

**Carteret County News-Times**  
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**Where Does Money Go? Taxpayers Don't Know**

No doubt, and as usual, neither the county nor any of the three incorporated municipalities in Carteret will obey the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina requiring publication of budget estimates for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1948 and ending June 30, 1949.

Of the three incorporated municipalities, Beaufort is the only one which has made the effort to keep its taxpayers informed of what becomes of their money. And it is possible that Beaufort may break years of silence on budgetary matters by complying with the law this year.

But as for the county itself the attitude of those directing outgo of the taxpayers' money is pretty much "The Public Be Damned" attitude.

Directors of Carteret's Destiny may throw the public a bone or two in the form of a figure or so. But you can depend on it that the figures will be so general that they could apply to civil government on the moon.

The NEWS-TIMES, as usual, will dig into the county records and try to come up with the missing figures. And in the digging process The NEWS-TIMES will encounter the usual court house reluctance to let vital facts see the light of publication.

**Consequences of Court Reporting**

Proceedings in recorder's court are a matter of public record and this record is available to anyone who requests it at the office of the clerk of superior court in the court house at Beaufort.

It has been the policy of The Beaufort News and is now the policy of The News-Times to print week by week the proceedings in recorder's court, without favoritism and without censorship by any member of The News-Times staff. If cases are settled "out of court" or other procedures followed whereby it is impossible to give our readers what, as citizens, it is their right to know, we have no knowledge of it.

Frequently recorder's court defendants ask that their name not appear in the paper. This is especially true in cases of drunkenness or drunken driving. Last week one defendant asked that his name be left out. It appeared in the court story and this week his wrath descended upon us.

In most instances we are most sympathetic with the person concerned. But a newspaper either prints the news or else it becomes a newspaper in name only.

If it happens that some of our friends are called before the judge — and it happens in the best of families — it is more than embarrassing to have to deny them an earnest and even pleading request.

We present our apologies, but we also present the news.

**Otway Widow Loses Hundreds of Dollars**

N. A. Avera, head of the field office of the social security administration, Wilmington, on his visit to the county this week, recounted a story of a widow of Otway who lost more than seven years' payment from the government because she neglected to inquire about her rights as the wife of a deceased worker.

Her husband died in 1940 and only within the past several months has she begun to receive the payments to which she is entitled. Her eligibility was accidentally discovered when she spoke to a social security administration representative in regard to workmen's compensation.

She said that her husband was dead but that he had never had a social security card although while he was living he had received regular wages.

The Wilmington office got busy, looked up her husband's former employer and learned that the employer thought he didn't have to deduct social security tax from the man's pay. He then had to pay his share of the tax for the period in which the deceased was in his employ, the share of the employee, plus a penalty.

Today the deceased worker's wife is receiving benefits for herself and her child under 18 years of age.

Fourteen of the 373 claims filed during April, May, and June were made late and represented a loss in payments of \$2,900. Two of these late claimants were Carteret countians.

Those who fail to apply for what is due them are usually most in need of financial help. The payments are not charity, Mr. Avera emphasized. Social security is a form of insurance, and the worker or worker's survivors are entitled to the "pay off."

As soon as a worker reaches the age of 65, he should go to the Beaufort postoffice the first or third Wednesday of the month and discuss his rights to benefits with the representative of the social security office there.

ALSO, as soon as the worker's wife or widow becomes 65, she should inquire into her rights to receive benefits.

If a worker dies, no matter what his age, his widow should see the representative in Beaufort to learn what benefits she and her children are due.

Dilly-dallying or neglect in filing claims can mean the loss of hundreds of dollars. It costs nothing to ask questions and the social security representative will be glad to talk with those who believe they are entitled to payments.

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**STRAIGHT FROM THE FEED-BOX**



**Raleigh Round up**

**By Eula Nixon Greenwood**

**LET HIM HAVE IT!** There was nearly as much activity in Scott Headquarters in the Carolina Hotel here last week as during the campaign.

As it turned out, everybody was for Kerr Scott for Governor, "and I just thought I would come by to wish him well." On the night of the second Primary, two men came into the ballroom where the returns were flooding to the Alhambra and said they had been for Kerr Scott all along. However, they had forgotten to remove their "Johnson for Governor" buttons.

Scott's associate manager, Capus Wayne, should be the next chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee—if he wants it. And he began wanting it early last week when he learned suddenly that he wasn't being considered for the position.

