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## Expect Speedy Enactment Of Potato Control Bill When Presented To House

In Letter to Beaufort News Representative Graham A. Barden Gives Present Status of Potato Bill and Also Interesting Data on Tobacco Situation As He Sees It.

Believes That Tobacco Crop Should Not be Increased Under any Circumstances More Than 100 Million Pounds

### OPPOSED TO LARGE CROP

Speedy enactment of the potato control bill is expected when presented to Congress within the next few days, according to a letter from Representative Graham A. Barden, received by the Beaufort News today, in which he discussed matters of vital importance to our District.

"I have given considerable time to the potato situation and we hope to draw up a bill as near as possible like the tobacco bill," the congressman wrote. "At present we are trying to determine the sentiment of the people." It is necessary to get a bill that everyone concerned will want to insure its speedy enactment. Our Congressman Barden was high in his praise for his colleague Representative Lindsey Warren of the First District who has devoted so much time to the potato measure and who will introduce it to the House, probably next week.

"Under the tentative bill, potatoes would be classed as a basic commodity, production quotas would be set and a tax levied on production in excess of the allotments," he stated.

In regards to the tobacco situation Congressman Barden wrote a lengthy discussion. Part of which follows:

"I have been very much concerned also over the tobacco situation in Eastern North Carolina. The Department announced some time ago that the crop would likely be increased to 700 million pounds. This has reference of course, to the flue cured tobacco. During 1934 the crop consisted of 540 million pounds. I have been and am now very much opposed to raising the crop to 700 million pounds. While the tobacco companies have estimated the demand to be 700 million pounds, I do not think we should increase the production to the figures of the demand for if this were done, we would find ourselves making the market a buyers' market instead

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## Boatmen Ask For Deeper Clubfoot Harlowe Passage

Slaves Using Picks, Shovels and Wheelbarrows Started Clubfoot Canal Back in 1818; Completed in Three Years and Thus Aided Early Navigation.

To reach New Bern before 1821 a person had to either go by stage from Beaufort or if traveling by water it was necessary to make the voyage around the county through Core and Pamlico sound and the Neuse River. Then Clubfoot canal connecting with creek by that name which empties into the Neuse and Harlowe Creek which flows into the Newport was dug. This shortened the distance by water between New Bern and Beaufort about 150 miles.

The original depth was four feet it is said. Until 1859 the only way to a creek by that name which empties by boat or stage. Then the railroad was built to Sheppard's Point at Morehead City. The canal was still of service though and back in 1884 and '85 the steam dredge Cyclops blew more dirt out of the ditch and it was again navigable for larger boats. Since that time the passage has filled constantly until now it is difficult for a boat of two feet draught getting through, except on flood tides.

The canal is still used by boatmen wanting to take a short cut to New Bern or the Neuse, despite the fact that in 1909 Adams' Creek was dredged forming a link in the inland waterway and running parallel with Clubfoot.

A few days ago a petition signed by a great many persons who use the canal was presented to local FERA authorities. They want canal improvements. It will be an asset to small boat navigation, especially those that go to and from Newport and Neuse Rivers fishing. FERA officials are investigating and there might be a way for a project to be worked out whereby improvements will be made. Improvements today would hardly be made with picks and shovels.

### OFFERS PARK LANDS



D. W. MORTON

Approximately 80,000 acres is available in Eastern Carteret and part of this land may be taken over by the National Park system, says D. W. Morton who is attending a meeting of the North Carolina Forestry Association in Raleigh this week. While in Raleigh Mr. Morton will submit to National Park officials various tracts of land in this county which if approved may become a part of the National Forest Park System.

## SAM NEWBERRY IS CAUGHT AT STILL

"Anyone who knows me knows I wouldn't have anything to do with the operation of a moonshine still," Samuel H. Newberry of Kinston is quoted as saying in a story appearing in the morning papers today. Mr. Newberry, leader of one of two Republican factions in Lenoir county, formerly of Carteret county, where he has dabbled a bit in politics probably turned red in the face when officers raided a still where he happened to be "visiting" early this week. Four other persons were there either visiting or operating the "shine plant." In all the various occupations of those arrested were, lawyer, former policeman, farmer, tenant and a Negro.

