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## WILL USE STORAGE HOUSE FOR TUBERS

### Buyers Prefer Sweets Kept In Storage Houses To Those Preserved In Old-Fashioned "Banks"

For many, many years, probably ever since Carteret County farmers have been producing sweet potatoes, these growers have been keeping the portion of their crop that was not sold during the autumn in "banks," or mounds of potatoes placed on pine straw on the ground, then covered with the same material and blanketed down with a covering of earth. But there is coming a change in this worn-out method of storing the surplus of one of Carteret's money crops.

A portion of the "bank" potatoes would rot in the winter quarters, but a large percentage would survive the hibernation in fair condition. Buyers are now asking whether the potatoes were stored in regulation storage houses or kept in the old-fashioned and decrepit "banks," and they are refusing to purchase first-class "bank" potatoes in preference to storage-house tubers.

"Necessity is the mother of invention," runs a famous old saying; and necessity is bringing changes to Carteret County, one of which is the advent of the modern potato storage houses that are now being built about the county. At the present time four of these more modern houses have been or are being built in the eastern part of the county, where the major part of the sweets are raised. C. T. Jarvis, of Straits; A. B. Lewis, of Otway; Cleveland Gillikin, of Bettie; and Calvin Taylor, of Sea Level, are preparing to meet the demands of buyers by providing them with storage potatoes.

All of these will house between two and three thousand bushels and are constructed along plans formulated by the United States Department of Agriculture. During the first ten days after the potatoes are stored the temperature will be raised to one hundred and ten degrees and thereafter the stove will only be used only be used during extremely cold weather. These houses are constructed of wood on brick foundations and have ventilators at the bottom that can be closed if the weather becomes inclement. There are also other ventilators at the top and when the lower ones are open they permit a free circulation of air through the potatoes. Potatoes are placed in compartments, the floors of which are slatted.

Heating the potatoes cures them and reduces the possibility of loss by cold weather. This method also increases their saleability. There are three large potato curing houses in the county that have been in operation the past few years. O. W. Lewis has one near his home at Otway that takes care of ten thousand bushels; G. W. Huntley operates one here in Beaufort that has a capacity of twenty-three thousand bushels, and there is one at Newport that has a capacity of ten thousand bushels.

From the present requirement of the buyers of Porto Rican sweet potatoes, it looks as if the trend in the future will be away from the method of "banking" the tubers in preference to storing them in the modern structures. The main outlay of these buildings is the first cost, as it requires little for up-keep. Within the next few days Carteret County sweets will be moving in increasingly large quantities to northern markets.

## County Schools Begin In A Few Weeks Now

Carteret County Schools will open on Monday September 15th. There will be Principals Conference in the office of County Board of Education on Wednesday, September 10th and a General Conference for all teachers in the courthouse on Friday, September 12th. There will be no meetings on Saturday as that day is reserved for local faculty meetings and for teachers to spend some time in their classrooms preparing for the opening of school on the following Monday, September 15th.

The work in the county schools last year was of a very high type and the indications are that the work this year will be very high. The new teachers have been selected because of their special preparations for the work which they will have in the classroom. Most of the teachers who taught in the county schools last year are returning and their knowledge of their situation will enable them to accomplish much at the beginning of the year.

## Raising Famous Honey Dew Melons Here Now

Carteret County may rightfully congratulate itself upon one more accomplishment in the line of truck raising, for it is producing in saleable quantities the famed Honey Dew Melon that is considered by many as a delicacy of the first order. Although some have been raised before in Carteret, this is the first time that they have "taken" with the people hereabouts.

This product was grown at the Perquimans Plantation which is located over on South River and is managed by Rufus Seawell who has as his right-hand man John Gillikin, well-known Carteret farmer. These melons were brought here from the plantation and put on sale at Charlie Hill's store.

