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Allege Oil Companies Are Acting Unlawfully

Attorney-General Brummitt Starts Proceedings Against Six Big Oil Companies; Court Asked To Hold Exclusive Contracts Are Illegal; Closed Banks May Get Some Aid

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, MARCH 14—Attorney General Dennis Brummitt, on behalf of the State, has filed a complaint in county superior court against six gasoline companies, the Standard of New Jersey, the Gulf, the Texas, Sinclair, American and Shell, seeking to restrain them from operating under certain exclusive sales contracts which they use in securing filling stations and getting exclusive rights, which Mr. Brummitt holds in violation of the State's anti-trust and trade restraint laws.

The action was taken as a result of the investigation made last July by Mr. Brummitt, in which he found, as set out in his complaint, that the defendants sold and distributed 221,000,000 gallons of the 255,000,000 gallons sold in the State in 1931 and that 75 per cent or more of it was sold at stations owned or controlled by them under these exclusive sales contracts.

Mr. Brummitt asks the court to declare the methods, processes, practices and agreements illegal and in violation of the laws of the State, that exclusive sales contracts are unlawful and that an injunction issue restraining them from entering further into such contracts. "The court should determine whether these exclusive sales contracts violate our statutes," Mr. Brummitt said.

Help For Closed Banks

An important step toward liquidating the frozen funds in closed banks in North Carolina is expected to be taken by Commissioner of Banks Gurney P. Hood, who will seek funds for depositors of closed banks from the Reconstruction Corporation by pledging such deposits as surety for the loans. Mr. Hood was authorized to take the necessary steps for this result at a meeting of the Advisory Banking Commission, meeting last week, and with an opinion by Attorney General Dennis Brummitt that such a step is legal.

About \$60,000,000 is tied up in closed State banks in North Carolina, and it was estimated that at least 10 per cent of the amount, \$6,000,000 could be secured and paid to depositors, thus speeding up liquidation and turning loose funds needed in industrial and trade channels. Former Governor A. W. McLean has been named by Governor Gardner as a member of the commission, succeeding Col. John F. Bruton, Wilson, resigned. Word H. Wood, Charlotte, A. H. Bahnsen, Winston-Salem, State Treasurer Stedman and Attorney General Brummitt are the members.

Tyre Taylor is Busy Man

Tyre C. Taylor, Governor Gardner's executive counsel, is carrying on so many activities that one newspaper editorial quib suggested that it would be necessary to build more fires around him so there would be one for all the irons he has. In addition to his regular job, which includes pardons and paroles, he launched his "Ten Year Plan," which attracted attention beyond the State, and now he has been elected president of Young Democratic Clubs of the nation.

Mr. Taylor fostered the organization of the young people of college and outside into Democratic clubs in several states, based on the organization he formed in North Carolina in 1928, to such an extent that he was elected head of the national group in Washington recently and is expected to spend some three months in Washington directing their activities, after the Democratic National Convention and before election. His work has attracted the attention and received the commendation of many national Democratic leaders.

"The North Carolina Plan, Inc." is the name of the organization which will promote Mr. Taylor's "Ten-Year Plan" for rehabilitation of North Carolina, and work is to start on the three major projects at an early date, the board of directors decided at a meeting here Friday night. Reports on the projects were made and authority given for setting up an organization and starting activity. They include highway beautification, marking historic spots, protecting wild life, promoting a land, park and forestry policy and publishing a tourist map and monthly magazine; devise and adopt a uniform trade mark for N. C. products and have an economic primer written for the public schools; enlarge and carry on the (Continued on page 10)

Davis House Sold And Will Be Remodeled

Sold under a foreclosure proceeding the Davis House, Beaufort's oldest hotel and one of the best known in the eastern part of the State changed hands Tuesday. The property was bid in for \$10,000 by the Durham Life Insurance company of Raleigh. This company held a first mortgage on the place. There was no other bidder.

