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HIGHWAY SYSTEM PAGE'S MONUMENT

Frank Page Former State Highway Head Laid to Rest Last Saturday

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

Raleigh, Dec. 24—One of the great monuments ever erected to a North Carolinian has already been built and honors Frank Page, who died in Raleigh last week and was buried Saturday in the family plot of the church graveyard near Aberdeen beside the graves of two distinguished brothers, Walter Hines Page, noted publisher and editor of World's Work and ambassador to England in the Wilson administration, and Robert N. Page, former Congressman and banker.

The monument to Frank Page is in concrete and is miles and miles of ribbons over which North Carolinians pass every hour of every day, the main part of which was constructed under the direction of Mr. Page during the first decade of the State's highway program from 1912 to 1929, while he served as chairman.

This distinguished son of a distinguished family took the helm of the road movement and carried it successfully until he felt he had completed the job to a stopping place, a service that has been duly appreciated from the beginning and will be more appreciated as the years pass. Under Mr. Page's direction more than \$100,000,000 was spent, without a single thought of reproach or criticism. After finishing that job he took charge of the Raleigh branch of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., and executive vice-president and handled that and many civic duties in the same efficient and effective manner. He built his own lasting monument in every county in the State.

Governor Ehringhaus and his family are spending the entire Christmas and New Year seasons in the Executive Mansion in Raleigh. Plans were to have all of Mrs. Ehringhaus' relatives at the mansion for Christmas day, some 15 or more, and for New Year's day, relatives of Governor Ehringhaus are to be present, probably a dozen. The three children, Blucher, and the twins, Haughton and Matilda, the latter Mrs. Ruth Jolly, will be with the family most of the time. While taking only a short period out for rest, Governor Ehringhaus plans to spend most of the time for the next two weeks preparing his message to the General Assembly, which convenes January 9, and looking after other matters developing at the office.

Capitol Square Improved
Finishing touches have finally been put on the improvements under way on Capitol Square for several months, as CWA and FERA project, and the six-acre tract has been turned over to Supt. W. D. Terry and Mother Nature to put on the finishing touches. Recent work has been setting out shrubbery and sowing grass seed, and within a few months, when Mother Nature has had opportunity to get in a few links, the place will be beautiful beyond description. The Memorial Hall was completed some six years ago, but the recent work has included tunnelling for heating and other other purposes, erecting fountains, building the Vance Plaza, laying walks and driveways and otherwise carrying out the plans drawn for the square under direction of Governor A. W. McLean. The permanent planting plan, as provided in the plans, is to be followed in detail for years to come, and the square will be a beauty spot of the State. Flood lights are playing in the beautiful old building during the holiday season.

North Carolinians have shown almost complete and unanimous faith in two New Deal movements by popular vote of those affected in as many weeks. Last week, by an even greater majority than was given the Bankhead cotton control act, the tobacco growers gave approval to the Kerr-Smith tobacco control law. Both have meant many additional millions of dollars in the pockets of North Carolinians during the past year and the feeling is almost unanimous that the control plan should be continued as to both of these important North Carolina crops. The cotton act was approved by about a 10 to 1 vote, while the tobacco figures will show a much more unified opinion when the reports are all in.

Lucky Prize Winners In Recent Contests

As an inducement to get business during the holiday period several Beaufort merchants offered quite a number of desirable prizes. Tickets were issued to all who bought goods for several weeks prior to Christmas day and a surprisingly large number of persons took part in the various contests.

The merchants who offered prizes were B. A. Bell, W. H. Bailey, Carteret Hardware Co., House's Drug Store, Noe Hardware Company. The following named persons held the lucky numbers or got the most votes: B. A. Bell—diamond ring won by Miss Irene Willis, Stacy; wrist watch won by Mrs. Gerald Hill, Beaufort; mantle clock won by Mr. Richard Bloodgood.

Wm. H. Bailey's prize of 20 silver dollars was won by Mrs. G. D. Parker of Hampton, Va. Mrs. Parker is the daughter of Mrs. Minnie Tallman of Beaufort.

The Joe House Drug Store offered a number of prizes for boys and girls. Those who received them in the order in which they stood were—boys, Walter Chadwick, Stewart Hill, Yancey Mebane, Tom Kelly, N. W. Taylor Jr., John Duncan, Joe Beam, Robert Safrit. Girl's prizes were won by Helen Paul, Elizabeth Mace, Peggy Piver, Jean Norcum, Juanita Moore, Mary Johnson, Lou Waters, Joyce Johnson.

