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EVERY THURSDAY

Reading Is To The Mind What Exercise Is To The Body

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## MOTHER KILLS CHILD

### Mentally Unbalanced Mrs. Neva Spencer Of Lupton Commits Desperate Deed

Perhaps the most pitiful tragedy ever enacted in Carteret county occurred yesterday a week ago when Mrs. Neva Spencer of Lupton attempted to take her own life and the lives of her two children.

Mrs. Spencer who was about twenty five years of age, lived in the little village of Lupton on Hog Island in this county. A little more than a year ago her husband died of influenza leaving the widow with a little son, Edward, aged eight and a little daughter Mildred, about five years old. Mrs. Spencer had been very despondent since the death of her husband and according to reports had shown signs of mental aberration.

Some four or five weeks ago W. R. Styron who had been postmaster at Lupton resigned and although the place paid but little Mrs. Spencer accepted it when it was offered her. This resulted very unfortunately for her. About a year and a half ago the postoffice at Lupton was robbed of several hundred dollars worth of stamps and money and this item had remained as a charge against the office. Mrs. Spencer took up the notion that she would have to pay this deficit which of course she was not responsible for at all and brooding over this and her other troubles real or imaginary she decided to end it all by killing her children and herself.

On the day of the tragedy Mrs. Spencer put some concentrated lye in some soft drink or other and gave it to the little boy and girl. She afterwards drank some of the concoction herself and then went upstairs in the house where she lived and cut her throat. A short time later she was found by her brother, Luther Gaskill who is the mail carrier. At the time none of the unfortunate family were dead and so arrangement were made to carry them to the hospital in Morehead City.

Edward did not like the taste of the poison and drank only a little of it and so except that his mouth was burned he was not seriously injured. Little Mildred drank all that was given her and though every effort was made to save her life she was so terribly burned internally that she died Thursday morning. The distracted mother recovered consciousness after receiving treatment at the hospital and was able to talk a little. Her only thought was for the children and she asked whether they had died or not. She soon lapsed into unconsciousness again and on Friday she passed away.

Superintendent of Welfare A. H. Outlaw has taken much interest in this sad occurrence and is looking out for little Edward. Application has been made to get him into the Free Will Baptist orphanage at Middlesex and he will soon be taken to that institution.

### Will Move Wireless

A force of men from Norfolk navy yard is expected to arrive this week for the purpose of moving the wireless station from here to Camp Glenn. Lieutenant Sandiford was here Tuesday looking over the ground and making the necessary preparations.

Mrs. Hurbert Hancock and daughter Miss Adela Willis of Smyrna are spending several days here the guest of Mrs. Monroe Gillikin

## DEATH NOTICES

### Miss Lydia Gilgo

Miss Lydia Gilgo died Monday morning at the home of her sister Mrs. Holloway Mason. She was forty two years old. Miss Gilgo was a victim of tuberculosis. For about eight weeks she had been confined to her bed. The body of the deceased was taken to Cedar Island Wednesday for burial. She is survived by four brothers, Warren Gilgo of Davis, and George, Monroe and Thomas Gilgo of Portsmouth. Three sisters Mrs. Henry Smith, and Mrs. Holloway Mason, of Beaufort and Mrs. Milan Willis of Portsmouth are also living.

### Miss Fawn Rumley

The body of Miss Fawn Rumley who died in a sanatorium in Greensboro Tuesday was here yesterday for interment. Miss Rumley was about seventy years of age and was a resident of Beaufort practically all of her life. She had been in feeble health for several months. Funeral services for the deceased were conducted at Ann Street Methodist church by Reverend H. A. Day in the absence of the pastor of the church. The nearest surviving relative of Miss Rumley is her sister Mrs. H. W. Fuller now living in Greensboro. The interment was made in Ocean View cemetery

### John T. Garner

John T. Garner of this city died at his home here Monday evening. He was fifty years of age. He had been a sufferer for some time with kidney trouble. The funeral was conducted at the Baptist church by Reverend Harry Day and the interment was in Ocean View cemetery. The surviving relatives of the deceased are his widow Mrs. Bettie Garner, two sons William and Charlie, two daughters Mrs. M. B. Daniels, and Miss Theresa, four brothers, P. D., Wm. H., Nathan, and Alexander Garner and two sisters, Mrs. John M. Wolfe and Mrs. Edward Simpson.

