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MILEAGE GREATER IN STATE SYSTEM

Considerable Increase Since 1930; Carteret County Has Increase Also

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

Raleigh, Aug. 15.—Carteret county had 82.2 miles of State highways and 186.5 miles of county roads on July 1, 1934, according to a survey made by the State Highway and Public Works Commission, as compared with 32.1 miles of State highways and 204.2 miles of county roads of June 30, 1930. Some of the county roads have been taken into the State system.

In most counties an increase in mileage in both State and county highways is shown, but in some instances there is a shrinkage. This does not mean that some roads have not been added during the four-year period, but in many cases it was found that the 1930 survey of county roads, made in preparation for the State to take over county roads for maintenance, was inaccurate. In some cases roads were recorded that did not exist at all. The changes made since then have made the figures more accurate, but some mileage has been added in most counties.

In the State system as a whole it is shown that the present mileage is 10,551.25, an addition of 1,603.45 miles to the 8,920.80 making up the system in 1930. The 10,551.25 in the present system includes 296.06 miles which are within incorporated towns and cities, forming a part of the State system but not maintained by the State. The cities and towns maintain this as city streets.

In the 100 county systems are 46,751.1 miles, of which 1,659.2 miles have been added to the 45,091.9 miles added from a net gain, for, as stated, numbers of miles have been dropped in the four years, because of inaccurate information. This survey, made at the request of Governor Gardner, was made by the State Highway Commission, the State Tax Commission and the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, and the information was furnished by county officials of the various counties.

Among the larger counties, Wake had 169.8 miles of State and 1066.2 miles of county roads four years ago and now has 226.6 miles of State and 1073.2 miles of county roads; Guilford had 169.1 miles of State and 991.7 miles of county roads in 1930 and now has 195.5 miles of State and 1038 miles of county roads; Mecklenburg had 160.3 miles of State and 573 miles of county roads in 1930 and now has 174.36 miles of State and 646.82 miles of county roads; Buncombe had 103.4 miles of State and 812.5 miles of county roads in 1930 and now has 180.4 miles of State and 906.2 miles of county roads.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

J. W. Pelletier Sons to Myrtle and Bertha Pelletier, 15 acres White Oak Township, for \$100.

J. W. Pelletier Sons to Myrtle and Bertha T. Pelletier, 10 acres White Oak Township, for \$25.

J. W. Pelletier Sons to Myrtle T. Pelletier, 30 acres White Oak Township, for \$250.

J. W. Pelletier Sons to Myrtle and Bertha T. Pelletier, 40 acres, White Oak Township, for \$300.

Interstate Cooperaage Co., to E. F. Middleton Inc., tract Carolina City, for \$3000.

T. D. Webb and wife to John Monroe, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$80.

Plymouth Willis and wife to D. F. Willis and wife, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$1.

Richard F. Salter to C. A. Middlebrook, 29.7 acres, Straits Township, for \$10.

Clara Babbitt et al to Otway B. Davis, tract, Smyrna Township, for \$10.

CITY POLICE COURT

Only four defendants were tried in the City Police Court Monday night. Two were sent to the Recorder's Court, and the other two were given time on the city streets.

Charlie Phillips, charged with driving a car while drunk was sent to Recorder's Court for trial.

James Collins, young colored man, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, a knife, was bound over to the higher court.

Ellis Baxter, colored, drunkenness, was given ten days on the streets.

Eugene Brooks was convicted of drunkenness and given the option of paying \$5.00 or working 10 days on the streets.

READ THE WANT ADS

Goose Killing Bobcat Caught In Steel Trap

A large wild cat, bob cat or lynx, as you may prefer to call it, was on exhibition yesterday at the front door of the Carteret Hardware Company's place of business and attracted a good deal of attention. The animal which was about four feet long and well provided with teeth and claws, was dead and therefore could be closely inspected. It was of a tawny, grayish color with some short stripes. At this season of the year the fur of the bob cat is not so pretty as in winter.

