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CARTERET FAILS TO GROW ENOUGH FOOD PRODUCTS

Raises Plenty Of Potatoes But Not Enough Corn And Pork

MILK PRODUCTION INCREASED

Raleigh, Jan. 22 — Courageous progress in several branches of the production of staple food and feed products have been made by Carteret county farmers since 1920 but the population of the county is more maritime than agricultural and Carteret county farmers failed by producing worth \$768,118 of producing enough staple food and feed for the needs of the population of their own county, according to a survey made by the agricultural extension service of North Carolina State College for the year 1928.

During the period from 1920 to 1928 Carteret farmers increased their production of milk from 33,494 gallons to 187,627 gallons, increased their production of poultry from 39,708 pounds to 377,695 pounds, increased their production of pork from 40,097 dozen to 127,856 dozen, increased their production of beef from 600,600 pounds to 719,550 pounds, increased their production of hay from 1,794 tons to 4,560 tons, and increased their production of Irish potatoes from 60,787 bushels to 384,710 bushels.

Danger lurks for Carteret farmers in too much specialization on potatoes, tobacco and peanuts.

Potato production has been pushed to the point where the early crop is far more of a money crop than a staple that can be eaten at home if it cannot be marketed. Over-production in 1928 brought Carteret farmers low prices for potatoes. A smaller crop and much better prices obtained in 1929, but all in all Carteret has just about reached capacity in raising potatoes until new marketing and transportation methods are devised.

Tobacco in Carteret county, as in other eastern North Carolina counties, has been pushed steadily since the boll weevil began to make cotton raising a sorrowful and unprofitable occupation. In 1920 Carteret produced 778,265 pounds of the golden weed; in 1928 the production was 1,585,650.

This spring the word is that Carteret county farmers are planning even greater acreages in tobacco. In this they are not alone. Farmers all over eastern North Carolina, South Carolina and southern Georgia are planning exactly the same thing. (Continued on page 10)

Beaufort Mechanics Building Aeroplane

Aeroplanes have for some time now been a common sight around Beaufort, but whoever heard of a Beaufortite really trying to make an honest-to-goodness hydroplane? Well, that is just what several of the mechanics employed at the Loftin Motor Co., are doing in their spare time. It seems as if most of the repairing personnel of this company are contributing their bit toward the venture so uncommon and bizarre to this city.

They have just assembled the frame of the fuselage or body of the plane. It is about eighteen feet long and built in the right proportion, but the framework is made of such large and heavy pine materials that the builders are doubtful whether the object of the venture will be fully realized. If the plane fails to ascend into the air, the builders will use it as a fast motor boat, skimming hither and yon around the sounds and rivers.

The fuselage and one wing—for it will be a monoplane will be covered in regulation aeroplane material and scientifically treated to withstand the water and air conditions. It will be propelled by a twelve cylinder V-type Weidly motor and will use a regular four foot aeroplane propeller. It will be of interest to many to follow this odd undertaking of these young mechanics.

NO BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS IN RECORDER'S COURT

Recorder's Court Tuesday was of very short duration. There were three or four cases on the docket but the defendants were not in court for one reason or another and so nothing was done. Court recessed to meet again next Tuesday at which time it is thought there will be considerable business.

Poultry Farm Will Be Started At Smyrna

Mr. C. R. Devant has moved from West Virginia to Smyrna and has purchased a farm from Mr. Daniel Willis, which is located on Smyrna Bay. Mr. Devant thinks this section exceptionally adapted for poultry raising and expects to begin raising chickens, ducks, geese, and turkeys at once. By raising his own feed and feeding it to his poultry he will make two profits at the same time. Mr. Devant looks forward to give poultry raising a thorough trial in Carteret County.

Chickens and other poultry have hitherto been produced on a more or less small scale, but this line of endeavor is coming into its own more and more, and from the indications now more farmers will realize greater profits from them in the future.

