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BEAUFORT MORE THAN TWO CENTURIES OLD, YET MODERN

The Inland Waterway Passes Through It and Bears Heavy Traffic—New Work Under Way

(FRED A. OLDS)

Beaufort town, over 200 years old, is luckily unspoiled by improvements, numerous as the latter are. The water-front, a mile long, is esplanaded and handsomely paved. All the streets are paved, the stately trees are whitewashed to a height of 8 feet and special attention has been given to flowers.

The sea wall of the esplanade faces the inlet, "Old Topsail," by name, on which there is now 16 feet of water. The inlet is now thrice as wide as it was before the "great August Storm" of 1879. There are breakwaters on both sides of the inlet, these having been constructed under the direction of Maj. General Robert Ransom of the U. S. Engineers after that storm. Both breakwaters have held stoutly and the one near Fort Macon has brought about a large gain. The water has lately threatened the one on the other side of the inlet, at what is known as Shackelfords Point, but it still holds.

In front of Beaufort is the harbor and southward of this is Bogue "banks" in one end of which is Fort Macon and Bogue Sound a body of salt water 25 miles long and quite narrow at the other end of which is Swansboro (literally "The Town of the Swans.") To the northward of the harbor is Core Sound 40 miles long at the other end of which is the other end of which is the village of Atlantic. The territory lying between Beaufort and Atlantic is spoken of locally as "Down East" and lying on its waterfront are the villages of Lenoxville, Gloucester, Straits, Marshallburg, Stacy Sea, Level (which until lately was called Witt). Beyond Atlantic there is Cedar Island, which has two postoffices, Roe and Lola; next to it being Hog Island, with Lupton as its postoffice. Past all these places is the great area of Pamlico Sound, and the route to Ocracoke lies by them all; 60 miles from Beaufort being Ocracoke.

This is not the "Inland Waterway," for the latter beginning at Beaufort, passes through a canal into Neuse river, out of the latter at its wide mouth, into Pamlico Sound, thence by Roanoke Island into Albemarle Sound, thence into Currituck Sound, and from the latter through the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal into the harbor of Norfolk. The waterway carries 12 feet of water all the way, and there is a heavy traffic by way of it. So far the canal, 12 miles long, between Beaufort harbor and Neuse river, is the only piece of cutting, but now another big canal project is in progress, a canal through Tyrrell and Hyde counties. In three years this work will be done, work on it having been in progress 18 months. This canal proper will be 5 miles long, from the head of Alligator river to the head of Pungo river. There will be in all 18 miles of the work and it will cost \$2,500,000. It will enable the boats using it to avoid Pamlico Sound, there 30 miles wide, which in rough weather is often quite a difficult proposition. A great new government dredge, the "Currituck," is at work on this section of the water-way.

There is to be another link in this great water-way, which already enables small craft, (up to 12 feet depth) to avoid both capes Lookout and Hatteras. The link will connect Beaufort harbor with the Cape Fear river, by way of Bogue Sound, Brown sound, Stump Sound, Topsail Sound, Masonboro Sound and Wrightsville Sound; the distance to the Cape Fear river below Wilmington from Beaufort harbor being 90 miles. There will be very little "digging," except at New River Inlet, and 9 miles from Wrightsville Sound to the Cape Fear river. The latter stretch will be a regular canal, with a 20 foot cut. This part of the Inland Water-Way will also carry 12 feet of water. The cost of this southern section (that is all the 90 miles) will be about \$4,000,000. All the surveys and the estimates have been made. This section will pass by no less than 7 inlets, and it will enable boats to

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AGED LADY DIES

Almost five months to the day from the death of her husband late W. H. Hendrick Mrs. Elizabeth Sabiston Hendrick passed away at her home Monday at 4 a. m. Mrs. Hendrick had been in feeble health for a number of years but did not take her bed until last Saturday. She suffered no pain and her end was as peaceful as the going to sleep of a child. She seemed to have a premonition of death and had said that she expected to be with her husband in September. If she had lived to her next birthday which is in November she would have been 84 years old. Mr. Hendrick was 90 years of age and they lived together in the marriage state for almost sixty years. Mrs. Hendrick lacked only about three months of having been a member of Ann street Methodist church for fifty years. She was always deeply interested in the work of the church and religious work in general. The funeral services were held in the church and were conducted by the Pastor Reverend E. Frank Lee. A profusion of beautiful flowers were sent in by friends of the venerable lady. Appropriate and beautiful music was rendered by the choir. Interment was made in the family lot in Ocean View Cemetery. Mrs. Bettie Hendrick Rogers a daughter is the only child surviving Mr. and Mrs. Hendrick.

