

Strawberry Industry May Be Established

Carteret Citizens Visit Duplin's Great Strawberry Area. Considerable Acreage Will Be Planted To Berries In Carteret County This Spring.

Driving three hundred miles on a cold day in December to look at some strawberry beds would seem, on first thought, to be a sort of wild goose chase but it was found decidedly worth while by a party of Carteret citizens last Friday. Those who took the trip were County Farm Agent Hugh Overstreet, Messrs. G. W. Huntley, U. E. Swann, Sam Gibbs, T. C. Whitehead, J. L. Bland, W. G. Mebane. Although it was decidedly the coldest day of the fall travelling was pleasant. Driving along a smoothly paved highway in a closed car, at forty five miles an hour, when the sun is shining brightly is an agreeable experience. One does not realize that it is cold except when a bit of ice is seen or a wagon is passed with its smoking horses and its driver with heavy overcoats on and his cap pulled down over his ears.

The farmers about Kenansville, Teachey's and Rose Hill are certainly in the strawberry business. There are other localities too where the luscious berries are raised but in the section referred to strawberry culture is a big industry. The object of the Cartret delegation's trip was to see how they do it and to find out if the industry might be carried on in Carteret successfully. Acres upon acres in Duplin county are given up to berries. Fields of from one to five or six acres are seen on both sides of the road as one drives along. They plant them in their backyards very often and sometimes in their front yards too. Everybody seems to be interested in the berry crop one way or another and well they may be for it brings an immense amount of money into their section. Carteret county probably has no crop that equals it in value.

About a mile from Wallace on the A. C. L. Railroad the State maintains an agricultural experiment station. It is called the Coastal Plain Experiment Station. Dr. Charles Deering is in charge of it. This farm is a very interesting place. It was rather too cold to make walking around the farm a joy and any way the Carteret folks' time was limited so only about an hour was spent there. The beautiful herd of Jersey cows was inspected, the strawberry beds, the grape vineyards and bulb-beds were shown the visitors by Dr. Deering who gave information and answered the visitors questions ver cheerfully and entertainingly. A person who is interested in such matters might spend a whole day there very profitably. The experiments which are being conducted on this farm should prove of great service to agriculture in the coastal section.

For several years County Agent Overstreet has tried to interest Carteret truckers in strawberry culture, so far however not very successfully. A few berries are grown in the county for home use and the local markets. Some of those here were very nice and perhaps would compare favorably with the Duplin berries. They grow mostly the Missionary over in Duplin. This variety is not so large as the Klondike but it is very prolific and usually brings good prices. Dr. Deering says that real sandy land is not good for raising berries. A darker type of soil is better. Mr. Overstreet thinks that there are lands in Carteret well suited for berries. Mr. Bland who recently came to the county from Craven, is very enthusiastic on the subject. Mr. Huntley is going to show his faith in a very practical way; he expects to put five acres in berries on what is known as the Gillikin farm near Beaufort. Several other truckers are said to be interested and it may be that a considerable acreage will be planted in berries this Spring. It is possible that in a few years Carteret county will be shipping berries on as large a scale as Duplin. At any rate an effort is going to be made to get the industry started in this county.

DREDGES GOING NORTH.

Two dredges bound north were towed into the harbor, one on Tuesday and one on Wednesday. They were brought here by the tugs Adler and De Bordelan of New Orleans and were met here by other tugs. Captains Will Smith and Reuben Williams brought them across the bar.

POLITICS TOPIC OF BIG INTEREST IN CAPITAL CITY

A Political Campaign Of Great Interest To The Nation Is Now Brewing

WETS AND DRIES ORGANIZE

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Washington, Dec. 14—Washington is boiling and bubbling with suppressed excitement in these hectic days that mark the convening of a new congress. Across the stage of national affairs, drama, romance, pathos and anger tread swiftly on each other's heels. Everywhere—in the streets the cloakrooms of the Capitol, the lobbies of the crowded hotels—the political situation is on the tongue of everyone. The makings of an intense and dramatic political campaign as the nation ever witnessed are quickening, as if drawn by a magnet, into tangible form.

The fight in the Senate to bar from membership the Senators from Illinois and Pennsylvania was thought, in advance, to have mortgaged the spotlight of public attention. But now that the fight has come, and all but ended, interest in it has ebbed away and other swiftly occurring events battle for a place in the public eye. Of them Washington is filled. There has never been so much big news breaking here in the peacetime annals of the Republic as today.

They barred Smith of Illinois from the Senate on the day after it organized and then took up the fight on Vars. Whatever the crowded galleries might have thought of Smith for his alleged purchase of a Senate seat, they warmed to him at the moment of his rejection. He stood there proudly in his place, unflinching in the face of the fiery charges hurled upon him by his foes. And when the vote was taken that denied him the seat he claims, he stood unchanged, erect, betraying no emotion. He walked away with a high head and a vigorous step, his face revealing no clue to the heaviness that must have weighed down his heart.