CARTERET COUNTY SHIPS POULTRY

Over Three Thousand Pounds of Chickens Shipped Tuesday

Upwards of four thousand pounds of chickens were shipped from Newport Tuesday. Buyers were down from Philadelphia at the inducement of County Farm Agent Hugh Overstreet. Other buyers were from the same day in Craven and Pamlico Counties. Most of these chickens were from around Beaufort and the western part of the county; few came from the eastern section. Mr. Overstreet said that he did not know the exact figures but that he thought that \$750 was a very conservative estimate of the amount these chickens brought.

Until more recent years no farm produce was shipped from this section, except potatoes. Of late years, however, more and more have been sent to northern markets. This shipment of chickens is one of the first of this kind. Mr. Overstreet and some of the farmers have expressed themselves as favorably impressed with the results and that they think this method of selling produce the best. Carteret County, thinks Mr. Overstreet, is a very auspicious place for the raising of all kinds of poultry, particularly chickens, ducks, and geese. Poultry raising along modern lines seems to be one of the most profitable divisions of the farm.

Carteret County is beginning to live more at home with the passing of each year. Not many years ago a good portion of the fresh pork consumed in the county was imported. Now enough is raised for home consumption and in 1929 there was exported \$6,000 worth of pork. Also much truck is shipped.

NEW ADDITION MADE TO BEAUFORT NEWS FORCE

Mr. James G. Whitehurst is a recent addition to the staff of the News having commenced work Monday. Mr. Whitehurst is a native of Beaufort and is well known to most of the town's population. He will do news reporting and solicit advertising and printing. Any favors shown him will be appreciated by the management of the News as well as by the young man himself.

TIDE TABLE

Information as to the tides at Beaufort is given in this column. The figures are approximately correct and based on tables furnished by the U. S. Geodetic Survey. 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	Friday, Jan. 31	Low Tide
9:00 A. M.	2:34 A. M.	
9:25 P. M.	3:13 P. M.	
	Saturday, Feb. 1	
9:33 A. M.	3:13 A. M.	
9:59 P. M.	3:45 P. M.	
	Sunday, Feb. 2	
10:06 A. M.	3:51 A. M.	
10:33 P. M.	4:19 P. M.	
	Monday, Feb. 3	
10:40 A. M.	4:34 A. M.	
10:50 P. M.	4:53 P. M.	
	Tuesday, Feb. 4	
11:12 A. M.	5:20 A. M.	
11:19 P. M.	5:33 P. M.	
	Wednesday, Feb. 5	
11:56 A. M.	6:11 A. M.	
12:03 P. M.	6:08 P. M.	
	Thursday, Feb. 6	
12:49 A. M.	7:10 A. M.	
12:57 P. M.	7:10 P. M.	

GARDNER INVITED BY ROTARY CLUB

Club Will Put On Live-At-Home Program; Governor Asked To Speak

The Beaufort Rotary Club met at the Davis House Tuesday evening for its weekly dinner, during which it was suggested and a resolution made in an effort to celebrate a "Live-at-Home Day" or night within the next two weeks. President J. H. Workman appointed a committee composed of Messrs. D. M. DeNoyer, C. R. Wheatly, and E. R. Seeley to try to induce Governor Gardner and W. A. Graham, Secretary of Agriculture to come down for the occasion. Although nothing definite is known, it is generally thought that they will come and that Governor Gardner will make the speech of the evening.

Governor Gardner has been trying to get the people throughout the entire State to live at home; that is, raise as much as they can for home consumption so they will have less to import from the adjacent states and other states in the country. He has made a good many speeches throughout the state on this subject and has spoken through the medium of the state papers in an endeavor to bring about the Live-at-Home program.

