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REPORT SHOWS PROGRESS MADE IN WELFARE WORK

Food, Medicine And Other
Help Given To Needy
People

1200 CALLS WERE MADE

An interesting meeting of the Associated Charities of Morehead City was held in that city Wednesday of last week. Several talks were made by ministers and other civic leaders. The report of Mrs. F. C. Salisbury, welfare worker, was made and showed that a great deal had been done for the relief of the sick and needy. Mrs. Salisbury's report is herewith reproduced:

"Summary of activities of the Associated Charities in Morehead City and vicinity since its organization February 15, 1926:

Morehead City

One thousand two hundred calls have been made, 66 messages sent, three hundred and thirty-seven letters written, twenty one blanks filled out for admission into various institutions for physical and mental benefit (ten accepted, others awaiting their call, one questionnaire filled out for county assistance for widow. Seventy-five calls answered for food, fifteen for fuel, six given milk, wheel chair for invalid, medicine and examination given to seventy, treatment given seven for ulcerated teeth, six for infection, two with sprained wrists, two given glasses, prompt action saved child's eye which was injured by scissors, three operations for tonsils and adenoids, twelve cripples taken to New Bern to Rotary clinic, one given vocational training. One operation, two measured for artificial limbs, two Wasserman blood test. Forty-four families given clothing at a conservative estimate to be worth \$300.

Called on relatives of seven dependent families seeking ways and means for their support. Arrangements made with company for money to be sent family of one of their employees for support.

Located missing husbands and of dependent family, found incarcerated in South Carolina. Located missing girl and arrangements made for her return. Two oil stoves repaired which were out of commission, a coal or wood stove supplied. Copies made of menu put out by U. S. Public Health Service to be used in cases of Pellagra and sent three families. Welfare talk given before high school girls. Two hundred and fifty magazines taken to Honor Camp. Services arranged for seven Sundays at Honor Camp, Morehead Bluffs.

Intervention made with H. Hoyle Sink, Pardon Commissioner, Raleigh for three paroles for state convicts which were granted.

Boy (colored) placed in Institution at Goldsboro. Deaf mute (colored) from Virginia placed in school at Raleigh. Assisted two property holders to secure rent from tenants. Sent mother and four children to husband who was ill in Savannah, Ga. Sent mother and three children to sister in Miami, Fla. Twenty-eight were supplied with school books. Six Bibles given to those in Training school. Employment secured for six. Restoratives used in poison case. Three undesirable characters sent away. Four hundred and eighty-eight given Christmas gifts. Requested Representative Wm. Bell to support several measures which will come before the present General Assembly affecting the welfare of women and children of the State both white and colored—Emphasizing especially a Farm Colony which would give industrial training to women who are now serving sentences in idleness.

Vicinity

Approximately 3500 miles traveled 47 calls made. Called on six cancer patients, \$20,000 to \$25,000 of radium used. Two cases reported malignancy destroyed. Raised funds to pay taxes on widows' property. In eight localities urged neighbors and relatives to help pay taxes on property of widows. Three Pellagra menus given. Called on family, found husband intoxicated and in dangerous mood, took supplies to them, had been without four days, arranged to have wife and four children sent to father's home. Investigated case of cripple, found begging on the street, from Craven County. Reported whereabouts of young man wanted for nonsupport. Blind girl brought here to sing before audience to aid in her support and that a feeble mother. A widow from Ot-

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LARGEST CRIMINAL DOCKET IN YEARS NOW IN PROGRESS

Large Number of Slot Machine Operators Faced The Judge Today. Put Under Bond To Show Good Behavior For Two Years. Several Other Cases Tried

The longest criminal docket that Carteret county has had in a long time is in progress this week. It is often the case that the criminal docket is finished by Tuesday night but today is Thursday and it is not finished yet. Solicitor D. M. Clark found his first court in Carteret one of the biggest that he has had to contend with anywhere.

Judge E. H. Cranmer arrived Sunday, opened court promptly at ten o'clock and since that time has kept the court machinery going in a vigorous fashion. His charge to the jury which was about an hour in length was heard by a crowd that packed the court room. Besides the usual explanation of the functions of jurors the charge abounded in moral reflection and Scriptural quotations. The charge was heard by the large crowd with close attention. The Judge called the attention of the grand jury especially to the motor vehicle law, gambling, carrying concealed weapons and the prohibition law. He said if all the church members would quit drinking whiskey the prohibition law would be a much greater success.

R. H. Dowdy of Morehead City was made foreman of the grand jury and Herbert Forlaw was appointed special deputy for the jury.

The first case tried, and perhaps one of the most interesting, was that of J. I. Baker on the charge of assault with deadly weapon upon George Styron. This grew out of a fight which occurred at the Ocean Beach pavilion last Summer. Mr. Styron was cut across the abdomen by Mr. Baker and was confined to the hospital for about a month. The trial resulted in the acquittal of Mr. Baker. He was defended by attorneys Luther Hamilton and C. R. Wheatly. Their plea was self defense. Attorney E. Walter Hill assisted Solicitor Clark in the prosecution.

