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BUSINESS BODY SHOWS UP WELL

Record of Achievement During The Year of Chamber of Commerce

The Beaufort Chamber of Commerce was reorganized in February, 1921, with a membership of approximately, fifty. This membership has increased from time to time until at the present time there are eighty members on roll.

The Officers and Board of Directors have been quietly working since its organization, pursuing many different lines in an effort, an organized effort, to make of Beaufort, a better town for its people and to draw to Beaufort, other people. The following is a synopsis of what has been accomplished during the year:

1st. Securing for Beaufort, Free Mail Delivery Service. This service has been secured as soon as the City authorities meet with the requirements of the postoffice department in regard to the numbering of the streets, and houses, and these steps are now being taken by the city. This service will give us two city carriers, who will make two trips daily and cover most of the town.

2nd. We have secured a recommendation from Secretary of War, Weeks, for an appropriation of \$30,000 for the deepening of the channel in Taylor's Creek and \$4,000 per year for the maintenance of this channel. This will mean a great deal to our water industries, since it will both deepen and widen the channel from Beaufort harbor to Core Sound, admitting the use of much larger vessels than can at present time go through this channel.

3rd. We secured through sleeping car (Pullman) service between Beaufort and Washington, D. C., during the summer months. This service was of great benefit to the people from up-State who wanted to come to the Coast during the summer.

4th. We worked in connection with the Chambers of Commerce of Kinston, New Bern, and other cities up state in securing Sunday excursion trains into Beaufort during the summer, which was not only a great convenience to the people living in the interior, but brought a great many Sunday visitors to Beaufort during the summer.

5th. We secured additional trackage and considerable other improvements in the loading facilities at the freight depot, which were of untold benefit in the handling of the potato crops and other shipments of freight.

6th. Through the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce, a Dollar Day was advertised and put on in the early spring, that brought a great many people to the town and was a decided success from an advertising standpoint.

7th. Through the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce, the Swarthmore Chautauqua Association was secured for a five day entertainment in our city during last May. This was a wonderful success both from a financial and an entertainment standpoint. Our folks being so well pleased that sixty five people of our city signed a contract for return engagement the coming year.

8th. We secured from the State Insurance Department, an Inspector who came to our town, made a thorough survey and left instructions, which when carried out, will give us much lower fire insurance rates than we now have.

9th. We have the promise of the Government Engineer in charge of this district to fill up the eastern end of front street, as soon as the dredge is again working it again working in the adjacent territory.

10th. The Chamber of Commerce working in conjunction with the other civic organizations of the town, put on the best 4th of July celebration that has ever been held in the city.

11th. One of the most important things done by the Chamber of Commerce was the organization of a Federal Farm Loan Association. This Association was organized by the Secretary in April of this year. It now has on file applications for over \$300,000 in loans from more than fifty members. The Association has recently been visited by an appraiser from the Federal Land Bank and thirty applications for loans passed on. These loans will be made within the very near future and

BAD WEATHER KEEPS YACHTS IN PORT.

For several days now Beaufort harbor has been pretty well filled with yachts, fishing boats and other craft detained here on account of the bad weather. Beginning last week there were stiff easterly winds, then southeasterly and southwesterly followed with considerable rain. Now the skies are clear and the wind has gone to the northwest and brought much cooler weather. It is likely that a period of calm will last for a few days now and the boats will take advantage of it and go on their way.

Among the many yachts in the harbor recently, one of the prettiest was the Sea Horse the property of Mr. J. A. Allison, of Indianapolis and Miami Beach. This vessel which is only a few weeks old, met with the misfortune of having a hole stove in her port bow and considerably bruising the bow during the storm Monday night. The accident was caused by the Sea Horse running afoul of a barge on which, according to the crew of the yacht, no lights were burning. The hole is not more than two feet in circumference and can be repaired without much difficulty.

Mr. Allison who is aboard the Sea Horse has as his guests among others Mr. Theo. R. Shipp, former publicity agent of the Harding campaign committee, Mr. John Oliver La Gorce, associate editor of the National Geographic magazine and Mr. Reginald Werrenrath well known in musical circles in Boston and elsewhere. Notwithstanding the unpleasant incident of a few days bad weather the yachtsmen seemed to be enjoying their trip.

will go a long ways towards ending the money stringency that has prevailed in the county during the past year. This is purely a farmers organization and will continue to do business for the farmers of the county so long as any of them are in need of its services.

