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**Money—Not Politics Saved The Railroad**

Politicians talk quite a bit and sometimes are elected to office when there is a railroad which they 'will save' is involved. When the show down comes, though, money—good old U. S. A. dollars talk the loudest. The foregoing is the current sentiments of many persons hereabouts. The deal for continued operation of the trackage which serves Beaufort and East Carteret County has been completed. Soon the "Beaufort-Morehead City R.R." will run over the trackage which Norfolk-Southern has operated over for more than 25 years. Nearly three years ago the fight for continued operation of a railroad into Beaufort began. The Chamber of Commerce led the fight along with the Town of Beaufort. Norfolk Southern made a proposition for the organization of new corporation. Those interested would have accepted the proposition before the operation had been abandoned, or that is what they say. In the meantime every effort was made to induce the Atlantic and North Carolina to take over operation of the short line serving Beaufort and the communities of the east. The State controlled A and N. C. never favorably considered proposal.

There are people hereabouts who today are saying that they helped send F. R. Seeley to the Legislature, because they thought he would save the railroad. If he ever mentioned the railroad while acting as representative of Carteret in the General Assembly, we have no record of same. Yet we know that Fred Seeley, as president of The Chamber of Commerce did work harder in connection with the railroad matter than any other person involved. He attended all hearings of the ICC. He spent money out of his own pocket to attend the hearings. He made an honest effort to save the railroad. . . . In the Town elections many persons voted for George W. Huntley and helped elect him Mayor because he had promised the people to work with town officials towards saving the railroad. Huntley and Seeley and their associates would have probably saved the railroad. They might have saved it by employing more political pressure.

In the meantime a private corporation of Beaufort and Morehead City men was formed and they have bought the railroad and it will continue to be operated, according to one of the stock-holders, as it has been operated. There will be the same number of trains per day running into Beaufort. An able railroad man, H. P. Crowell, heads the new organization owning the carrier. Under the present set-up trains can be operated into Beaufort at a lower cost than before, because of a possible decrease in personnel. Beaufort's railroad is saved—unless what some citizens anticipate comes true. Some citizens believe the purchase was made with the thought in view of scrapping the carrier after a few months operation. That may not be the motive. Beaufort citizens should be thankful that they have a railroad, regardless of who owns it or who operates it. Beaufort citizens have been shown that money got the jump on politics. Money talks louder than anything else.

The foregoing gives various versions of Beaufort's rail situation, past and present. Although we are wishing B-M. C. R.R. the best of luck our contention is still unchanged. We have said all along and still believe that the State of North Carolina, controlling owner of A. and N. C. should have taken over the Norfolk-Southern owned trackage known as Beaufort and Western.

**The Colored Citizens Deserve Consideration**

It seems that the colored citizens of Beaufort deserve more consideration from the Town than they frequently get. Some of the most prompt and steadiest tax payers of the community are colored citizens. A glance at the records in Town Hall will reveal that this statement is true. Yet it appears that little if anything is ever done for them. When Beaufort went in debt to get paved streets, a few years ago, the additional thousands of dollars necessary to construct same through the colored section of town should have been borrowed. It would have been easier to have borrowed it then, than it would be now—but this does not alter the fact that street conditions in the colored section are frequently in a deplorable condition following rains, and need improvements. The Town of Beaufort should also see to it that proper recreation facilities are made available for the colored citizens. It seems only right that since many WPA projects hereabouts will be of vast benefit to the white citizens both from a recreational and development standpoint, that the colored citizens should be shown the same consideration. Out back of Town there are places available where a recreational center could be developed for the colored citizens. It should include among other things a place for the colored people to go swimming or bathing in salt water. There is entirely too much salt water hereabouts, for the colored people to be without a suitable place to enjoy same.

**Barden Honored With A Tough Job**

Representative Graham A. Barden, of the Third Congressional District was given a high honor and a tough assignment when he was named by his associates in Washington the other day to fill a post on the Labor Committee. A Southerner was sought for the job, and many were clamoring for it, but Speaker Bankhead and the real leaders of Congress saw in Representative Barden the man to fill the post. And Congressman Barden was not even a candidate for a place on the Labor Committee.

With all the CIO activities the principal front page news from our United States these days, it is a dead cinch that the Congressional Labor Committee will be working overtime to cope with the various situations arising in labor circles. No communistic labor group will get the support of Graham A. Barden. He will fight to the finish for what he thinks is right—and what Congressman Graham A. Barden thinks right is usually the views of the real honest and true American citizen. Incident ally Congressman Graham A. Barden, insofar as labor is concerned, will be front page news from now on—mark those words. In bestowing this honor, his associates gave a post to one of the hardest workers in Congress—if anyone doubts this statement look at the Washington record—and also observe the various developments of North Carolina's Third District, since Barden became our Representative.

**Front Should Be Extended To Ann**

A street project for Beaufort which would serve a useful purpose would be the extension of West Front along the

waterfront of Beaufort Channel to Ann near the highway drawbridge. That eye sore to Beaufort's front door will never be improved until a street has been constructed. With Federal money available for this nature at this time and with only a small expenditure on the part of the town the route could be constructed at very small cost. Such a street would eliminate the turn-table at the western terminus of Front—a turn table which should be eliminated. The distance between Front and Ann is probably about 150 yards. At as mal cost a break-water could be constructed and when the maintenance dredging of the waterway and harbor begins the lower areas could be built up. If the street was constructed and the land built up and properly landscaped Beaufort would have an entrance to town which would really be beautiful—and the useful benefits derived from development of the property should within a few short years take care of all expense involved.