Not far away from the Senate chamber the hosts of many churches were meeting with prayer and the singing of hymns to stir them in their long drawn battle for prohibition. The Anti-Saloon League hosts were from all the States to mourn the passing of Wayne Wheeler and to name his successor. They did both, naming to Wheeler's post one of their most able leaders, Ernest R. Cherrington of Westerville, Ohio.

The world knows little of Cherrington, but he knows much of the world. For years he has tried to spread the teachings of prohibition in every civilized community. He has been close to the rumblings of revolution in Turkey; he has known of the intrigue of the Soviets at Moscow; he has played his part in the awakening of China and helped in the ebb and flow of her Civil War. All these and many other things he has participated in with the idea that prohibition might thus be advanced under other flags. And all the while he has held his fingers to the pulse of American affairs. He will make a fighting leader and the nation will read of his exploits in the days to come.

And while the chorus of the churchmen still floated out from the windows of their meeting place, the camp of the wets unlimbered its heavy artillery on Capitol Hill. It fired anithering blast on congress itself in a 250-word statement so hot that it should have been written on asbestos. This bombshell carried with high explosive charge that far and away the majority of congress drank exceedingly wet while voting intensely dry. Congress snorted—and may investigate.

Politics is king over the House at the moment the favorite game seems to be out-jockey the other fellow. The big tax-reduction is now before the House. It was written in an atmosphere surcharged with politics. "Foxy Grandpa" Garner, as his ad-

Five Still Remain On List Of Needy

Half of the Christmas opportunities described in the News last week have been taken and the wants of the needy ones will have attention. At this writing five of these opportunities remain and any one who wishes to help them can get the necessary information by calling at the News office. The opportunities are:

1. Old man 74 years, lives alone and is not able to work this winter. It allowed to live in his old home rent free. Only relative is a brother who is dependent on some one else. Needs staple groceries.
2. Old man 74 years, without a near relative, lives alone in house that he owns but may not be able to pay last tax (\$4.60). Has chopped wood the last few winters but has rheumatism too bad to support himself this winter. A fine old man. Needs groceries.
3. Old man 73 years, lives alone and pays taxes on his one room and half acre. No near relatives. Has always been diseased since an accident crippled. Needs everything.
4. Old lady 73 years, lives with brother and his wife who are almost as old and feeble as herself. Very poor and needs warm clothing and groceries.
5. Widow with five children.

mirers affectionately call him, leads the Democrats and serious-minded William Green the Republicans. Both sides have written things into the new measure. The Democrats are out frankly to put Mellon in the hole. The Republicans have their own ideas, in the House, about tax reduction, and they are not Mellon's. Thus there is developing a three-cornered fight which bids fair to add much gaiety of the nation ere it ends.

Mr. Coolidge dropped a high explosive shell into the ranks of his party whose echoes are still reverberating through the nation. They marched into the East Room of the White House to hear a few kind words. Mr. Coolidge had prepared his speech and it had been given in confidence to the papers. But he added a single paragraph at the end in which he told the Republican party to get busy and select another standard-bearer.

It left the National Committee gasping. They couldn't even applaud, as the President swiftly turned and left them. It had other immediate results, too. The first of these was the wiping out of any chance left to Charles E. Hughes to head the ticket. The very next day, Mr. Hughes came out with a statement that he would not run.

What the President said doubtless quickened the heartbeats of Herbert Hoover. Mr. Hoover wants the Presidency, his close friends say, about as badly as it was ever wanted by a mortal man. The Coolidge statement means, if it means anything, that he can have it with Coolidge's help. For all the power of the administration now will go to Hoover. The first thing is to line up the Southern delegates. Hoover can win the nomination, as his friends see it now.

It isn't exactly like the Roosevelt gift to Taft, but it has its points of resemblance. The next few weeks ought to see Mr. Hoover's position made unmistakably clear as a candidate for the nomination.

Kansas City as the place for the convention will be better for Hoover, his friends say, than San Francisco. For out on the Pacific Coast one Hiram Johnson still is a power in politics and between Johnson and Hoover there is no peace. Better nominate Hoover at some other place, his friends agreed. Hence, the wisecracker says, Chairman Butler's statement favoring Kansas City.

These are but the highest of the highlights that have flashed across political Washington during the past few days. They are altogether political. Another life has blossomed in Washington, too, since congress came to town. The social swing is now merrily on its way. The wives of the Cabinet members are now calling at the White House; the wives of the Cabinet; the wives of the Congressmen are calling on the wives of the Senators, and the wives of the little bureau heads are calling on everybody.

