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Fort Macon Park Will Be A Very Attractive Place

There Are 412 Acres In Tract And Extensive Plans Are Being Worked Out For Its Beautification; National And State Authorities Are Working Out Plans For Improvements

(Department of Conservation and Development)

Raleigh, April 2—Historic old Fort Macon, which for centuries has been the site of fortifications guarding the territory of that section of the State against attacks from the sea will be developed into what gives promise of being one of the greatest recreational attractions in North Carolina under plans being worked out by the Department of Conservation and Development and the National Park Service.

A Civilian Conservation Corps Camp has been allotted for the project, and it is expected to be established by the middle of April with possibly an advanced detachment sent to the site within a few days, according to information received by State Forester J. S. Holmes.

Although official notification has not been received to this effect, it is believed that the camp now stationed at Stantonburg will be moved to Fort Macon.

The fort property, consisting of some 412 acres was granted to the State of North Carolina in 1924 by act of Congress, and has been administered by the Department of Conservation and Development as a State Park since that time.

Plans for improvements include the restoration of the massive old fort, the completion of a motor road from the beach terminus of the cause way across Bogue Sound from Morehead City, and control of drifting sands as the first step in reforestation of that portion of "the banks." The road, started as a Civil Works project, has been approximately half completed over the route of approximately three and one-half miles. This drive will not only give easy access for sightseers to the fort but will open up new stretches of one of the best bathing beaches in the State to recreationists.

In the restoration of the fort, the advice of some of the best landscape architectural talent in the country through the National Park Service will be available. Mr. Holmes asserted that he also hopes to have an architect attached to the camp staff.

The fort now standing on the State Park property is of massive construction, and in view of the fact that no funds have been available for its upkeep, it is now in excellent state of preservation. Construction on the present fortification was started in 1824 and was completed twelve years later in 1836 at a cost of about \$463,700.

"The region about Beaufort and Morehead City," according to an account prepared by F. H. Claridge, former State forester and now technician in charge of State-directed CCC camps, "since earliest Colonial days has been associated with stirring events. The Spaniards, during their height of sea power, were a constant menace to the English colonists and in 1747 Beaufort was captured by them. Old Topsail Inlet (now Beaufort Inlet) at the entrance to Bogue and Core Sounds is mentioned many times in pirate records. Edward Teach (Black Beard) and other precious scoundrels passed through the Inlet on their way to hiding places in the sounds where they rested their crews and refitted their ships.

"The location of the present fort has been for over two centuries the site of different fortifications for the protection of Beaufort and Morehead City from invasion from the sea. As early as 1712, during Colonial days, there is mention of forts near this location for protection against the raids of the Spaniards.

"One must see the massive old fort which is well preserved to appreciate the beautiful brick work and artisanship in the construction of the arches, garrison rooms and magazines. Vines of Virginia creeper, poison ivy and smilax enhance the beauty of the masonry and suggest peace in this masterpiece of military construction.

"Royal Governor Dobbs, in 1756, built what is known as a fascine fort on the location of the present structure at the cost of 1,392 pounds, according to Abernethy's 'Early History of Carteret County.' This was known as Fort Dobbs. Its name was later changed to Fort Hampton.

"In April, 1861, the fort was seized by the Confederate forces at the command of Governor Ellis. It re-

Light Docket In Recorder's Court

The first case taken up by the Recorder's Court Tuesday morning was that of William E. Potter and George Turner, Jr., both colored. Defendants were charged with larceny under twenty dollars. Defendant Turner plead guilty and Potter, not guilty. Judgment handed down was confinement to the common jail of Carteret County for four months, subject to work the roads of state under supervision of State Highway and Public Works Commission. Judgment was suspended upon condition that defendants be of good behavior and not violate the laws for two years and pay costs.

Clyde James, charged with violating prohibition law was declared not guilty after hearing the evidence.

Viola Green and Zedrick Sheppard charged with destroying personal property and assault with deadly weapon were declared guilty and sentenced to jail of Carteret County for thirty days. Judgment was suspended upon condition that they remain of good behavior and not violate the law for two years, and pay the costs consolidated.

The case of Ab Smith, charged with slandering an innocent and virtuous woman was continued.

The case of Charles Anderson charged with assaulting a minor was also continued.

Court adjourned at three o'clock until Tuesday, April 10.

LARGE NUMBER REGISTER FOR WORK

The office for the registering of men in families who have been getting direct relief has been open at the relief storage house unredirection of Robert Taylor since Tuesday. The News has not been able as yet to get any concrete information as to the plans of this new Government set-up, as those in charge of it have not yet received full instructions and information. However, it is the general plan to rehabilitate the farmer, laborer and fisherman, taking him off direct relief and to furnish them the means of opportunity to take care of themselves and families without relief such as has been given in the past. Over 700 men have registered with Mr. Taylor so far, according to the information given the News reporter this morning.

