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## DRAINAGE FORCE CUTS MANY MILES OF MARSH CANALS

Up to February 15 Approximately 171 Miles Had Been Cut

### COST LESS IN THIS COUNTY

Approximately 171 miles of ditches were dug in the marsh areas of Carteret county between December 15 and February 15, 1934 by CWA laborers on the Pest Mosquito Control project according to a summary released recently by Dr. R. W. Leiby, State Entomologist and State Director of the project.

Until recently the mosquito control work in this county was under the supervision of Phillip K. Ball, transfer to the position of Assistant Since Mr. Ball's transfer to the position of Assistant State Director with headquarters in Wilmington, the supervision of the work has been under the direction of Mr. B. A. Phelps, assisted by Messrs. Daniels and Eubanks.

The ditches which would be nearly a million feet in length if placed end to end, are nearly all ten inches wide and approximately 22 inches deep. The larger ditches are miniature canals, dug so that the tide water may enter and leave them regularly. Marshes which have had a network of ditches dug through them become almost dry, said Dr. Leiby—at least dry enough for an automobile to be driven over them. Before ditching, he points out, it was almost impossible to walk through the marshes.

The 171 miles of ditches were dug at a cost of \$23,027 for labor, and less than \$2,000 for equipment. Dr. Leiby emphasized that this cost of \$135 a mile for labor is the lowest cost of any of the four counties in which Pest Mosquito Control is being done. He attributes this to an efficient county engineering organization and the fact that the sandy soil of the marshes in Carteret county is readily dug, and the marshes are relatively free of roots and tree stumps.

Nearly 3,000 of the county's 7,300 acres of salt marsh have been ditched. It is hoped that this project may be continued in full force until the termination of the CWA. Unfortunately the labor quota of 300 men has already been cut drastically.

Drying up thousands of acres of marsh land in Carteret county by ditching certainly will prevent the breeding of an incalculable number of mosquitoes of the pest types declared Dr. Leiby. There will be relatively few pools with water in them long enough so that the wiggletails can raise to maturity, he said. The ditches also permit the small fish to circulate through the marshes and feed upon the wiggletails.

The marsh areas being ditched in the county at present are listed as follows by B. A. Phelps, county supervisor of the pest mosquito work. A marsh located one half mile from Swansboro along the highway, about 400 acres in extent, upon which approximately \$1,600 has been spent for labor. A 500 acre marsh located within Stella upon which nearly \$600 has been spent at Newport Narrows, a 3,000 acre marsh has been keeping 140 men at work at a cost of \$9,000 for labor. Crab Point marsh employed 18 men at an expenditure to date of \$560. On Harkers Island 20 laborers are draining boggy areas and near \$1,400 have been paid to laborers on this island of the county. The work here would afford relief from mosquito annoyance to the island population of 1,200 and many summer visitors.

The Smyrna marsh employs 35 men and the total labor expenditure date has been \$625. At Davis shore, 65 men are working in a 1,000 acre marsh and the labor in this section has been paid more than \$4,000. Another large project is under way in the Stacy and Sealevel section where a 1,500 acre marsh is being ditched by about a score of laborers who have received nearly \$3,000 for their work. Similar projects are located at Atlantic, at Merrimon Postoffice and in the Lenoxville section.

The wide location of the projects in all sections of the county has thus permitted the use of unemployed laborers in rural as well as urban communities. It has been the means of benefitting rural residents as well as city dwellers in relief from mosquitoes and in securing employment.

Dr. Leiby expressed the hope that residents in rural communities would join on days they were unemployed, to clean out ditches along roadsides and highways, and around upland swampy areas so as to prevent mosquito breeding in these areas. Cleaning of such ditches within a community would greatly supplement the salt marsh drainage being done by

## Col. Dickinson's Bank Absorbs Four Others

"Nation's Commerce," a well known financial publication in a recent issue commented on the absorption of four banks in New Jersey by the Rutherford National Bank of Rutherford, N. J. This bank is a very strong one. Its President is Col. Fairleigh S. Dickinson a former resident of Carteret county.