And over at the great white mansion where Lincoln sat and Roosevelt boxed and Woodrow Wilson's life ebbed slowly out toward its close, the great drawing rooms blaze with light and are gay with color as official Washington filters through the White House.

County Farm Agent Hugh Overstreet is in Raleigh this week attending an agricultural conference.

THE BEAUFORT NEWS has established its own Bureau at Washington. This has been done to give our readers up-to-date and authentic news of what is going on at the National Capital of interest to Carteret County residents.

THE NEWS BUREAU is located at 24-25 Wyatt Building (1403 F Street N. W.), in the heart of the city's business district.

William P. Helm, Jr., a nationally known writer and Washington Correspondent of long experience, is in charge of the Bureau.

The services of the Bureau are at the disposal, without charge, of readers of THE NEWS. You are invited to write us, or the Bureau direct, mentioning this paper, for any information desired with respect to national affairs, or for any service the Bureau may be able to perform for you in Washington.

And when you are in Washington, drop in at the Bureau. You will be welcomed there. Also, the latest edition of THE NEWS will always be on file there.

Real Estate Transfers

The following is a list of the deeds recorded at the Register of Deeds office during the past week:

- Beaufort Realty Corp. to D. I. and R. E. Brooks, 2 lots West Beaufort, for \$290.
- Beaufort Realty Corp. to Geo. T. Woolard, 2 lots West Beaufort, for \$260.
- W. A. Lloyd et al to Geo. T. Woolard, part lot Beaufort for \$—
- Beaufort Realty Corp. to H. B. Ruffin, 4 lots West Beaufort for \$780.
- J. F. Duncan Trustee to J. M. Willis, tract Morehead Township, for \$100.
- Carroll L. House and husband to J. O. Becton, 1-2 acre Morehead Township for \$400.
- Addie B. Wade and husband to E. H. Gorham, 4 acres Morehead Township, for \$1000.
- Minerva McCain et al to E. H. Gorham, tract Newport Township, for \$250.
- Bogue Sound Lumber Co., to E. H. Gorham, tract Morehead Township, for \$525.
- E. H. Gorham and wife to D. C. Garner 50 acres Newport Township, for \$2000.
- M. O. Lawrence to Beatrice Lewis, 50 acres Straits Township for \$1300.
- M. G. Lewis and wife to Hilda Brown, tract Straits Township, for \$10.

TRAFFIC ON THE BRIDGE HEAVY ALL THE TIME

Traffic across the twin city highway bridge has been heavy ever since it opened, especially on Sunday afternoons. It is reported that over 800 cars crossed the bridge last Sunday afternoon in about three hours. The use of the bridge for business purposes is increasing all the time. Trucks from New Bern, Morehead City and Beaufort use it regularly as well as busses and private cars carrying people on business trips. So far there has been no accident of any consequence.

Tax Valuations Of All Townships In Carteret County For 1926-1927

A gentleman who is interested in such matters has gotten some information about tax valuations in Carteret county. It appears that the total valuation in the county is about fourteen and a quarter millions. This is a considerable increase over the 1926 figures. Morehead township has the largest valuation in the county. As this is a matter of considerable importance the News gives the figures herewith for the information of the public.

Township	1927 valuation	1926 valuation	Increase
Atlantic	263,226	122,797	
Cedar Island	106,581	75,591	
Harlowe	294,253	351,196	
Davis	226,723	136,493	
Beaufort	3,971,085	3,612,211	
Marshallberg	203,364	169,291	
Harkers Island	280,216	180,706	
Merrimon	348,842	366,762	
Carteret	222,860	189,815	
Myrnes	305,151	213,713	
Portsmouth	15,420	13,263	
Stacy	140,250	121,880	
Sea Level	190,887	150,416	
Straits	557,350	557,216	
White Oak	873,439	588,061	
Newport	1,067,612	1,002,035	
Morehead	5,183,326	4,703,974	
Williston			
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Total Valuation	14,250,585	12,558,986	1,691,599

Man In A Row Boat Making Long Trip

The News is in receipt of a letter from Charles Seilitz of Far Rockaway, New York, who says that he is on his way here in a row boat. He intends going all the way to Miami, Florida. A picture of Mr. Seilitz and his boat were enclosed. He is a pretty husky looking young fellow but his boat seems rather frail for so long a voyage. It bears a Masonic emblem which may give him good luck. He says that he left New York on the 23rd of October and that he has been windbound sixteen days since he left there. The letter was mailed at Stumpy Point, N. C., so he has evidently come a good long distance on his voyage.