In all probabilities the former Carteretian had nothing to do with the operation of the still. Maybe the blaze of the fire beneath the copper kettle fascinated him or the odors stemming through the atmosphere. We would never accuse a judge of good liquor going to a moonshine plant for securing booze for immediate drinking purposes. Mr. Newberry was probably out politic-ing.

### INFANT DIED TUESDAY

Funeral services for Alton Hodges, age 18 months, were conducted Wednesday afternoon at Ocean View cemetery. Due to the nature of the disease services were conducted privately. Alton was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hodges. He died in Morehead while enroute to St. Luke's Hospital in New Bern.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Howard Congleton and Nellie Spear, Beaufort.  
Henry H. Scott and Ethel Boyd, Morehead City.  
Frederick Fulford, Morehead City and Helen Lane, Newport.  
Augustus A. Fuchtel, Birmingham, Ala., and Dorothy E. James, Newport, N. C.

### BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Willis of Beaufort RFD., Feb 4th, a daughter.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hays of Beaufort RFD. February 2nd, a son.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Jones ofarkers Island, February 6th, a daughter.

### WAFFLE SUPPER

The Euzelian Sunday school class of the Baptist church will give a waffle supper at the American Legion hut on Friday night, February 15, it was announced this week.

## Blythe Noe Has A 43 Pound Bobcat In Cage

He Also Has Some Stuff in Fruit Jar That is Neither Linseed Oil Nor Corn Liqueur.

Jude Small caught the bobcat in a steel trap on his farm out at Core Creek way last Friday night. He brought it to town on Saturday and gave it to Blythe. Blythe put the animal in a one inch mesh wire enclosed cage and invited people to come and see the one animal menagerie. He also let people tell him whether the stuff in a fruit jar was crude or refined linseed oil. It was neither.

A poison on the Small farm is alive with bobcats. Many have been caught there this season and they are usually killed when taken from a trap. The one he caught Friday night was a big fellow, one of the largest ever caught in that section. Rather than kill this large specimen he brought it into town to Blythe.

Aycock Brown of the Beaufort News saw the bob-cat. He also saw the fruit jar. He is interested in bob cats because they make news. So do fruit jars. He is interested in what is in fruit jars but not as much now as he used to be.

Blythe in addition to being a hardware store keeper is a taxidermist. To be a taxidermist you have to have use of some sort of funny smelling liquid, perhaps it is a sort of embalming fluid. They call it SO-2. The liquid was in a fruit jar. Blythe said, "What is it, crude or refined linseed oil." Aycock took a smell. A few minutes he recovered.

## MAYOR TAYLOR SENTENCES SEVERAL BOOZE IMBIBERS

James Davis, colored charged with drunkenness will perhaps appear in court on schedule next time he is summoned. He was not there when called by court aides on Monday night and for contempt he was sentenced to 10 days on the street or given privilege to pay his way out at the rate of 50 cents per day. He was also given five days for drunkenness. Contempt and drunkenness equaled 15 days or \$7.50. He paid.

So did Dick Weeks. He was charged with drunkenness, arrested last Saturday night. Sentence 10 days. Paid \$5. Ike Simmons colored paid \$5 on a similar charge and dodged 10 days of street work.

Those who did not say were David Parker, James Collins, Calvin Stanley, Charlie Taylor and Luce Johnson, all colored, each charged with drunkenness, each assigned to 10 days on the streets with the exception of Johnson who got off with five days. Ernest Springle, white, got off with five days. The charge against him was drunk and disorderly.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Charity Credle Bradham to Mrs. S. H. Overby, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$100.  
C. S. Maxwell and wife to L. E. (Dock) Thomas, 1 lot Beaufort, for \$500.

## Covering

## The Water Front

By AYCOCK BROWN

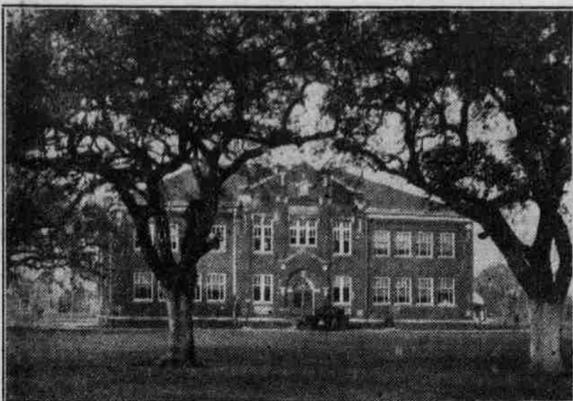
### MR. MEBANE COMES HOME ON FRIDAY

Our editor, William Giles Mebane, who has been confined to St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Richmond for the past three weeks, where he underwent an emergency operation for an intestinal ailment, will be transferred to the Morehead City hospital Friday for convalescence.

