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HARDING ORDERS WORK SUSPENDED ON WAR VESSELS

Navy Personnel Will Be Cut— Immediate Saving of \$5, 000,000 per Month As Result.

NAVAL BASE WORK STOPPED.

WASHINGTON.—There was not a moment's delay in putting into effect the disarmament policy made possible by the Five-Power Naval Limitation treaty. Even before the treaties were delivered to the United States Senate and before some of the foreign delegates had left Washington President Harding ordered all work suspended upon construction of all war vessels, which under the provisions of the treaty (if ratified by all the powers) would be scrapped. This included eight first class battle-ships and six battle cruisers now under construction in government and private shipbuilding yards at various points in the United States. Work on some of these battle ships was 70 per cent complete while on others it had hardly commenced. The naval construction thus halted by order of President Harding has been costing the government \$5,000,000 a month. Of course, in event some nation refuses to ratify the naval treaty, and it thereby fails to go into effect, work on these vessels will be resumed. In event the treaty does become effective, however, the work thus suspended will be wholly abandoned and what has been done upon the vessels will be later destroyed according to the terms of the treaty.

In addition to ordering all naval construction work upon these vessels suspended pending the consideration of the naval treaty by the respective powers, President Harding ordered all work upon the various fortifications and naval bases in the Pacific ocean stopped in accordance with the naval treaty, which provides that (except the Hawaiian Islands the Alaskan coast, the coast and the mainland of the United States and the Panama Canal Zone) all fortifications of the United States in the Pacific ocean may not be strengthened and no new fortifications or bases may be established. This includes the Isle of Guam and the Philippine groups and other singular possessions of the United States and Pacific.

So provided President Harding route to fortifications of Corregidor Island of the Philippines, were stopped by wireless and ordered unloaded at Manila.

The stoppage of all of this naval construction work and the stoppage of any strengthening of our insular fortifications and naval bases not only means a tremendous reduction in cost of construction material, but it means a radical reduction in personnel. The Congress and the Navy department are busy work upon a plan for reducing naval armament. Although the actual strength of the navy is 137,000 in the present enlisted personnel, about 106,000, with a commission list of 4,100. Undoubtedly there is a substantial reduction from there. Some of the radical opponents of the navy insist upon reducing personnel to 50,000. It is understood, however, that the administration proposed to such a sweeping reduction will insist that the force be no less than 80,000.

REAL ESTATE TRANS.

The following real estate transactions have been recorded in the Register of Deeds:
Clayton Fulcher and wife Mason 3 1-4 acres in Hunting township, consideration \$100.
W. S. Chadwick to Julius H. Hurst lot 43 by 110 feet on Annapolis road, consideration, \$600.
Cape Lookout Development Co. to C. T. Gilliken 10 lots at Cape Lookout, consideration, \$200.
Bert Davis and wife to Thos. J. Mason 1 acre on Harkers Island, consideration \$400.
Cape Lookout Development Co. to Russell J. Coles 2 lots at Cape Lookout, consideration \$150.
Jno. T. Mason to Carteret County Board of Education 2 acres in Morris township, consideration \$200.

OFFICERS INVADE CRAVEN AND CAPTURE BIG STILL.

A party of raiders headed by prohibition officer W. D. Allen made a raid into the liquor infested part of Craven county Tuesday and succeeded in locating and destroying a large whiskey making outfit. Those in the party besides Mr. Allen were Sheriff T. M. Thomas Jr., James Hutton, Leslie Newkirk and Douglass Whitehurst.

The captured still was found on Hancock's creek in a neighborhood where it is said that a good deal of blockadeing goes on. Besides the still, a copper one of 150 gallons capacity, 22 barrels of beer and 3 vats containing mash were found and destroyed. In looking about the place the officers ran across an old keg, containing four or five gallons of corn liquor that had apparently been hidden away for a long time. This was also destroyed.

The moonshiners had their plant well hidden back three miles from the road in a dense and almost impassable forest. Supplies for making the liquor were carried to the place by boat and the whiskey carried off in the same way. It is a very difficult thing to find stills that are located in such places and considerable detective work has to be done in order to get them. A still like the one captured has the capacity of 35 gallons a day and at \$6 a gallon, which is said to be the market price for such liquor can make money fast if not found and destroyed.

WANTS COUNTY AGENT.

