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Rum Cruiser Captured Yesterday Core Banks

Seven Hundred Cases of Bonded Liquor Seized Along With Fast New Rum Runner, the Zebadiah, Which Was Equipped With Twin Motors, Smoke-Screen Apparatus and Other Necessary Paraphernalia; Several Men Captured; Cruiser Brought by Beaufort this Morning on Way to Core Banks Station to Reload Cargo of Liquor; Will be Taken to Wilmington Shortly.

Seven hundred cases of bonded liquor, the boat Zebadiah and several men were captured by Coast Guard men near Core Banks yesterday morning about 2:30 o'clock. The liquor was on the beach, while the boat, flying a British flag, was seized close by. Nassau was the hauling port of the boat. Coast Guard Boat 232, under the command of Boatswain C. H. Barker, played a large part in the capture. The seized boat was well out fitted for the business of rumrunning, for it was a new cruiser, and equipped with twin motors, smoke screen and other paraphernalia that would assist in the dangerous art of running liquor by the Coast Guardsmen.

Laurence Christensen, executive officer of Advance Base A, is somewhat of a Sherlock Holmes, judging from the way he obtained information that led to the eventual capture of the cruiser, its cargo and crew. It is said that this officer noticed that a certain suspicious-looking automobile bearing New York state license plates was hanging around this vicinity. Moved by curiosity, he got in touch with New York authorities concerning the license numbers. They replied that the car was owned by a group of New York gangster-rumrunners.

This same officer then nosed around and was able to ferret out some more information. A very powerful boat, equipped with smoke-screen apparatus and perhaps fast enough to outdistance the Coast Guard boats in a race, was taking on board a cargo of the contraband, the officer learned, and that this same boat was intending to unload in the vicinity of Cape Lookout. From another source it was learned that a porgy boat was supposed to make a connection with the Nassau cruiser and bring the liquor ashore.

Owing to undivulged facts or conditions, the fish boat failed to make the connection, to the Zebadiah came in close to the beach in order to unload herself. This permitted the seizure to be effected.

The Zebadiah was brought into Beaufort harbor this morning in tow of the Coast Guard picket boat No. 2300, and continued on down Core Sound to Core Banks Station, where it is said the cruiser will take on the cargo of liquor again. It will subsequently be taken to Wilmington, where the liquor will be stored by the customs officials. In a short time the men caught when the boat and cargo were seized will be given a hearing before the U. S. Commissioner in New Bern.

E. C. Snead, a Wilmington customs inspector, and H. S. Barbrey, New Bern prohibition officer, aided in the capture of the cruiser and the contraband cargo.

It was first rumored that a "vessel" or "schooner" had been captured, but the boat turned out to be a raised deck cruiser-type of craft, about fifty feet long and thirteen or fourteen-foot beam. It is of a similar model used hereabouts as blackfishing boats.

A. D. MacLean Makes Speech To Teachers

About 80 educators and others heard A. D. MacLean of Washington, N. C. in an address before the Carteret County Schoolmasters' Club at the Villa Hotel Tuesday evening. Mr. MacLean is the author of the famous school law that bears his name and about which such a battle was fought in the General Assembly two years.

Mr. MacLean is a champion of the public schools and thinks that the schools should be maintained for eight months and at the expense of the State. At present the constitution provides for a six months term. An ad valorem tax of 15 cents is levied by the State on real estate for school purposes. Mr. MacLean was elected to the Senate from his district this year and will be an active figure in the Legislature this winter.

Over \$1,800 have been received by Thurman County farmers from sales of 24 bales of cotton on 28 acres this year.

Legion Hut Will Be Built Here Shortly

Woodsmen started yesterday morning cutting the timber that will be used in the construction of the American Legion hut here. Work will start on the erection of the hut Monday morning. This will be located alongside of the Masonic hall on Turner Street. Members of Carteret Post 99 have been contemplating the building of the hut for some time, but it was definitely decided at the Legion meeting Tuesday evening and the various donations were subsequently made.

