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JUST WHEN ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION OF TERMINAL BEGINS IS UNKNOWN

Hamilton Playing Important Role in Port Activities Says That Work Will Begin When State Makes Proper Disposition of Her Railroad; He Says Present Valuation Is \$2,677,000

BEAUFORT MAY NOT LOSE HER RAILROAD

By AYCOCK BROWN

No one can state definitely when actual construction work on Morehead City's port terminal will begin. It is a question that is continually asked by residents of this town, this county, and this State. Newspapermen, especially one who lives here in Carteret are asked the question probably more than any other individual. We scribes usually know nothing, but try to get scoops on things that people want to know.

A few days ago Senator Bailey released to the press a story that Mr. Ickes and the Federal Government had agreed to meet their requirements and now it was left up to the State. We wired Governor Ehringhaus asking just what were State requirements and when in his opinion work would begin. His answer was "Terms of proposed contract may be ascertained in full by contacting Beaman at Morehead City—no time limit fixed."

We did not contact Beaman, but did have a lengthy conversation with Luther Hamilton, who every one knows has played one of the most important roles in the Morehead Port Commission. Our first question was, "What are State requirements and how soon will the requirements, in your opinion, be met?" His reply, "The story gave the wrong impression pertaining to requirements of the State, it depends solely upon the disposition of the railroad." He meant the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad now operated by the Norfolk Southern.

"Will the railroad be offered as collateral or part collateral for the proposed loan to the port commission?" we asked.

"It will not," he replied. "The collateral will be the earnings of operation of the port and possibly a tax levy of 10 cents on the hundred dollar valuation by the Town of Morehead City."

"The federal government will not grant a loan until they have been assured that proper disposition of the railroad has been made," said Mr. Hamilton.

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Covering The WATER FRONT

By AYCOCK BROWN

I believe in Gambling. Life is a gamble. But I do not believe in loaded dice. My personal opinion is that "put and take" punch boards or any kind that does not pay something everytime we suckers play them is "loaded dice." It is immaterial to this column whether the town allows them or not.

And another thing, and this to the fellow who said, "why don't you write up these speakies in Beaufort instead of penny punchboards?" I wrote up no special noise. I wrote up the entire racket. If the town wants them, its okay with me. And as for speakies Mister, you tell the grand jury what you know about them. I know nothing. Despite my saturated past (and that's not news in these parts) I am, as probably many already know now riding the water wagon. I am not even a member of the "one every now and then nor the 'I can take it or leave it' clubs. Among my other accomplishments I have large ears, false fangs and big I's.

Covered other waterfronts recently. Something fascinating about Calico Creek. It is not the one time home of Emeline Piggett on the Crab Point road either which is now practically in ruins and occupied by a Negro family. . . . Emeline Piggett was quite a gal though. The Confederates love her and a local chapter of the Daughters bears her name. A fine name, a euphonious name, and a story that will make an interesting feature for the Sunday supplements some of these days. . . .

Among other things we are thankful for is that we did not get names confused in a story about the divorce of Ransom Smith. We played

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HAUPTMANN TO DIE FOR BABY SLAYING

In Flemington, N. J., the Bruno Richard Hauptmann case went to the jury at 11:15 A. M. Wednesday. At 10:44 P. M. they returned the verdict, "Guilty as charged in the indictment." On March 18, the man who was charged with the killing of Baby Charles Lindbergh, Jr., was due to have his own life snuffed out in the Electric Chair. Attorney takes appeal to Higher court.

Beaufort Stores Are Making Improvements

Several local merchants are taking inventory this week. While some are taking inventory others are making improvements. Jack Neal proprietor of Carteret hardware is building a new warehouse over the water at the rear of the establishment. When completed the structure 25 by 40 feet will not only be an asset to Carteret hardware but also to Beaufort's waterfront, as there will be additional dockage, something this town needs. Farmers and fishermen would be wise to patronize the Beaufort hardware dealers in preference to mail order houses.

