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C of C Here Is Active In '36

The Chamber of Commerce of Beaufort accomplished much during the year ending today, a review of the records will show. Most important accomplishment was saving the railroad which serves the town. While a final decision has not been handed down by the I.C.C. the federal organization whose Examiner John Pritchard conducted rail hearings, the Examiner has recommended that the railroad should not be abandoned, but that it should be operated for public necessity.

The railroad matter alone was worth much more to the citizenship of Beaufort than the amount in dues which have been paid, a citizen stated today. But the Chamber of Commerce has played important roles in many other projects, some of which are now underway, while others are proposed and will start at early dates. In the matter of waterway and community projects the Chamber of Commerce always takes a leading role.

The secretary, whose job is to answer all inquiries from persons wanting information about Beaufort has averaged almost a letter a day for the year. In many cases, especially during the summer months, letters answered resulted in vacationists coming to our town.

Another job of the secretary, and the one he was primarily employed for, is to see that Beaufort, North Carolina datelines are published in newspapers and magazines. During the year, stories emulating from Beaufort have been published in newspapers throughout this and foreign countries and in magazines with millions of subscribers.

President Fred Seeley of the Chamber of Commerce will be leaving soon for Raleigh where he will represent Carteret county in the 1937 General Assembly. J. P. Betts is treasurer of the organization and Aycock Brown is secretary.

Death Boards Boat Fishing Off Coast

Death came aboard the fishing trawler "Theresa and Dan" at sea off the North Carolina coast last Thursday morning taking Newman Shea, 55-year-old Gloucester, Mass. fisherman.

The trawler put into port at Norfolk a day later and a Norfolk coroner who investigated the case attributed the man's death to a heart attack.

Capt. John Hall, master of the "Theresa and Dan," a Gloucester trawler which has been fishing off the coast for several years, said that Shea was an excellent seaman and his death aboard ship had saddened the entire crew.

TIDE TABLE

Information as to the tide 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	Low
Friday, Jan. 1	
10:10 a. m.	4:38 a. m.
10:28 p. m.	4:59 p. m.
Saturday, Jan. 2	
10:57 a. m.	5:23 a. m.
	5:48 p. m.
Sunday, Jan. 3	
11:15 a. m.	6:09 a. m.
11:47 p. m.	6:40 p. m.
Monday, Jan. 4	
12:06 a. m.	6:08 a. m.
12:40 p. m.	7:34 p. m.
Tuesday, Jan. 5	
12:59 a. m.	7:30 a. m.
1:34 p. m.	8:29 p. m.
Wednesday, Jan. 6	
1:54 a. m.	8:42 a. m.
2:25 p. m.	9:26 p. m.
Thursday, Jan. 7	
2:48 a. m.	9:38 a. m.
3:22 p. m.	10:20 p. m.

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The Garner Triplets, June, Jean and Joan

The above cut from our way of thinking is the most appropriate one to be used on our front page in this New Years edition. The three little girls are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Garner of Newport. Their birth a few months ago resulted in much publicity for Carteret county.—Eubanks-News Photo.

Rep. Seeley To Leave For Raleigh Tuesday

Rep. Fred Seeley, will leave for Raleigh and the 1937 edition of the N. C. General Assembly on next Tuesday according to his present plans. He will represent Carteret county and was elected back in November with a large majority over his Republican opponent, James W. Mason. Representative Seeley was formerly manager of the Beaufort Lumber and Manufacturing Company. His job in private life at the present time is building contractor.

That Cedar Island Auk Was A Dovekie

Duffy Day and a party from Cedar Island were out duck hunting a few days ago and accidentally killed a small bird which they thought was an auk which had strayed south from its natural habitat in Greenland. The bird was brought to Beaufort and turned over to Fisheries Laboratory officials. A story under a Beaufort dateline appeared in newspapers throughout this and other states the next day stating that what was believed to be an "Auk" had been killed near Cedar Island by Duffy Day and party. When Dr. Prytherch returned from his Christmas vacation up North he identified the bird as being a "Dovekie," instead of an "Auk."