When the case of Charlie Smith and Clara Belle Buttress of Beaufort was called the Judge ordered every body under 21 years old out of the court room. This case charged unlawful cohabitation. Several witnesses were examined who testified to having seen the parties together several times. The evidence was not strong enough to convict however and the Solicitor did not resist a motion to dismiss it.

A trial that afforded the large crowd considerable entertainment was that in which John Bunyan Compton of Beaufort was charged with larceny and with breaking out of the

VETERAN SEAMAN DIES SUDDENLY

Captain Jim Ireland, Noted
For His Courage And Skill
Has Passed Away

Beaufort lost one of its most remarkable citizens last Friday when Captain Jim Ireland passed away. He died rather suddenly about midnight at the home of Mrs. Nina Skarren where friends did what they could to prolong his life. He had just gotten back a few days previously from the hospital. He had been suffering for some time with indigestion and it is thought that his heart was weak. The night of his death he had attended a moving picture show after which he drove with some friends out to the oyster house on North River and had eaten a few oysters. He was about sixty eight years of age.

Captain Ireland was bred and born a seaman. His father was drowned at sea and he had frequently said he expected to go the same way but fate had prepared a different end for him. He formerly owned a schooner which he used to load with lumber and carry to Baltimore. Frequently he had no crew whatever. He was a man of powerful physique and could hoist and lower his sails and manage his boat without any assistance. He always carried a little dog with him for company. For a year or so Captain Ireland had been engaged in deep sea fishing. He owned and sailed the Gem, a small but staunch little craft in which he would go out to the sea bass grounds all alone as a rule and frequently would stay there two or three days, sometimes in the worst sort of weather. No more fearless sailor than he was left this port. Captain Ireland had no relatives here but had a brother in Florida and another one who lived at Gum Neck, N. C. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon and he was laid away in the Episcopal cemetery.

calaboose. He had no lawyer and the Judge requested Mr. E. H. Gorham to defend him which he did. Mr. Gorham and Solicitor Clark examined the witnesses effectively and then John himself took the stand. He denied all the charges against himself very emphatically and also the intimation that he was insane. Judge

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Carteret's Bonded Debt High In Proportion To Its Wealth

The University News Letter in its issue of January the 26th publishes some rather interesting figures as to the bonded indebtedness of the various counties in North Carolina. There are 100 of these counties and it appears that Carteret stands third in the proportion of bonded debt to county wealth. The first is Clay, the second is Cherokee. Carteret is at the eastern end of route 10 and Cherokee is at the western end. Clay is a small county right next to Cherokee. Neither of the three counties has a large population or much wealth.

The News Letter's figures however do not give all the facts in so far as Carteret county is concerned. As a matter of fact the county's debt is over two million dollars. Part of the debt however is for money borrowed on short time notes. The News Letter says its figures were obtained from the State Auditor's re-

port. The amount of bonds mentioned is \$1,666,900 which does not agree with the figures of auditors Dixon, Russ and Carter which are \$1,473,000. If the proposed \$1,250,000 bond issue is validated by the General Assembly the county's bonded indebtedness will be well over two million dollars. Under the law of the State, chapter 97, Public Laws, Extra Session 1924, the board of commissioners had no right to go in debt as deeply as they have done. The law says a county having taxable values of between ten and twenty millions may issue bonds to the extent of seven percent of its taxable values. This amount has already been considerably exceeded and will be far more if the new issue is validated. As a matter of probable interest to the public the News Letter's figures are given as to the ten counties that have the highest percentage of bonded debt to taxable values.

Rank	County	(1) Bonded debt	(2) Bonded debt per inhab.	(3) Percent debt is listed for taxation
1	Clay	\$ 431,500	\$ 84.00	18.08
2	Cherokee	1,178,000	73.64	13.53
3	Carteret	1,666,900	101.20	13.50
4	Henderson	2,421,500	123.60	13.11
5	Ashe	1,445,000	64.90	11.80
6	Swain	1,403,500	92.95	11.26
7	Macon	646,500	48.65	10.50
8	Perquimans	822,000	73.40	10.18
9	Montgomery	1,306,500	89.50	8.97
10	Mitchell	861,667	72.80	8.76

BRIDGE WORKER KILLED TUESDAY

Captain Jack Cunningham
Falls And Loses Life At
Foot of Ann Street

The first fatality that has occurred since construction started on the big Beaufort-Morehead highway bridge took place Tuesday morning when Captain Jack Cunningham was killed. The accident took place on the pile driver at the foot of Ann street. Captain Cunningham was in charge of the pile driver. He was standing on a cross piece about eighteen feet above the deck. He fell from this and his head struck several parts of the machine on the way down and finally hit the deck breaking one arm and fracturing his skull.