Editor of the News:—As I was looking through the recent Reference Special issue of the Progressive Farmer, I came across a list of names of counties and of the county farm agents to whom the farmers of each respective county may go in order to seek valuable information relating to farm problems; and, to my utter astonishment, I found that Carteret was not contained in this list.

Why is this, M. Editor? Is it that we are too poor to afford a county farm agent? Really, do not the farmers of our county deserve a reliable man, well versed in scientific agricultural problems, who can give them valuable information as they do in other counties?

Mr. Editor, I do not propose to have the people of our county burdened with excessive taxes in order to pay an official for whom we have no use whatever; but I do hope that the people of Carteret County will read the above mentioned list, which may be found in the issue of the Progressive Farmer for February 17, and that they will consider as to whether or not they, or I will say we, rather, really need such a functionary, whether or not it would be a wise thing to have a county farm agent.

During last September Mr. B. T. Leppard, farm agent of Beaufort County, was in our community, Newport, helping to get the farmers interested in the co-operative Marketing movement. While in a conversation with me, regarding this problem, he advanced the question as to who our county agent was and how often he visited our section of the county. I was compelled to confess to him that I really did not know; but at the same time I informed him that I had been at home very little during the past few years, thus assuring him I was not wholly responsible for being so ignorant of the county affairs.

Chapel Hill, Feb 18th 1922.
L. L. Garner.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Only one marriage license has been issued this week by the Register of Deeds Morris. This was to Harry North Teasley and Eula Lee Willis of Morehead City.

NEW HOTEL.

The News is not at liberty to go into details but it has reliable information to the effect that Beaufort will have a new hotel and that work will start on it this year.

BIRTH OF INFANT.

On Thursday the 16th a daughter, whose name is Osis Caroline, was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Wheat. For one of her sibs she is a very active and interesting young lady.

Sec'y. Denby Hears Market Reports By Wireless



When radiophone wireless stations of the East recently started sending out daily market and weather reports even Uncle Sam's cabinet officers could no longer resist the radio "bug." This new picture shows Secretary of Navy Denby at his desk, carrying on government business. Extensive news, educational and entertaining programs are featured daily for amateurs by broadcasting stations in the East.

GARDEN OF THE SHAH PROVED BIG SUCCESS.

It seemed to be practically unanimously agreed by those who attended the performance of "In the Garden of the Shah" last Thursday and Friday evenings at the Sea Breeze that it was about the best thing of the kind ever seen in Beaufort. The orchestral music was captivating, the costumes were pretty and appropriate, the scenery was quite artistic and the singing and acting was really high class.

Mrs. Bayard Taylor as Lolah, Mrs. G. M. Paul as Zohdah and Mrs. H. A. Day as Nowobeh sang delightfully and played their parts with spirit and grace. Dr. C. L. Swindell in the part of Ted Harding, Mr. M. Leslie Davis in that of Billy Cummings, Mr. Grayden Paul as Samuel Johnson Jackson, Mr. Albert Brickhouse as Somecrabs, Mr. H. A. Day as Perunah the Shah were very amusing and sang well.

The chorus composed of fourteen young ladies and men acted and looked their parts like professionals. The whole company showed aptitude and went through the performance without a hitch. A large crowd was present at both performances, and a considerable sum was realized for the Community Club. Mrs. H. M. Hendrix delivered the prologue of the opera in a correct and pleasing style. Besides the principals already mentioned the chorus was composed of the following:
Chorus of Girls: Clyde Neal, Maybelle Neal, Annie Clyde Ewell, Emma Higgins, Mary E. Norcum, Emma Taylor, Alice Potter.
Chorus of Men: Elliott Ewell, Clifford Lewis, Floyd Johnson, James Noe, Halsey Paul, Jimmie Fodrie, Tom Potter.

FARM DEMONSTRATION.

Mr. O. F. McCreary, District Demonstration Agent of Washington, N. C., and Mr. C. C. Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Craven County Agricultural Committee will be in Beaufort at the court house on Monday the 6th day of March for the purpose of discussing better methods of farming, instructing the Carteret Agricultural Committee recently appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, in their duties, and urge the Board of County Commissioners to appoint a Farm Demonstration Agent for Carteret County. This meeting will be attended by members of the Board of Directors of the Beaufort and Morehead City Chambers of Commerce, and we wish to extend to any and all farmers, or business men who are interested in better farming methods to attend this meeting, and hear these two distinguished gentlemen.