### Earl Duncan Smith

Little Earl the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith died at the home of his parents Thursday morning at two o'clock. The child was five months and twenty two days old. He had been sick with stomach trouble for five weeks. Reverend H. A. Day conducted the funeral services and the interment was made in Ocean View cemetery.

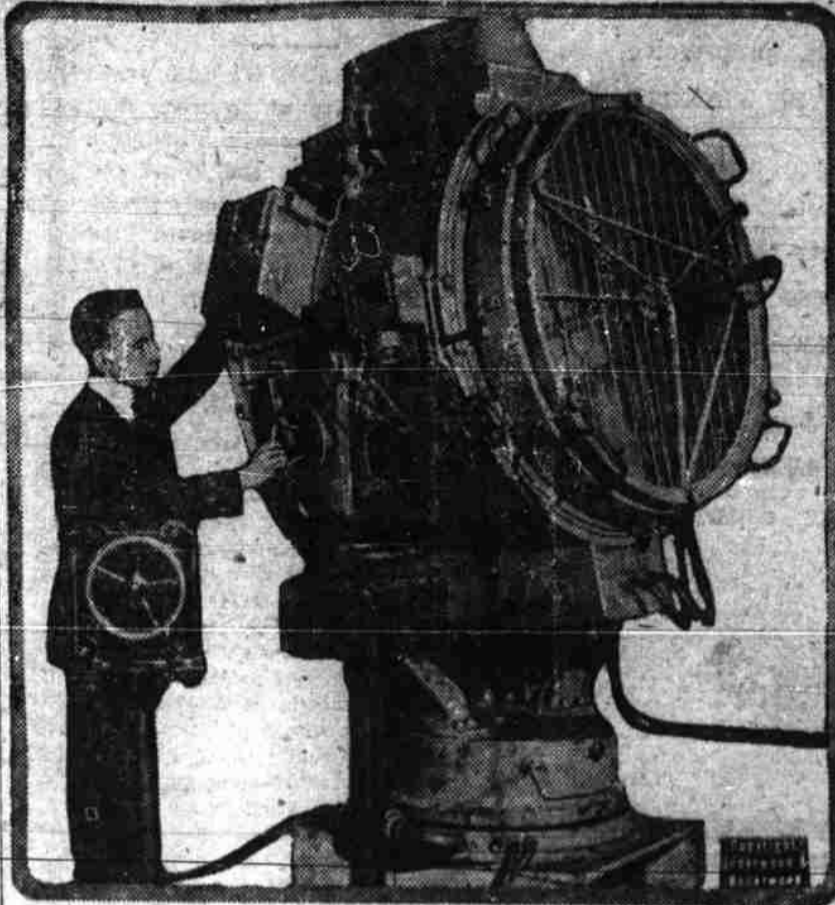
### Julius Dudley Dead

After an illness of only a week Julius Dudley died Sunday morning at one o'clock at the hospital in Morehead City where he had been taken for treatment. Mr. Dudley was thirty five years of age and unmarried. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Dudley of Beaufort. Besides his parents his surviving relatives are two sisters Mrs. Cecil Parkin, Miss Ola and a brother, Jas. Dudley Jr. Funeral services of the deceased were conducted at the home Sunday afternoon by Reverend R. F. Bumpas, and interment was in Ocean View cemetery.

### Marriage Licenses

Marriage licenses recently issued are as follows: F. M. Chadwick of New Bern and Hazel Hawkins of Morehead O. B. Culpeper of Oriental and Nannie Dowdy of Newport. F. R. Gillikin and Jennette Lawrence of Otway. Olivia S. Maudslowe and Irene E. Hall of Newport

## LARGEST SEARCHLIGHT IN THE WORLD



This, the largest searchlight in the world, is the invention of Elmer A. Sperry. It has 1,280,000 beam candle power, and is so powerful that its rays will light cigarettes and melt lead at a distance of 12 feet.

## SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

### Exercises Will Begin Next Tuesdays Program Of Much Interest

The Commencement Exercises of the Beaufort Graded School will be held in the Auditorium on the nights of May 4, 5, 6, & 7th. The exercises will be given in the following order:

Tuesday, P. M. 8 o'clock-Cantata-"Cinderella in Flower"-Primary Department.

