

CAROLINA OYSTER GROUNDS VISITED BY SEVERAL MEN

W. H. Raye of Boston, Mass., Looks Over The Field; May Invest

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Launching of oyster farming in North Carolina on a large scale as a result of an investigation of shell-fish grounds of Pamlico Sound by one of the nation's largest and most successful oystermen was looked forward to yesterday by Conservation Department officials returning from a trip up the sound in the State's fisheries flagship, "Capt. John A. Nelson."

The visitors on the trip were W. H. Raye, of the Bluepoint Co., Boston, Mass.; Chas. E. Wheeler, member of the Connecticut Board of Fisheries and Game, and Lewis Radcliffe, deputy U. S. Commissioner of Fisheries, Washington, D. C. Other members of the party included: Col. J. W. Harnelson, director of the Department of Conservation and Development; Capt. John A. Nelson, fisheries commissioner; Dr. F. G. Hall, department of zoology, Duke university, and Capt. Leonard Nelson.

Largest Oyster Farmer.

The Bluepoint Co., headed by Mr. Raye, is credited with being the largest oyster farming concern in the United States, controlling more than 35,000 acres of oyster bottoms in several Eastern states on which approximately 5,000,000 acres of bivalves are growing at this time with an annual output of approximately 800,000 bushels, approximately twice the production of the State of North Carolina.

Besides oysters, the company is also one of the largest distributors of other sea products in the United States. It is a subsidiary of General Foods, Inc., a consolidation of various food products companies.

Mr. Raye's attention was attracted to the possibilities of oyster farming in North Carolina through the efforts of Deputy U. S. Fisheries Commissioner Radcliffe and Capt. John A. Nelson.

The purpose of the trip, according to Captain Nelson, was to give Mr. Raye and Mr. Wheeler, who is also connected with the Bluepoint Company, an opportunity to see the possibilities of oyster development by planting in North Carolina waters.

In view of the success in oyster culture by the New England firm, Conservation Department officials expressed a desire for the company to begin operations in North Carolina, starting on a small scale to demonstrate the practicability of the business and the advantage of introducing the system into the State.

Natural Beds Depleted

Deputy Commissioner Radcliffe declared that natural oyster beds of the United States are being rapidly depleted, and pointed out that the hope of future oyster supplies for the nation lies in the culture of the bivalve.

In a number of states, he continued, natural oyster beds are already exhausted with the diminishing supply in North Carolina being one of the most abundant left in the nation. The federal official manifests a special interest in the introduction of oyster farming in the South and sees North Carolina as one of the most promising districts of this section.

State conservation officials point to the following extract from a bulletin of the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries as indicating the trend in the oyster fisheries of the Atlantic coast have in the past few years experienced an alarming decline in productivity. The rapid decline of this valuable industry has been brought about by a constant depletion of the oyster beds from various factors, such as pollution, overfishing, unfavorable climate and hydrographic conditions, natural enemies and the use of shells for various commercial purposes.

Favorably Impressed

Although he revealed that he had not reached a conclusion on whether his company would begin operations in North Carolina, Mr. Raye declared yesterday before leaving the State that opportunities for successful culture appeared promising and that his company would consider the new field thoroughly.

Mr. Raye declared that his company had proved without doubt that oysters can be cultivated profitably by planting new bottoms suitable for their culture. He asserted, however, that his company would not consider beginning operations unless assured of a welcome into the state and the goodwill of the people, especially those in the section where the bivalves are produced.

He believes that the business can

Newport Youth Gets Ninety Day Sentence

Recorder's Court had an unusually short session Tuesday. Only two cases were tried one of which resulted in a jail sentence and in the other judgment was suspended.

Wheeler Smith a young white man from Newport was tried for assault, drunk and disorderly and injury to personal property. He was in court a few months ago on a somewhat similar charge and on account of his youth and on a promise to behave better Judge Hill let him off without a sentence. This time he got 90 days in jail to be worked on the roads of any county in the judicial district.

Ruby Smith, thirteen year old sister of the defendant Wheeler, testified that she had been frightened several times by her brother. That on this particular occasion he came in drunk, dragged his small brother Fowler out of bed and misbehaved generally. She said he got drunk three times last week. The small boy testified about the same and Wheeler admitted that he got drunk.