The Honey Dew Melon was originated by Luther Burbank, famous plant wizard, who produced it from cross breeding several kinds of melons. It has a smooth, pale-yellow skin, and has light greenish-yellow flesh. It is similar in make-up to the cantaloupe, except that the hollow is much smaller in the Honey Dew.

California and Colorado are the principal states that produce these and they are shipped from there to every state in the Union. Owing to the fact that it requires a comparatively light, sandy soil to grow in, only a few locations are adapted to its production. The Bogue Sound area is well-fitted for growing these. These Honey Dew Melons come off a little later than the watermelons and way after cantaloupe time.

Some years ago John Morton raised some of these Honey Dews on the farm of G. W. Huntley, but they did not "take" around here and none were shipped, so they were fed to the hogs by the cart loads.

In all of the cities, especially the northern metropolises, the Honey Dew Melon is considered to be a very delicious fruit and sells high there, even higher than the renowned Bogue Sound watermelon. With the addition of this crop to the trucking business, it is likely to turn into another money crop for the good of the truckers of Carteret County.

## Carteret County Mecca For Tar Heel Firemen

Carteret County has been the mecca this week of a jolly group of firemen that hailed from practically every one of the hundred counties in the state, when the State Firemen's Convention met at the Atlantic Hotel in Morehead City for their annual four-day meeting. They came by the hundreds, bringing with them their wives and families in a good many cases. All in all it has been a gala occasion for them, and they have devoted a large portion of their time to having a good time.

With decorations galore and the cars traveling hither and yon with banners on them displaying the names of the towns or cities they were hailing from and the sirens a-growing—neither the visitors or the natives could forget the occasion. In fact, if one did not know what the sirens were being used for, he would very likely think that he was about to witness a regular holocaust, or the coming of the Angel Gabriel.

Base ball games, street and ball-room dances, addresses, memorial services, visits to the beach and other Carteret County points, fish fries, races a-plenty and a large parade featured this convention. Wednesday afternoon the parade formed in Morehead City and after going around that city came over to Beaufort and paraded down Front Street and out Ann. This was led by a cordon of State Highway Patrolmen and, in addition to the large number of cars and the fire trucks contained a float of the Atlantic Hotel.

Some of the local folks entered into the merrymaking, for there were two cars with banners upon them, the first purporting to be representing Harkers Island Fire Department and the second claiming to hail from Mill Creek.

The local firemen have also entered the spirit of the week and have been wearing their white-top caps with their badges and seem to have had a very enjoyable time. Beaufort has been literally over-run this week with cars of the firemen and a good many local cars have been travelling about.

There were two false alarms turned in here early Tuesday morning; this completed the atmosphere for the convention.

### BIRTH OF DAUGHTER

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James D. Biggs of Beaufort at Morehead City Hospital, Friday, August 15, a daughter.

## COURT HAD FOUR BAD CHECK CASES

### Two Get Road Sentences; One Defendant Took An Appeal

Bad check cases predominated in Recorder's Court Tuesday. They were disposed of in one way or another. Two resulted in convictions. V. A. Bedsworth whose case was continued from last week on a bad check charge had arranged the matter with the prosecuting and paid the court costs and the case was dismissed.

Frank Sanders, charged with violating the prohibition law was not in court and was called out. A judgment nisi sci fa was entered and capias issued and the case continued.

J. R. Piland of Oriental entered a plea of not guilty through his attorney C. R. Wheatly to a charge of having given a bad check to Fergus and Smith Morehead City fish dealers.

Mr. Fergus stated that the defendant gave him a check for \$108 in February and had never made the check good. He said there was no agreement that the check would be held for a while. The check was for fish bought and amounted to \$108.

The defendant and two friends of his C. E. Emory and Jos. Midyette testified that there was an agreement that the check would be held for some days. The Judge said there was too much of this check flashing going on and he held that the defendant was guilty. He said if Piland would pay (Continued on page five)

## Another Affray Takes Rosabelle Into Court

Rosabelle Pickett, young colored woman known for her many escapades aired in Police Court, again came before that tribunal Friday afternoon on the charge of cursing and disorderly or unlady-like conduct shown Alphonso Vann, colored youth, who had never been in court except for the childish act of playing ball in the street. This occurred in the store of Ellis Baxter on the evening of the seventh of August.