The prize winners in the Carteret Hardware Company's contest were Claude Guthrie, bicycle, Edith Mae Modlin, Beaufort, doll; Robert Guthrie, Harker's Island, a wagon.

The Noe Hardware Co., offered three prizes, a cook stove, set of dishes and a carving set. They were won by D. H. Lewis, Mrs. J. H. Ives and I. T. Noe of Beaufort.

TRAP SET FOR FOX CATCHES SQUIRREL

Milton Arthur young farm hand on Dr. Maxwell's plantation in the North River section is a very good trapper. Already this season he has caught some foxes and catamounts but the most unusual catch made so far was neither of the animals mentioned. A few days ago in one of the traps set near a ditch he discovered a black squirrel. The rodent had apparently jumped across the ditch and landed squarely on the trigger because both hind legs were caught in the vice like jaws of the trap.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Iverson of Beaufort, December 21st, a son. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Weeks of North River road, December 21st, a son.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wade of Williston, December 24th, a daughter.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Willis of Beaufort, December 21st, a daughter.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allgood of Davis, December 21st, a son. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Lupton of Lola, December 25th, a daughter.

NOTICE TO C. C. C. APPLICANTS

Boys interested in enrolling in C. C. Camps please call at Relief office next Monday morning at 9:30. Enrollment closes Friday, Jan. 4th. Mrs. Malcolm Lewis, Director.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Shelton Lupton, Beaufort and Leona Hardesty, Newport, RFD.
Horace Nelson, Harkers Island and Georgia Weeks Bell, Bogue.
James C. Guthrie and Lois O. Willis, Morehead City.
George Mason, Beaufort and Lola Willis, Marshallberg.
Foy Hamilton and Madeline Smith, Atlantic.
Hardy Lawrence and Ruby Lawrence, Beaufort, RFD.

ties cooperating in the control program having caused damage of \$13,714.00 and burned over 6,775 acres, the Conservation and Development Department shows. November fires were the heaviest since May, when \$104,479 in damages were shown. Smokers caused 64 of the fires, Campers, fishermen and hunters caused 45. Brush burners caused 8, railroads five lumber operations three and 13 are charged against incendiaries.

INLETS NOW OPEN NUMBER ONLY SIX

Many Inlets Opened by Hurricane of 1933 Have Closed

Of some 75 or more inlets cut through Core Banks from the sound to the ocean during the September hurricane of 1933 only six remain open, according to James Caffrey, Coastguard telephone linesman here. Core Banks extending from Ocracoke Inlet to Cape Lookout before the hurricane was one long narrow island but now it is a series of islands.

It was a big undertaking to re-establish the coast guard communication system along this route but it has recently been accomplished. Telephone lines and poles were washed seaward by the storm. To rebuild the service new poles had to be erected, and over 25,000 yards of cable was used to cross the inlets.

The inlets remaining open now, and some are of such depth that small fish boats use them in going to and from the sound to sea, are Light-house Bay, Drum, Myrtle Hammock, Whalebone, High Hill and Sand Island. Fishing in Carteret county during the year has been unusually good and it may be that the better communication between the waters of the sound and ocean has had something to do with it. It is thought by some well informed persons that these new inlets will cause a big increase in the production of clams in Core Sound also.

SON BORN TO YOUNG WIFE AND 94-YEAR-OLD MATE

New Bern, Dec. 26—George Hughes, 94-year old Confederate veteran, and his 27-year-old second wife, are the proud parents of a son, weighing 8 1-4 pounds, born Sunday night at their home here. The couple were married just a year ago.

The Confederate veteran was born in 1840, and moved here eight years ago from Greene county. He has had 16 children by a former wife. His wife has had two other children by a former husband.

As yet they have been unable to decide on a name for the new son as all family names were exhausted on the previous children.

RODANTHE PEOPLE WILL OBSERVE OLD CHRISTMAS

Millions of folks all over the world Tuesday celebrated Christmas but there is one place, right here in North Carolina, where this happy occasion will not be observed until Jan. 6, 1935.

Residents of Rodanthe, on the upper Hatteras Islands, are Methodists. They number less than 500, and are descendants of early English settlers who came to the coast during the 16th century. Presents will be bestowed and trees displayed, but it all happens on Jan. 6, Old Christmas, as the residents there call the day. It is a custom that has been handed down from generation to generation since about 1550.

Chickens Pay College Tuition

Lexington, Ky.—Cyril Kelly of Pendleton county, Kentucky, is paying his way at the University of Kentucky with profits from the sale of chickens he raises, during the summer.