In the women's wear stores one now gets the first signs of Spring. Practically every merchant handling women's wearing apparel are receiving Spring goods daily.

E. D. Martin who carries a fine line of women's apparel from hats to shoes is renovating the interior of his establishment. He is having the walls and ceilings painted a pastel shade of green which blends well with the fine line of merchandise he carries.

SCHOONER YACHT "CARIB" SAILED SEAWARD SUNDAY

The Carib, two masted auxiliary yacht passed through the inland waterway bridge last Sunday, anchored in the channel over towards Fort Macon for an hour or two and then sailed out of the inlet towards the southward. This craft got in trouble in the Albemarle sound a few days ago and the cutter Pamlico out of New Bern went to her assistance, towing her into deep water.

The Carib is owned by, (according to government ship's registry) Samuel G. Rea of New York. Her length is 64 feet and she hails from Brooklyn. One of the outstanding features of the craft were the unusually tall masts which could be seen clearly from Morehead and Beaufort waterfronts.

B. H. S. ATHLETIC GROUP SPONSORS COMING DANCE

Honoring the Father of Our Country, the late George Washington, a dance and cabaret will be presented in the auditorium of the Courthouse annex on Friday night, January 22. Young Claude Wheatley says that the event is being sponsored by the Beaufort High School Athletic association and that the Seven Aces, Beaufort's famous jazz band, will furnish the music. This dance will be similar in nature to the President's Ball presented there recently. The charge for tickets will be nominal and the floor show will be a big feature of the event.

FUNERAL TODAY FOR LATE JAMES PAYLOR

Funeral services were conducted at 1 o'clock today for James Paylor, 45 year old resident of Harkers Island who died suddenly Tuesday morning at 2 o'clock. He is survived by his widow and children. He was not a native of Harkers Island, but moved there from Baltimore a few years ago. He is also survived by one sister whose name was not obtained. She is a resident of Baltimore.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The Meadows Co., to Mrs. Nannie Taylor, 20 acres White Oak Township for \$100.

W. R. Man and wife to Primitive Baptist church, 1 lot Newport, for \$1.

J. W. Hill and wife et als to Wesley Hill, 1-4 acre Marshalberg, for \$10.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Clarence Rose, Atlantic and Grace Pittman, Beaufort.

Albert Wade, and Dessie Willis, Harkers Island.

Beaufort Boy Scouts Receive Charter And Will Establish Camp

Recently organized the Beaufort Boy Scouts have been granted a charter for their troop of 32 boys and by special permission obtained at National Headquarters arrangements have been made to take care of two extra scouts. Eight additional boys will be taken into the organization as soon as proper arrangements can be made, according to Charles Skarren, scout master.

A great deal of interest is being shown in the Boy Scouts of Beaufort. Plans are underway to establish a national scout camp at the end of Lenoxville road will not only be available for local patrols but also for visiting troops throughout the country which choose Beaufort as a place to camp.

Preparations are underway for the construction of 10 patrol cabins and a recreational center on the ground which is available at Lenoxville, it was stated. The Beaufort Rotarians sponsor the newly organized Boy Scouts with Graydon Paul, chairman of the club's committee for same.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Julius Willis of Davis, February 12th, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Taylor of Beaufort RFD, February 13th, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Goodwin of Roe, at Morehead City Hospital, February 8th, a daughter Barbara Annice.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Knudsen of Bettie, February 9th, a son.

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TALE OF TWO COURTS HELD HERE MONDAY AND TUESDAY

Most of Cases Tried by Mayor Taylor Could be Traced to Corn Liquor; One Man Charged With Stoning Station

Local corn liquor during the past week end must have been of an inferior quality, judging from the number of defendants (16) appearing before His Honor Mayor Bayard Taylor in police court Monday evening. Fifteen of the cases on docket could be traced directly to hard liquor, the 16th to a guitar with a broken string.