The article referred to reads as follows: "What is regarded by the banking and business world as one of the most progressive accomplishments occurring in the banking world for some time is the plan under which the well known Rutherford National Bank of Rutherford, N. J., will absorb the Carlstadt National Bank of Carlstadt, the First National Bank and the Lyndhurst Trust Company of Lyndhurst, and the First National Bank of East Rutherford, and operate the four institutions as branches.

Colonel F. S. Dickinson, well known president of the Rutherford National Bank will continue as head of the bank and the plan has received the approval of the Controller of the Currency J. F. T. O'Connor. The branches are expected to be open by February 15th.

Much credit is due Colonel Dickinson and his associates as well as the officers of the absorbed banks for the fine organization they have perfected and the sound and substantial basis upon which the absorption is being effected which will place before the citizens of New Jersey a thoroughly efficient banking organization to take care of their entire banking needs. The Rutherford National Bank has had an outstanding record of progress since being chartered in 1895 and is today in a thoroughly sound condition, having weathered the economic conditions of the past few years in a manner which reflects real credit upon its efficient and foresighted management.

## Pender County Man Is In Race For Congress

Another candidate for Congress paid a visit to Beaufort Tuesday. This one, Joshua S. James of Maple Hill, Pender county, is the latest candidate to enter the field. Mr. James seeks the Democratic nomination and his candidacy was announced a few weeks ago. It appears in this issue of the News.

Mr. James is the youngest of the various candidates in the third district Congressional race. He is a farmer, a college graduate and is reputed to be a good speaker. Mr. James says he thinks a candidate ought to have some other purpose in view than merely getting the office. He has definite views on political questions and means to let the people know where he stands through his speeches and printed statements. He expects to canvass the district a little later and make speeches in all of the counties. He expects to announce a date for a meeting in Beaufort before the campaign is over. Mr. James says he is making a real fight for the nomination and expects to be in the race until the finish.

## Republicans To Hold Convention April 4th.

A state-wide Republican convention has been called by State Chairman J. S. Duncan to meet in Charlotte, April 4th. The object of the convention is to nominate a State ticket, adopt a platform and elect a State Chairman. County conventions will send delegates to this convention in proportion to the number of votes polled for Governor in 1932. For each 200 votes polled for Governor one vote will be allowed in the convention.

County Chairman D. M. Jones has not called the convention for Carteret county but will do so soon he informs the News. It appears that there will be something of a contest in the State convention over the election of a chairman for the State executive committee. So far there are two candidates in the field, the present chairman Mr. Duncan and W. C. Meekins of Hendersonville. Several others have been mentioned for the place but have not come out openly. A meeting of Republicans has been called by Mr. E. F. Butler of Winston-Salem for the purpose of endorsing some one for chairman. This meeting is to take place on the 3rd of March at Salisbury. The call states that it is to be a meeting of "progressive Republicans" and all who may be interested in the matter are invited to attend.

CWA funds. Residents in the rural communities would in turn be afforded relief from the biting of those mosquitoes which are bred at their very door, he said.

## MOTOR VEHICLES SALES INCREASE

Many Licenses Issued; Guilford Leads In Cars And Trucks. Carteret Trucks Increase

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Feb. 27—The spurt in motor vehicle purchases made in the last quarter of 1933 is reflected in the figures which show that on December 31, 1933, licenses issued in North Carolina reached 405,269, as compared with 374,604 three months earlier, October 31, and a fair increase over the number issued a year before, 393,730, to December 31, 1932, it is shown by the records in the office of L. S. Harris, director of the motor vehicle bureau.

Passenger cars increased in number from 324,666 at the end of 1932 to 327,816, or about 3,000, at the end of 1933, but the increase at the end of the year over the 305,613 registered October 31, three months earlier, was 22,203, which reflects the last quarter spurt. The same is true of trucks, which jumped from 68,974 at the end of 1932 to 77,453 at the end of 1933. The number of trucks registered at the end of the third quarter of 1933 was 68,991, just 18 more than were registered during the entire year of 1932.