Although this will be primarily for the usage of the Legionnaires, it will also be used as a meeting place for other organizations with the permission of the Legion Post, and for dances and other forms of entertainment and recreation. The Rev. Worth Wicker, Commander of the Post, stated to a News reporter that Beaufort does not have a community center, and that the Legion hut will fill the long-felt need for such a building.

The hut will be constructed of logs of native long leaf pine. It will be a low rambling structure. The auditorium will have an inside measurement of thirty by forty-five feet. At the front of the building, and under the same roof there will be a ten foot porch running the entire length of the building. Built out at the rear of the main structure will be a commodious kitchen at one end and rest rooms at the other. Work will begin Monday morning on the hut and the Legionnaires expect that it will be completed within a reasonable length of time.

Directly, the hut will cost the Legion very little, for practically all the material for the structure has been donated. The logs, flooring and other supplies have been given Carteret Post 99 by public spirited men of the community and the county. Franklin Lodge 109 of the Masonic order here has given the local Legionnaires permission to build the hut on its land and to use it as long as the local post continues. Upon the disbandment of the post, all the improvements along with the lot upon which they are situated will revert to the Franklin Lodge.

The local post numbering fifty-two Legionnaires, have signed up one hundred per cent for the new year.

City Board Meeting Held Monday Night

A short meeting of the board of city commissioners was held Monday night at the city hall. Mayor Taylor, Commissioners Gibbs, King and Rumley were present as were also City Clerk Thomas, City Attorney G. W. Duncan and Chief Longest.

B. C. Way came before the board and asked for permission to repair and remodel the Jones store building at the foot of Craven street which he bought some time ago. He stated that it was his purpose to put in a brick front and metal sides and roof. Commissioner Rumley said permission had been granted to others in that block to make such repairs and he thought Mr. Way should have the same privilege. The necessary motion was passed.

Some questions were asked relative to cleaning out some of the city sewers and Chief Longest made a statement as to the work which had been done and will be done.

A copy of the shell fish ordinance of Morehead City was read and discussed. No action was taken as to adopting a similar ordinance for Beaufort.

The matter of the suit of Bishop against the town of Beaufort was discussed and the Mayor and City Clerk were requested to be on hand for the trial. The board recessed subject to the call of the Mayor.

Zeb Cochran of the Roberta section of Cabarrus County produced 24 bales of cotton on 28 acres this year.

ARREST MEN FOR HOUSE WRECKING

Young Men Almost Demolish House in Drunken Brawl Early Sunday

For reasons they failed to reveal in Police Court Monday evening, Earl Hudgins and Price Johnson went into the home of Ira Styron while the latter was "dead drunk" about three o'clock Sunday morning and just about "tore up the land," according to the evidence. They threw chairs and other articles of furniture out of the house; dumped the stove containing fire out on the front porch; broken window out—sash and all; and wrecked things in general. King Panademonium reigned supreme for a short while after the advent of the two young men in the wee hours of the Sabbath.

Contradictory testimony was given by the prosecuting witness, Ada Styron, young daughter of Ira Styron, and the two defending witnesses. She claimed that the men came there about three o'clock Sunday morning and woke her up after entering the room. The men were drunk and mad, she testified, and conducted themselves in a disreputable manner. She became frightened and after managing to get out of the clutches of the young men, she went over to the fire station and called Officer Gherman Holland.

When officer Holland arrived on the scene, the young wreckers had absented themselves from the premises of the Styrons. They were seen down the street near the annex of the Methodist Church. Officer Holland caught up with them and retrieved a comforter that one of them had taken from the Styron residence, and later locked them up.

Ira Styron was lying on the floor of his home during all the turmoil "dead drunk," and his daughter Ada testified, and therefore he knew nothing concerning what was alleged to have occurred. Otis Styron, young brother of Ada, corroborated his sister.

Both Price Johnson and Earl Hudgins claimed that the three-o'clock affair was the aftermath of a sort of "free-for-all" fight that took place at the Styron house about eleven o'clock Saturday night. They testified that they were passing there late Saturday evening and a local young man knocked a stranger out of the front door and down on the street on them. Dissension ensued, and they evidently went back to settle matters. At the time of these occurrences, a younger brother of Ada was ill with pneumonia.