CITY BOARD MEETING TAKES UP ROUTINE MATTERS

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held Monday evening at the City Hall. The business transacted was mostly of a routine nature. Those present were Mayor Bayard Taylor, and Commissioners Gibbs, Glover, King and Maxwell.

Commissioner Gibbs offered a resolution requesting the State Highway Commission to inspect the Panther Cat Swamp Turnpike and put it in passable condition. The resolution was passed.

Commissioner King offered a motion that police-officer Gherman Holland be allowed twelve dollars per month for the upkeep of his car. This motion was carried.

Motion was passed permitting Pauls Garage to widen the entrance to their building.

Motion was passed instructing the clerk to pay fifty cents a week on the wages of night watchman Hayes. A number of bills were audited and ordered paid.

The meeting then adjourned.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Caesar Stanley, Southport and Georgia Campbell, Beaufort.

remained in Confederate hands until April 25, 1862, when General Parke of the Union forces captured it and 450 men under Col. Moses A. White. This date is still seen over the portal to the fort.

BANK RESOURCES ARE INCREASING

In Four Months N. C. Bank Resources Gain Nearly \$18,500,000

By M. R. DUNNAGAN
Raleigh, April 2—North Carolina State banks showed an increase of nearly \$18,500,000 in resources at the date of the call, October 25, 1933 over resources about four months before, June 30, or an increase from \$175,655,727.35 to \$194,133,058.47, the report of Commissioner of Banks Gurney P. Hood, shows.

The report, delayed, shows, however, that resources dropped more than \$13,500,000 from September 30, 1932, when they were \$207,701,291.32, to the slightly more than \$194,000,000 last October 25. All of which indicates that the banks of the State reached their low point near June 30, 1933, and, since that time, have been steadily increasing their resources. The December 30 statement, due to be reported soon, is expected to reflect an even better condition.

The October 25 report shows that 162 unrestricted banks and 45 branches were in operation, having resources of \$188,476,711.54, and that 34 restricted banks, with no branches, had resources of \$5,657,346.93.

The banks had greatly strengthened their cash and bond holdings over the holdings of a year before, the cash in vault being \$7,215,000, an increase of nearly \$2,000,000; the amount due from the Federal Reserve had doubled, exceeding \$9,000,000; while the total of cash and due from banks increased \$17,000,000, to \$57,756; Stock and bond holdings increased more than \$12,000,000, or to \$52,722,213. The increase was in U. S. and N. C. State Bonds. Loans and discounts decreased from \$108,000,000 to \$70,046,000, or \$12,625,000.

On the liability side, demand deposits of all kinds, outstanding checks accrued expenses, taxes and interest increased from \$110,000,000 to \$121,000,000, while time and savings deposits and bills payable decreased from \$171,000,000 to \$166,000,000; capital stock decreased more than \$5,000,000, to \$12,000,000 while the capital stock, surplus, undivided profits and reserves decreased about eight million dollars, to \$26,230,000.

Industrial banks, the report shows, dropped in resources in the year from \$15,260,000 to \$11,949,000. Of these 38 industrial banks and two branches, 31 banks and two branches were unrestricted and seven banks restricted.

Meekins Elected to Succeed J. S. Duncan

CHARLOTTE, —April 4—Tightly drawn factional lines were thrown into confusion at the Republican State Convention here today by announcement from James S. Duncan, chairman for the past four years, that he would not stand for re-election.

In a brief statement, the Greensboro man said he recognized a growing feeling for change within the party and that he would retire from the three-cornered race in the interest of harmony.

W. C. Meekins of Hendersonville today was elected chairman of the Republican state executive committee. The term of the new chairman was fixed at two years.

Clifford Frazier, Republican candidate for Governor in 1932 in his keynote speech to the convention attacked (Continued on page five)

WILL BUY MILLION ACRES OF LAND IN N. C. FOR NATIONAL FORESTS

(Department of Conservation and Development)

Raleigh, April 2—Approval of the purchase of almost a million acres of land for three additional National Forests in North Carolina was welcomed today by R. Bruce Etheridge, director of the Department of Conservation and Development, as "one of the most progressive steps ever taken for the perpetuation of a fundamental natural resource in our State."

The conservation department, Mr. Etheridge said, has for years advocated the establishment of additional National Forests in North Carolina, particularly in the central and eastern parts of the State, to round out the forest purchase policy inaugurated in Western North Carolina. The department, he continued, has consistently favored further purchase of National Forest lands in the mountain section where such areas have been under administration for many years.

