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Beaman Offers Contract from Railroad for Terminal Funds

If Accepted Will Mean Cutting Strings from Approximately Two Million Dollars Allocated for Improvement of the Morehead City Port

FUNDS MAY FLOW SOON

Maurice R. Beaman, representing the Morehead City Port Terminal Commission presented to PWA officials in Washington yesterday a contract from the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad, which if accepted, will mean cutting the strings from the approximately \$2,000,000 allocated for the improvement of the port, according to a story from a Washington correspondent, appearing to today's issue of the News and Observer.

Mr. Beaman had hoped to receive a decision yesterday, but did not and is remaining in the city for a further conference.

If the contract had been accepted two weeks ago it would have meant that money would have become immediately available as it is, PWA funds have been diverted to direct Federal unemployment relief on account of the delay by Congress in passing the works relief appropriation bill. Of the total amount 1,550,000 is for an expenditure by the War Department; \$113,000 is Federal grant to the Morehead City Port Terminal Commission and the remaining \$312,000 is a loan in the form of four per cent bonds.

The proposed contract by the railroad, in which the State owns a controlling interest, is in the form of a guaranteed contribution for the repayment of the bonds. The contract is based on self operation of the railroad but would not preclude another lease if a satisfactory lessor can be found. The road sometimes ago cancelled its lease to the Norfolk Southern Railroad because of default in rentals.

The contract is based on estimates of receipts and operating costs which must be approved by the PWA.

PTA RESOLUTION ADOPTED TUESDAY

This Meeting Marked 20th Anniversary of Founding; Mrs. A. J. Flowers Makes Interesting Talk.

A party honoring the 20th anniversary of the organization was a feature of the Beaufort Parent-Teachers meeting held here Tuesday night. Mrs. Wheatly president of the group presided and the monthly prize was given to Miss Louise Hudgins' room 1-1 for having the most parents present. A yearly attendance drive ended with this meeting and prizes of \$5 each was presented Miss Hudgins teacher of grade 1-1 and Miss Nellie Lewis' grade 6-1. Miss Mamie Wolf of grade 4-2 received prize of \$2.50 for 75 per cent attendance, while Miss Lena Duncan, senior grade and Miss Loftin and Miss Bowers received \$1 each for having 50 per cent attendance.

After the business meeting M. Leslie Davis read a resolution which was adopted by those present. It follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Parent-Teachers Association of Beaufort, N. C., in regular meeting, wishes to take this means of commending the State supported eight months school term, and

WHEREAS, it wishes for our Law Makers now assembled to know its keen interest in our schools, and

WHEREAS, it is greatly concerned about future development of its own school, as well as the schools of the whole State, IT IS THEREFORE

RESOLVED: That as a school body it recommends the following as of vital interest to the schools of our State:

- 1st. Adequate teachers salaries based on the 1929-30 salary schedule, and be based on annual salary basis instead eight months' basis.
- 2nd. Provide safe and sufficient truck transportation for the children.
- 3rd. Sufficient funds for larger and better libraries and school equipment.
- 4th. That teachers be allotted on basis of daily memberships and not on daily attendance.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That copies of this RESOLUTION be sent to our Representative and our two SENATORS, urging their hearty cooperation in making these important things, possible, for our schools.

The above Resolution was unanimously passed by the Beaufort Parent-Teachers Association Feb. 19th. (Continued on page eight)

HOME ECONOMIST



MISS BLYTHE BURNETTE

Miss Blythe Burnette, of Royston, Ga., who is a graduate of Home Economics from the University of Georgia and has been employed in this connection with the Georgia Power Company for the past five years will be at the Beaufort High School, ready to give any one expert suggestions on food problems, planning meals and parties or assist in planning better and proper lighting for your home. Tide Water Electric Company sponsors her coming here, and will arrange interviews for any one with Miss Burnette.

Boat "Snap Dragon" Was Built By Capt. Burns Near Beaufort

But this "Snap-Dragon" was not the famous privateer according to a book published back in 1905 by descendants of Capt. Otway Burns whose tomb is one of the interesting historical markers in the town of Beaufort. Quite recently the acting editor of this newspaper was told that the famous ship was built near Gloucester and that members of the Pickett family in that section could prove it.

Historical records show that Capt. Burns acquired a Baltimore clipper the "Lever" in New York, fitted her out as a privateer and changed the name to Snap Dragon. She played an important part in the War of 1812, and was finally captured by the English and taken to England where members of the crew (the ancestors of many persons along this section of the coast today) were confined in Dartmoor prison for duration of war.

After the war Capt. Burns built several ships. His plant was in or near Beaufort. One of the crafts he built, using the timbers of staunch five oaks which came from Shackelford and Bogue banks was "a small two masted schooner sail boat, naming her the "Snap-Dragon" and put a 'center-board' in her,—the first ever known in this section. She could beat any boat in Core Sound."

Work on Beaufort's Harbor Begins Soon

On March 15 the district army engineer's office in Wilmington is to open bids on a contract to dredge approximately 63,600 cubic yards of material from the Beaufort harbor and approximately 52,700 cubic yards from South River. The first named work will give Beaufort a channel and a basin before the city twelve feet in depth. That in South River will provide a channel of seven feet to Aurora.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Alonzo Collins and Susan Bryant, Beaufort.
Leamon Eubanks and Beulah Dixon, Beaufort.
James W. Morton, East Wallingford, Vt., and Daisy V. Willis, Morehead City.