A total of 170 days rolled out of the Mayor's mouth and into the ears of all listeners including the defendants in City Clerk Thomas' office where court was held. This amounted to \$85 at the rate of 50 cents per day if everyone had paid. Everyone did not pay so the street department has new recruits as a result.

Itemized, the cases disposed of during court and the judgment in each case was as follows: Plymouth Guthrie, white, 10 days or \$5; F. L. Humphrie, white, of Kingston, 10 days or \$5; Polk Johnson, colored, who had just that day been released the county roads at noon, was arrested again for being drunk at 6 p. m. was given 30 days or \$15; Adrian Rice, Jr., white, 10 days or \$5; Charlie Small, white, five days or \$2.50; Charlie Manson, Jr., white, 10 days or \$5; George Newkirk, white, 10 days or \$5; Roland Swain, white, 10 days or \$5; Frank Jumpy, white man of New Jersey, let Carteret corn make him too jumpy, so he too was given 10 days or \$5; Sol Pemberton, colored, 5 days or \$2.50; Duffy Rhodes, colored, 10 days or \$5; Luce Johnson, colored, 10 days or \$5. The foregoing charges all for drunkenness were handled by this court. Ben F. Gabriel and Claud Glover, white, charged with drunkenness failed to appear for trial so their cases were continued until court next Monday night.

Probable cause was found in a case against Lee Wilcox, white, charged with driving while drunk. He was bound over to Recorder's Court.

Elsie Bryan, colored charged with illegal possession of whiskey, was bound over to Recorder's court under bond of \$50. Ida Chadwick another colored woman was also bound over to recorder's court. She was charged with assault with deadly weapon, to-wit: a stove lid.

The Beaufort News police reporter reached court too late to learn whether Francis Fenderson, colored man, had something against Otis Moore, Seth Gibbs or just the Norfolk Southern. Anyway he was in court, charged with throwing stones at the passenger station, and he was given his choice of 10 days or \$5 for his unique amusement of throwing rocks.

Sam Tolson Almost Lynched As Assassin Of Abraham Lincoln

Tuesday was Lincoln's birthday. Beaufort and Carteret county played no role in Lincoln's birth but something that probably only the oldest settlers know is that a resident of this county did play an important part in the aftermath of the death of Abraham Lincoln.

The story has to do with a native of this county who resembled Wilkes Booth and was captured here in Beaufort when the country was looking for the assassin of the Civil War president of the United States. Sam Tolson who died a very old man in Portsmouth village on Ocracoke inlet a few years ago was a grown man when the War between the States ended. He had business in Beaufort and was here aboard a sharpie when some of the Federal troops, who apparently were still occupying the town, saw him.

Here was a man who resembled the wood cut drawing of John Wilkes Booth on reward posters which had been sent throughout the country. He was arrested and kept in the brig aboard a gunboat for a day or two and barely escaped lynching for a while. Finally he convinced his captors that he was not Wilkes Booth and was released. He told the story so often during his later life that sometimes it sounded as if he was really the assassin, incognito, instead of the much loved "Old Man Sam Tolson" who liked his Bateman drops and died in Portsmouth village a few years ago.

Approximately 2,500 peanut growers in Bertie County are expected to sign the adjustment contract now being offered.

Ida Chadwick, Colored Woman Will Probably Take More Careful Aim Next Time She Throws Stove Lid at A Guitar; Elsie Bryan's Attorney Takes Case to Another Court.

Judge Paul Webb held Recorder's court in one of the down stairs rooms in the court house as the regular courtroom is undergoing repairs. His docket was light but he disposed of one interesting case.

Ida Chadwick, a colored woman has a guitar. One night recently she was asleep and Thelma, another colored woman was picking the box. This aroused the wrath of Ida who had just awakened and heard one of the strings pop. She picked up an iron stove lid and threw it at the guitar. That was her story, believe it or not. Instead of hitting the box she struck Thelma in the back of the head. Result—a nasty gash.