According to news dispatches from

TOBACCO GROWERS HAD BETTER LUCK

Both Crop And Prices Were Better Last Year Than Year Before

By M. R. DUNNAGAN
Raleigh, April 2—North Carolina tobacco growers received \$48,295,682.59 more for their 1933 crop than they did for the 1932 crop, the total of \$82,258,767.89 received for the 1933 crop being nearly two and one-half times as much as the \$33,962,885.10 for the 1932 crop, according to figures issued by the State-Federal crop reporting service on the 1933 crop. The report of one warehouse for one month is missing in the 1933 total.

This huge increase is due to two factors, the large increase in amount of tobacco grown in 1933 over 1932 and the excellent increase in the price at which the 1933 crop was sold. The producers' crop sold in North Carolina for 1933 reached 516,376,445 pounds more than the 283,495,702 pounds marketed in 1932. In addition, the average price for the 1933 crop was \$15.93 a hundred pounds, or \$3.95 a hundred more than the 1932 average of \$11.98.

The bulk of the increase must properly be credited to the parity price plan which Governor Ehringhaus secured in Washington as a result of his visits and sticking to the authorities until the agreement was reached. For, although the 1933 crop is much larger than the 1932 crop, the normal result of the larger crop in the lower price, and this would have been true, but for the agreement.

The old bright belt, roughly, from Warrenton, Louisburg, Raleigh, Sanford and Carthage, northwestward into the piedmont, sold 161,296,160 pounds at an average of \$16.74, as compared with 97,668,863, averaging \$11.02 in 1932. The new bright belt, embracing all of the eastern markets, except a few along the South Carolina line, sold 281,289,040 pounds at an average of \$16.39 a hundred, as compared with 148,862,226 pounds, averaging \$12.41 in 1932. The border markets sold 70,056,428 pounds, averaging \$12.93, as compared with 34,845,681, averaging \$12.66 in 1932. The burley belt, Asheville, sold 3,734,847 pounds at \$9.66, as compared with 2,32,932 pounds at \$15.22 in 1932.

The effect of the parity agreement is seen in the S. C. border markets which had sold much of their tobacco before the agreement was reached. The 1933 average is only a few cents higher per hundred pounds than the 1932 price. The average in the new bright belt was lower than in the old bright belt, because a good part of the crop had been sold when the agreement was reached. In the burley belt, where there was no agreement, the price was less than 10 cents a pound even though it was more than 15 cents a pound in 1932. Wilson took the lead in pounds sold, with 65,304,715, as compared with the 64,552,038 sold by Greenville, both averaged the same \$16.82.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Robinson, of Beaufort at Morehead City Hospital, Saturday, March 31, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Edison Gilikin of Otway, Saturday, March 31, a daughter.

The Federal Land Bank and Land Bank Commissioner of Columbia have closed about twenty thousand dollars worth of loans to the farmers of Carteret County up to date.

New Bern D Beaufort School

By A. R. Rice

In a splendid exhibition of the sport Beaufort High was handed a 3 to 1 defeat by New Bern Tuesday before a large and enthusiastic crowd of spectators. The inability of the locals to hit was their undoing, 19 of them going down by the strike-out route. Brooks pitched splendid ball and pitches that ordinarily win ball games, but his mates just couldn't solve the delivery of Fuller and get him any runs.

New Bern broke the scoring ice in the second when Odom was safe on G. Hassell's error, Lupton's base on balls and after a strike-out both tallied on Fuller's double. Another was added the next inning. Taylor hit, Weatherly was given life on an error, Taylor going to third. The latter scored on Odom's perfect bunt. Those two Beaufort miscues, by the way, were the only ones the losers made all day. Time after time during the remainder of the game Coach Potter's lads made remarkable stops and catches to pull Brooks out of holes, and to prove that they have a wonderful defensive team, but the damage was done. Several opportunities were offered them, the best one in the ninth inning. R. Hassell walked, Hooper got his third hit of the game and both advanced on Fuller's wild throw to second. But the rally was short lived as Brooks fanned, Hassell was caught at the plate and Thomas fanned.

Beaufort made their one run in the sixth. F. Rice walked, stole second. (Continued on page eight)

BOARD CONSIDERS COUNTY'S DEBTS

Committee Appointed To Seek A Solution of Bonded Debt Problem

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners took place Monday and was attended by Commissioners Bonner, Fulcher, McCabe, Guthrie and Smith. An hour or more of the session was taken in hearing applications for adjustments of taxes, remitting of taxes and so on. The county's indebtedness was also considered by the board with reference to getting some sort of adjustment with the bondholders.