A STRANGE SPECIMEN OF FISH BROUGHT IN BY "LITTLE JENNIE"

By AYCOCK BROWN

Along with some 6,000 or more sea-bass brought to Potter's market on Christmas Day by Capt. Larsen and his crew aboard the Little Jennie of New York was a strange and mysterious fish that no one in Beaufort could identify.

Shaped like a sheephead, weighing about 12 pounds, colored like a rain-bow with deep orange predominant and with a mouth that was marked by protruding lips of a greyish color, the identity of the fish even had Charley Hatsell of the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries stumped. During his thirty years or more at the laboratories, Mr. Hatsell said that he had seen no such fish.

An Associated Press story about the fish appeared in the Thursday papers this week. Mr. Smethurst of the News and Observer in his column said that like sea-serpents, strange fish, animals and natural freaks are

Esthonian Vessel Was Here Christmas Day

The 'Ahto' small auxiliary sail yawl hailing from Tallinn, Esthonia, continued southward Wednesday morning after being tied up at the Inlet Inn wharf during Christmas. This is the first yacht flying a foreign flag that has been in Beaufort harbor in several months.

Ahto Walter, 22-year old master of the 27-foot craft was aboard. He is taking the present cruise alone but on five trans-Atlantic crossings in the vessel he has been accompanied by a companion, usually one of his brothers.

The Ahto featured in a trans-Atlantic race last year from the African coast with another vessel about the same size, winning the race by four days. After cruising among the islands of the West Indies this winter, young Walters talks of a trans-Pacific voyage in the vessel planned for probably next year. During the winter he expects to cruise in the clear waters surrounding the islands of the West Indies with the thought in view of searching for a sunken treasure ship. The sunken ship is said to be one that a notorious pirate, one Capt. Swan sailed over 200 years ago and in the vicinity of uninhabited Swan Island one of the U. S. possessions in those waters.

INTERESTING BOOK ABOUT THE PIRATE TEACH

Several books have been written about Edward Teach, who was better known as Black Beard the Pirate, but one of the most modern is Wyn Parish, which has just been published by Farrar and Rinehart. The book is written in fiction style but quite often throughout the pages the fiction coincides with historical facts.

Black Beard fitted out one of his sloops at Topsail Inlet, near Beaufort. He was alleged to have been in cahoots with the Provincial Governor Eden and other officials and his ultimate fate was to be captured by Lieut. Robert Maynard near Ocracoke Inlet in 1719 and beheaded. Parish brings to light in his book many incidents about the North Carolina coast and gives a blood curdling description of the depredations of early pirates.

Aycock Brown.

SCHOONER YACHT INDRA GETS IN TROUBLE AGAIN

For the second time in less than three weeks the auxiliary schooner yacht Indra of Boston has been towed into port by the U. S. Coastguard vessel Travis. On December 4 the vessel after four days of distress at sea was brought into port by the Travis. The Indra sailed again early Thursday morning, (Dec. 27) but apparently was in trouble shortly after passing the bar, her jib-sail being blown away, and about three o'clock during the afternoon she came back to her starting point of a few hours before. Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Pond with two men in the crew are aboard the vessel which plans a West Indian cruise this winter.

Reports from Piedmont dairymen indicate that ensilage stored in trench silos is keeping perfectly and is relished by the cows.

Rail Freight Shipments From Beaufort are Large

Growth of Truck Farming in the Beaufort Area Cause of Increased Business For The N.S. Railroad; Many Shipments of Perishable Products by Express, Including Scallops, Oysters, Crabs, Clams And Fish, Made From Beaufort.

Two Young Men Killed As Car Leaves Bridge

By AYCOCK BROWN

NEW BERN, Dec. 26—James R. Bell, 24, of Bridgeton, and Andrew W. Overman, 20, of the marine corps at home on vacation, were drowned about 11:15 Tuesday night, when the Chevrolet coach in which they were riding towards Bridgeton to carry medicine for Mr. Bell's mother, crashed through the bridge rail about 200 yards on this side of Bridgeton on the Neuse river passenger bridge.

Investigation of the cause of the accident was made Wednesday by county authorities and Coroner G. M. Henderson. There was evidence that the front of the car had been struck by some hit-and-run driver, being whirled off the right side of the bridge. The coroner did not deem an inquest necessary at present.

Mr. Overman, on Christmas leave from his marine corps duties at Quantico, Va., had driven Mr. Bell to New Bern from Bridgeton to get medicine for Mrs. Bell, who had suffered a heart attack. Their car crashed through the rail, head down, into water about six feet deep.