Vann, as the story goes, entered the store and spoke to Rosabelle and her various companions, both male and female, who were loitering about drinking pop. Bantering turned into more violent words—which Vann said were directed at him and the defaming of his mother and father. Finally Rosabelle brandished her bottle near Alfonso's head and Baxter ordered the youth to evacuate the store. Rosabelle followed him into (Continued on page five)

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

R. S. Tilden to Mrs. H. Tilden, tract Newport Township, for \$500.

Luther Hamilton, Comm. to G. H. McCain, acre Newport Township, for \$500.

Thomas Lewis and wife to George A. Willis and wife, 1 lot Morehead City for \$250.

Manufacturers Trust Co., to Atlantic Beach and Bridge Co., 1188 acres, Morehead Township, for \$10.

D. W. Sabiston and wife to S. Frank Dill and wife, 3 acres Harlowe Township for \$1.

Minnie D. Huntley and husband to W. A. Smith Jr., 5 acres Beaufort Township, for \$5.

Margaret Howe et al to James V. Caffrey, 1-2 lot Beaufort, for \$1.

Beaufort Realty Corp. to Dr. P. I. Darden, 1 lot West Beaufort, for \$30.

Beaufort Realty Corp. to P. W. Duncan, 4 lots West Beaufort, for \$720.

Luther Hamilton Commissioner to F. L. Bank of Columbia, 105 1-2 acres Merrimon Township, for \$1800.

## BLACK AND WOOD DUCKS ARE NOW BREEDING IN CARTERET

Comparatively large numbers of black ducks and wood ducks have been seen of late at the Hanes-Lassiter Game Refuge on Core Banks, along other parts of the banks, and also around the edges of the Open Grounds, says County Game Warden Clyde Mason, of Atlantic, who has recently been over this territory. Along with these older ducks were their ducklings, substantiating the theory that they breed along the waterways of Carteret County. Reports from other sections of tidewater North Carolina informs the officials of the State Department of Conservation and Development that these two kinds of ducks especially are breeding along the coast in increasing large

## VARIETY LACKING IN FARM GARDENS

### Carteret Farmers Need to Raise Gardens With Large Variety of Vegetables For Home Consumption

"One of the greatest needs of the Carteret County farmers today is the addition of an all-year-round and well-cultivated garden for the production of vegetables for home consumption," said County Farm Agent Hugh Overstreet in a recent interview. "Surprising as it may seem to the general public, less than five percent of the farmers of this county cultivate a plot of ground that may rightfully be called a garden. It is true that nearly every farm has some collards and three or four other vegetables growing in addition to the farm crops, but there could be a greater variety in the planting.

"If the rural folks want best results from farming, they should try to do everything that farming implies, including of course a garden with a full variety of vegetables growing the year 'round. It only takes one-tenth of one acre that is kept producing the whole twelve months to produce everything in the form of vegetables for one person. Taking for granted that a man has five in his family—he and his wife and three children—he would only have to cultivate about a half an acre to furnish all of the vegetables they could consume.

"Lack of variety in planting," continued Mr. Overstreet, "is the trouble with the gardens that are now cultivated. They plant a few collards, a row or two of beans, the same amount of sweet corn and one or two other things and there they stop. Before these vegetables have been producing (Continued on page four)

## Durham Lady Catches Unusual Sort of Fish

Mrs. Frank Bennett, wife of the Fire Chief of Durham who has been attending the firemen's convention hooked a large shark-like fish opposite Morehead City which was unknown to a number of local fishermen who viewed the fish. Fire Chief Bennett thereupon took the fish to the U. S. Biological Station at Beaufort where Dr. Samuel F. Hildebrand, the director, recognized it as the Nurse Shark. This species of shark is rare locally. The late Dr. Russell J. Cole once took a specimen at Cape Lookout which appears to be the only one of which there is a record from this general region. The specimen hooked by Mrs. Bennett may be the first one ever taken within the inside waters of Beaufort and Morehead City.