It appeared to the court that possibly all the testimony of the various witnesses was about as water-tight as a sieve, so the two defendants were given the privilege of giving a \$200 bond each or remaining in the county jail until the March term of Superior Court, when the case will be definitely settled.

Arthur Stewart and John Davis were brought into court on a charge preferred against them by Viola Roberts, in which it was alleged that the young colored men slanderously and maliciously relegated the young colored woman to the oldest profession known to man. She testified that she earns her living in an honorable manner. There was no evidence but her own testimony, and as both men denied the accusation, the case was dismissed.

WELL KNOWN CITIZEN DIES NEAR NEWPORT

A. E. Gray, a highly respected farmer residing about two miles from Newport, on R. F. D. No. 1, died at his home Saturday night, December 3rd at 11 o'clock, after an illness of about four weeks, death being due to apoplexy.

Mr. Gray was born in Greene County, and was the son of P. M. and Zilphia Smith Gray, and was wearing his 62nd birthday. He moved here with his family from Greene County about twenty five years ago. His family consists of his widow Mrs. Maggie Gray of Newport; sons, Arthur Gray of Snow Hill and Roy, Eddie and Clarence of Newport, daughters Mrs. Cicero Dickinson, Mrs. C. H. Gray, Misses Oralee and Calla of Newport. Also three brothers R. H. Gray of Snow Hill, B. P. and A. E. Gray and a sister Mrs. Mary Ann Johnson of Newport.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon by Reverend Walter W. Roberts, Primitive Baptist minister and interment was in the Emeriah Garner cemetery near Newport. A large number of relatives and friends attended the funeral.

There are 219 farmers in Person County who grew over 1,000 acres in loperdeza for soil building purposes this season.

INAUGURATION TO BE QUIET AFFAIR

Ehringhaus To Be Inaugurated Governor January 5th; Big Ball That Night

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Dec. 5—John C. B. Ehringhaus, Elizabeth City, will be inaugurated Governor of North Carolina at noon January 5, the day following the convening of the 1933 General Assembly, in a ceremony marked by quiet and simplicity and, in keeping with the times, economy, held in the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium.

In contrast to the simple swearing-in of Governor-elect Ehringhaus and the other State officials at noon, will be a grand and brilliant inaugural ball in the same auditorium that night, sponsored by the Raleigh Junior League, with Mrs. George Ross Piquet as general chairman. One of the figures of the evening will be led by his twin daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Ehringhaus, Miss Matilda and Mr. Houghton Ehringhaus, followed by the grand march, which will be led by Mr. and Mrs. Ehringhaus.

With the inauguration and the ball out of the way, Governor Ehringhaus will devote his energies to the task before him, getting his message to the General Assembly at once, so that body can begin its laws making without the usual delay and marking time for a week or two, pending the inauguration. Plans for the inauguration will be worked out by the Governor-elect, Governor Gardner and committees from Senate and House. The House committees will have to be named by the candidates for House speaker, including Reginald Harris, Julius Martin and R. Gregg Cherry, which should be a simple accomplishment. Lieutenant Governor A. H. Graham will name the Senate committee.

Governor-elect Ehringhaus has been sitting in on the Advisory Budget Commission's hearings and will doubtless assist in forming the budget requests to be approved by that body for presentation to the General Assembly. As director of the budget and chairman of the commission, he will have power to make any changes he may desire, before the report is made to the Legislature. His message will outline his policies and purposes early in the session.

Nor will the feared operation for appendicitis have to be performed on the Governor-elect. The attacks were not from the appendix, of which X-rays show he has very little, but from kidney colic, which yields to simple treatment. The shadow of the knife over him has passed, much to his relief and that of his friends.

Three Men Released From Jail Recently

Through the persistent efforts of his mother Mrs. Sarah Ann Congleton, John Bunyan Congleton was released from jail Saturday. The prosecuting witnesses in the case were ladies here on a yacht; and as they stated that it would be impossible for them to be here at the March term of Superior Court, Mayor Bayard Taylor ordered the release of John Bunyan by the jailor, R. E. Chaplain. The charge lodged against Long John was that of indecent exposure of his body on the Inlet Inn dock Saturday before last.