Captain John Mason who is employed at the Perquimans Plantation on South River found that some animal had killed one of a flock of geese and left the body. He set a trap and concealed it under some grass near the dead goose and next morning when he came back he found a very much alive and angry cat in the trap. The animal was shot and an end put to his depredations on geese, or any thing else.

There are said to be a good many bob cats in the swamps and woods of this county. They are extremely sly creatures and are rarely ever seen by a human being. Clyde Mason of Atlantic who knows a lot about wild animals, says he once found a large deer which had only a short tibe been killed by a bob cat and that some days afterwards he killed a cat five feet in length which he thinks was probably the one that had killed the deer.

SNAKE SWALLOWS DOOR KNOB THINKING IT WAS AN EGG

John T. Small, popularly known as "Smoker," Beaufort R. F. D. had a chicken snake experience last week similar to one he had a year or so ago. On going out to his hen house he discovered a large snake coiled up in one of the nests. With the assistance of Mrs. Small the snake was killed and when measured proved to be a six foot chicken snake. Inside of the snake a door knob was found which had been put in the nest for a nest egg. Another door knob which was in the nest had disappeared and this was probably taken off by another snake who no doubt has found it rather indigestible.

When the News published the first story about a year or so ago about the snake's swallowing the door knob Mr. Small said some persons expressed some doubt about the truth of the statement. This time Mr. Small showed the snake with the door knob inside of it to one of his neighbors who will vouch for the truthfulness of the story.

BILLY SUNDAY GROUP AT METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY

The Billy Sunday Evangelistic Party of Winston-Salem will hold the service at the Methodist church next Sunday morning at 11:00. These men come to us highly recommended. They are paying their own expenses and giving their time and talent out of a desire to serve. The people of the town and community are cordially invited to attend these services.

The Vacation Bible School of the Methodist Sunday School will begin next Monday morning at the Methodist Church. The school will be under the leadership of Mr. J. B. Bennett who will be ably assisted by a choir of splendid teachers from the primary and Junior departments of the school.

LEFFIE DAVIS APPEALS FROM COURT SENTENCE

(New Bern Sun Journal) Found guilty of reckless and careless driving and also driving on the left side of the road, Leffie Davis, of Beaufort, was sentenced in Recorder's Court Tuesday by Judge Henry P. Whitehurst to 60 days on the roads, suspended upon payment of \$75 and costs. He took an appeal to superior court, and bond was set at \$150.

His warrant came as the result of an accident on the Morehead City highway below Croatan during a recent week-end, when Misses Ada James and Sonora Moore and Charlie James, all of Greenville, were injured. Miss James sustained a broken bone in the face and is still confined. Miss Moore and Mr. James were here Tuesday for the magistrate's hearing, in which Davis waived examination, and also for Recorder's Court.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

James Nelson and Mamie Simpson, Atlantic.

John Firson and Irene Dudley, Beaufort.

Burgess Davis and Nevelee Davis, Davis.

Walter Nelson and Madeline Willis, Harkers Island.

SEVERAL GIVEN ROAD SENTENCES

Judgment Suspended In Two Cases; Will Moore Takes An Appeal

Road sentences were given to three defendants in Recorder's Court Tuesday by Judge Webb. However, two of these were suspended on certain conditions and the third gave notice of an appeal to Superior Court.

Charlie Phillips indicted on the charge of driving a car while under the influence of liquor plead guilty. Chief of Police Longest testified that Phillips drove his car along Front street in a very erratic manner and that he was very drunk. Judge Webb gave him a sentence of four months to be served with the State highway forces, the same to be suspended on payment of costs and promise to be of good behavior for two years. He was also forbidden to drive a car for the next 90 days.

A plea of guilty was entered for Ed Denton of Raleigh to the charge of driving while drunk. Prayer for judgment was continued on defendant's paying the costs and paying for damages done a telephone pole in Morehead City, estimated to be about \$75. He also lost his job at Atlantic Beach where he had been working.