MIDNIGHT MARAUDER GETS SHOT THROUGH HIS BACK

Reidsville, Aug. 22.—Edward Carter, 25-year-old white man, was shot and instantly killed at about 10:30 o'clock Friday night by B. R. Franklin in his home on Thomas street, East Reidsville. Carter and another thief entered Franklin's home. The second thief plunged through a window when the shooting began and made his escape. The robber, evidently realized that he was trapped, fired several shots, two of the bullets inflicted flesh wounds in Franklin's neck and leg and Mrs. Franklin being wounded in the shoulder from behind by the unknown thief after she had run into the yard to give the alarm.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Franklin will recover from their wounds, which are not considered serious. Both were highly unnerved today after their experience and are suffering from shock.

Franklin, with a shotgun, sent a load into the midnight thief below the heart and he dropped in his tracks. Before Franklin could get his gun, which he kept near his bed, Carter had fired several times. The experience was a terrifying one for the young man and his wife, both of whom were in bed and who were principals in a midnight duel in the darkness with deadly missiles speeding in every direction.

MR. J. WESLEY DEY PASSED AWAY TUESDAY NIGHT

News was received here yesterday of the death, at Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey on Tuesday night of Mr. J. Wesley Dey, brother of Mr. C. P. Dey of this city. He had been sick for several weeks with heart trouble. While he was critically ill his physicians held out hope that he might be able to get up again. Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Dey of Beaufort had been visiting him and his family for several weeks and had just returned home Monday.

For many years Mr. J. Wesley Dey has been known and admired in Beaufort. In 1881 Mr. C. P. Dey moved his fish factory from Atlantic Highlands, N. J. to Beaufort, the first fish factory ever built in the State, and he and his brother Wesley operated for nearly forty years under the firm name of Dey and brother. It was largely through the instrumentality of these brothers that the Southport Scrap and Oil Factory at Southport was built and Mr. Wesley Dey was its active president until his death.

CARTERET COUNTY MOREHEAD BLUFFS VITAL STATISTICS BIG DEVELOPMENT

Morehead City Leads in Births For First Six Months, Beaufort Second

The News has arranged with the State Board of Health to publish the vital statistics of Carteret county periodically. This information will cover the various townships and the towns of Beaufort, Morehead City and Newport and will be published monthly. Through the courtesy of Miss Ruth A. Robinson, chief clerk of the board, the vital statistics for the first six months of the year have been obtained. From this tabulation it can be seen that the total number of deaths, as reported, for the county was 96 and the total births 229 which made a gain in population of 133 for the first six months. Beaufort and Morehead City had the same number of deaths, 26 each. However Morehead City reported 53 births against 38 for Beaufort. Morehead township also led the county with 29 births and 5 deaths against Beaufort township's record of 16 births and 4 deaths.

The figures in detail are as follows:

	First Six Months	B	D	July
Beaufort	38	26	7	4
Morehead City	53	26	7	9
Newport	14	6	3	1
Townships				
Beaufort	16	4	1	1
Harkers Island	11	1	2	0
Harlowe	4	2		
Hunting Quarter				
Divisions-Davis	6	4		
Stacey	6	3	0	0
Sealevel	5	2	4	3
Merrimon	7	1		
Morehead	29	5	1	3
Newport	8	5	4	0
Portsmouth	No report this year, no registrar.			
Smyrna	11	4	1	1
(Registrar, recently appointed)				
Straits	8	2	4	1
White Oak	13	5	6	1
	229	96		

NUMBER OF FARMS IN U. S. SHOWS DECREASE

Washington D. C., August—There were 30,000 fewer farms in the United States last year than in 1923 and there was a reduction of cultivated land in the sum of 1,200,000 acres. About a million acres of this decreased cultivated land was used for pasture. Looking at the decrease in percentages however, the decrease was small being less than one-half of one per cent of the total number of farms in the country and less than one third of one per cent of the total number of acres under cultivation.

The decrease of cultivated acres in 1924 is said to have been due to the unsatisfactory agricultural conditions in 1923.

The decrease in number of farms is quite general in central and southern Georgia and southeastern Alabama where it ranges from one to ten per cent, in much of Michigan and Missouri, where it averages about two per cent; in most of Colorado; in southeastern Idaho and eastern Washington, where it ranges in general from one to five per cent. Un doubtedly some of this decrease is accounted for, it is stated, by consolidated of farms into larger economic units.

The decrease in crop acreage was greatest in western Georgia and southeastern Alabama, southern Mississippi, western Maryland, Pennsylvania and southern New York, Michigan and southern Illinois, western Kentucky, and much of Missouri. The decreases in Illinois and Missouri were largely due to abandonment of corn.

The freighter Saugus, from Spain to New York, slid onto the submerged ledge of an iceberg. S O S's were answered but the vessel was finally released by a movement of the ice mass and proceeded on her way to port.

Japan has decided to admit women to the bar.