W. L. Stencil, Secretary,
Beaufort Chamber of Commerce

She Knew.—"Why is your wife so jealous of your typist?"
"Well you see, my wife used to be my typist!"—London Mail
Probably.—She—"What makes the leaves turn red in fall?"
He—"They are blushing to think how green they have been all summer."—Burr.

BEAUFORT TEAM WON GAME FROM ORIENTAL.

(Contributed)
On Saturday morning about 10:30 o'clock the basket ball teams of the Beaufort High School left for Oriental.

The day could not have been prettier had it been made to order and the trip was enjoyed by everyone.

When they arrived there, they were met by the teams of the Orient and proceeded through the mud to the field of action. Lunch was served in the primary room but the players were nearly as hungry as before because the coach insisted they could play better on a vacuo stomach but they were allowed enough chewing gum to make up for it.

The games started at 3:30 o'clock and at the end of the first half they were all quaking in their shoes because the score was 5 to 4 in favor of Oriental in both the boys and girls games, but this little score only gave them pep and the games ended in a glorious victory for the Beaufort Teams. The score was 12 to 5 for the girls and 17 to 13 for the boys.

If the people heard them coming back they must have thought it was Caesar returning from one of his victorious battles.

They went; they played; they won.

GOOD WEATHER HELPS FARMERS.

The Spring like weather of the past few days was welcomed by everybody but particularly by the farmers. This week has been a busy time on the farms, plowing and planting potatoes is in full swing. If the good weather could hold out a few days longer the full crop of potatoes would be planted and the truckers would doubtless feel a great deal better. January and most of February there was a great deal of rain and consequently farm lands were very wet. The hot sunshine this week is drying the land out in a hurry. The coldest weather experienced in this section since 1918 was last Thursday night when the thermometer went to 19 above zero. Friday was also quite cold but Saturday the temperature rose and it has been warm ever since.

EFFORTS BEING MADE TO ESTABLISH LIBRARY.

A meeting of the library committee of the Community Club was held Friday afternoon in the office of Mr. Thos. S. Martin and steps were taken to put the library on a working basis. Mrs. G. W. Lay presided over the meeting.

The matter of establishing a library in Beaufort was fully discussed after which the following committees were named:

Supplies: Thos. S. Martin, Dr. G. W. Lay. Publicity: Reverend H. A. Day, M. Leslie Davis, Mrs. J. V. Caffrey, Mrs. J. A. Hornaday, Mrs. H. C. Jones, Ways and Means: G. W. Huntley, J. A. Hornaday, Jr. Books: Mrs. John Forlaw, Mrs. H. L. Potter, Mrs. Chas. Hattell, Mrs. W. R. White, Misses Lottie Sanders and Laura Thomas. Mr. T. S. Martin was appointed librarian. The promoters of the enterprise hope that before the year is out that they will have a good sized library in operation here.

ROMA DESTROYED AND MANY ARE KILLED.

The United States government seems to have had bad luck with its foreign built airships. Some months ago a big dirigible that the Government had contracted to buy from the British government was destroyed in England and on Tuesday the Roma a big airship bought from Italy was burned and 35 men killed. The accident Tuesday seems to have been caused by some accident to the steering gear. The following is taken from the Associated Press account of the affair:

Norfolk, Va. Feb. 21.—Flung earthward, presumably by a broken rudder the giant army airship Roma plunged a thousand feet or more today to strike the ground at Hampton Roads, roaring furnace of blazing hydrogen ion electric line and burst into a army base, capsizing across a high tangle in which at least 35 of her army crew and passengers perished.

Long after dark tonight, many hours after her fall, the ship was still a mass of flames from end to end of her 410 foot mass. The fire was feeding on the million cubic feet of gas that had distended the great bag for the flight.

Barely a dozen or more than two score men aboard had been picked up alive. One had died enroute to a hospital. All of those who survived the fire escaped by jumping as the ship struck. The others, penned in the hull beneath the fallen bag, were burned to death. Heat of the fire fought back rescuers for hours.

Fight Flames for Hours.

Three fire departments fought the flames with chemicals and by 7 p. m. it was out. Derricks began picking up the wreckage as the flames were driven back. There was scarcely more than the aluminum frame work and the six liberty motors to move within the wreckage lay the bodies, many of them charred beyond direct recognition. Thirty-one bodies had been taken out tonight. Three or four more were thought to be still in the charred mass that alone remained of what had been the largest ship of her type in the world.

