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Carteret County Industries Begin in Earnest as Spring Makes Annual Arrival Here

WATERS TEEMING WITH SEAFOOD DELICACY

BEGIN MARKETING

Some soft crabs have been caught and shipped by the various catchers at Marshallberg since the first of this month, but the soft shell crab season will begin in earnest about the first of April. Present indications point to the supposition that there will be more soft crabs this spring than during any of the past several seasons. Although it is said to be too early now to even approximate what the price will be, Captain John A. Nelson, State Fisheries Commissioner, says that evidently there will be a good supply of these crustaceans this spring.

Marshallbergers, as is usually the case, were the first to start catching and shipping this type of seafood this season. Crabbers living in other eastern communities do not begin catching the soft shell crabs until about the first of April. It will not be long now until crabbers at Harkers Island, Smyrna, Williston, Davis, Stacy and Sea Level will begin catching soft shell crabs and "peelers" and then this spring seafood industry will get underway in earnest.

At one time, soft shell crabs brought approximately a hundred thousand dollars a year to Carteret County—but that was during boom times. Of course, the industry will not bring to the county this much money this year, but it is expected that the price will be sufficient for the crabbers to earn a living. This will be helped by the fact that there are more crabs than usual in the bays, sound and rivers in the eastern part of Carteret.

Since they started catching crabs about the first of March around Marshallberg, the catchers themselves have shipped most of this variety of seafood. However some of the dealers are now beginning to buy and ship the crabs and perhaps before the first of April numerous buyers will start dealing in the marketing of the soft shell crabs.

Hundreds of people living in the various eastern communities of the county depend largely on the crabbing industry during the greater part of the spring months. Most of these are the catchers and their families, but others are employed in handling the crabs, getting them to the railroad and in various and sundry other ways. April is usually the best month of the spring for crabbing, and when the supply, price and demand are favorable many people in the eastern part of Carteret make a good living in the industry.

BEAUFORT NEWS EDITOR AT GREENSBORO CLINIC

W. G. Mebane, editor of the Beaufort News, was taken to a Greensboro clinic Tuesday morning for an examination and possibly treatment. Mr. Mebane has been in ill health for the past several weeks, and from Friday to Tuesday was confined to his bed. The News editor will probably be away from his newspaper work for several weeks. In his absence, the News' personnel will look after the publication of this paper, and the readers will continue to get their copies of the News on time each week.

Install Modern Mill At Caledonia Prison

Raleigh, March 22—George Ross Pou, State's Prison superintendent, reports that the new mill has been installed at Caledonia Prison farm, the needs of the prison for foods and feeds have been supplied and the mill is ready to supply other State institutions with the following: flour, self-rising, plain and graham; wheat bran, shorts and screenings; meal, bolted and unbolted; grits, coarse, medium or fine; corn bran, screenings and chops; crushed corn on cob, oats, rye or barley, and mixed dairy feeds.

START SHIPPING CABBAGE AND RADISHES

CUT EARLY CROP

Several growers have started cutting cabbage this week for out-of-county shipments, and so far this variety of vegetable has netted the growers a cent a pound right in the field without the additional expense of crating. Hugh Carraway, K. W. Wright and M. S. Snowden cut some the latter part of last week and this week. Cabbage were selling on the Washington market this week at \$2.50 per hundred pound crate.

This is the beginning of the cabbage shipping season, and if the prices justify it thousands of crates of cabbage will leave Carteret for northern markets during the ensuing few weeks. At the present time, Carteret farmers have more than five hundred acres devoted to the production of this type of vegetable.

Due perhaps to the warm winter, the cabbages this season are small somewhat like they were last spring. Practically all of the fields are looking fine, especially since the cabbage have been side-dressed with nitrate of soda. This has caused them to turn greener and head right up.

During the past ten days about six truck loads of scarlet globe radishes have been shipped by K. W. Wright and Gibbs Brothers. The prices for these have so far been unfavorable. It is said that this is due to the fact that northern markets have been overflowed with long white-tip radishes. Carteret growers are hoping that this impediment may be cleared up during the next few days so that a better market for their red globe radishes may be had.

ROOSEVELT SIGNS BEER BILL PERMITTING SALE IN 15 DAYS

WASHINGTON, March 22—President Roosevelt signed the 3.2 per cent beer and wines bill into law today immediately on receiving it from the capitol.

It legalizes the beverages to be sold where not otherwise prohibited as soon as the clock strikes midnight, April 6. Fourteen states allow the beer, which must be held to 3 1/2 per cent alcohol by weight or four per cent by volume.

Wasting no time on the act to which he looks for at least a \$125,000,000 tax contribution toward balancing the budget, Mr. Roosevelt—as soon as the bill reached the white-house—crossed over to his cabinet room to affix his signature, along with that of Vice President Garner that had been put on two minutes after the senate met. The president went to the cabinet room by arrangement to enable photographers to record the scene.

Once sales gets under way, a long legal controversy is expected to follow as to constitutionality of the law, reaching the supreme court eventually.

