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JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET GIVEN

Annual Social Affair Given At B. H. S. Last Friday Evening

The most elaborate social event of the present school year was given last Friday night in the banquet hall of the Beaufort High School when the Senior Class, the high-school teachers, and several guests of honor enjoyed the hospitality of the Junior Class at the annual Junior-Senior banquet. This was in accord with the custom begun six or eight years ago. On teaching the door of the banquet hall, the guests crossed a bridge, and then found themselves in a beautiful Japanese garden lighted with Japanese lanterns. Evergreen ivy, and roses bedecked the walls and lent romance to the scene of old Japan.

The two tables were decorated in the Senior Class colors, red and white. Dainty menu cards, fan-shaped, were on the side of each place, and vases of flowers were placed at intervals along the table top. Jokes told by different guests made it more informal and created much merriment. Girls from the Freshman Class served, and were dressed in Japanese costumes. They also entertained the guests by singing and dancing. Piano selections were rendered by Miss Anna Skarren while the courses were being served. The solo sung by Mrs. John Brooks was loudly applauded.

Baskets of red American Beauty roses and white carnations were placed on small flower stands in the center of the Japanese garden. These were sent by Mrs. A. D. O'Bryan in memory of her daughter Ann who would have been a member of the graduating class this year. Miss Sidney Thomas presented each senior girl with one of the roses, and each senior boy with one of the carnations. Favors consisted of tiny Japanese fans for the girls and pencils for the boys. Clothes-pin noise-makers were found by each plate and they were vigorously put to use.

The Seniors sang a farewell song to the Juniors just before leaving. Each guest declared the trip to Japan a most enjoyable one.

The program follows:
Toastmistress — Irene Eubanks.
To the Seniors — Sidney Thomas.

Response — Jack Humphrey.
To Japan — Inez Felton.
Song — Japanese Girls.
To the Faculty — Susie Norris.
Response — Mr. R. L. Fritz.
To Athletics — Leon Harris.
Response — Johnnie Way.
Song — Mrs. John Brooks.
To the Mainsail — Ruth Lewis.
Response — Billy Mace.
To our Debaters — James Potter.
Response — Laura Eure.

Memorial Exercises To Be Held May 10th.

The annual Memorial Exercises of the Fort Macon Chapter of the U. D. C. will be held in the County Court House at three o'clock Saturday afternoon May 10th. Col. George K. Freeman, of Goldsboro, will be the speaker of the occasion. Colonel Freeman is a well-known speaker and prominent lawyer, a World War veteran and served in France with the 30th North Carolina Division as major. He has been made colonel of 321 reserve infantry and Departmental Commander of the American Legion of North Carolina recently.

The American Legion Posts of Morehead City and Beaufort are given a cordial invitation to attend these exercises and hear Colonel Freeman.

There will be a special musical program, after which the graves of the Confederate Soldiers will be decorated.

AGED MAN ROBBED OF QUITE A LARGE SUM

Mr. Sam Wilkins an aged man who lives alone on Back Creek near Merimion was robbed recently of \$368.00 all the money he had in the house.

The report is that three men came to his house and asked for change for a ten dollar bill. He got his money out of a coffee can and gave them change. They were going to see a Mr. Allhouse who lived a little farther on. He walked part of the way with them and one of them engaged him in a conversation while the other two slipped around in the woods back to the Wilkins house and got the money. After a while they came back and Mr. Allhouse with them. When Mr. Wilkins returned to his home he discovered that his money had been taken from the coffee can.

CONFERENCE ASKS LAW ENFORCEMENT

Evil of Present Conditions Due, They Say, To Lax Law Enforcement

New Bern, April 27—Methodists of the New Bern district of this conference went on record at the annual district meeting at Oriental Friday as strongly supporting the prohibition law, deploring the present lax enforcement and general disregard for law, as well as the determined effort on the part of "certain interests" to bring about the modification or repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment and urging all Methodists to uphold and support the prohibition laws.

"We firmly believe that evil in the present conditions lies in the lack of sympathy with and in the indifferent enforcement of this law rather than in the law itself," the resolutions read, "especially on the part of those who have no personal knowledge of the evil conditions which existed prior to the era of prohibition."

"We wish to call the attention of all our people, especially our young people, to the fact that no method of handling the liquor traffic that would lessen its evil effect has been offered by those so loudly urging modification or repeal and that we reiterate our intention to stand by the present laws until some better method of dealing with the situation is devised."

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R. L. FRITZ RE-ELECTED SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

The Board of Trustees of the Beaufort Graded School met Tuesday night for the purpose of providing teachers for the school next year. Mr. R. L. Fritz, who has superintended for the past five years, Principal W. L. Robertson and fourteen of the teachers were re-elected to the faculty for the forthcoming session. Prof. Lincoln R. Best was re-elected principal of the colorde school.