The News has been informed that the owners of the Davis House are seriously considering spending several thousand dollars on it with the intention of making it an attractive family and commercial hotel. Mr. James Rumley who has been operating the hotel for a year or so will continue to run it so the News understands. The Davis House has been run as a hotel for about a half century and has entertained guests from all over North Carolina and from many other states. It is regarded as one of the best locations for a seashore hotel along the Atlantic coast.

COUNTY CLUB WOMEN'S NEWS

By Ann Mason, Home Agent

The following women were hostess to the Woman's Clubs this week: Mrs. M. B. Hanna, Merrimon Club; Mrs. C. E. Leggett, Crab Point; Mrs. Lillian Wade, Straits club and Mrs. Nettie Brown, Stacy Club.

The Home Agent will meet with the following clubs this coming week: Tuesday, March 22 Camp Glenn 4-H club; Wednesday, March 23 Harkers Island 4-H and Woman's club; Thursday, March 24 Newport 4-H and Woman's clubs.

There will be a meeting of all food and nutrition leaders at the Home Agent's office at 10 o'clock Friday, March 25th. Every leader is urged to be present at this meeting.

The 4-H County Council will meet at the Home Agent's office at 9:30 Saturday, March 19th.

In order that those who cannot afford to buy good reading material may have the privilege of coming in contact with books and magazines the Home Agent is asking that all who have such reading matter in their homes pass it on to others that are not so fortunate. The home agent will be glad to collect reading material from the urban homes to be carried out to the rural communities. If you have such material phone 28-J or the education office.

The county curb market is improving in its sales each week. If at any time any women would like to have any special food brought to the market the Home Agent will be glad to see that the food is brought to the market the following Saturday after being notified. The market is open each Saturday at 8:00 o'clock and closes at 11:00.

This is Milk Week

It is hoped that every child will be urged to drink his or her pint of milk each day. The county and city schools are entering into the State-wide campaign. Prizes are being offered by the State for several contests which are being carried on in the county.

WHOLESALE FISH DEALERS INDICTED IN FEDERAL COURT

NEW BERN, Mar. 14—Charged with the violating the federal food and drug act, by adding water to scallops, Wallace M. Quinn, A. G. Sterling and company and R. R. Barbour, of Carteret county, will be tried here during the April term of federal court.

Witnesses are being subpoenaed from a wide territory to testify in the cases. From Tampa, Boston, New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Savannah, Washington and many other places in the country there will be witnesses. Especially in the Quinn case there are a number of prominent hotel men being summoned, including the manager of Riggs' hotel in New York, the chef of the Park Central hotel in New York, the chef at the Willard hotel in Washington, and the secretary to the steward at the Copley-Plaza hotel in Boston.

Alonzo Roy, of Sabbattus, Me., is 82 years old, but he can still cut a figure eight. Skating on the lake is his favorite wintertime diversion.

EHRINGHAUS HAS LARGE AUDIENCE

Court Room Crowd Enjoys Speech of Candidate For Governor

The first political address made in Carteret county in the year 1932 was given here Monday. This speech was made by the Honorable J. C. B. Ehringhaus of Elizabeth City who is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor. Mr. Ehringhaus also spoke at Atlantic Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Democratic County Chairman Luther Hamilton, who introduced Mr. Ehringhaus, requested the court to give the candidate an opportunity to be heard and immediately after concluding his charge to the grand jury Judge Frizzelle recessed court. Mr. Ehringhaus spoke about an hour. Most of the speech was consumed in discussing reevaluation of land, the school system and such matters. The speaker said he favored repealing the fifteen cent tax on lands for school purposes. He said that if he is elected Governor he will undertake to put through a program to help the farming interests.

Mr. Ehringhaus did not call either of his opponents by name but made some indirect references to them. He defended the acts of the Legislature and said he stood squarely on the record of the Democratic party which he said had faithfully served for many years. Just before closing he made a short reference to the Hoover administration making fun of a Hoover "prosperity" coin which he exhibited and inquired what it is worth now?