Chief of Police Charles Garner of Newport said he arrested the young fellow, that he was drunk and cursing and made some threats about beating his mother who is in bad health on account of a cancer. His testimony was decidedly damaging to the defendant. Judge Hill told Wheeler that he had given him a chance to redeem himself and that he evidently did not appreciate it and that he would now try a road sentence and promised to give him a still longer one if he ever came before him again.

Harvey Gaskins a nineteen year old white youth of Morehead City submitted to a charge of having in possession and transporting liquor. His attorney Luther Hamilton stated that the matter had been tried before Mayor Bonner of Morehead City and the evidence was that Gaskins had a small bottle of liquor in a car when he and his companion Wesley Beacham were arrested by Chief of Police Willis. The case against Beacham was dismissed and judgment was suspended in the case of Gaskins with a warning to go and sin no more.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

J. B. Mann to E. H. & J. A. Meadows Co. 25 acres Newport Township, for \$10.

First National Co. of Durham Inc., Trustee, to N. C. Joint Stock Land of Durham, 82 acres Morehead Township, for \$2300.

Alvah L. Hamilton, Trustee to James Paylor, 1 acre Harkers Island, for \$65.

E. W. Lill, Trustee, to Floyd F. Loftin, 1 lot Beaufort, for \$200.

Beaufort Cemetery Association to A. G. Davis, 1 cemetery lot for \$50.

Maggie A. Whitehurst et al to Carroll Arthur, 9 acres Straits Township, for \$10.

E. H. Howerton and wife to L. S. Abercrombie et al 920 acres Hunting Quarter Township, for \$5000.

John A. W. Goodwin and wife to J. J. Day, 1 acre Cedar Island, for \$10.

BAPTIST WOMEN RAISE FUND BY NEW METHOD

Tuesday afternoon from three until four thirty one of the most far-reaching services perhaps ever held in the history of the Baptist church was staged. The occasion was a reception tendered the ladies of the Baptist church by the members of Circle No. 1 of the Missionary society. The purpose was that the ladies of the church should make their Sacrifice and Free Will offering in lieu of the annual bazaar. Approximately forty of the members of the church were present to participate in the prayer and song service arranged by the leaders of the circle. The Sacrifice Free Will Offerings amounted to \$60.61. It was the unanimous expression of opinion by all that it was a far better method than the old way of working and vexing the spirit over the annual bazaar. Surely it was more honoring to God.

Sunday night at seven o'clock the annual White Christmas service will be staged by the Sunday School of the Baptist church. The pageant that will be used this year is "At His Throne." In this service several scenes of living pictures will be shown illustrating the scenes of the Nativity. In this program the three gifts of Substance, Service and Self will be emphasized. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

be made to return profits in North Carolina if proven methods are carried out. If his company begins operations in North Carolina, it would be its purpose to branch out and help develop other fisheries industries.

HUNTING BLIND QUESTION WILL BE DISCUSSED

The question of the removal of all hunting blinds from the navigable waters of Core Sound is to be discussed at a 2nd day of January at 12:30 P. M. This information has been sent to the News from the U. S. Engineer's office at Wilmington.

The notice sent out by Major W. A. Snow states that 93 residents of various communities along Core Sound have signed a petition to the War Department asking for the removal of the blinds. The meeting is for the purpose of permitting those who oppose the removal of the blinds as well as those who want it done an opportunity to be heard. Oral statements will be heard but written statements should be filed with him also. The hearing is to take place at the City Hall and it is expected that a good sized crowd will be on hand.

SEE SIGNS OF CHRISTMAS ON STREETS HERE NOW

Signs of Christmas are very much in evidence around Beaufort and Morehead City and no doubt throughout the county now. Most of the merchants have laid in good stocks of holiday merchandise and their windows have been tastefully decorated for the holidays. By reason of the recent big run of menhaden considerable money has been put in circulation and the merchants are getting some benefit from it. It is expected that trade will be very brisk Saturday. The banks in Beaufort and most of the stores will be closed Christmas day. The News office will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday but the News will come out as usual next Thursday unless something happens to prevent it from doing so. Outgoing and incoming mails are heavy here now and will be for several days yet.