**Our Mail Box**

**JIMMIE'S DREAM**

Editor of The News:  
With close observation and some study my reading friends, a dream the other night brought to my mind "Tennyson's Dream of Airy Navies." I dipped into the future.

Far as human eye could see,  
Saw visions of the world,  
And all wonders that could be.

Saw the Heavens filled with commerce,

Argosies of magic sail,  
Pilots of the purple twilight,  
Dropping down with costly bale.

Heard the Heavens filled with shouting,

And there was a ghastly dew,  
From the nation's airy navies,  
Grappling in the central blue.

The pen picture of this English poet more than a half century ago has proven more than prophetic. His visions of the airy navies is realized on a gigantic scale—but the War Drums, the furling of battle flags, and the federation of the world seems farther removed than ever.

Shortly before the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln said that "a Nation half slave and half free could not survive." He was probably looking down thru space, he could see the predicament in which a Nation could be thrust, when its representatives would permit it to be cast into the hands of the receivers, that is, when the Nation should be divided in half—Nation No. 1 employed with all its inhabitants living in luxury and

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owning radios, automobiles, good food and clothes and enjoying the comforts of life. This Nation No. 1 enjoys greater luxuries and better life than any other people on the face of the Earth.

But in the Nation, that I call No. 2 is the lean and slowly starving people. In this group of people we find hunger, disease, suffering and privation. In this class are more than 10,000,000 in number, who have no homes they can call their own. They wear clothing meted out to them that has been cast off long ago. This is the Country within a country which our President saw on January 20—as a nation 'one-third ill housed, and one-third ill clothed and undernourished.' The WPA and the PWA can do nothing with the situation.

"Self experience is the best teacher." If the President of the United States want we poor folks to get along at our best—then he must leave us alone. We know our own way best—don't mess us up—he does he'll have to deed us.

Sincerely,  
JIMMIE GUTHRIE,

Harkers Island,  
July 5, 1937.

**FISHERMEN SEEK NEW PROTECTION**

**Shrimp Trawling Now Threatens Fishing Industry**

The Beaufort News has been advised that many fishermen along the North Carolina coast will meet before the Board of Conservation and Development at their biennial meeting in Morehead City on next Monday, July 12, requesting that they enact proper laws to prohibit trawling for shrimp from the East side of Beaufort Inlet to the N. C.-Va. line. The reason for this proposed action, according to Earl Davis, civic leader of Harkers Island is because the trawling is destroying small fish, which otherwise would grow to maturity and stabilize the future fishing industry along the coast.

"Some of the men who are opposed to such a destruction, own most of the shrimp trawls" said Davis. On Harkers Island, for example, there is an average of two trawls per boat—yet they are opposed to the use of same. This action started before the Legislature met, probably hastened action on the part of the Legislators in providing a suitable patrol boat, or at any rate had a lot to do with obtaining same, in the opinion of Davis. Prohibiting non-resident trawling will not remedy the destruction of fish in and around Cape Lookout,

the principal fishing grounds at certain seasons of the year for the Central Carolina Coastal fleet.

**Fire Alarm**

The first fire alarm in several months was answered by men of the local volunteer department last night when a shed at Beveridge's Wood and Coal Yard near Beaufort channel was partially destroyed.

**Town Retires Bonds**

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ed to only the business that was necessary. This consisted of the election of the town clerk. As only one candidates name was presented T. M. Thomas, Jr., was re-elected Town Clerk. All other town employees were to retain their jobs and salaries until the next meeting of the board at which time if any charges were to be made in the personnel they would be made at that time. R. Hugh Hill on behalf of the fire department request

ed that if the town was able, to donate to the fire department a sum with which to entertain visiting firemen at a convention to be held here next week. Upon motion it was ordered that the town was to aid the firemen up to the sum of \$80.—I.W.S.



G. W. DUNCAN  
Beaufort, N. C.

**BASE BALL**  
**Wilmington Pirates vs Beaufort**  
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LOUISBURG	BEAUFORT	NEW BERN
ANGIER		FRANKLINTON

**RESOURCES**

Cash on Hand and Due from Banks	\$ 2,554,560.47
U. S. Government Securities (Direct and Fully Guaranteed)	\$ 2,019,775.00
State Bonds	4,067,500.00
Municipal Bonds	3,383,644.21
Federal Land Bank and Other Marketable Securities	1,507,501.16
<b>Less: Reserve</b>	<b>\$10,978,420.37</b>
	322,754.12
	<b>\$10,655,666.25</b>
Accrued Interest on Bonds	111,924.46
Loans Secured by Marketable Collateral	1,087,346.64
Other Loans and Discounts	2,952,952.83
	<b>\$ 4,040,299.47</b>
Banking Houses, Furniture and Fixtures	289,761.81
<b>Less: Reserve a-c Depreciation</b>	<b>29,739.61</b>
	260,022.22
Other Assets	4,255.26
	<b>\$17,626,728.11</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock	Preferred	\$497,500.00	
	Common	267,650.00	765,150.00
Surplus			350,000.00
Undivided Profits			330,140.95
Reserve a-c Preferred Stock Retirement Fund			82,500.00
Reserve a-c Accrued and Unearned Interest, etc.			153,194.01
DEPOSITS			15,945,743.15
			<b>\$17,626,728.11</b>