Charles A. Hines, Greensboro attorney representing the Woodmen of the World came before the board and took up the matter of judgments secured by his client for the past due bonds and interest. The board continued the matter until the May meeting. County Attorney Luther Hamilton and special counsel J. F. Duncan were present and discussed the debt situation. Commissioner Fulcher, made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCabe, that motion passed at February meeting with reference to Mansfield property be rescinded and a correction of listing as to 35 acres pasture land and 6 acres woods land be made. No change to be made in values. Motion was passed.

It was ordered upon motion of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner McCabe that Mrs. Ethel Mae Willis of Morehead City be placed on the poor list at five dollars per month, the same to apply on her taxes.

Upon motion of Commissioner McCabe, seconded by Commissioner Fulcher, the County Auditor was directed to pay attorneys fees in connection with capital cases tried at March Term Superior Court, as directed by Judge of the Superior Court.

Upon motion of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner McCabe County Auditor was instructed to renew insurance on public buildings in Carteret County.

A motion ordering that County Auditor adjust tax on Gaskill Brothers store property lost during storm on a basis of 7-12 for the tax year 1933 was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Fulcher.

On motion of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner McCabe, Dr. Bonner and Auditor Whitehurst were appointed a committee to work with J. F. Duncan and County Attorney Luther Hamilton in connection with tax settlement with bond holders of Carteret County, and committee was empowered to call in others in assistance, if necessary.

It was ordered that Chairman and Auditor be instructed to adjust the expense account of McDaniel Lewis, in connection with Bond Settlement. The Board passed a resolution requesting the State Highway Commission to make certain improvements to Merrimon Road at Panther Cat Branch and Lynch's Bridge.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS HAVE A BIG TIME

Large Crowd Attend Jackson Day Dinner; Senator Clark Chief Speaker

Raleigh, April 2—A thousand young Democrats—"there are no old Democrats and no young Republicans said "Farmer Bob" Doughton made merry and made ready at the annual Jackson Day dinner Saturday night. And they will meet in annual convention in Asheville at a date to be set between July 15 and 31, it was agreed.

Senator Bennett Champ Clark, of Missouri, vigorous son of a vigorous father, made the principal speech discussing national politics and particularly the Democratic achievements and the Harding-Coolidge-Hoover failures, many of them tragic and deplorable. He recounted the efforts of President Roosevelt, admitting that he, as well as Senator J. W. Bailey, who introduced him, did not always agree entirely with the President, but that both were with him fully in his efforts to bring the American people back from the land of despair, into which the Republicans, with their tariff and privilege policies, has plunged it.

Governor Ehringhaus gave a resume of the Democratic platform in the State and showed that platform pledges had been translated into administration accomplishments. He touchingly and vehemently stated that the trouble for Democracy in North Carolina is not from the Republicans, but from snipers within the party ranks, who offer destructive and not constructive criticism. He predicted that the keynote speech in the Republican convention Wednesday would be made up in large part by quotations from these "mugwump" Democrats.

Congressman John H. Kerr and R. L. Doughton spoke briefly, as did D. Ed Hudgins of Greensboro, for the young Democrats. Wallace Winborne, Democratic chairman, brought greetings from the regular party organization, saying the young Democrats have wrought wonders in the State and found the "fountain of youth." Miss Ruth Lockett, California, vice-president of the national organization, brought greetings. Mrs. Thompson Evans, president, presented Mrs. Palmer Jerman and Mrs. Thomas O'Berry. Regrets were read from Committeeman C. L. Shuping, Congressmanindsay Warren, C. L. Abernethy, Frank W. Hancock, and Edward W. Pou John C. Rodman, Washington, presented the eastern Congressman and Doyle Alley, Waynesville, the western Representative.

Holmes Bryson, Jr., invited the young Democrats to Asheville for the State convention in the latter half of July.

The dinner lasted from 7 to 11 o'clock, after which there was dancing and before which there was a get-together pow-wow, all in the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium. It was a gathering of Democratic politicians equal to almost any held in the State in years, every section being represented.

The province of Quebec is larger than Alaska, both in land and water area.

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, April 6
12:38 a. m.	7:22 a. m.
1:01 p. m.	7:30 p. m.
	Saturday, April 7
1:43 a. m.	8:27a. m.
2:09 p. m.	8:42 p. m.
	Sunday, April 8
2:58 a. m.	9:29 a. m.
3:31 p. m.	9:51 p. m.
	Monday, April 9
4:16 a. m.	10:28 a. m.
4:45 p. m.	10:57 p. m.
	Tuesday, April 10
5:20 a. m.	11:12 a. m.
5:45 p. m.	11:22 p. m.
	Wednesday, April 11
6:15 a. m.	11:56 a. m.
6:36 p. m.	12:12 p. m.
	Thursday, April 12
7:03 a. m.	12:50 a. m.
7:23 p. m.	12:58 p. m.