12th. The Chamber of Commerce working with the people of Merrimack and Lukens sections of the county, has secured a motor boat mail service between Beaufort and Merrimack-Lukens, daily, six times per week. This service opens up a daily communication between Beaufort and a section of the county that has previously been almost isolated, and will prove a great benefit both to Beaufort and the sections served by this route.

13th. The Secretary has just been advised by the railroad companies through the Corporation Commission that Beaufort will soon be given the same freight rates on flour from Norfolk, as New Bern has, and also a reduction in freight rates on coal to Beaufort. This will mean a considerable saving in freight on both these commodities.

14th. By far the most far reaching and important achievement of the Chamber of Commerce is the recent arrangement made with the Southern Express Company to handle fish, oysters, clams, scallops and any other kinds of sea food on the afternoon trains out of Beaufort and to put them in Richmond in time for the next days market. Prior to this arrangement, sea food could not be shipped on the afternoon trains and reach Richmond the following day in time for the day's markets and as a result our sea food dealers had lost their Richmond business. The result of this was that they had to refuse to buy certain kinds of fish, which was a great handicap to the fishing industry. It is impossible to estimate the value of this one achievement alone.

In addition to the above, the Chamber of Commerce has worked with other civic organizations of the town in many other things pertaining to the public health of our city and its general welfare, which space forbids us to mention.

It is the purpose of the officers of the Chamber of Commerce to put on a membership campaign on Tuesday, November 23rd, for the purpose of securing new members. This campaign will be conducted by a special committee appointed by President Haffland and every citizen of the town will be given an opportunity to become a member and aid in helping to make a "Bigger, Better, Better Beaufort." This membership committee will go out expecting to attain a membership of 100 paid up members.

Will Call Election On Road Question

Board of Commissioners Will Probably Call Election To Decide Road Matter. May Build Hard Surfaced Roads To Craven Line

The people of Carteret county will soon have an opportunity of saying whether they desire to have this county connected with the State's system of hard surfaced roads or not. The News is informed that the board of county commissioners will take the matter up at its meeting on Monday and will probably call an election on the question.

The election will probably take place early in December and will be for the purpose of getting an expression of opinion from voters as to whether they wish the commissioners to issue bonds to build the roads or not. The commissioners have authority to issue bonds for the purposes without calling an election but they have no desire to exercise this power. They take the view that they are simply the agents of the people and are there to do what the voters want done. So no matter what they as individuals think about the road question they want the people to express their opinion first.

As no doubt many of the readers of the News already know, the State of North Carolina proposes to build a highway from the coast to the Tennessee line. In fact some sections of this highway are already finished and others are in course of construction. Still other links of the highway have been authorized and contracts let for them. Last week a contract was let for a link of this road beginning on the east side of Trent river coming towards Carteret county for ten miles. Another contract was let for a link in Wayne county. A contract for a hard surfaced road in Pamlico county was given out at the same time as the other two.

On account of the State not being able at present to sell its road bonds

advantageously and perhaps for other reasons not many contracts are being let for road work, so some counties are advancing the money to the State and thereby getting their roads sooner than they would otherwise. The News understands that Wayne and Craven and perhaps Pamlico are putting up the money for the State in the road contracts referred to above.

When the State borrows money for road work from the counties it does so with the understanding that work will be done as soon as possible and the money refunded within five years or less time. This is the plan which the voters of Carteret will pass upon. It is suggested that Carteret county advance the money to build two hard surfaced highways from Beaufort and Morehead City to connect with the State highway at the Craven county line. It is estimated that it will require about \$700,000 to build these two roads. It is estimated that an eighteen foot road with a dirt road on either side will cost \$25,000 a mile and the two roads mentioned would be about twenty eight miles in all.

The only cost to the county in this proposed transaction would be the interest for the period of perhaps three to five years. After the roads are finished they belong to the State and are kept up by the State without any expense to the county whatever. These roads no doubt will be constructed by the State some time or other whether the county helps or not but as so many sections are clamoring for State roads nowadays, the general impression is that not much will be done in this county for some time to come unless the county does put up the money.

WAR FINANCE BOARD AIDS BUSINESS PERIOD

Washington, D. C., Oct. 31.—The best and surest test of any government agency is the manner in which it functions. For that reason it is interesting to note the work being performed by the War Finance Corporation under the additional powers granted it by the present session of Congress, whereby it is enabled to assist agricultural and livestock interests.