If the Rotarians are successful in getting the North Carolina Executive, the Rotary Club will first hold its regular meeting at the Davis House and then go to either the Court House or the Graded School building where the program will be put on and Governor Gardner will make the speech of the evening. The public will be cordially invited to attend the latter meeting.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Street rumor has it that the County Road Fund has not been receiving from the State Highway Commission the ONE-CENT GASOLINE TAX due the county. I am glad to say that this is false as we have received the following amounts from the State Highway Commission:

August 28th, 1929—for July and August	\$ 4,189.83
October 1st, 1929—for September	2,276.80
October 24th, 1929—for October	450.00
November 21st, 1929—for November	4,665.58
December 31st, 1929—for December	2,397.66

A Total of —————\$13,979.93
Due for January, 1930 — 2,413.17
All of this has been applied to Debt Service to reduce our coupon account.
Yours very truly,
W. J. PLINT,
County Auditor.

FORMER BEAUFORT MAN DIES OF INDIGESTION

Mr. Marvin Lewis, of New Bern, son of Mr. W. W. Lewis of Beaufort was taken suddenly with an attack of acute indigestion about one o'clock yesterday in Kinston and died about four o'clock. Mr. Lewis was about forty-five years old, married, and was a very good salesman for the Winchester and Simmons people.

The funeral will take place in New Bern tomorrow afternoon. He leaves his wife, two sisters Mrs. Lloyd Springle and Mrs. B. A. Phelps, a brother in Winston-Salem, a half-brother Mr. Clifford Lewis of Rich-

BEAUFORT AND MOREHEAD CITY MAY GRANT FRANCHISE TO GAS COMPANY

Within twelve months from this time it is possible that Beaufort and Morehead City will have the advantages of a gas plant. Action taken by the respective city boards of the two towns indicate that a gas plant to serve the people of the two towns will be put in operation.

A called meeting of the Beaufort Board of Commissioners was held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock to hear a proposition submitted by A. E. Stanley of Greensboro relative to the gas matter. Mr. Stanley who says that he represents financial interests in Chicago, Cincinnati and other cities, applied for a franchise to build and operate a gas plant. The franchise if granted will run for forty years and will be in the name of D. L. Thompson. This party offers to build the plant at his expense and proposer to give a bond of \$5000 that the work will be completed in one year after work is started.

TRADE AT HOME MEETING HERE

Big Time Planned; Three Choirs Will Sing Negro Spirituals

The "trade at home" movement which, under the guidance of "Kid" Homans, editor of the New Bern Times, Reverend T. W. Thurston, colored minister of New Bern and other citizens of that city has made a good deal of progress, will get under way in Carteret county soon. A big mass meeting to be held at the courthouse February 10 has been planned. The meeting is to begin at eight o'clock.

One of the big features of the mass meeting will be the singing of old time spirituals by the combined choirs of Jones Chapel, James City, Purvis Chapel, Beaufort and St. Stephen's Church, Morehead City. The James City singers have attended a number of similar meetings at Jacksonville, Pollocksville and elsewhere and have made a great hit with their music. They expect to put on a fine program here.

The primary object of this series of meetings that have been held and are to be held is to induce people to trade with their home town merchants. A great deal of money goes away to mail order houses and it is hoped to keep some of this in local channels. Several short speeches along this line will be made by Mr. Homans, Mr. Charles S. Wallace, Mr. C. R. Wheatly and Reverend T. W. Thurston. Reverend S. Chapman of Beaufort and Reverend J. H. Hopkins of Morehead City will assist in organizing the meeting and arousing interest in it. It is expected that the courthouse will be filled that night to its utmost capacity.

New Building Being Built In Morehead City

Morehead City, Jan. 29—A large, two-story brick office building is now being built by Mr. Earl Webb on the corner of Evans and South 6th Street. This building is located within a block of the busiest section of the city. Dr. Ben S. Royall will occupy the major part of the first floor and will use that as a sort of emergency hospital. The rest of the first floor and the second will be used by the Morehead City business men. The Webb building will add much to the beauty of that section.