EAYARD TAYLOR STOCK SOLD HERE MONDAY

The stock of goods of Bayard Taylor who has been conducting a dry goods store in Beaufort for several years, was sold Monday at auction by James Rumley, trustee. The merchandise, not including fixtures brought \$2750. There were two shares of bank stock and one or two other assets which brought the total up to about \$3000. The store building and fixtures are the property of Mr. N. W. Taylor. The stock of merchandise was bought by J. Franks of Williamston. He said that he had not decided fully what he would do with the goods.

EMERGENCY HOSPITAL IS ALMOST FINISHED NOW

If all goes well the steam heating plant in the Potter Emergency Hospital will be finished by Monday. The weather has been so warm all the Fall though that there has been little use for it so far. Although not expecting to do much at first the hospital has been treating patients right along for several weeks. One of the latest arrivals is Mr. B. F. Small of Sea Level who has something like the flu. Another infant saw the light of day there Tuesday when a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Willis of Williston.

Charles A. Lindbergh has added another star to his crown of glory. He is the first man to make a non-stop flight between the capitals of the United States and Mexico. He left the aviation field near Washington Tuesday and reached Mexico City at 2:39 in the afternoon Wednesday, a non-stop flight of more than 27 hours. He was given one of the greatest receptions that has ever been given to any man at the Mexican capital.

SANTA CLAUS MAIL DELAYED

On account of lack of space several letters to Santa Claus were left out of the News this week. They will be printed next Thursday and as that is several days before Christmas will probably reach old Santa in sufficient time.

Remember the Beaufort News might be a very acceptable Christmas present to a friend. It would be a reminder of you 52 times during the year.

MOREHEAD CITY FAVORS HOSPITAL

Only Sixty Nine Votes Cast Against The Plan For City Hospital

Morehead City, Dec. 13—On last Saturday the people of Morehead City voted in a special election to establish and operate a municipal hospital. The election returns revealed an overwhelming sentiment in favor of the project. Out of eight hundred and twenty six qualified voters five hundred and fifty votes were cast in favor and sixty nine against the hospital. Under the law, all votes not cast were counted as against and hence the official majority counting those uncast votes was two hundred seventy four. The majority of the cast votes was four hundred and eighty one. The results of the election really does not reflect the extent of public sentiment since many voters registered thinking that they would be privileged to vote absentee. A question arose as to the legality of these votes during the election, that that there might be no question as to the outcome all absentee votes were excluded although some fifty or seventy five of these had been regularly executed and filed.

With the establishment of this publicly owned institution, it will be in line to receive immediate benefit from the Duke Endowment in the form of a subsidy. This promises to be an increasing source of income as the years go by and will make it eligible to be designated by the Federal Government to care for those entitled to hospitalization at government expense. It is expected that the County commissioners will make a reasonable appropriation in the county budget for the charity of the county.

NICE DWELLING GOING UP ON FRONT STREET

Work has been started and is now going forward rapidly on a nice dwelling house on east Front Street near Gordon. The owner of the building is Mr. Halsey D. Paul. The Davis Construction Corporation is building it. The house, which is located on a lot with a frontage of 52 1-2 feet will be a story and a half, eight rooms capacity and built of brick. If weather conditions are favorable the house will be finished in a few months.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

Mayor Jones had only two cases for trial last Friday afternoon both on the same charge, drunkenness. Bert Lloyd submitted to the charge and was fined \$5 and costs. Henry Norcom Jr., denied the accusation but the Mayor thought otherwise and he was fined \$5 and costs. On account of the menhaden fishing season being at its height now and the difficulty of getting witnesses several cases have been continued from time to time.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Two permits to wed were issued today by Register of Deeds R. W. Wallace. They were both to Morehead City couples. The lucky ones were: Oscar Hoyle Laney and Ethel Gray Lewis, C. D. Mann and Ellen Rice.

TIDE TABLE

Information as to the tides at Beaufort is given in this column. The figures are approximately correct. Some allowances must be made for variations in the wind and also with respect to the locality, that is whether near the inlet or at the heads of the estuaries.

High Tide	Low Tide
Friday Dec. 16	
2:13 A. M.	8:13 A. M.
2:25 P. M.	8:30 P. M.
Saturday Dec. 17	
3:09 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
3:21 P. M.	9:19 P. M.
Sunday Dec. 18	
4:00 A. M.	10:09 A. M.
4:12 P. M.	10:06 P. M.
Monday Dec. 19	
4:46 A. M.	10:57 A. M.
5:00 P. M.	10:49 P. M.
Tuesday Dec. 20	
5:28 A. M.	11:05 A. M.
5:43 P. M.	11:42 P. M.
Wednesday Dec. 21	
6:06 A. M.	12:28 A. M.
6:24 P. M.	12:22 P. M.
Thursday Dec. 22	
6:43 A. M.	12:07 A. M.
7:04 P. M.	1:00 P. M.