Then there were warrants sworn out. But by Monday night when the case reached Mayor Taylor's court they were ready to withdraw all charges. But that was easier said than done. Mayor Taylor would not listen to it. He did listen to the trial though and sent the case on up to Judge Webb. Judge Webb gave Ida 90 days in the common jail, suspended upon good behavior for a period of two years and payment of the costs.

No decision was reached by the Recorder in the case of Elsie Bryan, colored woman charged with possession of whiskey. All evidence presented seemed to be of a circumstantial nature. It seems that when Officer Gherman Holland raided her place he found only the odor of whiskey, same he claimed benign poured out of a pitcher before his eyes behind the wood-box and then on top of that a dishpan full and then a stew pot full of water on top of that. Judge Webb is expected to render a decision in the case next Tuesday.

Elsie had an attorney who in commenting on the case said, "it is not a question of whether she is guilty or not. It's true that all evidence presented was of circumstantial nature but it's the principle of the thing." Why should the law pick up a lone Negro woman to arrest; when there are alleged speakies said to be operating in so many convenient locations around Beaufort. It is things of this nature that make so many respectable and otherwise non-drinkers so disgusted with the present prohibition set-up in North Carolina.

The case against Duffy Willis charged with trespass in which Harvey Willis was prosecuting witness was continued. Charlie Phillips, white man who has been, due to unemployment unable to make payments on an abandonment; a n d non-support charge was advised and ordered by the Recorder to be more prompt in his payments, etc.

Warren Predicts Ruin For Potato Growers

All Indications Point Towards Potatoes Again Selling for a Dollar Per Barrel. Any Potato Law Congress Enacts This Year Cannot Effect 1935 Crop. Farmers Must Help Themselves by Reducing Acreage.

MR. MEBANE CONVALESCING

The condition of Mr. Mebane who was transferred from St. Elizabeth's hospital in Richmond last Saturday to the Morehead City hospital for convalescence remains about the same, hospital attaches stated today.

400 HEARD SPEECH ABOUT BIG MONEY

One hundred and forty thousand dollars will be the monthly payroll in Carteret county for persons over 60 years of age, when and if Mr. Townsend's old age pension bill goes through. Wm. F. Fisher one of the State's organizers explained the bill to approximately 400 hopeful listeners at the school house in Beaufort one night last week. A petition is now being signed by hundreds of people in every township in Carteret county favoring the passage of the bill.

DEPUTY COLLECTOR DUE IN BEAUFORT SOON

A deputy collector of Internal Revenue will be in Beaufort on March 11 to assist taxpayers in preparing their returns, according to communication received from C. H. Robertson, collector of Greensboro. There will be no charge made for this service, he added.

The deputy collector will advise and assist persons fortunate enough to enjoy a salary that makes it necessary to pay an income tax.

ATTENDED BANKING SCHOOL

W. A. Allen, liquidating agent, returned Wednesday from Raleigh where for the past week he has been attending a school conducted by the State Banking Department especially for the branch of the banking profession which he represents.

CHORAL CLUB CONCERT SUNDAY AT 3:30 M. E. CHURCH

Directed by Mrs. Grayden Paul On Sunday afternoon, February 17, the Choral club will give a sacred concert at the Methodist church, under the leadership of Mrs. Grayden Paul with Mrs. O. B. Moore at the organ. Anthems, quartets, spirituals are a part of the program. The public is invited to attend at three-thirty o'clock. A silver offering will be taken.

The members of the Choral club will have a rehearsal at the church Thursday evening at 7:30.

WOMAN FISH EXPERT NEVER HAS MADE CATCH

Washington, Feb. 9.—A scientific knowledge of fish doesn't make a fisherman, according to Miss Louella Cable, who has a record of "many casts, but no catches."

Miss Cable is regarded as "Washington's outstanding authority on fish." She is secretary to Elmer Higgins, scientific division chief of the Bureau of Fisheries.