MENHADEN FISHING HAS SLACKED UP THIS WEEK

Menhaden fishing started off well Monday but foggy and rainy weather soon cut it short. All the boats did well Monday and caught about all they could handle. The Parkins, Captain Bonner Willis, made two trips to sea and caught fish both times making a total catch of 752,000. The Blades, Captain Harry Parkins, brought in 575,000. Captain Brodie Willis on the Charles S. Wallace had a catch of about 570,000. Southwest winds today have prevented the boats from going to sea.

POLICE COURT ITEMS

On account of the fishing and for other reasons several cases were continued in Police Court last Friday. However cases were disposed of as follows:

Charles Fisher, colored, drunk, submitted and fined \$2.50 and costs. Ike Felton, colored, exceeding the speed limit. It cost him \$10 and costs.

Bert Lloyd, fighting and disorderly conduct. Fine and costs amounted to \$6.10.

Dick Mason, drunk, first time up and got the usual sentence for first offenders, \$2.50 and costs.

Three or four persons charged with getting in the way of the fire truck will be tried tomorrow afternoon provided they are in court.

NEW HANOVER COUNTY LEADS IN WELL TRAINED NEGRO TEACHERS

(State Superintendent Public Instruction)

Raleigh, Dec. 16—The best trained Negro rural teachers are employed in the New Hanover system and the best trained city teachers in the Winston-Salem schools, according to School Facts, publication of the State Department of Public Instruction. The 22 colored rural teachers employed in New Hanover have an average training of 2.7 years in college. The 147 Negro teachers of Winston-Salem have an average of 3.39 years of college preparation.

"The amount of improvement in the scholarship of colored teachers," says School Facts, "varies among the several counties and cities." Clay County, for example, with only one Negro teacher employed, made the most progress from 1923-24 to 1928-29 in improvement of teacher preparation. In 1923-24 this county employed a teacher with training equivalent to two years in high school, whereas in 1928-29 the teacher em-

PLENTY OF BIDS FOR ROAD WORK

Ten or Twelve Bidders For Every Job; Onslow County Gets Road

Raleigh, Dec. 18.—Low bids, totaling nearly \$750,000 were opened by the State Highway Commission yesterday for construction of seven highway projects, including nearly 33 miles of hard surface road.

There was an average of 10 or 12 bids submitted on each project and the total of the low bids was \$738,687.70.

Today the State Highway Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting but only routine business is expected to come before the body.

The projects and low bidders in yesterday's letting were:

1707, Northampton county, 4.42 miles of bridge approaches to Roanoke River on Route 48; C. B. Hester of Greens bid of \$43,95 for road work and Harrison-Wright Company, of Charlotte, \$6,316.

36280, Onslow county, 13.27 miles of hard surface road between Richlands and Jacksonville on Route 24; West Construction Company, of Chattanooga, Tenn., \$171,678.

3831, Roberson county, 11.22 miles hard surface between Lumberton and Bladen county line on Route 201; Blythe Brothers of Charlotte, \$143,096.80.

4311, Granville county, 8.54 earth type between Oxford and Berea, on Route 57; J. K. Cecil, Lexington, \$47,858 for road work and Cobb and Homewood, of Chapel Hill, structures \$32,450.

5431, Guilford county, 2.99 miles hard surface between Summerfield and Ogburn Cross Roads, on Route 704; Frank L. Sanders and Company of Winston-Salem, \$46,183.75.

5751, Moore county, 5.22 miles hard surface from Carthage toward Blaine on Route 74; Brown Paving Company of Lexington, \$124,397.

850, McDowell county, 11.24 miles earth type between Marion and the Rutherford county line on Route 19; Lee J. Smith of Asheville, \$79,077.20 on the road work and Hobbs-Peabody Company, of Charlotte, \$44,578.95 on the structures.

POTTERY SALE CONTINUES

The sale of North Carolina pottery which is being handled by the ladies of the Community Club hereafter will be from 3 o'clock to 5 o'clock P. M. every day. It will be held in the store room formerly occupied by the Carteret Broadcasting Company.