Price Johnson and Earl Hudgins were released this week when the \$200 bonds each were put up by their mothers. Mrs. Robena Hudgins gave an appearance bond and Mrs. Annie Johnson gave a mortgage bond. These young men were bound over to the March term of Superior Court on numerous charges preferred against them by Ada Styron and W. E. Skarren; these cases were aired in Police Court Monday evening.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Denard Guthrie M. City and Adelle Copeland, Camp Glenn.
Berkley Willis and Rena Pearl, Fulcher, Atlantic.
Kernie Smith and Naomi Lewis, Morehead City.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Jefferson E. Owens Tr., to N. C. Mortgage Corp. 1 lot Newport, for \$5000.
W. C. Gorham Tr., to Madeline Taylor Derrickson 1-2 lots M. City, for \$5000.
Lovely Ann Watson et al to Ophelia T. Bryant, 3 lots M. City, for \$10.
Ophelia T. Bryant and husband et al to Mary E. Watson, 3 lots M. City, for \$10.
Ophelia T. Bryant and husband et al to Lovely Ann Watson, 3 lots M. City, for \$10.

Automobile Collides With Bicycle Rider

Jeff Simpson and the bicycle upon which he was riding was struck about six-thirty o'clock Friday evening by an automobile in which were riding Marvin Hill, Guion Mason and Garland Fulcher, all of Atlantic. The accident occurred near the old Perkins house on North River road.

It is said that Dr. L. W. Moore was driving toward Beaufort and the Atlantic young men were some distance behind him. After Doctor Moore went around the curve in the road at that point, two young fellows asked for a ride to town and Doctor Moore stopped to pick them up. His car was pulled off the road until just the left wheels were on the hard surface. The Atlantic car passed Doctor Moore's car and collided with the Simpson bicycle.

Mr. Simpson was immediately taken to the Potter Emergency Hospital where he is still receiving treatment. Besides being badly shaken up, Mr. Simpson sustained a severe compound fracture of the left leg, compound fracture of both his ring and fore fingers of his left hand, and received minor scratches and bruises about the body. At this time the injured man is getting along nicely.

During the past several years, Mr. Simpson has been employed as one of the drawtenders on the highway bridge between Beaufort and Morehead City. It had been his custom to commute daily to and from his work on a bicycle. He lives just a few hundred yards up the road from where the accident occurred.

The News understands that no charges have been preferred against the driver of the Atlantic car.

NO APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE

New County Board Installed Monday; Meet Again On 19th.

Meetings of the retiring board of county commissioners and the incoming board were held at the courthouse Monday. The old board held its session in the morning and the new one convened at 2 P. M. and was in session for a short time.

Those present for the first meeting were Commissioners Carroll, Chadwick, Guthrie and Webb. Commissioner Styron who has been in poor health for some time and is in the hospital at Morehead City was not present. The board adopted a resolution regretting his illness and commending his services as commissioner.

A motion passed the board that a committee composed of J. F. Duncan C. T. Chadwick and Auditor J. J. Whitehurst be appointed to fix tax values in relation to the Bank of Beaufort and Fairleigh S. Dickinson. Motions were passed instructing the County Auditor to adjust the valuations of property of J. W. Wilkins, Stephen Day and J. J. Rhue. The old board adjourned sine die.

New Board Meets

On the new board of commissioners are two members of the former board. They are W. M. Webb of Morehead City and Martin Guthrie of Harker's Island. The other members of the board are E. H. Fulcher of Stacy, W. Z. McCabe of Wildwood and W. P. Smith of Beaufort. The oath of office was administered to members of the board by Clerk of the Superior Court L. W. Hassell.

The board organized by electing W. M. Webb chairman and W. P. Smith, vice-chairman. It then proceeded to business.

A motion was passed authorizing the building of two new rooms to be used for an infirmary at the County Home. It is understood that the expense of the labor will be paid out of Federal welfare funds allotted to the county.

