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Harbor Conditions Here In Need of Improvements

Engineers Suggested Only \$17,500 For Maintenance to Appropriation Committee. That Amount Not Enough Residents Declare So Letters and Resolutions Forwarded to Congressional Leaders Asking For More

By AYCOCK BROWN

The U. S. Engineers suggested such a small appropriation for the Town of Beaufort harbor maintenance that local citizens have been busy during the past week adopting resolutions and writing their Representatives in Congress to make an effort to secure more adequate funds for improvements of this port.

The amount according to a dispatch from Washington was only \$17,500. And this amount was suggested in the face of existing conditions here, that is, the shoals on which boats frequently ground, the impossibility of deep draught boats to navigate Taylor's Creek on low tide or turn around and with every storm tide submerging the breakwater allowing sand to wash into the harbor and form more shoals. And this pitiful amount also in the face of the fact the commerce of Beaufort that is the water shipments, is many times more than any other nearby harbor, according to statistics.

Hugh Hill local agent of the Baltimore Carolina Line states that their boats have difficulty in turning around. Officials of fish scrap factories on Taylor's Creek say that their boats have to tie up sometimes for hours at a time before proceeding with cargoes of fish.

Resolutions have been adopted and forwarded by the Board of County Commissioners, by the Town Commissioners, by the Rotary Club and Young Men's Business Club asking Congressional aid in securing the funds necessary for improvements along with requests from other leading citizens in the form of letters. Each of the resolutions are similar. The one which has been forwarded by the Board of County Commissioners follows:

Resolution

Whereas, there has been constructed on "Bird Shoal" in front of the eastern portion of the Town of Beaufort a breakwater, intended to protect the harbor of Beaufort from filling in, and whereas, the height of said breakwater is not sufficient to produce that result, but two feet at least may economically be added to it;

And whereas, the shoal in front of Beaufort left from dredgings heretofore made in the channel, tends to drift and fill up the channel, and also prevents the harbor from being used as an anchorage and the turning of boats;

And whereas, Taylor's Creek cut connecting Beaufort with Core Sound is of less depth than Beaufort's harbor.

Be it now resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Carteret county in regular meeting this January 7th, 1935, assembled:

1. That we do request our Representatives in Congress to procure necessary funds for raising the height of the breakwater at least two feet additional;

2. That we urgently request the governing authorities to make provisions for removing the shoal in front of the Town of Beaufort and placing same on Town Marsh, immediately adjacent;

3. That we urge the cutting of Taylor's Creek and Beaufort harbor to a depth to equal the depth of the inland waterway approaching and deepening the bulkhead channel from Beaufort to an equal depth; so increasing the usefulness of transportation.

Robbers Broke Into Store Tuesday Night

Thieves who entered the Richard Felton and Son's store Tuesday night not only stocked up on clothing but they even entered the show window on Front street and selected a particular sweater. Officials of the store stated that the total loss was estimated at about \$100. Included in the loot was 400 pennies. The robbery apparently occurred while Night Watchman Hayes was off his Front Street beat. No arrests have been made in connection with the robbery as clues were scanty.

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TOWN MAY SECURE REFUND FROM U. S.

Town Paid One Third of Amount Used in Cutting Taylor's Creek; Bonds Mature Soon

By AYCOCK BROWN

Due to the fact that Taylor's Creek has proven a valuable asset to all navigation bound to and from Core Sound a Resolution was passed by the Town Commissioners at their meeting Monday that a special attorney be employed to investigate and ascertain the exact conditions of records pertaining to same. This will be done with the thought in view that a refund may be made to the town from the government.

Taylor's Creek was cut out many years ago. The government agreed to do the work if the town would contribute one third of the estimated cost. Beaufort's share in the transaction was approximately \$10,000 and to defray expense bonds were issued and sold. The bonds mature shortly and as there will apparently be difficulty due to depressed conditions, in securing money needed, the Commissioners passed the resolution.

The project is not even inside the city limits and as it has proven far more value to navigation interests at large than to the town it is believed that when the situation is properly presented a refund will be granted.

Other business coming before the board was of a routine nature. The board ordered that the street intersection at Live Oak and Broad be repaved.

The town was asked to pay the per capita tax of the Fire Department, amounting to \$22.50 and this the board agreed to do.

The Board also allowed James Mason and C. R. Wheatly \$50 each as attorney fees in the recent case of Town vs Graham Duncan.

JUDGE PAUL WEBB HAD LIGHT DOCKET TUESDAY

Only two cases were disposed of in Recorder's court Tuesday. Steve Wilson, colored was charged with non-support of his illegitimate child. Found guilty he was ordered by the court to pay \$6 per month towards the support of the child and also pay physician's bill to mother of child who was the prosecuting witness.

Dowdy Austin of Morehead City charged with assault was ordered to pay only the costs of the court as the matter had been previously settled between the prosecuting witness and defendant.