**LIKES HORTON, BUT** — Governor-nominate Kerr Scott likes the present chairman, Wilkins P. Horton of Pittsboro, but Capus Wayne, naturally, ranks first in Scott's preferences. Another thing, Wayne said when he joined the Scott organization that he wanted no State job, and would not accept one. So you see, he is an unusual person right there. He still says he will not take a State job—even though he left a \$12,000-per-annum position with the Reynolds Foundation to go with W. Kerr Scott. Since the chairmanship is all he wants—and wants that only to protect the man he helped nominate for Governor—he should certainly have it.

And, furthermore, will get it.

**MANAGERS** — Governor R. Gregg Cherry's manager was W. B. Umstead, who became U. S. Senator; J. M. Broughton's manager, E. B. Denny, is now an associate justice of the State Supreme Court; Clyde R. Hoyer's manager, Hubert Olive, was made a Superior Court judge; but the manager for J. C. B. Ehringhaus, L. P. McLendon of Greensboro, who supported Kerr Scott this time, asked for no position, was offered a place on the State Supreme Court and refused it. He was the last of this type until Wayne came along.

**NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN** — It is known here that Joe Blythe of Charlotte, national committeeman, supported W. B. Umstead for the U. S. Senate. It is thought, also, that he was for Charles M. Johnson for Governor. However, despite these two losses in one season, he is likely to remain as North Carolina's national committeeman. You would think that Winner J. M. Broughton and Winner Kerr Scott would have the say-so here, but the delegates to the National Democratic Convention—the majority of them at least—will probably side with Blythe. Kerr Scott hasn't shown any preference in this matter. He isn't too much interested in all the political jockeying for position except as it might affect his legislative program.

**NATIONAL COMMITTEEWOMAN** — Miss Beatrice Cobb of Morganton is almost sure to be moved out of the national committeewoman's position. Regarded as an Um-

stead - Johnson supporter by Broughton and Scott, her chances to remain in her present post are indeed slim. She became national committeewoman in 1936 during the Hoyer-McDonald-Granam free-for-all.

**NEEDS ATTENTION** — Sitting at his home in Alamance County on the Sunday afternoon following his nomination for Governor, Kerr Scott, described as "pure agony" the first two weeks of his campaign. He had no money. He could not get a manager. Many people were laughing at his chances of becoming Governor.

It was different last week. He was at Black Bear Inn, out from West Jefferson, resting and eating. His lead over Johnson had been cut to 32,466 — Haywood County, for instance, had made a mistake in counting, and officially gave Johnson 1,088 more votes than in the unofficial returns—but this 32,466 was still more than twice the 15,000 which Scott thought he would beat Johnson.

Into his headquarters here in Raleigh, the contributors came bearing peace offerings. There was a small deficit in funds. One distiller offered to take care of the entire deficit. He was thanked, very graciously, and just as graciously told he could keep his money, and goodbye. Money was offered from all directions. Most of it was refused.

However—and this is the point — Capus Wayne and his assistants in the Scott Headquarters could have raised \$100,000 last week, probably even more than that, if they had wished. Between Scott's nomination and his inauguration next January—if he gets by the Republicans this fall — he and his co-workers could secure contributions totaling a quarter of a million dollars. There is no law to prevent it! Scott would only have to hint that the contributors would be given his influence in their behalf during the next four years.

Contributions to the Scott campaign have all been studied very closely before being accepted. No strings! The deficit was cleared last Saturday with clean money.

**NOTES** — Although Secretary of State Thad Eure wrote no letters in behalf of Scott, the report is that his personal telephone bills for the months of May and June were enormous. . . . Also in there pitching was L. Y. Ballentine, Democratic nominee for Agriculture Commissioner. . . . Also Old-Timer Herbert Gully. . . . Baxter Durham. . . . in a big way. . . . Itimus Valentine, another old war horse. . . . Scott says he has no hard feelings toward anybody. . . . and won't have. . . . certainly not until after the November election.

**Wed on Same Day**

**EAST LANSING, Mich.** — (AP) — Two of Michigan State's star football players recently were married on the same day. George Guerra, fleet tailback from Flint, Mich., married Pat Whitmore of Lansing in the latter city, and Pete Fust, veteran tackle, also from Flint, wed Beatrice Rossie in Flint. Both players will return for regular grid duty in the fall.