ATTEND TAX MEETING

In its report of the tax relief meeting held in Raleigh last week the News inadvertently omitted the names of two delegates from Carteret county. Mrs. A. Hoffman and Mr. George Oglesby were among those who attended.

SCHOOLS HAVE PRE-SCHOOL CLINIC DAYS THIS WEEK

Visiting days are being held at various of the larger schools about the county this week. This is for the purpose of informing the parents about the school; and for the children who will enter the school for the first time next Fall. The children have been examined in the pre-school clinics conducted by local doctors and nurses, and all defects are supposed to be remedied before these children are admitted to the school in September.

Home Boys Aid In Tar Heel Victory

It is a rare occurrence for a college or professional baseball team to have the batteries from one town, but that is just what happened last Thursday afternoon when the University of North Carolina baseball team mowed Georgia down to the tune of a 7 to 3 victory on Tar Heel territory. "Piggy" Potter, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. B. Potter, caught while Cecil Longest, son of Chief of Police and Mrs. Walter Longest, smothered the visiting team to three runs and three hits. The game was practically errorless, only one was made on each team.

Although these two Beaufort players have participated in quite a number of games this season, Thursday was the first time they have both played through a whole game with such excellent results. Georgia put in three pitchers in an endeavor to stop the wholesale slugging, but to no avail. Longest scored one of the seven runs. The News and Observer reporter wrote in the Friday edition of his paper: "Cecil Longest, one of the most promising of North Carolina University's sophomore hurlers, held Georgia to three scattered hits here today while his teammates laid down a barrage of 12 hits. Longest was a trifle wild as the game opened and passed several but settled down and pitched splendid ball."

"Piggy" Potter made two of the twelve hits for the winners. Both of the home boys demonstrated their ability by playing excellent collegiate baseball, and neither of them made an error.

Consolidated Schools Now Very Numerous

(State Superintendent Public Instruction)

Raleigh, April 28—There are now 986 consolidated schools in North Carolina, 833 for white children and 153 for colored children, according to the current issue of State School Facts, publication of the Department of Public Instruction. A "consolidated school" is defined as a rural school which has been enlarged or formed by the addition of all or parts of one or more adjoining schools.

Within seven years, School Facts points out, there has been an increase of 631 consolidated schools in the State. Of the total 986 schools operating at present 170 have four teachers, 195 have five or six teachers, and 621 have seven or more teachers.

School Facts presents a table showing the increase in number of schools in each of these groups since 1921-22. The number of four-teacher schools has increased from 127 to 170, the number of five and six-teacher schools from 78 to 195, and the number having seven or more teachers from 150 to 621. The significant one of these increases, as School Facts points out, is the increase from year to year in number of schools having seven or more teachers.

From other figures presented by the departmental publication, it appears that the small type of school is disappearing and that in their stead large schools are being formed. In 1921-22 there were 2,516 schools having two teachers and 732 having three teachers. In 1928-29 there were 1,516 two-teacher and 593 three teacher schools. On the other hand, there were 786 schools having four or more teachers in 1921-22, and in 1928-29 the number of schools of this type had increased to 1,179.

In the South as a whole there were 5,155 consolidated schools in 1921-22, which number had increased to more than 9,000 in 1927-28.

DELINQUENT TAX MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED MONDAY

May is the month in which county sheriffs are required by law to advertise delinquent taxes. The county authorities here have undertaken to find out if the advertising could be postponed for a while but so far have not met with any success. The matter will be taken up at the regular meeting of the board Monday and a representative of the State tax department is expected to meet with the board and discuss the situation.

ECLIPSE OF THE SUN WAS SEEN HERE MONDAY

A good many people in Beaufort took a peek at the sun Monday afternoon to see what the eclipse looked like. They were rewarded for their pains by seeing about a tenth of the sun's surface covered with a black blot. Pieces of smoked glass were used for looking at the great luminary which was not so bright as usual owing to the fact that the sky was overcast by a slight haze. The eclipse caused by the moon's getting between the sun and earth, lasted about an hour. In a few places in the northwest the eclipse was total. Astronomers say it will be about forty years before another eclipse of the sun will be visible in the United States.

PROMINENT DEMOCRATIC LEADER FAVORS NOMINATION OF SIMMONS

While there has been a good deal of quiet discussion of the Simmons-Bailey senatorial contest in Carteret county there has been no open campaigning done by either side, so far as the News has been able to learn. Friends of each candidate are claiming that the county will give its vote in the primary to their man and no doubt they have been quietly lining up their forces. The indications are that a full vote will be polled in the primary. Both Senator Simmons and Mr. Bailey have many staunch supporters in the county.

