER THINKS WELL OF BEAUFORT

Bound for Florida on a boosting trip for Long Island Captain Frank Holly was here a few days last week. He and his son F. G. Holly Jr. are traveling in their nice little yacht the Natalie and have been having a very pleasant voyage to the South. Captain Holly is known as "Sunrise" owing to his habit of proclaiming the virtues of the Sunrise Trails on Long Island which are fine concrete roads that traverse that great island. Long Island has a population of some three millions and Captain Holly says it has room for fifty millions. Moreover if they had many such boosters as he is in the field it might eventually get that large a population. Captain Holly is a fluent and interesting talker and is going to tell them all about Long Island when he gets to Florida. His slogan is "Long Island in summer and Florida in winter." He seemed to be very favorably impressed with the possibilities in this section and says when he passes this way next May wants to stop off a day or so here and have a talk with some of the people in Beaufort.

Send the News to your friend or relative as a Christmas gift.

Wilson Has Lowest, Louisburg Highest, Municipal Tax Rate

Wilson has the lowest and Louisburg the highest municipal tax rate of the forty-eight larger towns of the State, according to figures obtained Thursday by The Raleigh Times. Wilson's tax rate is 58 cents per 100 assessed valuation while Louisburg's is \$2.85.

These taxes are for city purposes only, and do not include township or county taxes. Of the seven larger cities of the State Winston-Salem and Wilmington each have the lowest tax rate (\$1.00 per \$100 valuation); while Durham has the highest (\$1.40 per \$100 valuation).

Next to Winston-Salem and Wilmington, Raleigh has the lowest municipal tax rate among the State's seven largest cities. Raleigh's municipal tax rate is \$1.15 per \$100. Tax rates of the larger towns of the state follow:

GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL CONSIDER SOME MATTERS OF BIG IMPORTANCE

Lively Fight Expected Over Proposed Bond Issues For State Institutions, Roads And Schools. Election Laws Likely To Be Reformed

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER AT ANN STREET M. E. CHURCH

The pulpit at Ann Street Methodist church will be filled Sunday morning by the Reverend W. M. Hyde who is the father of Dr. F. E. Hyde of Beaufort. Reverend Dr. Hyde is a minister in the Presbyterian church. He has two sons who are ministers and a daughter who is a missionary. The public is invited to attend the services both morning and evening.

INLET INN WILL CLOSE SATURDAY

Will Be Used Partly for Room House. The Hotel Had Good Patronage

One of Beaufort's hotels will go out of business this week. The doors of the Inlet Inn which have been open for five and a half years under the management of Mr. and Mrs. James Rumley will close indefinitely on Saturday. The building will be under the control of Mr. I. E. Ramsey who is one of the principal stockholders in the corporation that owns the property. Some rooms in the east wing of the hotel will be rented but the main part of the building will be closed up.

The Inlet Inn has had a somewhat checkered career. It has been owned by various individuals and corporations and has been managed by several different persons. It has never been very successful at any time in its history in so far as making money is concerned. During the time Mr. and Mrs. Rumley had charge of the hotel it probably has done better than at any other time. During the summer months it had a good patronage. In fact frequently guests were turned away for lack of room. No advertising of any consequence was ever done and the guests came mostly of their own volition and as a rule were very well pleased. The hotel has not been adequately equipped and this fact has handicapped the management. Only a part of the building is steam heated and a good many of the rooms had no furniture in them. In spite of these drawbacks the Inn has built up a pretty good patronage. Its closing will be a matter of regret to Beaufort people as well as to its patrons.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

A few offenders were arraigned for trial in the Mayor's Court Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Fred Johnson colored charged with disorderly conduct which was the case where he had difficulty with H. W. Peterson, was fined \$10 and costs. Arlington Laws charged with drunkenness received a suspended judgment and the costs. Sam Oden charged with having been drunk and also with disorderly conduct was convicted in both instances. He drew a fine of \$25 and costs in one case or 30 days in jail and judgment was suspended in the other on payment of costs. George Turner, disorderly conduct, cutting Sam Ode non arm paid the costs \$5.15. Alfred Wilson, colored, charged with stealing chickens was bound over to Superior Court under \$100 bond.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 13.—State officials this week were busy swinging into the final lap before the General Assembly. All were preparing their biennial reports which will be transmitted through the Governor to the General Assembly and Governor McLean was attending a series of executive conferences in preparation for the part which he will take in the work of the legislative body. The main items which will come before the General Assembly were sketched on Sunday by a local political writer close to the heart of things.

Governor McLean found time during the busy days of the week to hear personally the appeal for executive clemency on behalf of John Gray, convicted and sentenced to die for the murder of Dad Watkins. The Governor was appealed to on the ground that Gray's confederate in the crime escaped with a prison sentence and it was believed it was this which influenced largely the Executive's decision to commute the man's sentence to life imprisonment, which he did Thursday night just 18 hours before the death penalty was to have been inflicted. The Governor also signed three paroles in minor cases and refused absolutely to consider the plea for clemency put forward by Julian Bullock, one of the members of the mob which mutilated Joseph Needleman after removing him from the Martin county jail, 18 months ago. Mr. McLean declined to commute the 6 to 8 years sentence now being served by Bullock.

As seen by a leading political writer of the Capital City, the most important matters which will be presented to the General Assembly are taxation, school system reforms, election reforms, survey of women in industry, county government reforms, the state constabulary, and other matters. Under taxation he schedules the mounting requests for state departments and institutions which exceed the available revenue by more than three and a half millions and which must be cut or taxes increased. On this score he predicts a major fight. Under educational reforms he lists the eight months school term, the demands of the institutions as compared with those of the public school system, the reform of the equalization fund system for public schools. Under election reforms are listed the Australian ballot, reform of the primary and possible action on the absentee ballot. The short ballot is barely mentioned this being regarded as rather improbable in a state of Democratic tendencies like North Carolina. Under bond issues must come the road bond program from the demand of some for \$40,000,000 to a much smaller amount it is believed Governor McLean will advocate. Then there will be bond issues of about fifteen millions to be decided for the permanent improvements program of the various institutions and the national park in Western North Carolina. He predicts a very interesting and exciting session.

Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham made his semi-annual report this week to his board and it was a hopeful report for agriculture. He predicted great things still were to be accomplished in the State and declared there was great need of expansion of the marketing division of the department. The veterans loan board will meet this Thursday to name a director of the loan fund voted at the last general election for aiding the ex-soldiers in obtaining homes. There is little interest in the post, it is stated. The American Legion probably will have a large hand in naming the director.

Wilson with a rate of 58 cents per hundred dollars has the lowest municipal tax rate in the State while Louisburg with \$2.85 per \$100 has the highest. Gold mining in the state is on the increase. The production has jumped more than 400 percent in the past year, from \$4,540 to \$8,540. The mines are in Montgomery, McDowell and Rowan counties. North Carolina in the past year produced half the output of the eastern tier of States.

The Supreme Court will recess this week for Christmas after a very busy fall term. The court is very nearly up with its docket and has the reputation of being one of the hardest working courts in the nation. The State shows an increased production

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