A motion was passed appointing Commissioners Smith, Guthrie and Fulcher and County Auditor Whitehurst on a committee to make settlement with County Tax Collector Alvah Hamilton. The committee is to meet December 12 at 10 o'clock. The meeting ended upon a motion to recess until Monday, December 19. The appointment of County Auditor, keeper of the County Home and so on have not been made as yet. The News understands that several applications have been filed.

BELL AND JAMES OPEN A FUNERAL HOME

Morehead City—The firm of Bell and James, William H. Bell and Alphonso James, have opened up a funeral home at the corner of Seventh and Briages streets. This is said to be the first funeral home established in Carteret County. Messrs. Bell and James have been in business here for several years.

JL CASES ARE NOW BEING TRIED

County Obtains \$7,000 Judgment Against James H. Davis and Surety Company

Since this news story was written, the suit brought against the Town of Beaufort by the Utilities Engineering and Management Company of Charlotte was non-suited.

Two significant suits have so far taken up the first two and a half days of the December term of Superior Court which convened here Tuesday morning for the purpose of trying civil cases only. Court would have been convened Monday morning, but Judge W. C. Harris had been requested to swear in the county officials in another county in this judicial district on that day, so the opening of court was deferred until Tuesday morning.

The first of the two suits was that in which the Webb-Chadwick Board of County Commissioners brought against James H. Davis, Ex-Sheriff and Tax Collector, for recovery of \$7,000. This amount was due the county by Mr. Davis on taxes he collected while he was County Tax Collector. The American Surety Company of New York was made co-defendant in the case.

County Attorney Luther Hamilton represented Carteret County; while Julius F. Duncan appeared for James H. Davis; and A. D. MacLean, and W. B. Rodman of Washington, represented the American Surety Company.

At the time of the closing of the Bank of Beaufort, Mr. Davis had on deposit to his credit \$9,677.60. It is said that it was due to the bank failure that the Tax Collector was unable to make settlement with the county.

The plaintiffs obtained judgment for the full amount of \$7,000 due the county. The American Surety Company is to pay the Carteret County Board of Commissioners \$3,500 by December 15, 1933. James H. Davis is due to pay the Board the other \$3,500 by January 1, 1934; and in the event that he does not, the American Surety Company will be held liable for that amount. In addition, the Surety Company is to receive all collateral due Mr. Davis from the liquidation of the defunct Bank of Beaufort as a result of the deposit of \$9,677.60. If the Surety Company collects more from the liquidation of the Bank of Beaufort than it has to pay (Continued on page five)

INSTALLING FURNACE AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH NOW

Work began about two weeks ago in excavating a cellar under St. Paul's church for a furnace, which is being installed this week. This is a hot-air type of Williamson furnace. The heating plant is a corporate gift to the church. The cellar has already been partly bricked up and the chimney constructed. After the installation of the furnace has been completed, the cellar will be finished. It is hoped by St. Paul's rector, the Rev. Worth Wicker, that the furnace will be all fixed by Sunday and able to furnish heat for the morning service.

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, Dec. 9 | Low Tide |
|------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 5:30 a. m. | | |
| 5:48 p. m. | | 11:46 p. m. |
| | Saturday, Dec. 10 | |
| 6:10 a. m. | | 11:28 a. m. |
| 6:30 p. m. | | 12:26 p. m. |
| | Sunday, Dec. 11 | |
| 6:48 a. m. | | 12:07 a. m. |
| 7:10 p. m. | | 1:05 p. m. |
| | Monday, Dec. 12 | |
| 7:25 a. m. | | 12:46 a. m. |
| 7:48 p. m. | | 1:40 p. m. |
| | Tuesday, Dec. 13 | |
| 8:01 a. m. | | 1:22 a. m. |
| 8:24 p. m. | | 2:18 p. m. |
| | Wednesday, Dec. 14 | |
| 8:36 a. m. | | 2:00 a. m. |
| 9:01 p. m. | | 2:54 p. m. |
| | Thursday, Dec. 15 | |
| 9:12 a. m. | | 2:38 a. m. |
| 9:39 p. m. | | 3:32 p. m. |