This shark reaches a length of about 6 to 10 feet and is a harmless species with very small teeth, and that may be the reason for calling the fish a "nurse shark." The species is readily recognized by its low, flat head, very small eyes and by a short, stubby barbel (whisker) in each corner of its mouth.

The fish caught by Mrs. Bennett was taken on a small hook and line while fishing for croakers. It was 6 feet, 7 inches long, weighed 50 pounds, and took about 30 minutes to land.

## FORTY SEVEN KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENTS

The State Board of Health's vital statistics for the month of July show that 130 persons met violent deaths in North Carolina. Automobile fatalities led with 47 deaths. Drowning took 37 lives and there were 20 homicides and 18 suicides. There was one aeroplane fatality, seven died in railroad accidents and six were killed by gunshot wounds supposedly accidental.

## James L. Edwards Dies After Short Illness

A large concourse of friends gathered in Newport Wednesday morning to pay their respects to the memory of James L. Edwards postmaster and prominent man of that town. Mr. Edwards died Tuesday at about noon at the hospital in Morehead City where he had been taken for treatment about two weeks before. Mr. Edwards was suffering from an infection in his leg and blood poison was feared. Upon examination it was found that Mr. Edwards was suffering from a serious stomach trouble also and his condition was regarded as very critical from the beginning of his illness. His death therefore was not unexpected although deeply regretted by his many friends and relatives.

Funeral services conducted by Elder W. W. Roberts of the Primitive Baptist church were held at the residence at ten o'clock and a Masonic service was held at the grave in beautiful Cedar Grove cemetery, which was participated in by the Masons from Morehead City, Beaufort and other places as well as Newport. Mr. Edwards was at one time a member of the Board of County Commissioners and in respect to his memory all offices in the courthouse were closed from ten to twelve and most of the officials attended the funeral. All business houses in Newport were closed during the time of the funeral. Pallbearers for the occasion were J. C. Bell, T. B. Hall, C. M. Hill, E. H. Hibbs, M. D. McCain, U. M. Rhue, all close friends of the deceased. A mass of beautiful flowers sent by sympathizing friends covered the grave.

Mr. Edwards was forty three years old and in the full vigor of mental and physical manhood until his fatal attack came. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Lizette Edwards, his widow Mrs. Blanche Hibbs Edwards, three children, Florida, Henry and James L. Edwards, Jr., S. D. Edwards a brother and Mrs. Lucy Stobaugh a sister also survives him. Mr. Edwards was regarded by all who knew him as a man of fine character and excellent business ability. His death is a distinct loss to his community and the county at large.

## J. C. Long Passed At Morehead City To-day

J. C. Long, of Morehead City, died this morning at ten o'clock after an illness of several days. Mr. Long has been a prominent local figure in that community for years and well-known as a saw mill owner and operator. He found many things to do for others to make their lives brighter and happier by his presence and his passing is a loss to the entire community. Not only in an industrial way was he prominent, but he also entered into the civic and religious activities, for he was a member of the Methodist Church and a Mason and Shriner. His death was the result of heart trouble.

Mr. Long is survived by his widow; by one son, Dr. Ira C. Long, who lives in Virginia; and by three daughters, Mrs. Luther Hamiltona nd Miss Ola Long of Morehead City, and by Mrs. Z. Z. Grantham, of New Bern. Funeral arrangements will be made later.

## PAJAMAS TO BE WORN AT ATLANTIC HOTEL BALL

Pajamas will be worn as dancing costumes at the Atlantic Hotel Friday night, according to all reports. That is they will be worn by those who choose to wear them. Preceding the pajama exhibit there will be several vaudeville acts and also the regular dance which lasts until about midnight. It is expected that quite a crowd will be on hand for the dance and to see the sights.