Guilford led in numbers of passenger cars at the end of 1933, with 22,775 which was about 400 less than the number at the end of 1932. Mecklenburg had 20,050 at the end of 1933 which was also 1225 less than that county had a year before. Forsyth had 15,480, 200 less than a year ago; Wake had 13,400, or 850 more than a year ago, and Buncombe had 12,900, just 50 more than a year before.

In trucks also, Guilford led with 3775, an increase of 100 over a year ago; Mecklenburg had 3375, an increase of 90 over a year before; Wake had 3050, an increase of 575; Forsyth had 2675, a decrease of 300 from a year before, and Buncombe had 2500 trucks at the end of 1933, a decrease of 75 from a year ago.

At the end of 1933 there were 23,000 non-resident registrations of automobiles, as compared with 23,855 a year before, and 1250 non-resident trucks, as compared with 1025 a year before. Motorcycles numbered 1151 at the end of 1933 and 1140 at the end of 1932, the records show.

Carteret county had 1,250 passenger cars and 510 trucks at the end of 1933, as compared with 1,257 passenger cars and 425 trucks a year before, and 1,000 passenger cars and 485 trucks three months before, October 31.

These figures are obtained by measuring and calculating in inches the numbers of registration cards on file in the office and are within half a dozen of the actual numbers of cars registered.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Fred A Lewis to Letha P. Lewis, 5 acres Harkers Island, for \$10.

## FEDERAL LEGISLATION IS NEEDED TO PROTECT STATE'S SALES TAX

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Feb. 26—Urging national legislation to protect merchants and state treasuries of sales tax states against advantage for non-sales tax states, Governor Ehringhaus has written to Senator Bailey and Reynolds and the 11 N. C. Congressmen to support a bill drawn by Director Harry McMullan and adopted by the National Association of State Tax Administrators in Indianapolis this week, to support the measure at this session of Congress.

"The bill, as you will observe, applies the principle of the Wilson and Webb-Kenyon bills to sales by outside merchants of merchandise for use in North Carolina by making them subject to sales taxation adopted by the General Assembly exactly as inter-state transactions are liable," Governor Ehringhaus wrote. "Its merits, it seems to me, will appeal to those states having at present a sales tax as well as those which do not have it but which of necessity must face the possibility of such a tax at all times. In your own State I believe that both advocates of and objectors to the sales tax will approve, for the bill, if adopted, will obviate the disadvantages now most seriously urged by objectors."

A copy of Mr. McMullan's address to the tax administrators and a study and discussion of the principles involved in the bill by a member of the faculty of the University law school, which "covers every possible legal phase of the situation," were enclosed with the letter to the State's delegation. Aware of the difficulty of

## CWA WORKERS ARE BEING DISMISSED

In Carteret County 253 Are To Be Dropped; 12,000 In The State

The program of laying off all CWA workers by May the first is going forward rapidly in North Carolina. At one time approximately 75,000 persons were on the pay rolls in North Carolina; last week this was cut to 55,000 and this week the roll will be reduced to 43,000 workers. This means that 12,000 will be laid off this week.

Most of the laying off of CWA workers is being done in the eastern part of the State. This is said to be because the east is largely agricultural and it is thought that most of the ones laid off can get farm work. In Carteret county 253 are slated to be laid off; in Craven county 113 are to be dropped, 146 in Onslow and 106 in Pamlico. Wednesday President Roosevelt announced that some new kind of organization would be set up to take the place of the CWA; at this time details of this organization have not been published.

Director Byrd Wade of the National Reemployment Service informs the News that he wants all who have been dropped from the CWA rolls to re-register. Effective March 1 he had 1094 in his active files and 995 cancelled. It may be that some of those who have been laid off can be placed later or they might get private employment.