President Roosevelt today asked the attorney general to report the status of federal prisoners convicted under the dry laws but who would not have been guilty of violation under the terms of the new beer bill.

No decision has been reached on paroling such prisoners, nor is it known how many there are.

The bill went to the president just nine days after he asked its enactment in a brief special message.

It was the third of the major emergency measures requested by him and enacted by the special session, which convened two weeks ago tomorrow. The others were the banking bill and the economy measure.

Washington, March 22—The principal provisions of the beer bill. Legalizes beer and wine of 3.2 per cent alcohol by weight of four per cent by volume.

Levies a federal tax of \$5 a barrel of thirty-one gallons. Becomes effective fifteen days after enactment. Leaves all regulations as to dis-

TO PAY WORKERS OF R. F. C. IN CASH SOON

Also Redeeming Scrip Issued During Bank Holiday

Realizing the disappointment and inconvenience, and in many cases, the suffering entailed by many who have been dependent solely upon R. F. C. funds, County Superintendent Allen secured Tuesday from the Branch Banking and Trust Company, of New Bern, sufficient cash to pay in full in cash all payroll items for the weeks of March 9-15 and March 18-22. Mr. Wade, Project Supervisor, began immediately plans for getting pay to all for whom wages were due for the two weeks specified above.

Owing to the hindrances unforseen by Mr. Allen at the time the bank holiday pay roll scrip was issued on March 10th, the R. F. C. has been delayed in perfection of plans for redemption of scrip within the two weeks specified—that is, by March 24th. However, ample available funds are now on hand in the Branch Bank and Trust Company, in New Bern, for the redemption of all of the scrip, and all scrip that has reached the R. F. C. headquarters, at Beaufort, will be redeemed Monday, March 27th, by valid checks on the said bank, immediately after Mr. Allen's return that morning from Raleigh where he is now upon attendance of the annual meeting of the N. C. E. A.

Any and all people who have not sent in their scrip for redemption should either send or bring their scrip in at once so that it may be redeemed March 27th and the entire issue satisfied. Rumors have reached Mr. Allen to the effect that, in a few instances, merchants and others have taken advantage of the holders of scrip by handling the scrip only at an appreciable discount. Mr. Allen refused to believe that this has been at all wide spread and emphatically refused to believe that there were many people in Carteret county so selfish and unpatriotic as to take the advantage of their less fortunate fellows during such a crisis as that through (Continued on page four)

General Assembly Now Swinging Uncertainly Between Sales Tax And Reducing State's Expenses

Carteret's Champion Cagers



The St. Paul's School basketball team won the Carteret County championship in the finals of the county tournament played between that team and the Smyrna High tilters Wednesday evening of last week. The dynamic, fast-playing, breath-taking game was won by a margin of one point, the score being 14-13.

St. Paul's players in the above cut are as follows, reading from left to right:—Front row: John Austin, forward; Cecil Harrell, guard; Frank Thomas, forward. Back row: F. G. Lewis, coach; Roland Longest, forward; Carlton Rose, center; and Matthew Marshall, guard.

GEORGE R. STYRON INTERRED SUNDAY

One of Town's Oldest Citizens Passed Away Here Early Saturday Morning

Captain George Robert Styron, a native of Hatteras but for fifty years a resident here, passed away about seven o'clock here Saturday morning in the Potter Emergency Hospital at the age of seventy-two years. Captain Styron had been in ill health for several years, and for the past few months he has been in and out of the hospital. He was taken there the last time Tuesday morning.

Funeral services were conducted from the late residence on Front Street Sunday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock, with the Rev. R. F. Munns officiating. The Methodist choir was in attendance, and the Knights of Harmony, of which Captain Styron was for many years a faithful member, were there in a body and conducted the last rites. The afternoon was typically spring and a large crowd of the town's people and many out-of-town friends of the family attended and the floral designs were many. Interment was in the Ocean View Cemetery.

Captain Styron was the eldest son of Stephen Robert and Hannah Elizabeth Styron, of Hatteras. He came here when quite a young man and at the age of twenty was married to Miss Beulah Mason. To this union was born two sons and two daughters, and all but one daughter survive their father. Mrs. Styron passed away ten years ago.

During the greater part of his life Captain Styron followed the water for a livelihood. For many years he was captain of one of the menhaden boats fishing out of Beaufort. Three years of his life were spent working at the fisheries laboratory at Edenton. Captain Styron was one of Beaufort's police officers here for a number of years during the later part of his life. During the fifty years spent in this community Captain Styron made many friends and the large crowd that attended his funeral was open testimony to his standing in the community.

The deceased is survived by one daughter, Miss Beulah Styron, and two sons, Henry and George D. Styron, all of this community. The following sisters and brothers also survive: Mrs. Sophrona Mason, of Beaufort; Mrs. Martha Gaskins, of Black Mountain; Mrs. Mrs. Freeman O'Neal of Hatteras; and C. S. Styron and C. W. Styron, both of Hatteras.