A record of its loans during the first three weeks of October is fairly illustrative of the work it is doing. These loans aggregate \$4,155,868. The first loan made during the month of October was an advance of \$175,888 to a Chicago financial institution which had made loans of that amount on livestock in Idaho. On October 19th the corporation approved of a loan of \$1,000,000 to an institution financing the livestock interests in Montana and Wyoming. On the same day it made three loans of \$65,000, \$21,000 and \$42,000, respectively, to three different banks in Texas to be applied to the livestock industry; \$20,000 to a bank in Georgia to be applied on general agricultural loans, and \$500,000 to another bank in Georgia to finance the export of cotton.

Diversity of Loans Made.

In between these two dates the corporation had approved of loans of \$215,000 to livestock interests in Wyoming; \$1,550,000 to a cooperative association of fruit growers in California; \$102,000 to two Kansas banks financing livestock interests; \$50,000 to an Indiana bank which had made loans for agricultural purposes; \$285,000 to a bank in North Carolina for agricultural purposes; \$100,000 to a bank in South Carolina for agricultural purposes; \$400,000 to South Carolina cotton interests.

This list gives an idea of the manner in which the War Finance Corporation is going to the rescue of the agricultural interests of the country. Its largest single loans was approved the last week in September. This was a loan of \$15,000,000 to a cooperative association of grain dealers in Minnesota, South and North Dakota.

Mr. Eugene Meyer, Jr., Director of the War Finance Corporation, has just returned from an extensive trip throughout the west. He is very optimistic over the outlook. According to Mr. Meyer the knowledge that the War Finance Corporation is able and ready to assist all legitimate agricultural and livestock interests is restoring confidence throughout the western section of the United States which, in Mr. Meyer's opinion, is almost as important a factor as the actual loaning of money.

Confidence Being Restored.

"We have been able to ease the whole situation," says Mr. Meyer. "Since the banks in California knew that we would advance half of their requirements, they wished to advance the entire amount. The growth of confidence is illustrated by a man in Colorado who informs us that now he is certain that he will be able to get credit when he needs it, he will buy 6,000 head of cattle to grass on land that has been going to waste. Utah has responded to the need by forming a company with a subscribed capital of \$500,000 to make livestock loans in Utah and Idaho. Western Nebraska bankers have organized a \$200,000 livestock loan company.

"Other companies are in process of formation in other sections of the United States. Through the organization of these companies to supplement existing companies and banks, the War Finance Corporation will be able to make its funds available throughout the agricultural sections of the country. This will enable the livestock interests to keep their breeding herds and to stop the marketing of immature cattle at a tremendous sacrifice," is here on a fishing and hunting trip.

NORTH CAROLINA FARM CONDITIONS

October Prices Make Farmers More Optimistic. Labor Costs Less.

RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 31.—As evidence that the farmer is a good scout, the present situation is conclusive. Most crops have been selling at below pre-war prices. Many 1920 crops were sold at less than they cost the farmer, allowing him no time value. To say the least, he was the first to come to normalcy, even if it did ruin many of his class. The October prices, showing a slight advance over recent months, have made many of these essentially hard driven producers quite optimistic and caused their smiles to reappear.

Everyone appreciates that high prices and low incomes resulted in decreased demand. The farmers' action in decreasing acreages of cotton and tobacco has resulted in far better net returns than were expected. Of course nature has played a heavy hand of havoc in many sections of the state and South, reducing the supply. The wonderful production of corn in Iowa has resulted in about one-third the price of the 98 cent average received in North Carolina. Eastern counties are selling at lower prices than are received in the drought stricken piedmont areas. High freight rates permit of wide variations.

Tobacco is gradually improving, the October prices averaging over 25 cents or slightly better than a year ago and 40 per cent of the average two years ago. The season begun on a basis lower than last year, but has climbed upward.

Cotton, last year, averaged about five cents a pound above the October average of near 19 cents, which in turn is half of the April 1920 prices. The boll weevil combined with the weather and reduced acreage to give the present crop the lowest yield per acre on record. The production cost is therefore relatively high and price returns should correspond. The low cost of production was at the expense of the labor of the farmers' family and himself, as he had no cash or credit to secure labor and fertilizers. It is no compliment to other industries that he was forced to this end. Supposed he had, with far more ease, done like many others, laid down on the job! Yet he is usually blamed rather than credited for his unflinching loyalty and sacrifice. Other classes have followed a far off in getting back to where we ought to be in costs of essential products.

Hops at five weights were 50 per cent higher a year ago and 100 per cent more two years ago than the \$9.50 per hundred pounds present average. All livestock have decreased noticeably.