Dovekies too, are natives of Greenland. They furnish one of the chief foods for the Eskimos and for animals such as white foxes and polar bears of the Arctic regions. About the size of a quail, Dovekies are frequently driven as far South as New York during stormy winter weather, but seldom as far south as North Carolina. Several years ago a flock of Dovekies were driven ashore at Cape Lookout during a winter storm.

Marriage Licenses

- Ivey Gaskill, Sea Level and Gracie Gillikin, Beaufort R.F.D.
- John Bell and Annie L. Henry, Beaufort.
- Garland Smith and Lizzie Willis, Salter Path.
- William P. Kanto, Apex, N. C., and Lila Odum, Morehead City, N. C.
- Avon Mason, Atlantic and Melba Mae Nelson, Atlantic.
- Earl Willis, Morehead City and Leah D. Foy, Cove City.
- Fred S. Willis and Frances L. Bell, Morehead City.
- Bert Dunn, Jacksonville, Fla., and Sarah Collins, Morehead City.
- Donald Brooks and Edith Gillikin, Beaufort R.F.D.
- Odell Martin and Beatrice Barringer, Beaufort.
- Robert P. Turpin, Norfolk, Va., Azilee Garner, Newport.
- Lloyd Hill, Sea Level and Lola Gaskill, Sea Level.
- Wren E. Lawrence and Mildred M. Salter, Merrimon.
- Beaumont Taylor and Nellie Gaskill, Sea Level.
- Eugene Willis, Atlantic and Maggie Hamilton, Sea Level.
- Lionel B. Mason and Katharine Mason, Atlantic.
- James A. Salter, Sea Level and Myra Salter, Sea Level.
- Walter C. Hardesty, Beaufort and Rosa M. Kilby, Wadesboro.

Income taxes are paid by all federal employees, including the president. State employees are exempt.

Covering The WATER FRONT

By AYCOCK BROWN

I BELIEVE THAT I was the first newspaperman to write a story about the observance of Old Christmas down at Rodanthe on Hatteras Island. It was just a few days before Christmas 1928, when Mrs. Gaskill down on Ocracoke told me about Old Christmas—how many of the communities observed the date in the old days, how a few of the families on Ocracoke observed the date as late as 1928, and how everyone in the village of Rodanthe celebrated Christmas on January 5 instead of December 25.

AFTER SENDING the story to the United Press the Associated Press wired for a special story which they would pay handsomely for they told me. I got most of my data from Capt. John Alan Midgett, famous coastguardman who lives in Rodanthe. Mr. Griffin a traveling salesman who happened in Rodanthe one year on January 5 supplied additional data, how he arrived there on this particular date and found the people celebrating. After the stories were filed I forgot about the matter and started looking for new things to write about until on the evening of January 5 when I heard a news broadcaster telling about the Rodanthe Old Christmas celebration.

DETAILS WERE LACKING but that first story in 1928 has surely reaped a harvest of Old Christmas stories from other writers in the State since 1928. The whole truth of the matter is that the people do not take Old Christmas as seriously as they did in the old days. December 25th is also observed at Rodanthe as Christmas Day. But the story was unusual from a news standpoint—and the AP paid me more for that one special story built up around fragments of information about a Christmas observance than they have ever paid me for two and three days' coverage of hurricanes, ship wrecks and such. . . . Down in Cuba certain sects celebrate the Feast of Epiphany on January 6, another Old Christmas date—but Rodanthe is the only place where they observe Epiphany Eve as Old Christmas. A very entertaining story about the Rodanthe celebration

SOMEBODY WHO read the story said "I notice you spelled Cahoon wrong." The person was referring to the story about the arrival of the 125 foot patrol boat Cahoon which is replacing the Travis at Advance Base A in Morehead City. The Cahoon I referred to is spelled with an "e" as the final letter.

IF NEWS SEEMS lacking or if stories appear incomplete in this edition of The Beaufort News, think of yourself trying to type with a very painful thumbnail—or what is left of it. . . Christmas Eve was the biggest day in the history of Store No. 1 of the ABC set up in Carteret county. Over \$700 worth of liquor, wines, champagnes, cocktails and such were sold during the day. Sealing liquor legal that way surely has knocked out a prosperous business for bootleggers. . . . But I notice some people still prefer Corn Whisky. A bottle of Scotch that I go for Christmas is still unopened and, some times I believe that I am practically on the water wagon.

