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Carteret Should Have Fire Warden Service

With the possible exception of one or two other counties Carteret is the only one in the state classified as a timber county which does not have Forest Fire Warden protection. When this subject has been mentioned in the past by this newspaper it had little effect on the county board of commissioners through whose power it is possible to secure the service. That is probably because this newspaper has not always been on the friendliest terms with the Carteret board of commissioners. At the present time should a fire start in any section of the county thousands of acres are burned over before it is extinguished by rain or the shores of a bay or river. If Carteret had forest fire protection like practically every other Eastern Carolina county the blazes could be curbed before a tremendous amount of damage had occurred. As a result of the forest fire protection not only the timberlands, but the wildlife would be saved. During seasons when wild life, quail, deer and other birds and animals are scarce the blame is usually due to forest fires which have baked the wildlife—alive. At this particular season on the woodlands are very dry. If a fire gets started there is no way to estimate the great damage it will do before it finally burns out. Springtime is the worst time for fires it seems though, here in Carteret. A forest fire during the Spring not only leaves a barren waste its wake, but it burns alive nesting birds and suckling animals. The State and Federal government cooperate with the counties which adopt forest fire warden service. The cost to Carteret would amount to only a few hundred dollars a year, an amount which is even lower perhaps, than some of the owners of large timber tracts pay in taxes annually. Carteret county owes it to the timber owning tax payers to adopt forest fire service—and the humans who make up the board of commissioners would also be doing a humane work if they adopted fire warden service to protect the nesting birds and suckling animals. If Carteret county does not soon adopt Forest Fire Warden Service of its own accord—then Carteret county will be forced by state and federal agencies to adopt same. Mark those words.

Shrimp By The Millions

Shrimp by the millions have been shooting through the waters of Core Sound and other nearby waters during the past several days. Trawlers who derive a livelihood from catching these crustaceans have been realizing a profit from their efforts after several seasons when the shrimping was not good. Down near Sea Level last week-end it is estimated that a hundred thousand pounds of shrimp were taken by the trawlers. Some of the crews made catches that netted them several hundred dollars. But a run of millions of shrimp in waters where they were scarce until a few days ago does not mean that the trawlers are getting rich. Far from it. It is seldom that a small time fisherman ever gets rich. When fate changes his luck and his catch amounts to several hundred dollars it only means that he can catch up on his debts made when there were no shrimp or fish to be

caught. No one has given any explanation why the tremendous run of shrimp struck in Core Sound a few days ago. Some persons are of the opinion that they came from Pamlico Sound and were migrating towards the ocean. Others are of the opinion that they happened there because of Drum Inlet, that gateway to the sea which was cut through Core Banks during the September storm of 1933. Regardless of how they got there, the appearance of the shrimp have been a God-send to fishermen who go down to the sea in trawl boats after them from day to day throughout the year.

Practical Fisherman Manages Plant Now

Zion Mason, native of Stumpy Point, and a resident of Beaufort is now business manager of N. C. Fisheries Inc., in Morehead City. He has succeeded John Sikes who established the Fisheries, and whom he assisted in the management for about 18 months. Quite frequently when John Sikes was at the controls of Fisheries Inc., especially during its early days, criticism was directed at the plant. Many persons were of the opinion that John Sikes, ex-newspaperman could not possibly know anything about the fishing business and that as a result he had no business holding the position he was holding. Others, especially independent dealers claimed from time to time that the government financed Fisheries organization under Sikes management was using unfair competition in the price of fish. And now Sikes is no longer actively connected with the organization. He resigned and asked to be relieved of active duty on November 1. Zion Mason his successor has a world of knowledge about the fishing industry. He has been engaged in fishing for the greater part of his life and he comes from a fishing town, if there ever was one. Here is hoping Zion Mason will make a tremendous success of his new job and here is also hoping that the various controversies which have arisen from time to time between the independent dealers and the Fisheries are over forever.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an open competitive examination for the position of senior veterinarian (animal disease research), \$4,600 a year, in the Bureau of Animal Industry. Applicants must have completed a course leading to a degree in a college or university with major study in veterinary medicine, and in addition, must have had certain specified experience.

Full information may be obtained from Howard C. Jones, Secretary of the U. S. Civil Service Board of Examiners, at the post office in this city.

Miss Yeatman Owns Private Air Field

Miss Georgina P. Yeatman who bought the Open Grounds and Perquimans Plantation several months ago has constructed an airplane hanger and landing field on the property. The landing fields are in two sections, one running north and south the other east and west. This arrangement gives a flyer an opportunity to land a plane under any wind conditions. The field is marked with wind socks so that the aviator or aviatix, as it will be in Miss Yeatman's case, can tell from the air which way the wind is blowing on the two fields. A crew of workmen are engaged at the present time in digging ditches to drain the runways and also filling a runway to the hanger. Miss Yeatman owns and flies her own plane, and has made several trips down from Philadelphia by that method.

Smyrna Senior Class To Present Class Play

The Senior Class of Smyrna High School will present their annual play on November 18, 1937 in the Smyrna School Auditorium at 7:30 P. M. A small admission will be charged.