### MILLION POUNDS FISH THIS WEEK

Approximately 1,000,000 pounds of food fish, trout and croakers have been caught by fishermen off Beaufort Inlet this week. The catches consisted mostly of trout and croakers and were taken in sink nets. The local prices paid for the fishes were five and one, that is five cents for trout and one cent for croakers. With catches good in this section, the fleet at Ocracoke dwindled considerably according

## SOON TO BE REPAIRED



### COURTHOUSE ANNEX

After renovation of Carteret's courthouse which is progressing rapidly, repair work on the Annex will begin. This structure was built originally for a schoolhouse. At present the Home Demonstration and County Farm Agent and Carteret Board of Education have offices in this building. Approximately \$10,000, FERA funds, is being used in renovating the two buildings. The President's Ball was presented in the auditorium last week and on Monday of this week the county commissioners granted recently organized Beaufort Boy Scouts the privilege of using one of the rooms as their meeting place.

## This Bird Carries Its Own Light For Finding Tiny Fish

Julian Brown Who Came to Town Monday for Purpose of Adjusting Taxes Tells Newsmen About Strange Night Bird.

A bittern, (we call 'em quawks down on Ocracoke Island) carries his own search light, and fishes at night by wading in the shallow water, according to the astounding information gained from Julian Brown of Marshberg who was in town this week. The astounding part of his story was the statement that they carried their own light so that they can catch fish after dark.

"The bitterns fish after dark. Instead of having special sort of eyes for seeing at night, they part their breast feathers and from the skin beneath the feathers a glow, a sort of phosphorescence light, is revealed which attracts fishes, the size the bitterns want to guzzle down into the region of their stomach," said Julian.

Hereafter when its dark and you see a light over on the flats, do not be too sure that it is someone floundering or a will-o-wisp. It might be a bittern fishing.

Julian came to town to tell the commissioners that he is 63 years of age and that he does not want to pay any more poll taxes. The county commissioners granted his request and by so doing this one time pony man of Atlantic Beach becomes automatically eligible for an \$200 a month pension that Mr. Townsend might get through.

Incidentally the county commissioners have reduced by \$1000 the valuation on Julian Brown's famous island. (Continued on page eight)

## No More Chickens For Sweet Petuna And Alex Edwards

That Is; No More Until They Do An 18 Months Stretch For Purloning Mr. Merrill's Plymouth Rocks

It was Saturday night. Alex Edwards and Robert Campbell, alias, "Sweet Petuna" wanted a chicken dinner Sunday. Not only that they probably wanted a bit of change and chickens can be bartered.

Instead of operating locally they went five miles in the country on the Harlowe road to Mister Merrill's place. Mr. Merrill had several thorough bred Plymouth Rocks in his coop. They were not just ordinary dominicans but blue blooded stock.

There was a heavy dew on the grass Saturday night. Mr. Merrill saw foot-prints and followed them into town. He told the "Law" about it. The "Law" has been fretted much of late by chicken robbers. None have been caught—that is not until Sunday.

Chief Longest and Jailor-Deputy Chaplain got on the trail. Suspicion led to Sweet Petuna. Sweet Petuna has been a bad egg in his life. He recently completed a road sentence in Lee county. Since completing his term he has been following the straight and untraveled—except for dicker in stocks—other people's poultry stock. He has not been on the black list of the local "Law."

Beaufort's Chief of Police is a regular Sherlock. He studied tracks, followed them towards Sweet Petuna's humble domicile out back. There he compared boots, shoes and wondered why there were a few feathers in an empty sack lying on the floor. Plymouth Rock feathers. With very circumstantial evidence Chief Longest suggested gently that Sweet Petuna tell all. Finally he cracked and implicated not only himself but also Alex. Then he guided his captors to various places where chickens whole and decapitated were found. A few recovered alive were returned to the Merrill coop, mourning the loss of their feathered kin.