The demand for lespedeza seed in Randolph County is exceeding the supply, as more and more farmers in that county turn to this leguminous crop.

Prytherch Will Help Prosecute Oyster Swindler In Florida

Dr. Herbert F. Prytherch, director of the U. S. Fisheries Laboratory here and world's foremost authority on oysters will go to Jacksonville next week to give testimony in a gigantic oyster swindle trial.

It seems that a racketeer in that state has sold interest in thousands of acres of oyster bottoms at \$140 per acre. He is alleged to have promised an indefinite income of \$25 per month for their investment. The defendant in the case is said to have cleaned up nearly a million dollars in the alleged oyster racket.

Dr. Prytherch was director of an oyster project in the region of west Florida where the \$140 bottoms were sold, and because he is thoroughly familiar with the situation, he was subpoenaed as a witness in this case, and evidence he presents is expected to help convict the racketeer, who has a federal prison record on a similar count back in 1923.

RITEs FOR CAPT. PINER ON FRIDAY

Funeral services for the late Capt. Finley Piner, 61-year old officer in charge of Bogue Inlet coast guard station will be conducted at the home of the surviving widow Mrs. Maggie S. Piner in Morehead City, Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Houston and Rev. Mr. Stephens of Morehead City will conduct the last rites. Interment will be made in Bay View cemetery.

Capt. Piner was drowned when he fell from a boat in Swansboro harbor late Thursday night, December 17. Although Fort Macon and Bogue Inlet coast guardsmen and members of the patrol crew at Advance Base "A" in Morehead City conducted a daily and extensive search for the body, it was not located until early Wednesday the 13th day after the drowning. It had drifted up the White Oak river about a mile and a half and was first sighted by George Morton who lives near the river at that point. Besides Mrs. Piner, the widow, two children, Joe Wheeler Piner and Mrs. George M. Piner survive.

Interior of Local Bank Is Being Repainted

Painters have been busy this week painting the interior of the First Citizens Bank and Trust Company. A new heating plant has also been recently installed in the building, year there were I. C. C. headquarters Banking and Trust Company.

Real Estate Transfers

- E. C. Mundine et als to J. C. Mundine and wife, 10 acres Newport Township, for \$10.
- E. C. Mundine et als to Ruby Pringle and husband, 20 acres Newport Township, for \$10.
- Bettie Mundine et als to O. Q. Mundine et als 20 acres Newport Township, for \$10.
- O. Q. Mundine et als to E. C. Mundine and wife, 20 acres Newport Township, for \$10.
- Bettie Bryan et als, O. Q. Mundine et als, 1 share Mundine Lands, for \$10.
- Mrs. Bettie E. Mundine et als to Essie Cannon and husband, 40 acres Newport Township, for \$10.
- Helen Land Fulford and husband (Continued on page six)

County Schools Open Monday

St. Paul's School

St. Pauls School will continue under the supervision of Mrs. Willis and Mrs. James Fodrie, it was announced this week following the death of Mrs. Nannie P. Geffroy during the Christmas season, it had been erroneously announced that the school would close. But only children through the sixth grade will be eligible for enrollment. Mrs. Willis will teach the first, second and third grades while Mrs. Fodrie will teach the fourth, fifth and sixth grades. A fee will be charged the pupils who go to St. Paul's, however, and all former pupils of the school who are not expecting to attend during the coming session are requested to report at the school tomorrow (Friday) morning at 9 o'clock and be checked out and receive their report cards. The regular opening of the school will be on Monday, January 4 at 8:45 o'clock, it was announced. Mrs. Copeland Kell will be in charge of the Kindergarten and a nursery school at St. Paul's School, it was announced, taking children from the ages of two to six. Anyone interested in enrolling pupils in this division are requested to see Mrs. Kell at 207 Orange Street.