Will Moore Willis plead not guilty to the charge of an assault on a female, his wife, but was convicted on the testimony of Mrs. Willis, his daughter Mrs. Vannie Willis and son Alvin. From the evidence it appeared that relations between the defendant and his family have been rather unsatisfactory for some time and he accused them of "framing" him up. They said that Willis takes dope of one sort and another and when under its influence gives them trouble. He denied taking the dope and said his wife attacked him and that he merely tried to defend himself. He was given a sentence of four months on the roads from which he gave notice of an appeal. Bond of \$200 was required.

Henry Elrod, middle aged colored man from Morehead City was tried for having liquor in his possession for the purpose of sale. He said he had it for his own use but police officers Peletier, Salter and Willis said he had the reputation of being a "pint" bootlegger and the court found him guilty. He was sentenced to pay a fine of \$20 and costs. An arrangement was made to parole him to John T. Oglesby Jr., of Crab Point to work out the sentence at \$6.00 a week.

Henry Hester of Morehead City, a colored man who has been in court several times, was tried on the charge of stealing clams from the bed of Amos Dudley also colored. Henry denied the charge. The testimony was that he was found coming from the direction of the clam bed at 3 o'clock in the morning with some clams in his siff and the court decided he was guilty. He will have to work four months on the State road force.

The case against H. E. Spencer charging him with reckless driving was continued.

Gray Lewis charged with aiding and abetting Thos. Gillikin and Bonnie Piner with breaking and entering the store of O. W. Lewis of Otway was continued to next Tuesday.

VISITING MINISTERS

At St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Sunday the eleven o'clock service will be conducted by the Reverend Arthur H. Marshall of Belhaven. Sunday, August 26, services will be conducted by the Very Reverend Israel Harding Noe of Memphis, Tenn. The Holy Communion will be celebrated both Sundays at 7:30 in the morning.

RECENTLY PLANTED OYSTER BEDS MAY BE CLOSED FOR TWO YEARS

BY M. R. DUNNAGAN
Raleigh, Aug. 12.—Oyster beds which have been set with thousands of bushels of oysters and shells under CWA and ERA work programs will be closed to oystering for a period of probably two years, in order that the full advantage may be secured from the plantings, Director R. Bruce Etheridge, of Conservation and Development, announces.

Under the old CWA program 711,425 bushels of oysters and shells were planted in Carteret, Onslow, New Hanover, Dare, Pender, Hyde, Brunswick and Pamlico county waters, and the ERA is continuing the program in Brunswick, Hyde, Dare, New Hanover and Carteret counties. Under the new set-up 62,613 bushels

NORTH CAROLINA CROPS LOOK GOOD

Cotton, Tobacco and Corn Are Excellent; Prices Are Good Also

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

Raleigh, Aug. 14.—North Carolina, but for an unexpected trick of fate, will again be "sitting on top of the world" when the fall crops are gathered and sold and the farmers total up their receipts for the summer's work.

This State had reduced during the past few years its cotton crop to a large extent, particularly as a result of the "live-at-home" campaign of Governor Gardner, and had turned to food and feed crops. Some slight reduction was also made in the tobacco and peanut crops, before the AAA reductions were made.

At this time the cotton and tobacco crops are excellent, and but for an act of providence, the fields set to those crops will produce abundantly. Reports that cotton is expected to be much larger in production generally than was permitted under the AAA, is expected to benefit this State materially, as it has an excellent crop, probably even more than the AAA rules allow, and may be able to sell the entire crop at the prevailing prices, rather than have to pay one-third of the excess as a penalty for over-production.

And tobacco, that golden weed, now selling at an average of around 22 to 24 cents a pound, will bring in a golden stream to the tobacco-growing sections, even exceeding that of last year, after the price agreement had been reached. Present prices are almost twice those of the opening last year.

Moreover, truck and fruits produced in numbers of counties of the State have been and are bringing good prices, as compared with those of former years. Apparently the low prices of potatoes brought, hurting growers in the northeastern section of the State, is the only complaint North Carolina growers will have this year, if a kind Providence continues to be considerate, and in contrast to the direful conditions that exist in other parts of the country.