NEW BERN MAN HELD IN DEFAULT OF BOND

Jerry Frappier, white man of New Bern was being held in county jail Thursday in default of \$300 bond. He was arrested Wednesday by Sheriff Elbert Chadwick on a charge of registering under a false name in a Morehead City hotel and he also faces an immorality charge according to the warrant. His trial is scheduled to come up in Recorder's Court on Tuesday.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Swearingen, of Beaufort, January 6th, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Lawrence, of Otway, January 7th, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Willis, of Atlantic, December 28th, a daughter.

Clams 'Coaxed' To Open Mouths Under Plan Developed in Tests

By AYCOCK BROWN

No longer will the busy housewife have to use walnut-cracking methods to open clams. Drs. Vera Koehring and Herbert F. Prytherch of the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries here have developed an improved method.

The clams are put to sleep or narcotized. Then, while relaxing with mouth open a knife can be inserted and the meat removed while the bivalve is still alive. This method, Dr. Prytherch explains, not only offers a humane way to treat the seafood delicacy but also an easy and simple method to remove the meat without trouble.

The clams are immersed in a warm bath of fresh water or sea water having a temperature of 105 degrees F. The temperature may fluctuate from 90 degrees to 120 but should be kept within this range for better results.

BALL COMMITTEE MAKING PROGRESS

Old and New Fashioned Dances Floor Show with Out-of-Town Jazz Band Will Be Featured

Much interest is being shown in the Roosevelt birthday ball scheduled for January 30. A variety of dancing and entertainment is planned for the occasion. The ball will be held in the auditorium of the Courthouse annex. Five hundred tickets are being printed and if the sales are as good as expected Beaufort will have a fair contribution to add to the concerted drive throughout the country against infantile paralysis.

Meeting with Wilbur Willis general chairman of the local ball committee on Monday night in Charles L. Skarren's office Misses Daphne Paul, Mary Taylor Hinnant and Mildred Johnson were appointed to assist Miss Virginia Howe in staging entertainment including a floor show.

A Virginia Reel will be presented and start the dance at 8 o'clock in the evening followed by the floor show. Old fashioned dances after floor show will continue until 10 o'clock.

No orchestra has yet been selected but negotiations are under way with several up-state musical outfits says Mr. Skarren and the one selected will be announced later.

Tickets will be priced as follows: \$1 for men and 25 cents for women. Refreshments will be sold at the dance and all profits from every source above expenses will be contributed towards the drive against infantile paralysis.

A huge 40 pound birthday cake with 53 candles, will be on display and numbered tickets will be sold on same. At midnight the numbers will be pulled, the lucky number winning the cake.

ESCALLOPS PLENTIFUL IN CORE SOUND TERRITORY

Escalloping has been very good in Core Sound during the past several weeks according to reports of local seafood dealers and fisheries officials. It is said that they are more plentiful in that section than ever before. The price which has been as high as \$3 per gallon was only \$1.60 Thursday. Inlets cut through Core Banks during the September hurricane of 1933, many of which are still open, is believed to have resulted in so many of the bivalves there this year.

MOREHEAD COPS FIND BIG CACHE OF LIQUOR

Sixty seven and a half gallons of corn liquor was found by Officers Iredell Salter and William Lewis of the Morehead City police force a few days ago. This is the biggest cache of booze that has been found by police officers of this section in some time. Just who the liquor belonged to was not determined as no arrests were made.

MAMMOTH OYSTER SHOWN AT WASHINGTON

Washington, Jan. 9—The largest oyster ever reported seen in this section was brought in this week. It measured 19 inches in length and was 12 inches at the widest point. The shell weighed 31 ounces and the oyster 16 ounces. It was tonged by Garland Harris in Far Creek, near Englehard, and is on display at R. S. Spencer's store at Englehard. The condition of the shell led oystermen to believe its age to be around three years.

County Officials Had Busy Meeting Monday

Controversy Over Tax Matter Between Hamilton and Chalk Looked Interesting but Apparently Ended Peacefully; Road and Ferry Delegations From Various Sections Made Requests; Fifty Four Year Old Man Will Pay No More Poll Tax

MR MEBANE ILL

Suffering from a lingering ailment, W. G. Mebane editor of the Beaufort News was taken to Morehead City hospital last Saturday. He is being confined there for observation. His condition was not reported as serious by hospital officials. Aycock Brown, formerly of Ocracoke, is directing the affairs of the News in Mr. Mebane's absence.

Falling Wheelbarrow Injures CCC Employee

Joe Fulcher, 30 year old local enrolled employee of the Fort Macon CCC camp who has been in a New Bern hospital since January 4, will be discharged Friday and allowed to return to camp it was stated here today. He had one of the most unusual accidents on record. A wheelbarrow being pushed by "Red" Brown of Wilson along the top wall of the old fort slipped from his grasp and went tumbling down into the moat which is being filled with sand.

Fulcher happened to be directly beneath the falling 'Georgia buggy' and Red's warning shout gave him only a brief instance to dodge. The full weight fell directly on Fulcher's back because he did not dodge quickly enough, but at that he probably saved his neck by bending over quickly.

