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AID IS SOLICITED FOR FIRE VICTIMS

Collection Is Being Taken Up In Beaufort For New Bern Fire Sufferers

The great conflagration that swept New Bern last week destroying a million or more Dollars worth of property and rendering several thousand people homeless has necessitated the call for outside aid. The Federal Government is furnishing tents, blankets and other things for the homeless people and the people of New Bern are giving very generously to the fire sufferers. Contributions of money and clothing are being sent to New Bern from various places and are being gratefully received. Mayor Bushall has issued a call upon the people of Beaufort to help out in this great emergency and today and tomorrow Chief of Police W. R. Longest and Superintendent Chas. Manson will take up the collection. Mayor Clark of New Bern has issued a call which reads as follows:

To the Good People of North Carolina and other States:

"With more than one thousand homes destroyed, three thousand persons homeless and hundreds without employment or any means of obtaining an income, our city is struggling under a burden which is all but overwhelming.

Local pride and a reluctance to call for aid at first prompted us to confine our pleas for assistance to those of New Bern who had escaped disaster. Now, however, we realize that New Bern cannot stand alone in her efforts to care for the distressed.

Therefore, if there is communities, organizations and or individuals who desire to help us in this, our hour of need, I wish to assure them on behalf of our people that their assistance will not only be deeply appreciated but that it will be the means of alleviating much distress and suffering. I respectfully ask the various newspapers to give publicity to this statement."/>

(Signed)
"EDWARD CLARK,
"Mayor of New Bern."

SCALLOP—SEASON OPENS.

The open season for scallops opened December the first instead of the 15th as the Fish Commission first announced. A large number of Beaufort and Morehead City fishermen were on the scallop grounds the first day and the reports are that they did very well. The price this year is not very high, \$1.50 a gallon but the report is that about \$3000 worth were bought by the Morehead City dealers the first day. It is said that scallops are not as plentiful this year as last and the impression is that the price will advance. There will be enough of the luscious shell fish though to bring a large sum of money to the fishermen of this section.

CITY FATHERS DISCUSS PURCHASE OF FIRE TRUCK

The usual monthly meeting of the board of town commissioners was held in the City Hall Monday all members being present. The principal discussion of the day was in regard to the advisability of purchasing a fire truck. D. M. Jones Chief of the Fire Department came before the board and urged that a truck should be bought saying that the present equipment was entirely inadequate and that if a bad fire should come the property loss would necessarily be very heavy. The matter was discussed pro and con by the board and was ended without any action being taken.

A resolution was passed by the board authorizing the expenditure of \$50 for part of the expense incurred on "Navy Day". A bid was submitted by the engineering department of the J. B. McCreery Company for finishing the old pumping station. The bid was to do the work for \$5681, of which \$1000 was estimated the cost for supplies and the rest for labor. The estimate was referred to Attorney J. F. Duncan and the object of this action is to try to collect some money due from a bonding company in the bid contract. Commissioner C. S. Maxwell was elected Mayor pro tem. Some routine matters were transacted.

SAILOR TAKES TRIP TO HOLY LAND

A letter from Fred Best to Miss Susie Guthrie of Beaufort is published below and contains an account of the trip to the Holy Land. Mr. Best is a member of the destroyer Hopkins now on duty with other U. S. Warships in eastern waters. The letter is an interesting account of incidents of the trip to Jerusalem, Enroute Smyrna, Thrace, November 11, 1922.

Dear Susie,
Thought I would write a short letter that you all may know where I have been keeping myself during the last month or so. Also, I want to inquire at the same time how everything is going in Beaufort.

Since I sent you the card in Constantinople, we have been down to Jaffa, the port of Jerusalem, and of course we went to Jerusalem and Bethlehem. I wish you could have been along and seen some of the interesting sights. Really you would think you were right in a Sunday School Quarterly, for everything looks much the same as it did in the time of Jesus. About the only thing you don't see in a Sunday School Quarterly are automobiles, and we hired about a dozen to take us to Jerusalem from Jaffa. You see, Jaffa is the old Joppa spoken of in the Bible, and is about forty miles or so from Jerusalem. It takes about one hour and a half to make the trip by auto over the mountains of Judea.

On the way to Jerusalem I saw about every kind of eastern people there are. Nearly everyone wears a turban and loose-flowing robes, just as they used to in Bible times. The Mohammedans wear a fez, or little red cap with a black tassel on it, and in this way are they distinguished from the Christians so I am told.

The road leading from Jaffa is about as good as any I have ever seen in the states. You see, Judea is a very hilly or mountainous country and is made up of rock terraces about two or three thousand feet high and the road doesn't go straight over but winds like a snake up the sides and over the tops of the mountains. It sure takes careful driving on the part of the man in charge of the auto to keep from running off the road, and if this should happen, someone would surely get killed, for the valleys are deep abysses.