The play "Baby Steps Out" is an unusual comedy filled with laughter and interest.

The plot centers about the family life in an average family. Baby, the youngest daughter furnishes romance while Elmer, the father depicts, in his own way, the reform of a hen-pecked husband.

Three years ago, W. R. Wagoner of Clemmons, route 1, used homemade equipment to build some terraces on his rolling fields. Since that time he has followed contour cultivation and during the recent flood rains in Forsyth County, no damage was done to fields so terraced.

URGE UNEMPLOYED

(Continued from page one) tacted various church and civic organizations to give the proposed census plenty of publicity from the pulpit and by word of mouth, and through the press.

Cards will be distributed to the unemployed by postal officials for filling out. This card can be handed to a postal employee or placed in box for mailing without adding a stamp. Any person of either sex and of any color who is not employed persons employed by the WPA should fill out the cards.

SERGEANT BELL

(Continued from page one) Alps mountains. The atmosphere here wasn't good the day we were out so we missed this wonderful sight.

The people in the villages are very kind to us and do what they can for our comfort and we in turn help them to harvest their crops, etc.

Young men are curiosities in this part of the country and the young women work in the munitions factories. These people will not be whipped they have every confidence in their government and army, and every man buys all the bonds he can from time to time. It does me good to know the people in Beaufort are so patriotic, tell them to not worry for an instant the Huns will never fight again after this war for they are going to get a thorough thrashing, one that they never will recover from.

I hope it will be my good fortune to run across Mr. Hudson when he comes over, his is a wonderful work for I know not what we would do without the Y.M.C.A. No matter where you go there is a "Y" always ready to lend you the glad hand, and almost every night there is some little entertainment or pictures and every Sunday morning at ten o'clock there is religious services and many other things they do for us too numerous to mention.

I am enjoying the best of health and good spirits, but am anxious to get into the midst of the scrapping.

I thank you very much for putting me on your mailing list and will look forward with great interest to receiving the News. I hope business is good with every one. Give my warmest regards to all and with every good wish, I am

Yours truly, Sergeant F. R. Bell, P.S.—Alonzo Thomas sends regards to all.

PLATTSBURG

(Continued from page one) supervises the Yeatman acreage in Carteret which includes the Opean Grounds and Perquimans Plantation told me about the old horse with a military, race track and polo field career I did not grasp the human interest makings for this article. It was not until I returned to Beaufort that it dawned on me that Plattsburg's career was an Armistice Day Story No. 1 for Carteret county in 1937.

The horse has been in the Yeatman family for years. When Miss Georgina P. Yeatman bought the Carteret county property several months ago she sent Plattsburg down to spend his last days on a peaceful pasture. An Irish hostler named Carrigan who has spent most of his life taking care of fine horses came down from Philadelphia to take care of the Yeatman stables.

Plattsburg may have been an outstanding racer on the tracks. His career on polo fields may have been worthy of note. But neither of these careers would make a human interest story if given in detail for readers of a newspaper in a section where little is known about race horses.

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and polo mounts. But everybody hereabouts knows something about the World War—the alleged "war to end wars."

And now everybody hereabouts who reads this story as they celebrate or observe Armistice Day will know that in Carteret county is one distinguished veteran who was lucky enough to go through active service on European battlefields without being dismembered by an enemy shell and returned to America to continue a colorful career. This distinguished veteran is Plattsburg; who is grazing the last years of his life away peacefully in the Open Grounds pasture.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank those who extended their sympathy to us during the illness and death of our beloved wife and mother Mary E. Gaskill. We wish especially to thank those who sent floral offerings.

Major Thomas Gaskill, and Romain Gaskill.

Obituaries

MRS. MARY E. GASKILL STACY—Funeral services for Mrs. Mary E. Gaskill, 60, were con-

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ducted at the home here on Monday, November 1, at 3 o'clock, with the Rev. Mr. Griffin of the Free Will Baptist church officiating. She died on Sunday after being in feeble health for several months.

She is survived by her husband Major Thomas Gaskill and one son, Romain Gaskill of Stacy. Pallbearers at the funeral were: Blakely Pond, Dr. Luther Fulcher, Weldon Fulcher, LeRoy Davis, Clarence Lewis and Alvah Fulcher. Mrs. Gaskill was a lifelong member of the Free Will Baptist church. She was the daughter of the late Alonzo and Martha S. Lewis of Stacy.

MRS. MALISSA LAURA SIMPSON Morehead City—Funeral services for Mrs. Malissa L. Simpson were

conducted at the Bell and James funeral home here Sunday afternoon with the Rev. Mr. Anderson, pastor of the Free Will Baptist church and Mr. Stephens of the First Baptist church officiating. She was 50 years of age and died following an illness of only a few weeks.

Mrs. Simpson was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jones of Beaufort county. She is survived by her husband, R. E. Simpson and the following children: Mrs. J. C. Mewborn, Savannah, Ga.; Miss Mattie Simpson and Miss Pearl Simpson, Morehead City; L. E. Simpson and Ross Simpson Jr., of New Bern and Morehead City. Among the many persons attending the funeral rites, several were friends of the deceased from Beaufort, Lenoir and Craven counties.

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