**In The Good Old Days**

**THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**  
Plans for the great Eastern Carolina Fair, to be held in New Bern the end of October, were being made.

The Beaufort baseball team defeated the Oriental team, 4-2.

Miss Ella Davis accepted a position with the Bank of Beaufort.

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**  
Claude R. Wheatly, Jr. celebrated his fifth birthday, with a party at his home on Front St.

The Board of County Commissioners passed a resolution authorizing the sale of \$50,000 worth of road and bridge bonds.

A town ordinance was passed making the speed limit 20 miles per hour in the business section. Ann and Live Oak streets, Ann and Turner and Front and Turner were designated stop streets.

**TEN YEARS AGO**  
Carteret County Commissioners, at their July meeting drew up a tentative budget for the year 1938-39. The tax rate would remain at \$1.80.

The newspaper printed the delinquent list of tax payers. Over 3,000 property owners were listed.

The Carteret Hardware company was five years old this month.

**FIVE YEARS AGO**  
The leading editorial commended the Baptist and Episcopal parsonages who were still conducting services although the churches had been without pastors for many months.

Rev. W. Stanley Potter had gone to Hatteras to preach at the church there for a week. William Blades Parkin was minister of the church.

**CAPT. TOM**  
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were built on Ocracoke Island.

At 84, "Big Ike" likes to sit under the live oaks in his yard and talk about the old days.

He grew up with Captain Tom.

It was "Big Ike" who helped piece together the fragmentary story of Captain Tom's sailing days.

"The Paragon and the Annie Wahab," said "Big Ike," "were two of four schooners built here on Ocracoke. That was back in the '80's. At that time there were plenty of big live oaks and red cedar on the island.

"Old Captain Tillman Farrow built them all. He had his slaves to cut the oaks and hew the timbers. And when they were built, Captain Tom took over as skipper of the Annie Wahab. Later he served on the Paragon."

The Annie Wahab could carry about 2,300 bushels of grain or rice, he said.

When Captain Tom retired from coastwise sailing he built a small boat of his own and sailed Pamlico Sound, just fishing and taking it easy.

And when he got too old to sail even the Sound, he sold his boat and became a lonely man. He traded his bunk for a bed, and lived alone.

He did his own cooking.

His two sons, Thad and Joseph, tried to get him to live with them, but Captain Tom would have none of it.

Even up to his death he was amazingly active for his age. He divided his time between sitting on the steps of his home and on the wooden bench down at the Garrison-O'Neal Store.

There at the store he could sit and watch the modern boats come and go, but engines were not for Captain Tom. He was a sailboat man to the very last.

So, perhaps tonight he has found the Annie Wahab up there in the Islands of the Blessed and is sitting around signing on a crew to take her out on that stormless sea where he can let her canvass billow full and white.

**OCRACOKE**

Archie Wahab, M.O.M.M. 3/c U. S. C. G., came Monday 28th from Norfolk, Va., to the Coast Guard station where he is stationed.

Mrs. Nancy Ring and two children of High Point arrived Saturday, June 26th, to visit Mrs. Ring's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Garrish. Mr. Ring joined them a few days later.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Scarborough and son, Jackie, of Lawrence, Mass., are visiting Mr. Scarborough's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Scarborough.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack C. Willis of Washington, D. C., arrived Sunday to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Willis and Mrs. Charlie McWilliams.

Mr. Edward Simpson is visiting his mother, Mrs. Murry Tolson.

Miss Carrie Moore Williams of Richmond, Va., is visiting her father, Mr. H. J. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nelson and two daughters of Beaufort are visiting Mrs. Nelson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Howard.

Mr. Thomas Thorpe and nephew, Larry Simpson, were in Morehead City on business last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Gaskins and two children of Key West, Fla., are visiting Mr. Gaskins' father, Mr. Thad Gaskins.

Lawrence Ballance spent the Fourth of July holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Ballance. Mr. Ballance is attending a watchmakers school in Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Garrish and two daughters of Raleigh spent the weekend with Mrs. Garrish's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Ballance.

Enoch Gaskill spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gaskill. Mr. Gaskill is attending barber school in Winston-Salem.

Miss Melba Williams is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zina Williams. Miss Williams is employed in Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. Janice Taylor and son, Billy of Beaufort and Troy Williams, student at the University of North Carolina, arrived Saturday to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zina Williams.