On top of all this, North Carolina growers have been getting reduction and rental funds in abundance, \$5,014,608 having been distributed to tobacco growers and \$1,818,421 to cotton growers, in addition to CWA and ERA funds.

Carteret county has received \$12,574.53 in tobacco funds, in the past months, with more to come.

VESSEL LOSES HER MAST IN COLLISION AT DOCK

A collision Wednesday morning between the lumber freighter S. W. Somers of Washington, D. C., and the Dorothy Leigh of the Norfolk, Baltimore and Carolina line resulted in a broken mast for the Somers.

The accident happened at the foot of Craven street wherethe Somers was taking on a load of lumber being shipped by the Scarboro-Safrit Lumber Company. The Dorothy Leigh was backing out of the dock and in some way struck the boom of the Somers which caused the mast to break in three places. The accident did not prevent either boat from taking on cargo and leaving the harbor for their destinations.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Everton Mason of Atlantic, Thursday, August 16, a daughter.

More legumes are being grown this year than ever before. Extension Service leaders recommend legumes for acres retired from cotton, tobacco, wheat or corn production.

City Budget Adopted And Tax Rate Fixed

The Board of Commissioners of the town of Beaufort held an adjourned meeting Thursday night the 9th and at that time adopted the budget for the new fiscal year and fixed the tax rate. The budget was not quite ready for publication and will be published next week. The tax rate was fixed at \$1.20, the same it was last year.

Those present at the meeting were Mayor Taylor, Commissioners Gibbs, Glover, Lewis and Rumley, D. M. DeNoyer, Hugh Hill, and W. P. Smith came before the board with reference to proposed harbor improvements for Beaufort. There was considerable discussion of the matter and Mayor Taylor was asked to see Senator Bailey and arrange for a conference between him and a committee representing the town.

As stated in the News last week there is a plan on foot to have the sea wall in front of town raised high enough to prevent tides overflowing it and bringing sand into the harbor. It is also desired to have sand now in the harbor removed and thrown back to the seawall. Those who discussed the matter said that if needed improvements should be made Beaufort would have a fine landlocked harbor.

A motion offered by Commissioner Rumley, and passed, appointed a committee composed of Messrs. Gibbs, King and Lewis to work out a tariff for charges at the city docks. An ordinance was adopted to prevent cars from parking at the foot of Turner and Craven streets.

A motion offered by Commissioner Rumley to allow \$50 for expenses of delegates to the State Firemen's Tournament was passed. On motion of Commissioner Gibbs, the matter of buying a new car for the police department was deferred. The budget was adopted and the board recessed to meet at the call of the Mayor.

OFF THE BAT

By A. R. RICE

The past week's baseball play witnessed the locals winning from Newport Sunday, 13 to 0 and losing to Straits yesterday, Wednesday, 9 to 7. The first encounter saw the four hit hitting of Morris and the four base knocks each of Charles Hassell and Frank Rice. Morris fanned 14 and his rivals, Wilson and Mattox struck out just four while yielding 20 sameties. Willis caught for the winners and Davis for the losers.

Errors played the downfall of Beaufort in the Straits game, no less than seven being made. Pake and Cardwell chunked and Willis received for the home team and yielded 12 hits as against the 11 granted by Willis and Chadwick. Whitehurst caught.

Sunday, Harkers Island plays here again to what is expected to be another big turn-out of fans. Last Sunday the Newport game brought out about 400 people and this number is expected to be doubled for the Island's battle.

Beaufort plays at Straits tomorrow (Friday) afternoon.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING MINISTER SOON REVIVED

Reverend R. W. Barfield, pastor of the M. E. church at Atlantic who was struck by lightning recently was in Beaufort Saturday and apparently none the worse for his experience. While a thunder squall was in progress Mr. Barfield was in his home and was peeling a peach with a large knife. The lightning apparently struck him on the head and passed out of his arms. He was unconscious for about thirty minutes but was revived by his wife and daughter who applied artificial respiration.