CITY COTTAGE RAZED

Workmen the first part of the week tore down the city-owned cottage adjacent to the city hall. This cottage has stood there for a good number of years, during which it was rented out. The reason for its removal was to considerably lower the insurance rate on the renovated city hall, which has now about reached completion.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

E. H. Gorham, Trustee to J. M. Willis, 635.5 acres, Morehead Township, for \$5000.
Nathan L. Piner and wife to Joe Lipman, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$10.
Dan G. Bell and wife to R. D. Hodges, 17 acres Morehead Township, for \$100.
E. L. Nelson and wife to Miles Jones and wife, 65 acres, Merrimon Township, for \$400.
Daniel Willis et al to C. R. Davant, 20 acres Smyrna Township, for \$10.

Mr. Stanley was interrogated at some length by Mayor Chedwic, City Attorney Davis and members of the board. He said the gas would be sold to the consumers at 2.40 per thousand feet. The entire cost of building the proposed plant would be borne by Mr. Thompson and associates. He said that a contract had just been closed with the town of Dunn and that several others with Smithfield, Selma, Sanford, Roanoke Rapids and other towns were pending. He stated that the Morehead City board had voted to grant the franchise but would vote on it again as it requires two readings to make the contract legal. He said the plant would be located at the most central point possible in order to save expense.

On motion of Commissioner Willis it was voted to grant the franchise subject to further action at the next two regular meetings. It will be considered again on Monday February 3rd.

Poor Packing Co Fishermen Blame

More money for North Carolina fishermen is believed possible by the Gold Medal News, a New York publication that has the following to say about the need for better icing, packing and shipping of eastern Carolina fish:

"New York wholesale fish dealers believe that North Carolina fishermen could realize 5 to 10 cents a pound more for their fish if more attention were given to icing, packing and shipping.

"Fresh fish caught in North Carolina waters are 48 hours or more in transit to the New York markets. No fisherman would think of eating a fresh fish that is 2 or 3 days old, but, since he expects out-of-town consumers to do this, more precaution should be taken when packing. Large chunks of ice bruise the fish, while finely cracked ice packs into every nook and crevice and melts no faster than the large chunks of ice.

"I do not hesitate to say that North Carolina fishermen would realize 5 to 10 cents a pound more for their fish if they paid more attention to the art of icing them and moving them rapidly. Little time should be lost between the nets and the icing wharf."

ANNIS OUT IN RAGING STORM

Fate of Boat and Crew of Five Men Still Unknown At This Time

Yesterday morning a terrific north-east wind angered Neptune, god of the ocean, so that a great sea arose with mountainous waves, bringing anxiety to the many that follow the sea for a living and their families. All of the boats that were out in the gale have now come in, except the Annis and a crew of five men: Capt. George Garner, Gene Springle, John Johnson, Price Johnson, and Robert Hudgins. As yet, nothing has been heard from them.

The light of the Annis was last seen yesterday morning by Capt. Jesse Pagel, skipper of the Johnnie and Elinore, about twenty-five or twenty-six miles south-southwest of Beaufort Inlet in about sixteen fathoms of water. Several of the black-fishing boats were anchored within a short distance of each other. The wind began to rise about three o'clock yesterday morning and reached gale capacity by six o'clock. All of the boats except the Annis began to get under way. The Johnnie and Elinore was the last to get her anchor up and then it had to be pulled up over the stern of the boat.

This morning Mr. Brady Way, owner of the Annis, called Capt. Fred Gillikin, of the Cape Lookout Coast Guard Station, and asked for aid. He is now trying to get the Modoc, the Pamlico, and one of the Coast Guard boats by radio to go look for them. At the time of writing no boat had gone to their aid.

There is nothing definite known about their whereabouts and condition, but some of the seamen think that the Annis was entirely seaworthy and that there is all likelihood the boat was able to ride out the storm. However, all of the crew was comparatively inexperienced when it came to combating the mighty wrath of the Atlantic. If they were anchored with a long cable, the Annis in all probability withstood the beating and banging of the titanic waves. Or if they ran away from the on-coming billows, they had a good chance to cheat Davy Jones' locker. But, as has been said, their fate is still hanging on tenterhooks.