LOCAL JUNIORS ATTEND GET-TOGETHER MEETING

An enthusiastic "get-together" meeting was held in the Junior Order hall in the Duncan Building Monday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock. Thomas O. Moore, district deputy of New Bern, addressed the Juniors. His interesting address was centered around the thought of creating more interest in the fraternal organization, preparatory to the new membership drive. After the business meeting, ice cream and cake was served to the many who attended.

HIGH HONOR BESTOWED ON LOCAL YOUNG LADY

Miss Hattie Lee Humphrey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Humphrey, who is a Junior at E. C. T. C. at Greenville, was elected president of the student government of that institution Tuesday. This is quite an honor and Beaufort can be justly proud that one of its own daughters has had this honor bestowed upon her. Miss Humphrey was graduated from Beaufort High School in the spring of 1930. She stood high in scholarship and debating while attending the local school.

CARTERET SCRIP NOW ACCEPTABLE

Assembly Authorizes and Directs Tax Collector to Accept Vouchers on Taxes

Raleigh, March 22—Three bills relating to Carteret county and Morehead City have been passed and ratified by the General Assembly, while another was due to be ratified by the middle of this week.

The bill providing for the naming of a Port Commission for Morehead City was passed on its second reading in the Senate Friday, but had to wait until this week for its third reading, and was expected to be ratified Tuesday or Wednesday of this week.

The three bills ratified and now the law are:

Authorizing the Carteret county tax collector to accept county vouchers in payment of county taxes.

To allow certain discounts in taxes in Carteret county and Morehead City.

Amend the charter of the town of Morehead City to provide for the election of the chief of police.

Webb Accident Victims Somewhat Improved

William McLean Webb, Morehead City business man and chairman of the Carteret County Board of Commissioners, and his wife, Mrs. Lillie Webb, were seriously injured Monday when their car overturned near Fayetteville, while enroute to Charlotte. They were removed to a Fayetteville hospital and are now somewhat improved.

Mesdames Mary Headen and Dan Bell, of Morehead City, and Mrs. Ollie Neal, of this community, were riding in the Webb car, but were less severely injured. Mesdames Bell and Neal returned to their homes Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Webb lost control of the car while driving at about 45 miles an hour about four miles from Fayetteville and the car turned over, according to a highway patrolman who investigated the wreck.

Mr. Webb suffered several fractures, contusions and lacerations, while her husband sustained a severe concussion of the brain and lesser injuries.

LENGTHY SESSION SEEMS CERTAIN RIGHT NOW

About Half of State Banks Have Now Reopened

SEE DEADLOCK

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, March 22—The General Assembly has responded in peculiar manner to the message of Governor Ehringhaus of a week ago, asking for a balanced budget, the eight months school term, supported as an emergency by a sales tax, abolishing all charter school districts, and leaving the highway fund alone for highway maintenance and paying bonds and interest.

Governor Ehringhaus had asked the bodies to wait a few days on the main appropriations and revenue bills, until he could appear before them, probably so they could consider these measures with calm sober judgment, unswayed by the hysteria and fear of the banking holiday. Now many observers say the appropriations measure is being considered with the basis of fear that few banks will open again and that no sources of revenue will remain.

The House spent much of last week on the revenue machinery bill, which it passed and sent to the Senate, and the appropriations bill, which is far from finished. However, the House in a sort of whoop-it-up fashion, adopted the substitute offered by Tam C. Bowie, who had in some manner brought to his support Gregg Cherry, which substitute cuts appropriations to a point which many sober-minded legislators and others think will undermine the State's institutions, departments and the public schools. The measure is extremely drastic in its cuts, and fear is that the functions could not continue under it.

The measure aims at slashing so there will be no sales or production tax—no additional levies. The educational institutions have been completed in the item by item consideration by the House as a committee of the whole, and the educational leaders are in consternation, except in a few instances in which even the low budget bureau figures have been raised—supposedly to get support for the measure. This week the House will continue the items, and when the measure is finished, will send it to the Senate, where it will probably meet with more sympathetic consideration.

And now those who have been expecting an adjournment in three or four weeks are predicting another deadlock that may even approach the five months' session in 1931. They feel that the Senate will not meet the low figure the House apparently will send over for appropriations, and will follow closer the program of Governor Ehringhaus, and the conflict will start. Also, the revenue bill, with or without a sales tax, is to be considered after the appropriations measure is out of the way. Many other important measures are still to be completed, and it would take three or four weeks at best—and at worst, probably two months.

Even Josephus Daniels, who leaves this week to begin preparations to represent this nation in the Republic of Mexico as ambassador, who has been an open foe to Governor Ehringhaus, has come out with a front-page editorial in which he urges "Follow President Roosevelt" and follows up with "Follow Governor Ehringhaus," in his recommendations. But the General Assembly, or at least the House side, is showing some disinclination in the following.

When President Roosevelt got his beer and wine measure through Congress another bill bobbed up in the General Assembly to provide for wine, porter, ale and beer of 3.2 per cent alcoholic content and to tax both in the sale and in the manufacture in this State. All other bills have been killed.

The banking situation is clearing up gradually. Only those banks that are entirely safe and liquid are open

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