On the sides of these hills I saw lots of flocks of sheep and goats, and I thought of the place in the Bible about the shepherd tending his flocks by night. It sure must be one lonely place at night. Farther on I saw terraces on which were olive trees and from a distance they look very pretty. I think they look a whole lot like liveoak trees myself from a long way off.

In Jerusalem we visited the church of the Holy Sepulchre which is located on Calvary Hill where Christ was crucified. I saw saw about all the stations of the cross. I saw the place where Jesus fell under the weight of the cross; where the cross was set up and where He was crucified with the two thieves, one on either side; the marble slab on which his body was laid when He was taken from the cross, and we went down into the tomb where He was buried after being taken from the cross.

We later visited the wailing wall where the Jews go to wall and pray on Saturday which is their Sabbath. We climbed all over the old wall of Jerusalem, and I got a piece of it as a souvenir. We visited the tomb of Kings where forty or so of the old kings of Judea were buried a long time ago. We saw the golden gate where Solomon entered Jerusalem when he conquered the place, where Abraham started to sacrifice his son and the Lord sent a ram down from Heaven to be sacrificed instead. We visited the Mount of Olives where Jesus ascended to Heaven from, and I put my fingers on the spot which his foot made just before he ascended to Heaven. There is a yperfect print of his right foot on the rock here and this is the spot we all touched. I got a sprig of Olive branch from the olive trees on the Mount.

In the afternoon we went out to the little town of Bethlehem and saw the spot where Christ was born. It is called the Grotto of the Nativity. We saw the manger where He was laid later and also the Grotto where He was buried by the Virgin Mary. (Continued on local page)

CO-OPS HOLDING COUNTY MEETINGS

Tobacco and Cotton Growers Join Forces in Eastern North Carolina

Mass meetings of Tobacco Growers in 22 counties of North Carolina starting Monday of this week, are being held to furnish members of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association with the latest information from headquarters.

Coming on the eve of a second payment members in this territory these meetings are expected to draw record crowds. In Eastern Carolina counties members of the Cotton Growers Cooperative Association are joining forces for those mass meetings.

Dr. Clarence Poe and W. B. Kilgore are to address meetings in six counties while growers at other meetings are to hear talks from R. J. Work of Kentucky and J. E. Rogers of Virginia. L. V. Morrill, Jr., is holding eight county meetings in the central belt beginning at Roxboro and ending in Burlington December 13.

Following on the second big legal victory of the association in the Superior Court at Raleigh last week, the legal department of the association is preparing for the first cases to be tried in Virginia at Halifax Court House, and are appearing again at Nashville in the case of W. T. Jones who is cited for contempt of court.

In South Carolina, Clemson College and the South Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative are cooperating with tobacco growers in organizing county and community locals to work for a larger sign up.

HOLLY AND MISTLETOE FIND READY SALE

The News is always glad to do anything it can to advance the interests of the people of Carteret county in general and its readers in particular. In accordance with that idea we are giving space free to the communication below from County Agent Harris hoping that it will be of some assistance to our rural subscribers.

I have just received letters from the following merchants who are anxious to buy several carloads of holly and mistletoe. The trade demands the holly cut in long branches and berries well, same applies to mistletoe. In addition to above decorations I have received prices in long pine needles. Shipments should be made so as to arrive at the destination on about December 15th.

List of merchants,

(1) John J. Krider, Commission Merchant, Philadelphia, Pa.

(2) Elam K. Woodth, Eroker & Shipper, Philadelphia, Pa.

The prices quoted me by Mr. John J. Krider are as follows:

Holly well berried, cut long, standard crates, \$4.00 to \$6.00.

Mistletoe well berried, cut long, barrels, \$3.00 to \$4.00

Mistle toe welleberried, cut long, 1-3 barrel baskets, \$1.50 to \$2.00.

Pine needles, long, about 10 cents to 13 cents each or \$10.00 to \$12.00 per hundred.

Signed:
A. H. HARRIS,
County Agent

COURT IN SESSION NOW.

A one week's term of Superior Court convened here Monday at 11:30 o'clock, Judge Thos. H. Calvert of Raleigh presiding. At this writing only two cases have been tried. The first case was that of J. Walter Pelletier against Mamie B. Barker, administratrix. The judgment of the court after the jury had rendered their verdict was that the plaintiff should recover \$314.89 with interest from March 23rd, 1911. The other case tried was that of Cash against Willis in regard to the ownership of a boat. At this writing the jury has not rendered its verdict.