Capt. Gus Ellison, of the Harvest, did not come into Beaufort until about eleven o'clock today, having gone into the Hook of Cape Lookout yesterday about one o'clock. He reported "Bad time, bad time." This is odd, because it is not characteristic of the blackfishermen to admit that the ocean is topsy-turvy and dangerous. He said that his boat dragged anchor about fifty yards last night in the Hook and he was afraid his boat would go ashore.

Of the five members of the crew, four were married and have families; they are John and Price Johnson, George Garner, and Robert Hudgins. Gene Springle was the only single man.

It may be a day or two before the fate of the Annis will be known, but in the meantime Mr. Way is optimistic about the boat and crew's condition and thinks that they will come in all right.

COUNTY HEARING POSTPONED AGAIN

Judge Moore Had No Jurisdiction; Continued To March Court Here

The matter of the county suits against the Simmons Construction Corporation and others is now at a standstill and seems likely to remain that way until the March term of court for this county is held. There will be no more hearings on this matter until that time before the Clerk of the Court or before a Superior Court judge.

As was stated in the News some weeks ago attorneys appearing for the county had decided to resist any more hearings before Superior Court Clerk L. W. Hassell. Two such hearings have been held and were for the purpose of furnishing the defendants with more detailed information than was contained in the complaints. An attempt was made to get a hearing of the matter before Judge G. V. Cowper at New Bern January 11 but on account of a murder trial which was in progress the case was not reached. Judge Cowper referred it to Judge Clayton Moore to be heard January 27 at New Bern.

When the Carteret county matter came up, which was at about 10:30, Judge Moore stated that he had no jurisdiction and could not hear the case. He is an emergency judge and was sent to New Bern to try Craven county cases only and for that reason he could not consider the Carteret county case. He signed an order to that effect. Attorneys present representing the county were County Attorney Jas. Wallace Mason, Judge E. Walter Hill, E. H. Gorham of Morehead City and Rodman Guion of New Bern, H. R. Hedrick of Durham, Messrs. J. P. Duncan, C. R. Wheatly of Beaufort and A. D. Ward and L. L. Moore of New Bern were present to look after the interests of the defendants.

Attorneys for the county have applied to Judge Barnhill for an order to set the case for a hearing at the March term of court. At that time an effort will be made to get a date fixed for the trial of the case before a jury.

Police Court Held In Improved Quarters

City Police Court held its session Friday afternoon in the regular court room for the first time since the fire damaged the building last year. The court room has been repainted, floored and fixed up in good style and with plenty of seats makes a good place to hold court. It is also large enough for other meetings of various sorts.

The principal case tried by Mayor Chadwick was that in which James Carter a colored man was charged with having stolen the automobile of Clifton Ball, Western Union telegraph operator. The case was a novel one in respect to the witnesses involved. Two white women, a white man and a little girl testified in favor of the defendant and five colored women testified against him. Mrs. Clara Ortlieb and Miss Madie Willis testified that on January 13 Carter was at work at the Ortlieb home. The man and girl also testified that he was there on that day. The colored women all said that he was in Beaufort that afternoon.

The evidence was that the car was taken from in front of the Holland residence on Ann street and driven to Morehead City and left near the Atlantic hotel. Mr. Ball said he saw Carter in the car and Scott Swindell testified that he saw him running from the direction of the Atlantic hotel. The Mayor decided that there was probable cause and bound the defendant over to Superior Court under a bond of \$350. Carter strenuously denied his guilt.

J. B. Weeks young white man was tried on the charge of having been drunk at the dance hall Friday night the 17th. He denied the charge but Police Officer Holland testified that he was drunk and somewhat disorderly on that occasion. He was fined \$10 and costs.

Tom Davis colored submitted to a charge of drunkenness and was fined \$5 and costs.

Steve Mason plead guilty to a charge of drunkenness and as it was his first offense got off with \$2.50 and costs.

Mrs. J. A. Vache, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at Morehead City Hospital Wednesday morning is getting along very nicely, according to the latest reports from that place.