Mr. F. S. Sprouse who is a foreman on the job, had Captain Cunningham carried to the home of Dr. C. S. Maxwell where he was examined by Drs. Maxwell and Hyde. He never regained consciousness after the fall and probably was dead in a few minutes after he fell. The body was taken to an undertaker's establishment in Morehead City, and then shipped back to Baltimore where Mrs. Cunningham and a son lived. Captain Cunningham had been with Sanford and Brooks for forty five years and was considered a very valuable employe.

Work on the big bridge is going forward very satisfactorily. The two piers on the Morehead City side are finished. Nearly all of the piles on that side have been driven and a considerable part of the deck of the bridge has been laid. On the Beaufort side one of the piers is finished and the other is about half done. A number of the piles on the Beaufort side have been driven and this part of the work will soon be done and work started on the caps. The dirt fill was finished many months ago and is ready for the paving to be laid on it. The steel work on the bridge has not started for some reason or other, but the concrete is all ready for the steel workers when they want to start.

Watch Stealing Case Tried In Police Court

Police court was held Monday evening at seven o'clock instead of the usual hour of four in the afternoon. This was due to the fact that Superior Court is in session here this week. The case of most importance was that against George Copes, colored, charged with having stolen a watch from the home of Captain R. Q. Willis Christmas day. Copes denied the charge and said he knew nothing about the watch at all. Alice Moore, colored, who was charged with receiving stolen property said that she got the watch from Copes and lent him \$3 on it. She denied that she knew that it was stolen. David Sparrow took the watch to W. H. Bailey's jewelry store and Mr. Bailey notified the police. The Mayor bound Copes over to Superior Court on the charge.

James Stanley, Casey Stanley and David Sparrow, three negro youths, tried on the charge of disorderly conduct, got 5 days each on the streets.

Andrew Wising and Lonnie Larson, fishermen, charged with drunkenness and fighting admitted the charge but said it was just a friendly bout. They were let off with the

Weather In January Showed Big Variety In Temperature

The month of January furnished a variety of weather in this section. There were two days when the temperature rose to 71 degrees and on one day, the 16th, it dropped to 13 degrees above zero for a short time. This was the coldest day of the winter. There were three light snows during the month none of which lasted through the day and the heaviest was about two inches deep. The rainfall for the month was 1.18 inches which was less than half for the month upon an average. There were 19 clear days in January, 6 cloudy ones and 6 partly cloudy. The wind blew from the northwest 10 days, from the southwest 7, from the east, 1 from the southeast, 1 day, south 4, from the north 3, from the northeast 5 days.

The temperature figures day by day are as follows:

Day	Max.	Min.
1	55	38
2	49	29
3	56	38

EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION'S REPORT EXCITES INTEREST

Does Not Declare For Eight Months Term. Asks For Re-valuation Of All Property In State. More Normal Schools Needed

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

PURE FOOD MEN INSPECT MARKETS

Favorable Report On Scallop
Dealers. Oysters Should Not
Be Floated

Mr. J. J. McManus, Chief of the Savannah station of the Pure Food and Drug Division of the Department of Agriculture, was in Morehead City, New Bern, Washington and Belhaven during the past week in company with T. R. McCrear, Asst. San. Engineer of the State Board of Health and the N. C. Fisheries Commission. Matters of interest pertaining to the shellfish situation were looked into and very favorable reports were made on the scallops market at Morehead City and Beaufort which markets have undergone some noteworthy changes within the past few years under the direction of McManus.

In a letter to Commissioner Nelson, Mr. McManus gives a complete summary of the situation with regard to the Oyster markets of Morehead City, Beaufort, New Bern, Washington and Belhaven, giving the position of the Division of Foods and Drugs with regards to soaking oysters. Mr. McManus states that "Samples were taken from oysters shucked and washed on the strainer in a satisfactory manner and from oysters taken from the soaking tub." He goes on to show that the oysters that have been in the tub soaking take up water and such practice is nothing other than adulteration. He further states "Dealers pretend that they do not know of this fact and claim that soaking is necessary in order to allow the shell to settle. However it has been our experience that most of the oyster houses over the United States are able to remove shell with the ordinary washing given on the strainer." Mr. McManus goes on to say that "The department understands that a certain amount of washing is necessary, from a sanitary viewpoint and we do not intend to restrict washing, however our experience has shown that satisfactory washing can be obtained by hosing the oysters a few minutes on the strainer with fresh water and allowing them to drain." He states finally that "it is our plan as soon as we get the opportunity to make followup investigations on especially the interstate shipments and if adulteration is found, suitable action will be taken under the Federal Food and Drugs Act."

The matter of floating oysters comes under the jurisdiction of no state department but is handled altogether by the Department of Agriculture. Floating is not a general practice but confined to only a few establishments.

In the case of Julian Austin charged with damaging a bicycle the property of Earl Noe the matter was compromised. Each side paid half the costs and Austin gave the boy a better bicycle than the one in question.

Two or three bills which would vest more power in the State Highway Commission in the location of roads have bobbed up but do not appear to be altogether in harmony with the original road act either in spirit or otherwise. A compromising measure will be the probable result of this effort to make the High-

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