Accounts of surviving officers as to what happened were not available tonight. Every man who escaped alive was burned or bruised or both. Eye witnesses who watched the smash agreed, however, that the huge, kite-like structure of the stern rudder, itself as large as a bombing plane, had slipped to one side as the Roma drove along a thousand feet above the army base.

She was making a trial flight with a new battery of Liberty motors. They were installed to replace Italian engines bought with her in Italy, but which have not proved satisfactory. Installation was completed at Langley Field two weeks ago.

DUNCAN RESIDENCE FINISHED.

The handsome residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Duncan on Front street has been finished and the family will move into it in a few days. The house, which was designed and built by C. W. Norcum of Beaufort, is one of the finest not only in Beaufort but in this part of the State. It is thoroughly modern in every particular and the workmanship and materials used are of the very best quality.

SEA FLIERS HERE.

A reminder of war times occurred here last week when a considerable number of seaplanes came buzzing through the sky and alighted in the waters of Bogue Sound opposite Morehead City. There were nine of the planes that came in Saturday and Sunday afternoon two more came in and alighted opposite Fort Macon. The flying machines came here from Norfolk and were on their way to Florida. The supply boat Teal formerly a mine sweeper came in ahead of the planes and after furnishing them necessary supplies left Sunday morning for Charleston the next stopping place. The destroyer Benham came in the harbor early Sunday morning, having aboard Lieutenant-Commander Read and a number of other men who belonged to the crews of the flying boats. Commander Read is the aviator who made the first flight across the Atlantic in a sea-plane, the N. C. 4. Nine of the planes left on Sunday and Monday morning the other two and

SEWER AND WATER LINES WILL BE GREATLY EXTENDED

Board of Commissioners Last Friday Decided To Issue Improvement Bonds

WILL NOT RAISE TAXES.

The Board of Town Commissioners, which was rated as a progressive Board when elected, justified itself in the opinion of its friends last Friday when it decided to authorize \$150,000 worth of improvement and refunding bonds. However only 75,000 worth of the bonds are to be issued immediately. The remaining bonds authorized to be issued are intended for street paving purposes and it is understood that they will not be had unless property owners on the streets affected request that it be done.

The Board met Friday afternoon all members present and heard representatives of the J. B. McCrary Company explain their plans for an extended sewer and water system. The old sewer lines will be used to a considerable extent but not entirely so and new lines will be laid so that practically any part of the town will have use of the water and sewer and fire protection. The new lines cover a much larger territory than the plans that were made several years ago. The exact cost of the work cannot be told until bids are had on it but the engineering firm stated that it would not exceed \$69,000 and may be considerably less than that figure.

The city owes a floating indebtedness to the banks and others amounting to \$20,000 and a part of the bond money will be used to pay this off which will result in a saving of interest. The new bonds are to bear a rate of five percent. In the tax levy made last year a provision was made to raise enough by taxation to pay off the loan of \$10,000 in two years. The proposed bonds are to be serial bonds and one of them are to be paid off every year up to forty years from date. The first ten years will call for the payment of \$1000 a year, the second ten years, \$1500 a year and the next twenty years require a payment of \$2500 a year. It is thought by the commissioners that the bonds will sell at a premium as bonds have been selling very well of late.

A NEW DAY DAWNS.

(Morehead City Coaster)

The unanimous action of the County Commissioners in their favorable consideration of the requests of citizens of Morehead City and Beaufort for the issuance of bonds to supplement the State and Federal offer to "construct two hard-surfaced roads, the one connecting the Craven county line with the town of Morehead City, via Newport and the other connecting the Craven county line with the town of Beaufort." will prove to be an epoch in the history of Carteret county. It was possibly one of the most remarkable meetings ever held in the county Court House, in that there was no "fire-eating," representatives of the "peepful" to protest the issuance of bonds for these two hard-surfaced roads.

As soon as the two roads are completed—the promise having been made that work would soon be started upon the construction of the roads—the State will maintain them and thereby remove a steady and not inconsiderable drain upon the county treasury. Land values of property along the two routes will more than double and the general effects of these improved roads soon will be felt throughout Carteret county.

Whether or not Chairman Whetty and the members of his Board will be "cussed" for their action of Wednesday was of no concern to them at the time the action was taken. It was no time to play politics and they knew it. Whatever may be said for the future we believe that their recent action will need no defense.

the Benham went on their way South.

A Nut and a Rivet.—A crank's theory needs only a rivet or two more to become a valuable discovery. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.