As a result of dropping so many men from the CWA rolls it seems likely that some projects will be abandoned. It is understood that work on these schools will be given preference over some of the other jobs. Last week the pay roll for CWA workers amounted to \$11,300. This week there will be a considerable falling off and next week it will take a decided drop. The Federal Emergency Relief is still doing business and many people are being supplied with flour, butter, meat and eggs. Also orders are given for drugs and doctors' bills and other purposes.

### A LOAD OF SNOW BROUGHT TO BEAUFORT BY TRUCK

Beaufort children have not had a chance to play with snow any this winter, in fact they rarely ever do, but nevertheless Billie and Charles Davis, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie C. Davis had that privilege this week.

Berkley Finer who drives a fish truck for S. W. Davis and Brother went North recently with a load of fish and on his way home ran through plenty of snow, rather more than he wanted. He decided though to bring some of it home with him and filled up several boxes with snow and brought it back. The Davis boys had a fine time playing with the snow and also ate a liberal supply of it. Maybe some more of the trucks will bring back cargoes of snow.

## Jealous Women Fight And Get Into Court

Two cases were tried by County Recorder Paul Webb at the regular session of court Tuesday. Both resulted in convictions.

The first case disposed of was that in which Lily Mae Greenfield, a Kinross colored girl, was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon on Mildred Felton of Beaufort. The weapon used was a safety razor blade. From the testimony of witnesses on both sides it appeared that since Lily Mae arrived in Beaufort some weeks ago she had been going with one James Smith, on whom Mildred thought she had a prior claim. There had been one or two clashes before. On this occasion Mildred ordered her rival to leave her house and to show she meant business hit her over the head with a vase. Whereupon Lily Mae cut Mildred on her thigh.

Judge Webb decided that Lily Mae was guilty on her own statement and gave her a suspended sentence of 30 days in jail on condition that she pay the costs and remain of good behavior for two years.

William Wade of Morehead City was tried on the charge of being drunk on the streets. He pleaded not guilty but Police Officers Peletier and Salter swore positively that he was and the court accepted their statement. On another charge of injury to personal property, which was kicking out the window of the police car he was convicted also. A sentence of 30 days in each case was given the sentences to run concurrently.

An indictment of Dinah Foy of Morehead City for violating the prohibition law was continued until next Tuesday.

### HOLD LAST RITES FOR BENJAMIN G. COPELAND

Following a comparatively brief illness, Benjamin Gabriel Copeland passed away at the Potter Emergency Hospital at nine o'clock Monday evening. Mr. Copeland, a life-long resident of Beaufort, was taken ill early Saturday morning, and treatment was given at the home of the deceased until Monday, when he was removed to the hospital. Death came from a paralytic stroke, pneumonia, and complications.

Mr. Copeland was born at Beaufort July 20, 1886, and therefore he was in his sixty-ninth year. He and Miss Susie Martin were married on New Year's Eve, 1903, and to this union was born one son, who survives his father. Mr. Copeland was the son of the late Thomas E. and Rachel Gabriel Copeland.

Funeral services were conducted from the late home at ten o'clock Wednesday morning by the Rev. A. P. Stevens, pastor of the Morehead City Baptist Church. A host of friends and relatives were in attendance. Interment was in the Bay View Cemetery at Morehead City.

Mr. Copeland was an amicable, kindly spoken man, well-liked by his many friends. The writer was intimately acquainted with him for more than a score of years, and during this time he never saw Mr. Copeland worried or heard him participate in endless and useless arguments that all-too-often occupy the thoughts of the average man. Mr. Copeland lived a quiet life, and spent the greater amount of leisure time at home with his family. He seemed to take a pride in his work and what it would bring his family. "Mr. Bennie," as he was known to his intimate friends, enjoyed the companionship of his own fire-side, and it is there that he will be missed the greatest.

The deceased is survived by his widow, Mrs. Susie Martin Copeland, and one son, B. F. Copeland. Two sisters and two brothers also survive. Mrs. B. H. Powell, of Beaufort, RFD, and Mrs. Henry Powell, of New Bern RFD; George Copeland, of Camp Glenn and Joseph Copeland, of Portsmouth, Va.