## ACTORS ARE WANTED FOR FIREMEN'S SHOW

The Beaufort Firemen are planning a big show for some time next month, in fact they say it will be the biggest thing of the sort ever given in Beaufort. They have requested the News to invite all the children and young men and women to take part in the production. Rehearsals for the children are to start next Monday afternoon at three o'clock and for the grown folks at 7:30 and all who will be invited to come.

### BIRTH OF DAUGHTER

Born to Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Allan at the Potter Emergency Hospital Thursday afternoon August 14, a daughter. The infant has been named Neva Marie.

## SALE OF SEAFOODS WILL BE BOOSTED

### Carolina Fishermen Will Seek Markets For Their Produce In Central And Western Counties

Raleigh, August 18—Observance of "Made-in-Carolina Week" and "Made-in-Carolina week" and the campaign to popularize products of the State which will follow afford an excellent opportunity for advertising the seafoods of North Carolina, according to Col. J. W. Harrelson, director of the state Department of Conservation and Development.

With the fishing industry reported to be virtually at a standstill because of the lack of markets, it is pointed out that a general effort to introduce North Carolina seafoods into the markets of the interior part of the State should be effective in obtaining a greater demand for these products.

The "Made-in-Carolina" movement, according to conservation officials offers a particularly opportune occasion to help to create a greater demand within the State for North Carolina seafoods since the campaign is seeking to encourage the use of products of the State where ever possible. The movement is being carried to the people through the press, by radio, and will be observed by merchants, women's clubs, civic organizations and other agencies over the State during the week beginning September 1. After that time it is planned to introduce other features to keep the movement alive.

A prominent attorney from Piedmont North Carolina recently wrote to the Department of Conservation and Development: "I do not believe you Easterners realize how much the common man up here in Western North Carolina likes fish nor how few he has to eat. I have lived around restaurants and know he, whether farmer or mechanic, nearly always calls for fish."

This citizen has suggested the operation of special fish cars to the interior parts of the State with North Carolina seafoods. If this is not practical, the operation of special trucks is suggested. It is believed that the inauguration of some such service during "Made-in-Carolina Week," September 1-6, will stimulate the market for seafoods.

## BOY FINDS BOTTLE AND MAY GET TEN DOLLARS

A find that may or not be worth \$10 was made one day last week by James Taylor, young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Taylor who live a few miles from Beaufort on the New Bern road. The article found was a bottle with a note in it which states that \$10 will be paid for the return of the note to Roy R. Coffin, 507 Hainsberry street, Philadelphia, Pa. The note is dated August 19, 1904. The bottle was found on the west side of Newport River about three miles from Beaufort. The note is in a good state of preservation and does not appear to be 26 years old. At any rate James hopes that it will be good enough to bring the ten dollars.

### BIRTH OF DAUGHTER

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hodges, of Beaufort, Saturday, August 16, a daughter.

### 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, Aug. 22	
6:01 A. M.	11:56 A. M.
6:33 P. M.	11:55 P. M.
Saturday, Aug. 23	
6:57 A. M.	12:49 A. M.
7:27 P. M.	12:53 P. M.
Sunday, Aug. 24	
7:50 A. M.	1:38 A. M.
8:16 P. M.	1:49 P. M.
Monday, Aug. 25	
8:42 A. M.	2:24 A. M.
9:05 P. M.	2:45 P. M.
Tuesday, Aug. 26	
9:32 A. M.	3:11 A. M.
9:56 P. M.	3:39 P. M.
Wednesday, Aug. 27	
10:25 A. M.	3:58 A. M.
10:44 P. M.	4:34 P. M.
Thursday, Aug. 28	
11:01 A. M.	4:46 A. M.
11:18 P. M.	5:31 P. M.