By 12:30 a. m. a wrecker had pulled out the car. Inside was discovered Mr. Bell, who had been trapped in the machine, unable to get out. A coast guard patrol dragged the water nearby for Mr. Overman's body. It was found shortly. He had been thrown from the car, and the body was badly bruised.

RESIDENTS IN LENOIR COUNTY IN FAVOR OF ELECTRIFICATION

Kinston, Dec. 25—Every resident of Cucumber valley, lower Lenoir county wants electricity, according to C. A. Walsh, who has been conducting rural electrification surveys in Lenoir and Greene counties. There are about a score of families in the "valley" which is quite isolated.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

B. A. Grant and wife to George Hall, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$10.
George Hall and wife to Clyde Jones, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$10.
C. L. Dickinson to J. L. Morton, 1 acre Beaufort Township, for \$25.

ROOSEVELT BIRTHDAY BALL

Plans are now under way to hold a Franklin D. Roosevelt Birthday Ball in Beaufort on January 30. Wilbur L. Willis will act as chairman of the committee in charge. Details will be given about the ball in next week's issue of the News.

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, Dec. 28 | |
| 12:47 a. m. | 7:11 a. m. |
| 12:51 p. m. | 7:28 p. m. |
| Saturday, Dec. 29 | |
| 1:33 a. m. | 8:08 a. m. |
| 1:40 p. m. | 8:15 p. m. |
| Sunday, Dec. 30 | |
| 2:27 a. m. | 9:07 a. m. |
| 2:36 p. m. | 9:05 p. m. |
| Monday, Dec. 31 | |
| 3:28 a. m. | 10:04 a. m. |
| 3:37 p. m. | 9:58 p. m. |

Opponents of the present operation of the railroad between Beaufort and Goldsboro have recently criticized on various occasions the equipment in use along the route. These persons probably do not recall the many working stations between here and Goldsboro hardly more than a quarter of a century ago where all trains had to stop and be delayed for long periods to take aboard more fuel to keep steam up in the toy-like engines. These persons have probably not considered the present day steam engines pulling hundreds of cars of freight and express over the line or have they eyeed had the opportunity to ride the new and fast stream-lined motor-buses that the Norfolk Southern will place in operation on the route early in January.

The "Old Mullet Line" was one of the principle pioneers of railroading in the State. From crude and obsolete wood burning engines pulling the trains, the next step by operators was to establish the coal burners and now over this line that has played an important role in developing Eastern Carolina is to be operated the first streamlined rail buses on any line in the South. The "Old Mullet Line" is again a pioneer in a railroading field that will bring drastic changes in rail operation for speedy and comfortable transportation during the next few years.

The Beaufort and Western division of the Old Mullet Line has played one of the most important roles in the development of the line. When the railroad came to Beaufort back in 1906 this section of Eastern Carteret was in reality one of the "lost provinces" of the State. With the coming of the railroad it was possible to ship perishable and truck produce to markets much quicker than when same had to be transported to the nearest rail terminus or to the markets by boat.

With the construction of good roads in the Eastern part of Carteret, a truck farming district that ranks with Southern Florida, (according to official data from State and National Agricultural agencies) was opened and has been developed. It is interesting to note the importance of Beaufort's railroad to this particular interest.

During the first 10 months of 1934 over 400 carloads of truck produce shipped out of Beaufort over the Norfolk Southern tracks. Not so many years ago, a local freight official stated, only 30 barrels of Irish potatoes were shipped out of Beaufort by rail. That was before the days of highways too and represents practically the entire crop. During the first 10 months of the current year 71,000 barrels or 355 solid car loads were shipped.

The casual observer does not realize that gross revenue from traffic by rail in and out of Beaufort during the first 10 months of 1934, amounted to \$124,186.31.

Fifteen hundred and three freight cars had moved in and out of Beaufort during the first 10 months of 1934. Of this number 942 cars moved from Beaufort, and 561 cars moved into the town. Of this total number of cars in and out, 985 were loaded to capacity, others being classed as "less car-loads" and it is interesting to note that 400 of the outgoing cars contained truck from products—potatoes, peas, beets and turnips.

Few people realize that from Beaufort alone over 22,885 packages of perishable express had been shipped up to the end of October. The bulk of the perishable shipments were soft shell crabs from the eastern section of Carteret county. Other perishables included scallops, diamond back terrapin, oysters, shrimp, clams and fish.

The Caldwell county curb market at Lenoir has sold \$9,003.98 worth of produce for farmers and farm women of the county this year.