H. D. BOKOP DIES AT DEFIANCE, OHIO

Mr. H. D. Bokop, of Defiance, Ohio died at his home in that city on Tuesday December 3rd. This information was given Mr. D. W. Morton a few days ago in a letter received by him from the manager of the Defiance Box Company, of which company Mr. Morton has been the local agent for a good many years.

Mr. Bokop was president and principal stockholder of the Defiance Box Company and was well known and highly regarded by the people in Carteret, Craven and Pamlico counties where his company has large holdings of timber lands. At one time he had a mill at Oriental. Mr. Bokop often came to Beaufort and seemed to enjoy his visits here. He made his last trip here last February. His death was learned with regret by many in this section.

Duke Alumni Have An Enjoyable Event

On Wednesday evening December 12 in the banquet hall of the M. E. Church South, of Morehead City, the Duke Alumni Association of Carteret County held its annual banquet with the President, Mr. J. A. Hornaday, presiding.

Between courses, the following program was greatly enjoyed:

Solo—Miss Brinson.

Two minute talks—Alumni and Alumnae.

Songs—

Address—Dr. Burt Cunningham.

Songs—

Election of Officers—

The address by Dr. Cunningham, Professor of Biology at Duke University, was very timely, and expressed the sentiment of those present. The alumni were delighted to have as an honor guest Dr. G. L. Hargitt, a visiting Professor at Duke from Syracuse, New York.

After the election of officers the following officers, the meeting was adjourned:

President—Mr. N. F. Eure.

Vice President—Mr. J. C. Taylor.

Secretary—Miss Emily Loftin.

Treasurer—Mr. W. E. Powell.

Guests and Alumni were: Dr. Cunningham and Dr. Hargitt, Durham; The Reverend A. J. Hobbs, New Bern The Reverend and Mrs. B. B. Slaughter, Mrs. N. R. Webb, Miss Pearl Robinson, Messrs. C. S. Wallace, J. C. Taylor of Morehead City; Mr. W. E. Powell of Newport; The Reverend and Mrs. Stack and Miss Stack of Smyrna; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hornaday, Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Eure, Miss Lula Belle Felts and Miss Emily Loftin of Beaufort.

NOTICE OF CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S

St. Paul's Episcopal Church School Christmas program will be given on Monday evening, December 23 at 6:30 P. M. The School is making this a White Christmas and will bring something to put at the foot of the tree to make someone else happy on Christmas Day. Canned goods, preserves and other eatables are most desired. A very interesting program has been arranged, Miss Elizabeth Huntley's class will present a Christmas play, Miss Martha Carrow's class will sing several old Christmas carols. Mrs. Ed Hancock's Department will give readings and recitations. The young men of Claud Wheatly's class are getting the tree and evergreens to decorate the church. Mrs. Charles Bushall's class will assist in decorating. All members of the Church School are having a part in the preparation of the program.

There will be two Holy Communion Services at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Christmas Day. The first will be held at 12:01 A. M. which will be a candle-mass service and all who believe and have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior are cordially invited to His Table.

The Regular Communion service will be held at 10:30 A. M. to which all are cordially invited particularly those who cannot attend the Candle-mass service at 12:01.

OCRACOKE ISLAND NOW HAS A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

The town of Ocracoke, famous in many respects, recently took a forward step when it succeeded in getting a physician to locate there. Now it has gone still further and has a Justice of the Peace. This official who was recently commissioned by Governor Gardner is none other than Aycock Brown, well known newspaper correspondent. He was endorsed for the position of magistrate by Congressman Lindsay Warren. Mr. Brown is the only State official on the island. Reports are that Justice Brown is wearing his judicial honors with becoming dignity.

TWO BUSINESS FIRMS NOW IN NEW STANDS

The R. Hugh Hill building on the south side of Front street near Craven now has two occupants. A partition was run through the middle of the room and one side is occupied by Mathis Cafe and the other by Eudy's barber shop. Both places are well equipped and so far seem well pleased with their locations.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT AT ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL

St. Paul's School will present its annual Christmas program in the Auditorium of the school building on Friday evening at the call of the church bell. All are cordially invited to be present. The play is being directed by Mrs. John Brooks and it will no doubt be as entertaining as those of previous years.