At the time Mr. Barfield was struck a lamp sitting on a sewing machine in the room was hit and burst. A church steeple about forty yards away was also hit by the lightning.

THE KINGFISHER IS BACK FROM FERNANDINA, FLORIDA

The menhaden fishing boat King Fisher in command of Captain Bonner Willis, returned a few days ago from Fernandina, Florida where she has been for several months fishing for a factory down there. The News understands that the boat has had a fairly successful summer season. Several other boats from Carteret county are down there still.

The Taylor's Creek Fish Scrap and Oil Company of Beaufort has been in operation here all summer and has handled quite a good many fish and furnished employment for a considerable number of men. The main season for menhaden comes later in the fall.

MANTEO IS HAVING BIG CELEBRATION

Birthday Day of Virginia Dare Honored; Governors of Virginia And N. C. to be There

Manteo, Roanoke Island, Aug 14.—With the governors of North Carolina and Virginia heading a list of distinguished honor guests, and a program of events every day, Roanoke Island is this week, August 12-19 celebrating the 350 anniversary of the birth of English civilization in America. The arrival, in 1584, of the Amadas and Barlowe Expedition.

Governor George C. Perry, of Virginia, and Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, of North Carolina, will join together on Saturday, August 18, in paying tribute, on the 347 birthday of Virginia Dare, the first child born to English parents in America, to the men and women of those first three expeditions, beginning with that of Amadas and Barlowe, in 1584, and ending, so tragically, with the "Lost Colony" in 1587.

On Friday, the 17th, the American Legion will sponsor Boat Races on Manteo Bay, and on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, in a tremendous amphitheatre being especially constructed on the shore at Fort Raleigh will be given a Historical Pageant of Roanoke Island, produced by the Harrington-Russell Studios, portraying the colonization period, from 1584 to 1587.

For almost 50 years the birthday of Virginia Dare has been an occasion for celebration on the Island, but this year it will be of greater significance, for it will be held at the new Fort Raleigh, restored, through the aid Emergency Relief Funds, as a replica, as nearly as possible, and on the same site, of the Fort where Virginia Dare was born, and whence so mysteriously disappeared, the Lost Colony.

On Sunday morning, dedication exercises will be held in the small Episcopal Chapel which has been built to commemorate the religious life of the colony. At Fort Raleigh took place two important baptizings, that of the baby, Virginia Dare, on the 20th of August, 347 years ago, and that of the Indian, Manteo, on August 13, 1587, believed to be the first religious sacrament in the Protestant faith solemnized in the new world. The Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, of Wilmington, Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina will have charge of the dedication service.

HOLD CONFERENCE TONIGHT

An engagement to see Senator Bailey has been made for the harbor improvement committee for tonight at eight o'clock by Mayor Bayard Taylor. Members of the committee have been notified by City Clerk T. M. Thomas Jr., and Chief of Police W. R. Longest. The purpose of the conference is to get Senator Bailey to use his influence with the U. S. War Department to make certain improvements in Beaufort, particularly to have the height of the sea wall raised considerably higher than it is now.

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, Aug. 17	Low Tide
12:06 a. m.		6:09 a. m.
12:45 p. m.		7:25 a. m.
	Saturday, Aug. 18	
12:58 a. m.		7:08 a. m.
1:42 p. m.		8:29 p. m.
	Sunday, Aug. 19	
1:58 a. m.		8:16 a. m.
2:48 p. m.		9:33 p. m.
	Monday, Aug. 20	
3:07 a. m.		9:28 a. m.
3:58 p. m.		10:36 p. m.
	Tuesday, Aug. 21	
4:21 a. m.		10:37 p. m.
5:06 p. m.		10:59 p. m.
	Wednesday, Aug. 22	
5:29 a. m.		11:37 a. m.
6:07 p. m.		11:44 p. m.
	Thursday, Aug. 23	
6:32 a. m.		12:32 a. m.
7:03 p. m.		12:45 p. m.