Monday morning they told it to Justice King. Tuesday morning to Judge Webb and on Wednesday A. M. they had both matriculated in the common jail of Carteret county for an 18 months course in road engineering.

## 23 Years Ago

### IT APPEARED IN THE BEAUFORT NEWS, FEB. 8, 1912

The Norfolk and Southern railroad was planning to conduct its fourth "Home-Seekers Excursion" into Carteret county. Railroad officials stated that excursions had resulted in many northern farmers locating in Eastern Carolina. The excursion planned for March 5 would bring prospective home seekers from the State of Ohio.

An anti-liquor league which had recently organized was meeting every Tuesday night in the—, you guessed it—Methodist church and the public was urged to take part in the discussions and helping the work of ridding the town and county of strong drink and the evil results that follow in its wake.

Word has been received here that (Continued on page five)

## TAXES LOWERED ON VILLA HOTEL AT MONDAY MEET

Luther Hamilton Explained Possible Advantage of Allowing Reduction, But Commissioner Chadwick Voted No, While Four Voted Yes

### MARCH TERM JURORS DRAWN

Considerable Business Transacted During Meeting; Tax Collector Will Go Off Commission And on Salary

County commissioners in regular February meeting Monday gave the new owners of Morehead Villa a break. Delinquent taxes on the property for the years 1931-32 were ordered adjusted and will be paid on the same basis as the 1933-34 taxable values. The reduction amounts to 33 1-3 per cent. The total valuation for the building is approximately \$150,000, and the taxable valuation of all furniture amounted to \$20,000. The commissioners reduced the valuation of the furniture to \$7,500.

When the taxes are paid, it will be one total valuation of about \$180,000 for the real and personal properties for the years 1931, 32, 33 and 34. This was the biggest arguments of the day and carried the meet on towards sunset. Commissioner Carl Chadwick voted "No" to the order, he is only one of five. The four "Yes" men won. Commissioner Chadwick offered no objection to the reduction in the valuation of furniture, but he contended that if Morehead Villa was allowed a 33 1-3 percent discount for delinquent taxes that all other inns, taverns, hotels, in the county should be granted the same privilege.

County Attorney Luther Hamilton asked the board to make the reduction. Morehead Villa has recently changed hands. The new owners are going to develop a country club which will bring many outside persons into Carteret county, persons who will help or are in position to help the county, persons who will spend money in the county, "Attorney Hamilton stated. Four of the commissioners saw the situation through Hamilton's eyes. But Commissioner Chadwick voted on record as opposing the reduction. It was one of those four out of five affairs though, so his "No" had no effect.

Quite a bit of business was transacted by the commissioners. First of all came Julian Brown. His story is written elsewhere under a 14 point Cheltenham head. (We printers know the meaning of Cheltenham.) Motions were passed and the Commissioners will request the State High way take over and maintain the road from the Primitive Baptist church in Otway to Route 10; to take over and maintain the road from Wallace Quinn's Fisheries to James Whitehurst's place in West Beaufort.

Other things the Commissioners did included: ordering that judgement against Carteret county by Wales Engineering corporation, amounting to \$851 be paid; that Dr. Chadwick (Continued on page eight)

## Dorothy Sabiston Was Not Born In Carteret

The Movie Actress was Born in Birmingham but Her Father is Native of Core Creek

Dorothy Sabiston, the movie actress was not born in Carteret county. Nevertheless, her father was and this makes a story. The acting editor of the Beaufort News had heard that some movie actress was born near Merrimon. Newspaper editors are apt to hear most anything but the story sounded interesting.

Dorothy Ellen Hardesty in the 7-1 grade of Beaufort school came to the rescue and reported in a very efficient manner the connection Miss Actress Sabiston has with the county. She wrote: "Dorothy Sabiston, a movie actress was born in Birmingham, Ala. Her father (here our reporter slipped, because she never mentioned his name) was born at Core Creek and lived there until just before he married a lady from Birmingham. He now works with the Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron Co., of Sheffield, Ala. Dorothy became a movie actress 14 years ago.

Dorothy Hardesty is a second cousin of the actress and is named for her. Delphine Eubanks is also a second cousin. They are both pupils in the elementary school of Beaufort.

"Dorothy's father has the following relatives in Carteret county," continued our reporter. They are: "Dave, John and Guy Sabiston brothers and one sister who lives in Rocky Mount."

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