Mr and Mrs. Melvin Robinson of Fayetteville who have been visiting relatives at Atlantic passed through town Monday returning home.

Mr. W. E. Yorke of Morehead City was a business visitor here Monday.

COMMITTEE HERE INSPECTING SITES

Favorable Impression Seems to Have Been Made On Baptist Visitors

An inspection committee representing the Baptists of eastern North Carolina was in Beaufort yesterday looking over the sites offered for location of the Baptist Seaside Assembly. The committee came here from Morehead City where they had made a similar inspection of sites. Those comprising the committee were Judge John A. Oates of Fayetteville, Reverend Joel S. Snyder of Fayetteville and Reverend Lee McB. White of Kinston.

The visitors were taken in charge by a local committee composed of Reverend H. A. Day, Reverend E. B. Craven, U. E. Swann, W. H. Taylor, F. R. Seeley, Dr. C. L. Duncan, W. P. Smith, Chas. Hancock, Elmore Davis, W. G. Mebane and shown over the sites of the town. They were also taken for a drive out across North River. While not committing themselves in any way the visitors showed that they were favorably impressed with Beaufort and it seems that the town has a fair chance of getting the Assembly.

The final decision as to the location of the Seaside Assembly grounds will be made by the Baptist convention which meets in Winston-Salem next week. The committee that was here makes its report to a larger committee which in turn makes a recommendation to the convention and then the decision is made. Besides Morehead City and Beaufort Wilmington is also seeking to secure the Assembly. It is understood that the matter of location will be heard next Tuesday and it is the purpose of local citizens to have a representative there to advocate Beaufort's claim. The sites inspected yesterday were one near the Carteret Lumber Company's plant and what is known as the "Hammock" in the eastern part of town.

UNIVERSITY MEN TO HOLD MEETING HERE

Chapel Hill, December 1.—The University of North Carolina alumni living in Carteret County will hold a big meeting and banquet in Beaufort during the Christmas holidays, according to information reaching here. The Carteret alumni have never held a countywide assembly before, and it is expected that at the coming gathering the question of the formation of a local alumni association will be considered.

The following alumni are busying themselves to arrange for the initial gathering: Claude R. Wheatly, J. F. Duncan, D. D. Duncan, M. L. Wright of Beaufort and Luther Hamilton and B. F. Royall of Morehead City. There are thirteen students from the county now in attendance at the University. These are very much interested in arranging the meeting and expect to record a one hundred per cent attendance. G. R. Willis, of Morehead City is helping to arrange the meeting.

COMMUNITY CLUB NOTES.

The music department of the Community Club met Thursday P. M., Nov., 23 at Mrs. F. R. Seeley's, the new chairman.

Mrs. N. F. Eure were elected Treas. and Mrs. C. W. E. Pittman was elected Publicity chairman.

A most delightful and instructive program was given.

After the story of Rigoletto was told by Mrs. N. F. Eure the following selection from that Opera was rendered on the victrola: "Fair-est Daughter of the Graces" sung by Caruso, Sambrich, Scotti and Severina.

The story of "Martha" told by Miss Modlin was followed by the "Good Night Quartette" from Martha.

The Overture of Martha was played by Miss Loftin.

The last number on the program was "The Last Rose of Summer." The Opera Carmen and Faust will be studied at the next meeting which will be held Dec 28.

Mrs C. W. E. Pittman.

CITIZENS OPPOSE PURCHASE OF FIRE ENGINE

Some twenty five or thirty citizens assembled in the City Hall Friday evening for the purpose of considering the advisability of buying a fire engine rather of making a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners on the subject. There seemed to be very little sentiment among those present in favor of buying an engine and a resolution was passed, which while rather indefinite, meant that they opposed the project.

A representative of the American La France Engine Company was present at the meeting and on request of J. H. Potter Sr. who acted as chairman, presented his proposition. He offered the engine for \$12,500, of which \$2500 was to be paid in cash and the balance in five yearly installments. The company guarantees the machine to stay in good condition for at least ten years and would send a man every year to inspect it. The machine would take care of three lines of hose and would develop a pressure of from 100 to 250 pounds as needed. He guaranteed that it would go through any street in town and would pump water through a hose 2000 feet long if necessary.

G. W. Huntley spoke against the purchase saying that it would be very expensive, would have to build a house to put it in and hire a man to look after it. He thought the best to use the water mains for fire protection. W. S. Chadwick said he endorsed Mr. Huntley's position and that he thought taxes were high enough already. Seth Gibbs opposed buying the engine saying that the town already had one and that it was not any account, besides Beaufort has only about two fires a year and that with some more hose the water mains would be sufficient. Dr. G. W. Lay suggested that a representative of the State Fire Insurance Department be asked to come here and make a survey and recommendations. The motion opposing the purchase was made by Mr. Chadwick and adopted without any opposition after which the meeting adjourned.