Milk, at 52 cents retail, has decreased 20 cents a gallon; peanuts at 5.8 cents per pound now, sold at 10 cents a year ago and the present crop is extremely poor; sweet potatoes at \$1.15 per bushel are 50 cents less than last year; in May cotton seed were selling at \$15.00 per ton or 25 per cent of the price 12 months previous, while they have advanced to above \$30 now; eggs at 37 cents, are 15 cents cheaper than a year ago, and honey at 24 cents a pound is seven cents lower than a year ago, although this year has been a record one for poor production and loss of colonies.

A study of the prices of commodities, indicates that labor is the big item in high price levels. Farmers were forced to accept low prices while other labor has not kept pace.

WILL PRESENT PLAY.

The Senior Class of Beaufort High School will present "Ruth in a Rush," a comedy in two acts at the Beaufort Graded School auditorium Friday night, November 4th, at eight o'clock. The play promises to be the best of the season and will furnish an hour or so of genuine amusement.

It is in three acts.

Act I.—Ruth in a rush—to obtain a secretary's position, however, she finds time to shock an ambitious aunt, to accept a week-end invitation, to dismiss two persistent suitors and to advise a prospective bride and groom.

Act II.—Ruth in a rush—for a train, however, fate decrees that she and Juliet share the waiting room with two fellow travelers, which results in a delightful confusion of identities, elopers and lunatics.

Act III.—Ruth in a rush—for the border line.

The cast of characters is as follows:

Mrs. Brownell Ruth's aunt
Martha Pierce
Juliet Raymond, Ruth's friend
Alice Potter
Ruth MacDonald, always in a rush
Estelle Caffrey
Susie a maid
Ina Willis
Leonard Bruce, poor but aristocratic
Clifford Lewis
Wayne Ashley, rich but uncultured
Dick Duncan
Dwight Lambert an eloper
Willie Sanford
Pecky Patton another eloper
Margaret Gibbs
Gilbert Lanza a writer
Tom Potter
Philip Grant a millionaire
James Noe
Dodie Bodstrom a ticket agent
Glady Weeks
Jean Moore Foster, Ruth's sister
Martha Pierce

The time is the present and the place an eastern city.

Act I.—Takes place in Ruth Meyer's residence.
Act II.—In the waiting room at Danahire Junction.
Act III.—A few hours later. Admission 25 and 50 cents.

METHODIST RALLY DAY A SUCCESS.

(Contributed.)

Last Sunday was Rally Day at Ann Street Methodist Church and it was quite an enthusiastic rally that they had. The decoration committee had been busy and the plants and flowers were arranged in a most artistic manner. The special exercises by the Sunday School began at 10:30 o'clock when the Sunday School pupils marched into the crowded church auditorium and rendered a most interesting and inspiring program. The program was as follows:

Song by the school accompanied by the Sunday School band.
Prayer.
Recitation—Miss Clyde Norcom.
Duet—Mrs. H. M. Hendrix and Mrs. Daisy Hatell.
Recitation—Miss Evelyn Wright.
Song—School, "The Fight is On."
Reading—Miss Alice Potter.
Duet—Misses Bessie Jones and Margaret Sanford.
Recitation—Miss Eleanor Jones.
Song—James Wheatly.
Recitation, Dialogue—Mary K. Holland and Anna L. Rumley.
Duet—Mrs. E. H. Hill and Mr. Floyd Johnson.
Recitation—Miss Vivian Parsons.
Song—Miss Mary K. Holland and Laura Eare.
A short but inspiring talk by Mr. F. E. Sealey on church financial needs, followed by collection, and music by the band.
Chorus.
Recitation—Miss Lillian Sprague.
Song—Miss Virginia Howe.
Recitation—Miss Ruth Norcom.

An impressive and uplifting sermon was preached by the pastor, after which the report of the Sunday School Secretary was read, showing an attendance of three hundred and fifty and a collection of \$528.52. This collection supplemented with the evening offering made the total Rally Day collections \$555.40.

The children who gave such an interesting and helpful program are to be highly complimented as are the ladies who so patiently trained them. But why should all the Sunday Schools not have Rally Day attendance every Sunday; Let's think about that.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Register of Deeds Troy Morris has recently granted marriage permits to the following couples:

Kenneth N. Gaskill and Millie Styron, Sea Level.
Wm. E. Hudson, Monton, and Annie Subitso, Beaufort, R. F. D.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following realty transfers have been recorded recently:

D. M. Willis to Luther Willis 20 acres in Hunting Quarter township, consideration \$14.
E. E. Ball and wife to J. R. Ball 228 acres in Harlowe township, consideration \$10.
Amanda Smith to Joe, Smith tract on west side of North River, consideration \$150.
E. E. Ball and wife to W. E. Ball tract in Merrimon township, consideration \$10.