Mr. Charles S. Wallace, prominent business man and a Democratic leader, is a strong supporter of Senator Simmons. His views as to the contest are set forth in a letter to the News which is published herewith:

SENATOR SIMMONS SHOULD BE RENOMINATED

Editor of The News:

The condition of the democratic party in North Carolina at this time is very unsatisfactory and it is feared by a large per cent of the party that the worst is yet to come. The seed which has produced the condi-

CABBAGE BRINGING GOOD PRICES NOW

More Than Sixty Carloads Shipped From County To Northern Markets

During the past week or ten days Carteret County farmers have begun to market their more than four hundred acres of cabbage with excellent results. Up to this time fifteen carloads have been shipped by the Farmers Exchange and an equal number have been shipped privately by rail. Far more than this amount, however has been carried direct from the farms to northern markets by large trucks which have a capacity of about half a freight car. The shipments of cabbage only constitute a small portion of the entire crop.

Returns from the first five carloads shipped netted the farmers a little better than two dollars for the whole crates and about a dollar and fifteen cents for the half crates. The cabbage shipped in the half crates are said to be more in demand and bring a little better price than those shipped in the whole crates. Cabbage shipped by trucks earlier in the season brought far better prices than those now shipped by rail.

Thirty carloads of these vegetables have been shipped by freight and more than an equal amount by trucks. If sixty carloads be taken as a safe approximation and estimate the price as being a little better than two dollars a crate, then Carteret County farmers have already shipped over \$25,000 worth of cabbage. And they cannot be missed from the fields. It is understood that a good many farmers have already made more than the expenses of the entire crop.

County Farm Agent Hugh Overstreet says that the outlook for the marketing of the Carteret County cabbage crop is even better during the next week or ten days than it has been. This is due to the fact that South Carolina will curtail its shipments of inferior cabbage that has been flooding the markets of late that

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BRIDGE PARTY GIVEN HONOR OF MISS HOWE

Miss Marjorie Lewis and Mrs. Hardy Lewis, Jr., entertained jointly Tuesday afternoon April 22 at bridge in honor of Miss Virginia Howe, a former resident of Beaufort who is now attending the Southern Conservatory of Music at Durham.

Covers were laid for three tables of bridge and a delicious salad course was served.

Those present were: Misses Margaret Hill, Bess Jones, Georgia Neal, Estelle Caffrey, Fannie Caffrey, Daphne Paul, Marie Clawson, Anna Skarren, Burchie Felton, Catherine Thomas, and the guest of honor Virginia Howe.

High score prize, a hand-painted pillow top, was won by Miss Catherine Thomas. Low score went to Miss Estelle Caffrey.

The guest of honor was presented with a bottle of Houbigant perfume.

STILL CAPTURED NEAR OTWAY WEDNESDAY MORN

Deputy Sheriff John Pake captured an eighty-gallon still in the Otway section Wednesday morning. About two hundred gallons of beer was found with it, and everything seemed to be ready for an early start. No whiskey nor men were around. It looked as if it had been in operation but a short while.

Deserts Bride Second Night For Other Love

The honeymoon of Charles Henderson, young colored man, terminated rather abruptly when he quenched his thirst on the second night after his marriage with several fingers of some all-powerful hip pocket fluid—the well-known variety that gives you that million-dollar feeling and the down and out look. That is the substance of the confession he made to Mayor C. T. Chadwick last Friday afternoon in Police Court.

"It was this way, Mis' Chadwick," he said: "I wuz on my honeymoon. I got married the first night and didn't drink nothing. But the next night I couldn't help it. You see I wuz on my honeymoon."

In lieu of the fact that Henderson was merely trying to make his first few days of married life blissful, Mayor Chadwick jokingly said he thought that he should put the fine on the officer who arrested him. But because of the impropriety of the act, the Mayor said he would merely sentence him to pay the small fine of two-fifty and cost or ten days on the streets.

Dick Green aged colored man, was up for being drunk on twentieth of April and readily admitted his guilt. He was fined the cost of court or five days on the streets.

George Taylor, colored, gave bond before court for being drunk on the twenty-first of April. He was fined two-fifty and costs or ten days on the street gang.

Shrimp Now Being Caught Hereabouts

For the first time in a good many years large-size shrimp are being caught in the rivers of Carteret County in the early springtime. During the past week or ten days "strikes" have been made by local shrimpers. Some of these shrimpers have made as much as sixty dollars a day. Heretofore, shrimping has begun sometime the latter part of June or the first of July, but this year they came in about two months in advance of the accustomed time. These shrimp are of the larger variety and about as good as any ever caught around here.