Friendly Editor Uteley Turns Us Down Flat

We are running six pages this week due to our newsprint, which was ordered, not arriving on time but we knew that if it did not come we could borrow what we needed to get this week's paper out from the daily paper in Morehead City. It is customary for newspapers in adjoining towns to borrow supplies from each other or help each other out when they get in a jam. When the new daily was started in Morehead City the new editor had a good deal of trouble in getting changed over from a weekly to a daily, things had to be done different and faster than usual and it was necessary for him to call on the Beaufort News for much of his type setting which we did gladly often to our inconvenience, to help him get straightened out. On numerous other occasions when a former linotype operator he had in his employ would get on a spree he called on us for assistance which we gladly rendered. We did not know there was such an unfriendly feeling, caused probably by our disagreement with him on certain enterprises started in the county, ABC stores, Commissioners meetings, Hurricanes, etc., until our Mr. Hattell went over there Wednesday evening to borrow a ream of paper or even a part of a ream, but we were refused, he not having but four unpacked bales on the floor containing seven reams each (28 reams.) Thus our apologies for having to crowd eight pages into six and thereby not having room for many news stories this week.—Your "news butcher."

A Species of Fish, Known in Maine as the Dollar-Fish, is Called the Butterfish in Massachusetts and Pumpkinseed in Connecticut.

Opening Dance At Community Center Attracted Many And Was A Success

The opening dance at the Community Center auditorium building last Saturday night attracted quite a large crowd and was declared a success by its sponsors. Music furnished by "Bear" Johnson and his "Masters Rhythm" was very tuneful and seemed to please everyone who danced. Although the orchestra featured only five musicians their melodies and swing tunes were loud enough to be heard plainly from one end of the spacious auditorium to the other. Nearly 100 couples attended not to mention the special guests and chaperones. Stoves had been installed to heat the building, but the night was so mild there was little need for fire. Many of those present were visiting the Community Center Auditorium for the first time and all were high in their praise for the layout. The dance Saturday night was presented primarily for the purpose of raising funds to buy certain equipment for the auditorium. The sponsors stated that a profit was realized for this purpose after the expense had been paid. Other dances and other entertaining affairs will be presented from time to time in the Community building. Plans are now underway, it was stated, to present a boxing show in the building at an early date. By next summer it is hoped to have the building equipped to take care of conventions and other meetings in this coastal area.

Thousands Of Pupils Will Resume Their Regular Studies

Many St. Paul's Students Will Go To Beaufort Graded School

After a two weeks vacation in observance of Christmas students of Carteret County schools will return to the classrooms of the county on Monday, January 4, it was announced by officials this week. Literally thousands of students in the county will resume their regular studies. Due to the death of Mrs. Nannie P. Geffroy who operated St. Paul's School for over a half century the students from there, from the seventh grades through high school have been placed elsewhere, with the majority to be enrolled at Beaufort High School. That will mean, perhaps, an additional teacher or two for the Beaufort Graded school and also mean that this institution will have a better rating. The students from St. Paul entering Beaufort High School will swell the enrollment there to the largest of any school in the county, it is understood.

There is a possibility that the High School at White Oak may open on Monday, as they gauge their sessions to coincide with the school in Swansboro. But the remainder of the schools, from the tiny one-teacher institutions of isolated communities such as Portsmouth to the larger consolidated schools in Beaufort, Morehead City Atlantic and Newport will open on Monday.

At St. Pauls, Mrs. Willis and Mrs. Fodrie will continue teaching children from the first through the sixth grades. Mrs. Copeland Kell will be in charge of a kindergarten and nursery school at St. Paul's, it has been announced.

Bank To Be Closed On Friday For New Years

The First Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Beaufort and Morehead City will be closed on Friday, January 1, in observance of New Years Day which is a legal holiday. They will reopen for business Saturday morning. A new interest period begins at the local bank on January first and deposits made up until January 10 will bear interest as of January 1.

NEW YEAR HOPS AT COMMUNITY CENTER

Two New Year dances are planned for The Beaufort Community Center located on Lenoxville road. Tonight (New Years Eve) the Hawaiian Serenaders will play for a square dance, starting at 8:30 o'clock. On Friday night "Bear" Johnson and his "Masters of Rhythm" who pleased the patrons so much last Saturday night at the Community Center, will play for another regular dance starting at 9:30 o'clock and lasting until early next morning. Proceeds derived from admission will be used for buying equipment for the Community auditorium building, which is located on Lenoxville road.