Gentle and lovable of character, always ready to help his fellow man Mr. Wesley Dey was the highest type of Christin gentleman.

Deed Recorded For Property On Bogue Sound. Work Has Started

The Beaufort Realty Corporation now has under way a large realty development at Mansfield, just a few miles west of Morehead City. Mr. A. I. Schisler who was the engineer of the West Beaufort subdivision, and is in charge of the engineering at Mansfield, was in town Tuesday and filed a deed for record from the Oaksmith heirs. The tract to be developed comprises about 325 acres and is nicely situated between the State highway and Bogue Sound. The Norfolk Southern railroad also runs right by it. The property has a frontage of some 7000 feet on Bogue Sound and also fronts on a bay which makes up into it. The name of the new development near Mansfield is Morehead Bluffs and the name is derived from the fact that the frontage on the sound is a high bluff which makes it admirably suited for residential purposes. It is estimated that the company will have available for building purposes 2000 lots or more. The plan in view is to make the place a high class residential subdivision and to sell the lots to people of means who will build summer and winter homes there. A place for a golf course has been reserved and also a fine site for a hotel. A street 100 feet wide will run from the highway to the sound and all streets will be of good width.

The Beaufort Realty Corporation has been very successful in placing West Beaufort lots on the market, more than half of these having been sold and the rest are going in a satisfactory manner. The same selling organization headed by Mr. E. M. Howard will have charge of the sale of the Morehead Bluffs lots. The work of surveying the new development is now going forward and no lots will be offered for sale for the present.

BANKERS' CONVENTION AT ATLANTIC CITY

Local bankers have received a communication from William E. Knox, President of the American Bankers Association, calling their attention to the unusual importance of this year's annual convention. Mr. Knox says in part:

"When a business celebrates its growth from resources of \$3,000,000 to over \$60,000,000,000 in fifty years it certainly is an event of great public significance in American history. This year's convention of your Association at Atlantic City will constitute just such an event. The American Bankers Association was organized in 1875 when there were about 3,000 banks in the country, with aggregate capital and surplus of \$850,000,000 and deposits below \$2,000,000,000. Today there are about 30,000 banks, with capital funds of \$7,000,000,000 and deposits above \$50,000,000,000. More than 22,000 of these banks are members of your Association.

"The convention signaling the half century mark will be made the occasion for reviewing the progress of banking and the services it has rendered the people of the United States. A practical token of this will be given the public in the form of a proposed educational foundation to maintain college scholarships in economics and to promote economic research. Banking serves itself best by serving others and the more economic-minded it helps our people to become, the firmer will it build the foundations of its own prosperity.

"Another great opportunity will present itself at this convention for organized banking to render significant public service. The present period is particularly opportune to support the administration in its economic program. Such questions as economy in public expenditure and scientific tax revision can be discussed on their intrinsic merits without the confusing factors of campaign partisanship and radical agitation. The public spirited interest of bankers in these questions can now be made more clearly understood and influentially urged.

Mr. D. W. Morton returned Tuesday from a trip to Raleigh.

BLOW LAST WEEK STARTED MULLET RUN

The first big run of mullets for the season took place last Saturday and Sunday. A spell of warm weather was succeeded by a southwest blow and then a shift to the northwest with a rapid drop in temperature. As usual at this time of the year this started the mullets to the open sea. On Saturday most of the small fishing crafts and one or two of the large ones went out to look for them. The largest catch made was that of Captain Bonner Willis in the Chas. S. Wallace who got about 29,000 pounds. Captain Wilbur Willis went out with the W. M. Webb and caught about 4000 pounds. The fish were sold to local dealers who packed them in salt. They brought from seven to nine cents a pound.

For several years now the mullet catch in this section has been light compared with what is used to be in years gone by. For some reason or other the fish are not so plentiful as they used to be. The U. S. Bureau of Fisheries has had men at work for a good many months trying to learn the reason for this decrease in the mullet catch. If the cause can be found it may be that a remedy will be applied.

DEALS IN DIRT

Nine transfers constitute the number registered this past week by Jno. W. Hamilton, Register of Deeds. They are as follows:

Geo. J. Stanley to Jas. O. Johnson part lot 67, New Town, Beaufort, Consideration \$10.

Jas. O. Johnson to Laura Johnson, part lot 67, new town, Beaufort, Consideration \$10.

Laura Johnson to Lucy Johnson, part lot 67, new town, Beaufort, consideration \$10.

Robert King to Hancock-Huntley, Co. part lot 9 Hendricktown, Beaufort Township, Consideration \$600.

Hancock-Huntley Co. to Robert King part lot 9, Hedrick Town, Beaufort Township, consideration \$625

Maude S. Howell to Elizabeth H. Gordon, lot 11, 141, Morehead Township, consideration \$10.