In addition to her scientific work, Miss Cable draws and paints sea life scenes for the department. She knows thoroughly the lives and practices of practically every type of fish, but hasn't discovered the means of fishing success. After a recent fishing trip, she said:

"I couldn't catch anything."

FISH INDUSTRY SHOWS INCREASE AT VANDEMERE

Van demere, Feb. 9.—Four seagoing trawlers, "Miss Carrie," "Sue Lawson," "Olive M." and "Hudson Ranger," loaded with fish of various kinds from 10 to 20 thousand pounds consisting of perch, bass, steakhfish, trout, flounders, croakers, and other kinds, come to Van demere two or three times a week. These are sold to local dealers here, who ship by truck and express to all points.

In addition to these four trawlers, two boats run regularly from Ocracoke to Van demere loaded with assorted fish, which are also sold to the fish dealers here. The fish industry is growing at this place.

Congressman Lindsay C. Warren

stated in Washington this week that based upon the most reliable information he could see nothing but ruin for North Carolina potato growers this year. He said that all indications pointed to potatoes selling for \$1 per barrel, and that it was inconceivable to him how after the farmer had gone through a disaster in 1934, that he would deliberately stick his head in the fire in 1935. "And that is exactly what he is preparing to do," said Mr. Warren.

Mr. Warren had the following to say on the potato situation:

"Beginning at the meeting held in Washington, N. C., in September 1934, and on many occasions since then I have frankly told our potato growers that no legislation that Congress might pass can effect the 1935 crop. This has also been said time after time by all others interested in the subject. Therefore the farmer is the only one who can help himself this year. Based upon reliable information I see nothing but disaster ahead. All indications point to the fact that potatoes will sell in North Carolina for \$1 per barrel. In the face of this it is inconceivable to me how our farmers can go ahead and again stick their heads in the fire. Yet they are preparing to do exactly that thing."

"I hope that the Potato Control Bill will be ready for introduction in Congress by me this week. It has been the most difficult of all crop bills to prepare, but at last it is about ready and we have built up a nation wide organization of growers in its behalf. It will not become effective until 100 days after it has passed through Congress. No one can even guess when that will be. If we are successful it may apply to Maine and some western states this year. We hope and believe that we have a fair and workable bill and we further believe that it will raise the price of potatoes in North Carolina in 1936."

"It has come to my attention that some contractors and some fertilizer dealers are telling growers that unless they plant a large crop this year they can get no proper base period under the bill we hope to pass. This is utterly false. Let me again say as I have said on so many occasions that there is not a member of Congress who would vote for a measure carrying 1935 as a base year. It is now very doubtful if even the year of 1934 will be used in determining the base period."

"Although the planting season is near at hand the grower still has a chance to save himself. It is his one and only hope. If he will do this there is much hope for him in 1936."

Beaufort To Organize Chamber of Commerce

At a joint meeting of the Beaufort Business and the Rotary Club in the Old Topsail meeting room Tuesday night preliminary plans for the organization of a Chamber of Commerce was discussed. On next Tuesday evening all business men in town are urged to attend another meeting in Old Topsail club room at which time the organization is expected to be completed. A chamber of commerce is something that Beaufort needs. This is proven daily by numerous requests from individuals throughout the country who write here for data which only a chamber of commerce can properly handle.

McCOOK PROPERTY, ATLANTIC, BEQUEATHED TO TWO NIECES

This newspaper has been reliably informed that the Robert L. McCook property on a high bluff over Core Sound just to the westward of Atlantic has been bequeathed to his nieces. This is one of the most unusual pieces of property in Carteret county. Thousands of dollars was spent in converting a large house boat into a home on shore, other buildings were constructed, including an all year arboretum and considerable work along the shore, such as building a breakwater and piers. The total valuation of real and personal properties of the late Mr. McCook at this location amounts to approximately \$9,500 according to Tax Collector Hamilton.