For 45 minutes he was knocked out. Dr. Laurie T. Moore the camp physician reached the scene a few minutes after Fulcher had regained consciousness and as a safeguard he ordered that the injured man be taken to New Bern where X-rays could be made. The X-Ray showed no fractures but it was thought best to allow Fulcher to remain in the hospital until definitely determined that no complications would set in.

As far as could be determined from CCC officials by telephone (and they did not seem inclined to talk about the matter for publication) the accident was unavoidable and "Red" Brown was absolved of all blame, extreme cold weather having numbed his hands that held the shafts of the wheelbarrow, causing same to slip.

Fulcher is a married man. His home is in Morehead City.

MARRIAGE LIENSES

Jackson Mobley and Marie Vinson, Morehead City.
Haywood Bell and Thelma Fuller, Newport.
Cecil L. Peterson, Beaufort and Mary C. Adams, Morehead City.

Many Cases Flu In County Now

Fort Macon CCC camp is under quarantine as a result of an influenza epidemic. Dr. Laurie T. Moore stated Thursday. There are about 150 boys enrolled there at present. Nine are in hospitals but none were reported to be in serious condition.

An epidemic of a mild form of influenza seems to be general in Carteret county at present. When only 160 of the 450 pupils enrolled went to school in Newport Wednesday, officials of the school decided to close until Monday.

It was thought by Superintendent Joslyn of the Morehead City school that his institution might have to be closed. No session was held on Wednesday, when only 300 of 700 pupils reported. Influenza, colds, measles and whooping cough were listed as causes for decrease in attendance that day. However on Thursday when the school again opened only 75 of the total enrollment were absent.

CCC APPLICANTS ACCEPTED

Thirty-one CCC applicants who left Beaufort Thursday morning for Washington, N. C., with Mrs. Malcolm Lewis and Miss Sarah Rumley passed entrance examinations and were accepted for service. They were detailed to various camps. Mrs. Lewis stated upon her return.

Convening at 10 o'clock on Monday morning the Carteret county board of commissioners had a busy day. It was the first meeting of the new year and continued until after sunset. Quite a few motions were duly made and carried. Some were of a humorous nature, other more serious. Of the arguments presented before the board one of the most interesting pertained to a tax matter.

S. A. Chalk of Morehead City appeared before the board and gave his version of a tax matter pertaining to property on Harkers Island. During the afternoon Alvah Hamilton, county tax collector, appeared and gave his version of the matter. It was quite a lengthy argument, but in the end the board upheld Mr. Hamilton's side of the matter as Mr. Chalk was advised by Chairman Bonner to notify his clients, the Planters Bank and Trust Company of Richmond, Va., (payers of taxes on the Harkers Island property) that they were not due the refund that had brought about the argument.

Freeman Brothers of Morehead City was low bidder for providing the county home with supplies during the month of January. Commissioner Chadwick stated that it appeared to him that several of the items priced at a certain figure on this bid sheet had been changed, but at the prices offered the county will save money during January by buying the food supplies from the Morehead grocer. Julian Brown, one time in charge of ponies for beach riding at Atlantic Beach appeared before the board to ask that the taxes on his Brown's Island, near Marshallberg be lowered. Mr. Brown stated that the September hurricane of 1933 killed off all grasses, killed trees and left the place in a general devastated condition. He did not state whether the island is still used as a bird rookery for what it was one time famous. Commissioners Guthrie and Chadwick were appointed as a committee of two to investigate the valuation by looking the property over.

George Lewis, superintendent of the county home appeared before the board with a complaint about one Manly Blount Fucher, an inmate there. Fucher was first admitted after a sting-ray had given him the works several months ago. This sting-ray wound is said to have healed and as Fucher is inclined to spend some of the week-ends away from the institution, a. w. o. l. so to speak, the board ordered Dr. Chadwick to examine the man and if found physically fit he will be given a diploma and discharged as a ward of the county.

Concerning Roads
Upon motion duly made and carried the State Highway Commission was requested by the Commissioner to make improvements in the following roads: Wildwood, through Arthur farm to Newport river; from Route No. 10 through Masontown west of Newport; Gloucester from Guy Chadwick's store west approximately three fourths of a mile.

Another highway operation problem came before the board. Quite a delegation appeared in reference to the proposed change of schedule of the Harkers Island ferry. At the December meeting of the commissioners a resolution was passed to ask the Highway Commission to change the schedule so that instead of starting at Harkers Island on the first morning run the ferry would start at Gloucester. No action was taken and on Monday the December resolution was rescinded and the schedule will remain as it has been, starting at the island and returning there on last run during the afternoon.

A motion was carried that the county issue a voucher to Dr. Chadwick for unpaid services. The amount involved was \$657.

Fred Lewis is not 33 year old. According to records he was that age and it was necessary that he pay poll taxes. It was brought out before the meeting that Mr. Lewis is 54 years of age and from now on he has no more poll taxes to pay.

The Commissioners voted that Misses Bessie, Alda and Lillie Robinson of Atlantic be granted \$5 each monthly from the county's poor fund. They stated upon her return.

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