NOVEMBER WEATHER REPORT.

November weather in Beaufort and vicinity was very delightful as the official report of Observer Chas. Hattell shows. There were 20 clear days, 7 cloudy or partly cloudy ones and only .62 of an inch of rain. There was a frost on only two days, the 22nd and 23rd. The coldest day was the 26th when the mercury dropped to 28 degrees. The temperature record day by day is as follows:

	Max.	Min.
1.	66	47
2.	75	53
3.	77	63
4.	68	56
5.	69	53
6.	74	55
7.	75	63
8.	73	62
9.	67	49
10.	60	46
11.	74	42
12.	75	54
13.	69	54
14.	72	54
15.	75	63
16.	69	50
17.	64	45
18.	69	47
19.	73	61
20.	75	63
21.	66	38
22.	58	37
23.	56	45
24.	64	45
25.	58	37
26.	45	28
27.	48	35
28.	45	37
29.	52	32
30.	58	38

COTTON GINNERS' REPORT.

Due to the ravages of the boll weevil and bad weather conditions the cotton crop in Carteret county for the year 1922 seems to be one of the smallest ever raised. According to the ginners' report issued a few days ago only 371 bales of cotton have been ginned so far this year. Last year up to the same period 698 bales had been ginned. The total for the State this year is 492,188 against 671,994 ginned last year.

NEW OFFICIALS NOW IN OFFICE

Large Crowd Present Monday To See Men Take Charge Many Applicants for Jobs

With the exception of County Welfare Officer Jas. W. Mason all of Carteret county's officials now are democrats. The recent elected officials were on hand Monday and were inducted into office.

The old board of commissioners met at ten o'clock and spent about an hour in straightening up their business and getting ready to turn over the county's affairs to the new board. When Chairman Wheatly swore in the new commissioners the room was packed with visitors who wished to see the ceremony. After swearing the men in Mr. Wheatly made a short but pleasant address in which he referred to the responsibility of the board and wished the members success in their work. Mr. Webb responded in appropriate words and then announced that C. T. Chadwick of Beaufort had been chosen chairman. Mr. Chadwick spoke briefly and announced that the board was ready for business. Mr. John Hamilton of Atlantic was sworn in as Register of Deeds and clerk of the board.

The first business considered by the new board was that of hearing applicants for superintendent of the County Home and for road work. The chairman announced that applicants should file their applications in writing. Mr. J. D. Neal made a proposition to keep up the county roads for \$4500 a month which he said was cheaper than it had been done last year. A petition asking that a road at Sea Level be constructed was handed in. The board spent most of the day in executive session Monday and again on Tuesday.

Up to this writing the board of commissioners have made the following appointments: M. Leslie Davis, County Attorney, W. L. Stancil County Auditor, Mrs. R. E. Jordan Keeper of the County Home at a salary of \$90 a month.

Others who applied for the County Home position were L. J. French, G. D. Purefoy, J. H. Wiley, J. B. Dickinson, Roy Taylor, Stanford Gaskill. A considerable number of men made application for the position of County Road Supervisor or former officer-tain sections.

Clerk of the Superior Court L. W. Hassell was sworn into office Monday as was also the new sheriff T. C. Wade of Morehead City. J. R. Jinnette of Beaufort has been appointed Deputy Register of Deeds and will have charge of that office. Samuel Darling of Beaufort has been appointed county pailor. The board of commissioners will meet again on the 15th of the present month and it is supposed will make road appointments at that time.

The members of the new board are C. T. Chadwick, W. M. Webb, J. M. Carraway, W. F. Taylor, H. H. Davis.

THE AUSTRALIAN BALLOT.

The Australian ballot was vindicated in Henderson's going Democratic for the first time since the civil war.

That this noble ballot encourages independent voting is shown by Madison county's vote of 1,600 to 1,800 Republican majority and at the same time electing a Democrat to the House by 700 majority.

The Australian ballot makes it far easier for every one to vote his honest sentiments than the old open ballot still used in 95 North Carolina counties. The secret blanket ballot with candidates of all parties on one page, is easily scratched. Mixed voting is encouraged. Ward heeled are not allowed around the polls and would be no good if they were, because they could not manipulate the voting.

What this State needs above all is an honest Australian ballot which is so simple and easy to vote that a voter who didn't know a letter of the alphabet could get a straight ticket as easily as could a college professor.—Shelby Hilder.

Mr. Charlie Gordon of Oxford spent the week-end here with his family.