Wednesday, P. M. 8 o'clock-Recital of Music Class.

Thursday, P. M. 8 o'clock-Recitation Contest By High School girls-prizes given by Dr. F. R. Bell.

Friday, P. M. 8 o'clock-Band Concert.

The public is cordially invited to attend all the above exercises. There will be no graduating exercises or address, due to the fact that the tenth grade will be held over another year for eleventh grade work. There will be an exhibit of the school work in the lower corridor and it is hoped that all patrons of the school, especially, will look over the work on display.

### Winners In Essay Contest

Under the auspices of the Landowners' Association of Wilmington an essay contest on "The Causes and Prevention of Malaria" was held throughout the twenty-three counties of Eastern North Carolina. Three prizes were given in each county for the first, second, and third best essays. All three winners in Carteret County were students of the Beaufort Graded School, namely: Stella Campbell-1st prize \$5, Estelle Yoffie, 2nd prize \$3, Thelma Garner 3rd prize \$2.

### Corrects False Report

I understand that reports are being circulated that I am not a bona fide candidate for the Register of Deeds and that I will come down before the primaries are held. I wish to say that this report is absolutely false and that I am in the race for Register of Deeds and expected to be elected.

### New Candidate For Commissioner

Mr. Samuel Lilly whose card appears in this issue of the News has announced that he is a candidate for the Republican nomination for County Commissioner. Mr. Lilly is a well known business man of Morehead City.

### Beaufort Needs

- To finish its sewerage system.
- To improve its streets.
- To build more sidewalks.
- To install new engine and dynamo.
- To furnish day current.
- To improve the harbor.
- To build a new hotel.

### Mothers Day Programme

Our annual Mothers Day programme will be rendered on Sunday afternoon May the 9th in Live Oak cemetery at 3:45 P. M. This cemetery is situated on Ann street between the Methodist and Baptist churches.

The programme as follows:

- 1st. Three selections by the Graded school band.
- 2nd. Star Spangled Banner by every one.
- 3rd. Prayer and address by Reverend R. F. Bumpas.
- 4th. Song- Nearer My God to Thee.
- 5th. Address by Reverend H. A. Day.
- 6th. Quartette by Messrs. Day, Swann, Davis, and Paul.
- 7th. Address by Mr. T. C. Wade of Morehead City.
- 8th. Quartette by Messrs. Day, Davis, Swann, and Paul.
- 9th. Song- America.
- 10th. Music by the Band.
- 11th. Benediction by Reverend H. A. Day.

Every one cordially invited to attend and requested to wear a flower for mothers sake.

Committee-Mrs. Thos. Duncan, and Miss Lillian Duncan.

### J. S. Whitehurst A Candidate

The name of J. S. Whitehurst was inadvertently omitted from the political announcements in last week's issue of the News. Mr. Whitehurst is an active candidate for the nomination for Register of Deeds and expects to be in at the finish.

Guidance That Must Be Heeded. Men are inexcusable if they do not pursue that which their judgment tells them is the most laudable.—Joseph Addison.

## CHILD LABOR LAWS

### Superintendent Outlaw Makes Statement As To Employing Children

Chapter 100, Public Laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, provides that no child under the age of 14 years of age be hired in any enterprise except it be shown to the County Superintendent of Public Welfare that it is not injurious to the health of the child. When same has been shown to him a certificate will be issued which will make it legal and no other procedure on employment will be legal.

Mr. Outlaw has received a visit from Hon. E. F. Carter, of Raleigh who is Executive Officer of the State Child Welfare Commission, and they have jointly looked over the conditions of child employment. Necessary forms have been received and Mr. Outlaw is desirous of issuing certificates for child employment during vacation and before and after school hours in order to prevent the indictment of any person for illegal employment.

The law is not designed to force any hardship upon employers; but primarily for the welfare of the child and its future development. It is sincerely hoped, therefore, that much real good may be accomplished.