Vincent C. Oaksmith to Geraldine Oaksmith, tract Morehead Township consideration \$4000.

Geraldine Oaksmith to Beaufort Realty Corp. tract 80 acres Morehead Township, consideration \$11,350.

Julian Guthrie to Carlisle Guthrie 33 1-3 acres Morehead Township, consideration \$1. and other Valuable.

DUKE MAKES GIFT

TO GREENSBORO COLLEGE
Greensboro, N. C., August 22—B. N. Duke, of New York City, brother of J. B. Duke, has made another handsome gift of \$50,000 to Greensboro college.

Dr. S. B. Turrentine, president of the institution, received the contribution yesterday to be applied to the endowment fund. This donation and the one for \$50,000 made a few weeks ago make the munificent sum of \$100,000 made by B. N. Duke on the endowment.

Dr. Turrentine said these timely gifts of Mr. Duke are renewed expressions of his friendly interest in the oldest chartered college for women in North Carolina. Soon after the college was burned in 1904, the question was raised whether the institution would survive even if rebuilt. At that critical period it was J. B. Duke who came across with \$10,000 on endowment. In those days \$10,000 was quiet an imposing piece of money. It was timely and gave assurance that the college would abide.

North Carolina road builders experience little difficulty in landing lucrative positions elsewhere. Latest connections: O. N. Connor, constructive engineer of the State Highway Commission, has gone to Mexico to become acting Federal highway engineer of that Republic and will have charge of its entire road program. Edgar D. Cruise, W. D. Summerville, G. T. Giles and A. K. Haxton and other engineers attached to our State Commission either preceded or will follow Mr. Connor with the view to placing the Mexican road system on the map.

NAVAL RESERVE BOAT HERE

A Naval Reserve boat from Georgetown, S. C. paid a visit of several days to Beaufort recently. She arrived last Thursday and left the following Tuesday bound for her home port. The vessel was recently turned over to the Georgetown division by the U. S. Navy Department to be used for training purposes. She came from Norfolk and was commanded by Lieutenant Harold Comiskey of Georgetown. The vessel is 40 feet long and has a 50 horse power engine. She has a speed of about 12 knots.

"Rodeo" is the Mexican word for "roundup." It is pronounced "Roda-yo."

GOVERNOR MCLEAN BACK IN CAPITAL AFTER VACATION

Tuberculosis Sanatorium Is Over Crowded. Some Patients Have To Go Home

ROAD MEN GO TO MEXICO

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)
Raleigh, August 24—With Governor McLean again in action at the capitol after nearly three weeks of hard labor in the forests of Wisconsin from which he was recently released in the "pink of condition," matters of state are likely to be handled in the same masterly way that has characterized administration progress since the present executive put his hand to the wheel last January. The Governor has thoroughly enjoyed the outing liked the "physical endurance tests" which he was subjected during his absence and is ready to plunge into the pile of documents awaiting his attention without the least hesitancy.

Reported conditions at the State Sanatorium for Tuberculosis will probably receive first consideration. According to a statement sent out from that institution a week ago by the Associated Press sixteen patients all suffering from tuberculosis, some of them bed-ridden, had been requested to surrender their rooms by the first of September to make room for prisoners from the State's Prison similarly afflicted. The order, said to have been promulgated by the board of directors, affected all patients who had been at the Sanatorium eighteen months amounts to an invitation to thirty-six to leave within the next six months. The need is for beds rather than money says Superintendent McCain and the reaction to the press story indicates a very decided sentiment on the part of the public that the situation should be met with a remedy without delay. The suggestion of returning helpless sick people to their homes, or the alms-houses is revolting and Governor McLean gives assurance that the situation will be "properly taken care of." Dr. P. P. McCain, superintendent, states that 150 applications for admission are now on file.

The commission which is charged with adjusting the salaries of State employees on a "uniform and equitable basis," is to make its final report to the Governor. It is announced that data has been collected and wage scales worked out for all the State departments and educational and charitable institutions. No final action will be taken until the Commission has conferred with Mr. McLean whose approval of the report is necessary before it can go into effect. It will probably be October before scale can be effected.

It is announced by H. L. Stanton, State Supervisor of Industrial Rehabilitation, that the establishment of a State wide system of orthopedic clinics for the free treatment of indigent cripples is under contemplation by orthopedic surgeons and others interested recently in conference at Greensboro. he aid of local civic agencies and organizations will be sought to help meet the expense of "putting cripples back on their feet." says the State Supervisor of this highly important work.

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The Holly Hill Grove and Fruit Company, of Davenport, Fla. has been granted a license under the "Blue Sky" Act, by the Corporation Commission, but without official approval of the scheme which permits the scale of Florida lands on a five year payment basis. The contract promises the purchaser that the company will plant his property in citrus trees and maintain the trees until

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