PENSION CHECKS SENT VETERANS

Over Half A Million Dollars Paid To Veterans And Widows

Raleigh, Dec. 16—Confederate veterans, widows and servants of such veterans will receive a total of \$582,262.50 this week in checks that are now being mailed out from the office of Baxter Durham, State auditor, to cover pensions for the six months period beginning Dec. 15. In addition to approximately \$20,000, which will go to blind, maimed or otherwise disabled veterans, Maj. Durham announced.

The record shows that there are 1,785 soldiers who will receive \$325-762.50, at the rate of \$1 per day; 77 negro servants who will receive \$7,700 at the rate of \$200 a year; 389 widows, class A, who will receive \$58,350, at the rate of \$300 a year, and 3,809 widows, class B, who will receive \$190,450, at the rate of \$100 a year.

The number and exact amount for the special class veterans, maimed or disabled, is not definite, due to frequent deaths and constant checks required, but the amount is estimated by Maj. Durham at \$20,000 for this payment. The checks for the half year will be \$182.20 for all other veterans than the special class; \$100 for the negro servants, \$150 for the class A widows and \$50 for the class B widows. The special class veterans receive \$420 a year, paid in quarterly or sometimes monthly installments, through the clerks of the courts.

Checks were in the hand of the clerks of the courts of the 100 counties for all classes of pensioners in the list Saturday, Dec. 14, the 15th coming on Sunday.

While the numbers of veterans are rapidly growing smaller, several who had not previously been in the dependent class have been added and some have gone from the \$365 a year to the \$420 a year class. The 1929 general assembly added approximately 200 names to the list, subject to the approval, after investigation, of the State board of pensions.

PENSIONS DISTRIBUTED IN CARTERET COUNTY

Superior Court Clerk L. W. Hassell has been distributing pension checks this week and in fact all have been delivered except one. There are only four Confederate veterans living in Carteret county now. Seventeen widows of veterans reside in the county and receive pensions. Pensions are paid twice a year by the State. State Auditor Baxter Durham in a letter to clerk Hassell says that at this time no increase in pensions can be allowed nor any new names added to the list.

The following are on the State pension list in Carteret county.

Veterans—Jos. J. Conway, Beaufort; George B. Freshwater, Morehead City; Joseph B. Kornegay, Morehead City; Samuel Thomas, Beaufort. The amount paid the veterans is \$182.50 semi-annually. The widows get \$50 twice a year except Mrs. Sallie R. Bender, who on account of total blindness gets \$150.

The widows eligible for pensions are: Mrs. Sallie R. Bender, Beaufort; Mrs. Nancy Aldridge, Atlantic; Mrs. Jennie Bell, Beaufort; Mrs. Sidney J. Bell, Harlowe; Mrs. Cullifer Atlantic; Mrs. Laura G. Davis, Beaufort; Mrs. Mary E. Dennis, Pelletier; Mrs. Mary Dudley, Stella; Mrs. Wealthy Glancy, Newport; Mrs. Abigail Hamilton, Sea Level; Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsay, Beaufort; Mrs. Rhoda Lockhart, Camp Glenn; Mrs. Elizabeth Morton, Morehead City; Miss Mary Nelson, Beaufort; Mrs. Emily Paul, Sea Level; Mrs. Mary Robinson, Beaufort; Mrs. Lorie Smith, Atlantic; Mrs. Esther Spencer, Beaufort.

MR. SIMPSON RECOVERING SLOWLY FROM ACCIDENT

Mr. William Simpson is making slow improvement from a very painful and serious injury to his arm over a week ago while at work at Graham Brothers Mill in West Beaufort. Mr. Simpson's arm was caught by the saw in some way and the tendons to three fingers severed and mashed. It is a very painful wound and Mr. Simpson is recovering slowly.

LARGE STONE CRABS CAUGHT

It is rather unusual for any one to catch stone crabs at this season of the year. However it is done occasionally. Captain Jack Willis proved the exception to the rule Wednesday when he brought in four large ones caught near town. One measured 17 1/2 inches from tip of one claw to the other and Captain Jack said it was the biggest one he had ever seen.