Any person desiring to hire a child under 14 years of age will first apply to Rev. A. H. Outlaw, of Morehead City and will be given employer's application which will be filled out by the employer together with a Parent's statement of age blank which must be properly filled out and signed by the parent or guardian of the child to be employed. Both should be sent to the Superintendent of Welfare, then a certificate of employment will be issued will make it entirely legal. Any person employing children under age without certificate will be liable to be dealt with by law, and will be compelled to suffer the consequences.

### In Charge Of Postoffice

A temporary appointment as postmistress here has been offered to Miss Lillian Pierce of Beaufort and has been accepted by her. At a later date it is understood that a civil service examination will be held and some one given the place permanently.

### Senatorial Convention

The Republicans of the seventh district held a convention in New Bern last Thursday for the purpose of endorsing candidates for State Senator. Those who went from this county were Lieutenant E. Walter Hill, Judge K. J. Respass, and A. L. Wilson of Newport. The convention organized by selecting Lieutenant Hill for Chairman and J. L. Phillips of Kinston, Secretary. The name of A. R. Wilson of Jones county was presented as one of the candidates and that of W. G. Mebane of Carteret for the other. Both were unanimously elected. The convention made its temporary organization permanent and elected executive committee as follows: Carteret K. J. Respass, Craven, J. S. Basnight, Green, D. W. Patrick, Jones, McCutchin, Lenoir, J. T. Pope, Onslow, A. Z. Jarman. Headquarters for the district will be opened here by Chairman Hill and a vigorous fight will be made.

## PRIMARY ENTRIES ENDED

### Candidates For State Officers And Congress Are All In

Saturday last was the final day for candidates to enter their names for the State, congressional and Presidential primaries which are to be held in June. For President the Democrats have one entry, that of Senator F. M. Simmons. There are three aspirants for the Republican endorsement for President in this State. They are Judge Jeter C. Pritchard of Asheville who was endorsed not long ago by the Republican State convention General Leonard Wood and Senator Hiram Johnson.

For Governor there are three Democratic candidates, Ex-congressman Robert N. Page, Lieutenant Governor O. Max Gardner, and Cameron Morrison. The Republicans have but one aspirant for this office. John J. Parker of Monroe was named by the Republican State convention for Governor and he will be the party's candidate at the polls. W. Irving Tucker is the party's candidate for Lieutenant-Governor. The rest of the ticket for State officers was filled out and will be given in the News at a later date.

There are two Republican candidates in the third district for the congressional nomination. Richard L. Herring was nominated by the Republican convention at Goldsboro and he is entered in the primaries and W. B. Rouse of New Bern is an independent candidate for this place. The Democrats have three candidates in the field for Congress. They are C. L. Abernethy and congressman Brinson of New Bern and Dr. R. L. Carr of Duplin county.

The candidates for the State Senate in the seventh district are Republicans A. R. Wilson of Jones and W. G. Mebane of Carteret. Democrats Luther Hamilton of Carteret and G. V. Cowper of Lenoir.

By the reason of the large number of candidates there will probably be more interest shown in the primaries this year than ever before.

### Real Estate Transfers

The following transactions in real estate has been recently recorded:

Julius Willis and wife to Thos. G. Willis lot in Beaufort Heights, con \$50.

Geo. F. Duffy and wife to R. H. Pridgen 400 acres in White Oak township con \$4500.

Bertie Salter and wife to Maltby Taylor 5 acres in Hunting Quarter township con \$50.

Bert S. Taylor and wife to C. W. Smith 25 acres in White Oak township con \$1000.

T. B. Hall to N. H. Garner 271-2 acres in Newport township con \$739.

C. F. Cannon and wife to N. H. Garner 1-4 acre in Newport township con \$5.

W. J. Fodrie and wife to Chas. S. Chester 200 acres in Harlowe township con \$2000.

Chas. S. Chester to Chas. S. Reising half interest in 200 acres tract in Harlowe township con \$1000.

H. H. Hamlin and wife to C. K. Howe, 3 tracts on Taylor's Creek Beaufort township 93 acres con. \$10 &c.

L. F. McCabe and wife to Jas. Watson 2 lots in Newport township con \$275.

J. L. Edwards and wife to M. Mann lot in Newport township con \$800.

Net Pure Reading Matter. "How to lie when asleep," find a newspaper headline. The space would be better filled persuading people to tell the truth while awake.—Boston Transcript.