Mr. Ehringhaus had an audience that filled the court room, it being the first day of court and a large number of defendants, witnesses, spectators and lawyers being on hand. He enjoys the reputation of being an excellent speaker and his speech Monday seemed to meet the approval of a good part of those who heard him. A considerable number of Democratic leaders were present to hear the address.

MRS. GASKILL DIES AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

Funeral services for Mrs. Ollie Gaskill, wife of Edward Gaskill of Cedar Island were held from the home at Cedar Island Monday morning, and interment was in Gilgo Cemetery, Cedar Island. Mrs. Gaskill was called to Beaufort last week on account of the illness of her son, Monroe, who was ill with pneumonia at the Potter Hospital. Mrs. Gaskill herself became ill at the home of Mrs. Rhue and was admitted to the hospital with pneumonia and pleurisy where she died early Sunday morning.

Mrs. Gaskill is survived by her husband and four children, Monroe, Tom Webb and Annie, three brothers, Tom Spencer and Allen Spencer of Ocean City, Maryland, Hugh Spencer of Charleston, S. C., four half sisters, Mrs. Annie Bunting of Ocean City, Maryland, Mrs. Helen Robinson of New York City, Mrs. Louise Gilgo of Portsmouth, Mrs. Mamie Styron of Ocracoke and a half brother, Mr. Washie Spencer of Ocracoke, and several stepchildren.

TWO STORY DWELLING DAMAGED BY FIRE TUESDAY

Considerable damage was done Tuesday morning to a two story dwelling on Broad street near Marsh by fire. The roof of the building was ruined and a good deal of damage done inside the rooms. The fire department responded to the call promptly and soon had the blaze under control. The house belonged to the estate of the late J. B. Jones and was occupied by Mrs. Ada Simpson and family.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Newkirk, Monday, March 14, a daughter.

FARMERS APPLY FOR CROP LOANS

Federal Aid Is Being Furnished To Bud Seeds And Fertilizers

To a right considerable extent Carteret county farmers are taking advantage of the opportunity to borrow money from the Federal government for crop production. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is providing funds to aid farmers in buying seeds and fertilizers for their crop needs for this year. The act provides \$50,000,000 for this purpose.

Under the terms of the act no farmer can borrow more than \$400 and it must be shown that he is unable to buy his seed and fertilizer himself and that he has suitable lands for seeding purposes. No loans will be made to a person having other means of a livelihood than farming and none to a minor. No loan will be made to any person who did not farm last year. There are various other details which must be met in order to get a loan.

In each county there is a local committee to look after the loans. The committee does not actually make the loans but passes upon them. The Secretary of Agriculture is the final authority in the matter. The committee for Carteret county is composed of W. A. Mace and G. W. Huntley of Beaufort and George Oglesby of Morehead City R. F. D. County Agent Hugh Overstreet is assisting the committee in looking after the loans. B. A. Phelps is in the office of the County Agent and is furnishing information and blanks to those who wish to secure loans. About fifty applications have been made at this writing. The application must be sent in not later than April 30th.

DR. PARROTT OFFERS SILVER CUPS IN POSTER CONTEST

Doctor James M. Parrott of Kinston and Raleigh, State Health Officer, is offering two silver cups as prizes for the best posters submitted by school children in the milk poster contest, an educational feature of the State wide Milk-for-Health Campaign that is being conducted by the State Board of Health. Dr. Parrott considers that interest in the use of milk for health created through educational processes such as the poster and essay contests sponsored by the schools, is not lasting, but will produce permanent results.

One of the cups offered is for the best milk poster made by a boy or girl in any graded school in the State, and the other is for the best poster by any high school pupil in the State. Not more than five posters from each group may be submitted from any one county to the State Committee, but every school in every county is expected to enter the county contest. All competing posters should be in the office of the State Board of Health by April 25, 1932 and should be in sizes either 14 by 22 by 28 inches. The chief requirement is that the message of the poster be brief, based on facts, not overstated, and that it make no unfair comparisons.