It is the opinion of some that it is nothing unusual for the shrimp to come in, but that they have been coming in before in the Spring. The reason that they have never been caught is because the shrimpers have not been in the habit of going in search of them before the summer, they think. Necessity is the mother of invention, and when the fishing slackened up, they turned to shrimping for a livelihood and found them in Newport and North Rivers, one of the fish dealers said. The dealers up until yesterday were paying ten cents a pound for them; now they are paying eight cents.

It is said that the shrimping season around Southport has been unusually productive and remunerative this winter and spring, and a great many shrimps are still being caught in that vicinity.

The fish problem is still menacing. Fish dealers cannot sell at cost some of the fish that they buy for a very low price, and consequently they cannot buy the produce of the local fishermen.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS IN RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL

As stated in the News last week an omnibus rivers and harbors bill has been introduced in the lower house of Congress which provides for expenditures of around \$110,000,000. The bill has been in the process of formulation for about three years. If the bill should pass as it now stands it would contain items of considerable interest to readers of the News.

Congressman Abernethy informs the News that he has included in the bill the following:

"Project for dredging Gallant's channel from Beaufort to the junction with the inland waterway and the Bulkhead Channel from Beaufort to deep water inside Beaufort Inlet, to a depth of twelve feet at mean low water, and a width of 100 feet, and the dredging of the channel in front of Beaufort to a depth of twelve feet at mean low water with widths varying from 200 feet to 400 feet, \$55,000.00."

"Morehead City Harbor, in accordance with House Document 105, 70th Congress, to provide for a channel twelve feet deep and one hundred feet wide from deep water in Beaufort Outer Harbor, to Sixth Street, Morehead City, thence 200 feet to 400 feet wide to Tenth St., and for a channel 6 feet deep and 75 feet wide connecting the western end of the harbor with Bogue Sound."

CENSUS RETURNS PARTLY FINISHED

Preliminary Figures Show Increase of Population For Some Places

All of the census returns for Carteret county are not available yet. Through the courtesy of Captain D. P. Henry, Census Supervisor in this district, the News has gotten the returns for most of the towns and districts in the county. The figures are preliminary and subject to correction. According to the returns Morehead City has made the largest gain of any of the towns in the county since the census of 1920. The population of Morehead City is now 3482 as against 2958 in 1920.

Beaufort's population shows a slight decline from what it was ten years ago. According to the latest figures Beaufort's population is now 2943. In 1920 the population of Beaufort was given as 2968. But for the closing down of the saw mill and knitting mill here a few years ago it is thought that there would have been a substantial increase in population.

Newport shows a gain of about twenty per cent in population. In 1920 the figures was 404 and according to the latest record it is now 481. Atlantic also shows a gain, having gone from 610 to 680. Harker's Island shows a good gain. In 1920, its population was listed at 681. Now it is 847. Straits township was 905 in 1920 and stands at 926 now. There were 146 farms enumerated in this township this year. Harlowe township has a population of 362 now and had 404 in 1920. There were 44 farms enumerated in the township. Smyrna township has a population of 447. There were 64 farms enumerated. No figures are given for 1920. Other preliminary statistics furnished the News are Marshallberg township, population 533 and 9 farms, Cedar Island township population 331 and 44 farms, Portsmouth township population 99, Carteret township population two. Other statistics will be furnished as soon as obtained.

NO TRIALS TUESDAY IN RECORDER'S COURT

There were no trials in the County Court this week. The case of G. W. Baker of Greenville was continued by request of the defendant's attorney who stated that his client had suffered a considerable loss by fire recently and wanted time to adjust his business. Baker is under indictment on the charge of giving worthless checks to a number of fishermen in this county.

The case of Guy Garner of Newport charged with trespass and injury to the property of A. J. Slaughter was dropped, the matter having been adjusted out of court. Harvey Willis of Salter Path charged with reckless driving was given a continuance to next Tuesday.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

The following two permits to wed have been issued from the office of Register of Deeds R. W. Wallace this week:

Clyde Rose, Sea Level and Mamie Morris, Atlantic.
Thomas Nelson and Pauline Hancock, Harkers Island.

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	Low Tide
Friday, May 2	
10:21 A. M.	4:25 A. M.
10:49 P. M.	4:17 P. M.
Saturday, May 3	
11:21 A. M.	5:20 A. M.
11:18 P. M.	5:14 P. M.
Sunday, May 4	
12:06 A. M.	6:20 A. M.
12:27 P. M.	6:20 P. M.
Monday, May 5	
1:00 A. M.	7:25 A. M.
1:43 P. M.	7:34 P. M.
Tuesday, May 6	
2:14 A. M.	8:30 A. M.
2:55 P. M.	8:52 P. M.
Wednesday, May 7	
3:23 A. M.	9:31 A. M.
4:00 P. M.	10:00 P. M.
Thursday, May 8	
4:25 A. M.	10:25 A. M.
4:57 P. M.	11:01 P. M.