Mrs. Marvin Howard and daughter, Martha Deaf, of Galveston, Texas, are visiting Mr. Howard's mother, Mrs. Homer Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ruth and Mrs. Ruth's brother, T. C. Scarborough, of Ashboro, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Scarborough.

Charles C. Angle of Philadelphia, Pa., is visiting his aunt and uncle, Miss Georgianna Howard and Thomas Howard.

Buddy Howard of Philadelphia, Pa., is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Howard.

Mrs. Roy Council of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Clifton Drake and son, Sambo, and Miss Barbara Fuller of Rocky Mount are visiting Mrs. Council's and Mrs. Drake's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Bragg.

Mrs. Mary F. Austin and daughter, Louise, came back last week from Morehead City where Miss Austin has been in the Morehead City hospital.

Mr. Norman Styron returned home last week from Morehead City to visit his wife and children.

Mrs. Carrie Styron returned home from Morehead City for a few days last week.

William Arthur O'Neal and friend from Wilmington, Del., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Styron.

Mr. and Mrs. James Moore Williams and son, Alton, of New York arrived last week to visit Mr. Williams' mother, Mrs. Jacob Williams. Miss Vera Williams met them in Morehead City and returned home with them.

Miss Virginia Howard of Nor-

**Cafe Interest Purchased; New Beauty Shop Opens**

Mrs. Otis Jefferson recently acquired full ownership of the Carolina Grill, Turner street. The cafe will be managed by her son-in-law, Holden Ballou. Harry Willis, of Lennoxville, formerly had interest in the cafe. Up until several months ago Mrs. Jefferson owned and operated the Dora Dean Beauty shop.

A new beauty shop, The Beauty Bar, opened recently in Beaufort. It is located in the west side of the building owned by D. F. Merrill where Spring's Fruit stand was located.

The shop is owned and operated by Callie Farrier, Mabel Cannedy, and Zeta Noe.

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**Negro News**

Dr. Reginald Hawkins, of Charlotte, is here visiting his father, Mr. Charlie Hawkins.

Mrs. Betty Fulford returned Sunday from Brooklyn, N. Y., after being called there by the illness of Mrs. Edie Bell, who is slightly improved now.

Miss Margaret Hawkins, of Norfolk, Va., is here visiting her father, Mr. Charlie Hawkins.

Mrs. Bee Barrett, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is here visiting the Odum and Joyner families.

Joe Mae Beeton, of Jacksonville, spent last weekend here.

Mrs. Lottie Mae Gaskill, her son, Mike, and her granddaughter, Vivian Gaskill, returned Sunday from Brooklyn.

Miss Edie Parker has returned for the summer months and is staying with her sister, Mrs. Mamie Jordan.

**Bill P. Richardson**

Funeral services for Bill P. Richardson, who died June 18 while at work in Beaufort, were conducted Thursday, June 24, in the A. M. E. Zion church, Morehead City, the Rev. Melvory, pastor, officiating. Interment was in Bay View cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lucile Richardson, two brothers, seven sisters, of Fernandina, Fla., and Covington, Ky., and many relatives.

**DRIVERS**  
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days. Besides this, the defendant paid \$10 plus court costs.

Also found guilty of public drunkenness was Luis R. Ruiz, who was ordered to pay court expenses.

Motor vehicle violations were few. Royce R. Williams paid costs for speeding, as did William Stewart for driving without a license. Costs and \$10 were paid by David Oettinger, speeding; Charles James Link, reckless and careless driving; and John Berthoff, speeding and passing within 50 feet of a bridge.

Three bonds were forfeited for failure to appear. The three who forfeited were Jarl Ellis Bowers, speeding; Lyman B. Roberts, speeding; and James L. Hill, driving without a chauffeur's license in his possession. Cases will be continued against each.

Cases will also be continued against James L. Frazier, Jr., improper lights and brakes; Charles Daniels, Jr., charged with driving drunk and without a license; Jack Lee Luckett, speeding; Don A. Parker, improper lights; William J. Cahill, driving without a license and without any lights; Earl F. Allen, speeding; and Robert S. Hines, charged with driving drunk.

Court adjourned at 11 a.m.

**Johnny's in a Rut**

**CINCINNATI** — (AP) — Johnny Wyrpstek, outfield stalwart of the Cincinnati Reds, posted an identical batting mark of .322 in his first two seasons of professional baseball at Kinston in the Coastal Plain League in 1937 and 1938.

In 1940, six U. S. counties had more than 10,000 people for every physician in active practice.