MRS. ISABELLA DAVIS BURIED ON TUESDAY

Mrs. Isabella Davis, wife of Winfield Scott Davis, died at the home of her daughter Mrs. W. H. Garner Sunday afternoon at four o'clock at the age of 78 years three months following a brief illness. Funeral services were held at the residence of Mrs. Garner on Turner Street Tuesday at three o'clock by Reverend Worth Wicker, Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Interment was in the family burying ground at the Gibbs place. Mrs. Davis is survived by her husband, Winfield Scott Davis, and two daughters, Miss Alie Davis and Mrs. W. H. Garner, all of Beaufort.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

J. P. Bloodgood and Mamie Lee Dowdy, Morehead City.

ALL SCHOOLS IN CARTERET COUNTY ARE STILL GOING ALONG AS USUAL

Despite considerable apprehension that the public schools of Carteret county might close at the end of six months, which was Tuesday 15, they are still running. Whether they will go the full eight months or not remains to be seen. The schools were expected to operate eight months and the teachers were employed on that basis. The opinion is held by a good many people that if the schools should be closed by those in authority that the teachers would have a valid claim for the unexpired time of the eight months term.

Salaries have been paid the teachers for six months. There does not

seem to be much money in sight now to pay salaries for the next two months but if tax receipts should be good for the next month or so perhaps enough money would be available to keep the schools in operation. There are other expenses to be met of course besides teachers' salaries. So far as the News has been able to learn only three teachers have resigned; two at Atlantic and one at Newport. The others are going right ahead with their work and their attitude has been the subject of favorable comment on the part of many citizens.

Unusually Large Crowd Attends Superior Court

Criminal Cases Will Occupy Most of Court's Time; Many Larceny cases Tried; Several Defendants Get Road Sentences.

Washington Snapshots

Taken by The Helm News Service

The House, by a huge majority acted to limit use of the Federal injunctive power in labor disputes and to avoid the "yellow dog" contract. It passed the Norris La Guardia anti-injunction bill, 363 to 13, emulating the Senate's overwhelming 75 to 5 indorsement of a week ago, and leaving only a settlement of minor differences between the houses before it goes to the White House. The House vote came after seven hours of debate, which culminating years of controversy, disclosed only two spokesmen in opposition — Representative Beck, Republican of Pennsylvania, and Blanton, Democrat from Texas.

President Hoover has taken the position that the best remaining means of slicing Federal expenses is for Congress to help cut down or suspend duties and functions of various government branches. In stating this at his bi-weekly press conference, President Hoover said the administration officials were cooperating with the Special Economy Committee of the House in a general drive to cut down expenses and bring about further economies so as to make the budget balance.

Democratic leaders in Congress immediately attacked the President's statement as an "effort to assume credit in advance" for any reduction in Federal expenditures which the Garner-Byrnes committee on economy may be able to effect. They were annoyed at what Mr. Hoover said and at his way of saying it. There have been many public arguments this session over the Democratic charges that the administration is not cooperating in cutting down government costs.

A constitutional amendment empowering Congress "to stabilize prices in time of war" and to eliminate profiteering was recommended in a report by the War Policies Commission transmitted to Congress by President Hoover. The commission also favored enactment of a law providing for the recapture through taxation of 95 per cent of corporation and individual wartime profits in excess of average profit made by the corporation or individual for the three years immediately preceding a war. One member of a commission of twelve dissented and filed a minority report.

The first step in carrying out the recommendations of the War Policies Commission was taken in the Senate through adoption, without debate, of a resolution asking the Treasury to study plans for recapturing war profits. The report of the commission, transmitted to the Senate, recommended that excess war profits be taxed 95 per cent. Senator Vandenberg, Republican of Michigan, immediately introduced, for himself and three other Senators, who are members of the commission, a resolution asking for the treasury study. It was called up shortly before adjournment and passed immediately.

Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York has dictated to Washington his desire to have New York among the first to ratify the "lame duck" constitutional amendment. His executive office at Albany telephoned the State Department. The Virginia Legislature already has ratified in advance of receipt of word from the State Department. Such action is believed to be legal. At least it is not for the State Department to question it, officials said.

In the appeals to the hoarders, most loudly sounded was the patriotic note. Emphasis was laid upon the duty of showing today a public spirit like that displayed during the war. Men should now put their hoarded dollars to work for the return of prosperity, just as in 1917 they bought Liberty Bonds and sent their sons to the front. All this is proper enough and ought to have a certain effect, but does not seem to reach the real needs of the case. People have been hoarding money largely because they doubted the solvency of banks. Convince them that their fears are now (Continued on page 10)

What is probably one of the most largely attended sessions of Superior Court in the history of Carteret county has been in progress here this week. From the opening of court Monday until today the court room has been full of people and sometimes many were unable to get seats. The criminal docket this week is a big one but there has been no case of very unusual interest. More of the cases have alleged stealing or attempts to do so than any other crime. Judge J. Paul Frizzelle of Snow Hill, who was elected in 1930, is holding his first term of court in this county. Judging from expressions made by attorneys and citizens he has made a good impression as to his knowledge of the law and his fairness in conducting trial. His charge to the grand jury was heard attentively not only by the jurors but by the large crowd that packed the court room. He stressed the responsibility of the position of grand juror. He referred to the alarming increase in crime, especially upon the part of young white people and urged upon all citizens the duty to uphold the courts and all officers of the law. Solicitor D. M. Clark is prosecuting the docket on behalf of the State. Harvey Hamilton of Morehead City was appointed foreman of the grand jury and Herbert Forlow of Beaufort was appointed deputy for the jury.

This morning it was announced in court that civil cases that required juries would be tried except divorce cases, and all were continued. Some motions will be heard. Quite a number of cases on the criminal docket have been disposed of up to this writing. The record up to date is given below.

Joe Fulcher and Zarry O'Neal, breaking and entering and larceny. Plead guilty. Sentence 12 months on the roads.

Harvey Willis, assault with a deadly weapon, plead guilty. Allowed 60 days to pay fine of \$10 and costs.

Garland Willis, breaking and entering, true bill.

Elijah Robinson, larceny, appeal from Recorder's court. Noll pressed with leave.

Raymond Garner resisting officer and threatening to kill. Called and failed. Capias issued and sheriff requested to bring him to court.

Willie Carter, violating prohibition law, called an dfailed, Capias and continued.

J. R. Ball abandonment, not taken alias capias and continued.

Alton Piner, entering and injury to personal property. Escaped jail, capias and continued.

Augustine Gillikin, abandonment, not taken, capias and continued. Edward Moore, abandonment, true bill.

L. C. Humphrey, assault on a female, mistrial.

W. T. Oden, colored, resisting an officer. Jury trial, guilty, eight months on roads.

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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, March 18	
4:19 a. m.	10:34 a. m.
4:46 p. m.	10:38 p. m.
Saturday, March 19	
5:14 a. m.	11:00 a. m.
5:39 p. m.	11:23 p. m.
Sunday, March 20	
6:05 a. m.	11:35 a. m.
6:26 p. m.	12:09 p. m.
Monday, March 21	
6:51 a. m.	12:29 a. m.
7:12 p. m.	12:52 p. m.
Tuesday, March 22	
7:36 a. m.	1:19 a. m.
7:58 p. m.	1:35 p. m.
Wednesday, March 23	
8:23 a. m.	2:11 a. m.
8:46 p. m.	2:20 p. m.
Thursday, March 24	
9:12 a. m.	3:09 a. m.
9:36 p. m.	3:05 p. m.