### DRUNK CASES PREDOMINATE IN CITY POLICE COURT

The following cases were tried in City Police Court, Monday night. Joe Fisher, colored, drunk, \$2.50 or 5 days on street forie.

John Henry, colored, fighting, \$15 or 30 days street work. Wm. Ed. Potter, colored, \$7.50 or 15 days for drunkenness. Robert Potter, colored, drunk, 5 days or \$2.50.

Jack Smith, drunk, 5 days or \$2.50. Charles Smith, drunk, 5 days or \$2.50.

Lilly Mae Greenfield, assault with deadly weapon, sent to the Recorder's court.

The lockdown, a fish of southern waters, might well be called the prize fighter in view of its underslung jaw and the angles of its face

## FEDERAL FUNDS HELP HIGHWAYS

More Than \$10,000,000 Being Used On N. C. Highway Work

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Feb. 26—The N. C. Highway and Public Works Commission is knowingly and deliberately violating the express word and spirit of a statute enacted by the 1933 General Assembly to prevent it from doing exactly what it is doing—spending money for "construction" of highways in the State.

But the commission is spending probably a quarter of a million dollars in order to secure about \$10,522,000 in federal funds, \$9,522,000 of it from the NRA funds and about \$1,000,000 in regular federal aid. And it is not considered likely that anyone will bring it to account for this violation. The commission must spend three or four per cent of the total expenditures in order to survey roads and make other preliminary preparations before the federal money can be secured and spent, and this is classed as "construction" costs.

Up to February 15 the State had placed under contract enough highway work to utilize \$5,069,296.53 of that ten and a half million dollars, \$4,482,016.22 of it NRA funds and \$587,280.30 from regular federal aid funds. Another letting set for February 28 will utilize close to \$445,000 more of the total fund, making the total through February \$5,514,000, or some more than 50 per cent of the total federal allotment to this State. Hope is expressed that contracts will be let to utilize the entire amount in two or three months.

The emergency money is divided into three classes, to be used on primary, secondary and municipal highways. Belief is that probably 80 per cent of the primary and secondary funds allotted have been utilized, while probably not more than 30 per cent of the municipal funds have taken up. This is due to two things first, that the commission wished to get as many people to work as early as possible and the municipal projects are subject to too many delays, and second, that these delays have arisen on the projects contemplated.

Of the \$2,300,000 allotted for municipal work in this State, at least a million dollars of it is tied up in larger cities, six or eight of them because street car tracks, telephone poles, sewer and water lines, and other troubles that have to be adjusted. John D. Waldrop, chief engineer, states. These are being ironed out rapidly now, however, and the municipal projects, many of them in small towns and for small amounts, will be under way soon, he said.

### STRIKE AT SHELBY CLOSES COTTON MILLS

Shelby, Feb. 27—The Cleveland cloth mills were ordered closed at noon today as picketing strikers continued their activities against non-union employees who had persisted in working since a large number of employees walked out last Friday.

O. M. Walk, co-owner of the mill with former Governor O. Max Gardner, announced he believed it the wisest course for protection of the mill property and the loyal workers

### 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, March 2	Low Tide
8:52 a. m.	2:47 a. m.	
9:09 p. m.	3:04 p. m.	
	<b>Saturday, March 3</b>	
9:27 a. m.	3:25 a. m.	
9:48 p. m.	3:36 p. m.	
	<b>Sunday, March 4</b>	
10:05 a. m.	4:04 a. m.	
10:26 p. m.	4:07 p. m.	
	<b>Monday, March 5</b>	
10:43 a. m.	4:45 a. m.	
	4:43 p. m.	
	<b>Tuesday, March 6</b>	
11:09 a. m.	5:32a. m.	
11:25 p. m.	5:26 p. m.	
	<b>Wednesday, March 7</b>	
11:57 a. m.	6:28 a. m.	
12:11 p. m.	6:22 p. m.	
	<b>Thursday, March 8</b>	
12:51 a. m.	7:32a. m.	
1:08 p. m.	7:32 p. m.	