RADIO PROGRAM ON SALES TAX

Tonight, February 28th, at 7:15 o'clock Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, representative from Forsyth county will speak on the General Sales Tax and explain the McDonald-Lumpkin Tax proposals which have been offered as a substitute for the sales tax.

Young School Boy Writes Roosevelt

And the letter which originated in Carteret county is returned to J. G. Allen, local school official who has made some investigation into the child's plight, and believes that the child is justified and likewise greatly in need of eye glasses, that he requested President Roosevelt to help him get. The youngster is one of eight children in a family that is unable to provide the glasses. He is in the fifth grade of one of the Carteret county schools, says Mr. Allen and the letter follows:

"I am a little boy twelve years old. But only in the fifth grade. I am almost blind. I have heard that you are a kind man and often help the poor and will you please help to get me some glasses. Soss I can finish my studies. Mabey some day I can be a great man like you. My dady works hard to get bread. I have no warm clothes. Their are eight of us in family. We life in a four room shack and when it rains we only have one dry room. I will close thanking you for what you have done for our government."

Mr. Allen said further that he believes he can arrange for an eye test and suitable glasses for this child in the event that interested citizens will send in same a total of \$7.50 to cover the cost of materials only.

TWENTY EIGHT MULES ARRIVE

Mules are scarce down in this section of the country. There are probably many folks down here along the coast that have never even seen one of these long eared beast of burden, except on pictures where they were representing the Democratic party. There are a great many people up in the mountains and Piedmont who have never seen a Banker Pony so that squares that.

The 28 reaching here this week aboard a railroad stock car will be turned over to Carteret county rehabilitation cases. If after the end of a year the rehabilitation case wants to own the animal they have been loaned, they have the privilege of buying same. Upon arrival in Beaufort the mules were quartered and examined for two or three days before being distributed to farmers who will hitch them to plows and start rehabilitating things in the near future.

Rector of St. Paul's Visits Prison Camp

The Rev. Mr. Lawrence Fenwick, rector of St. Paul's church conducted services for the 19 inmates of the State Highway Prison camp on North River Road last Sunday afternoon. He was accompanied to the camp by a group of singers from the church.

Services opened with the hymn, "Bless be The Tide That Flows," ending with "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." The subject of Mr. Fenwick's talk was "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever." "Of several prayers, one from the Prayer Book of the Episcopal faith, for Prisoners was most fitting for the occasion.

The 19 inmates of this prison camp all Negroes responded to the various hymns, by singing songs and spirituals of their own race. It was very impressive and each prisoner showed much interest in the religious program.

This camp is under the supervision of Charles Thomas. The morale under his direction is classed as the best of any similar camp in North Carolina. He shows a great deal of interest in his prisoners, and his prisoners, all of which are Grade-A class, have a great deal of respect for their guardian.

ASARIAH MASON

Death came as a shock to residents of Sea Level when Asariah Mason 70 died Saturday afternoon, February 16. Although suffering from a complication of diseases for some time his premature passing was expected by no one.

Mr. Mason was never married. He lived alone in Sea Level near a well known repair shop. His disposition was general kind with those whom he associated with and was an interesting story teller. He was the son of the late Isiah and Armesa Mason and is survived by one brother, C. W. Mason of Stacy and three nieces and two nephews all of Morehead City, and another niece Mrs. Abbott Salter. Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon in Bay View cemetery.

CALL RELIEF WHEN THEY WONT WORK

Chislers on Relief Who Refuse Employment When Offered Same May Discover That FERA is no Santa Claus

Persons on Relief rolls who refuse employment when offered same, will be taken off the rolls unless they have a mighty good alibi for turning down the offer to go to work, according to Mrs. Malcolm Lewis, local director of FERA. Numerous complaints have been made that it is almost impossible to secure servants or workers from certain classes in this section. But this situation could be easily remedied if the person offering employment would just call up the Relief office and inform the officials there, when a person refuses to work.

If this method is used a great many chislers who are receiving food and other aid from the FERA will soon learn that this organization is not the Santa Claus they thought it was. Instead of talking it around the by-ways and hedges, when an unemployed person refuses to work, those offering same can simplify matters by calling Mrs. Lewis. If such a person refusing gainful employment is on relief rolls, they will be taken off, if an investigation reveals that the person was not justified in refusing the employment.

EARL MASON HAS AMBITIOUS HENS

Down on Ocracoke island last winter one of George B. Howard's hens laid two eggs daily. One was soft shell the other hard. His hen got into the papers for her achievement. It is not surprising that a hen will lay two eggs daily on Ocracoke. Most anything can happen there.

But now Carteret county has a hen that lays two eggs each day. That is eight hens lay nine eggs each day, and it all sifts down to the same thing. Earl Mason, who lives on North River road. He first told the story to Mr. Rumley the feed and seed man on Front street. Mr. Rumley passed the story on to the Beaufort News reporter.

B. H. S. Senior Class Has Play on Friday

A comedy in three acts will be presented by the Senior class of Beaufort high school in the school auditorium on Friday night, March 1. The title of the play, "Kicked Out of College" has not only a large cast of characters, but there will be many additional in the cast, including singers of the first grade boys and girls and a special feature will be College Rhythm, presented by twelve girls.

The scene of the play is in a college town. The cast follows:

—Claude Wheatly.
—Tad Cheseldine, the college cut-up—Gray Hassell.
—Leviticus, the ace of spades—Philip Taylor.
—Scotch McAllister, a hard student—Elizabeth Ramsey.
—Shorty Long, on the glee club—Mildred Dickinson.
—Sylvester Madge, a happy junior—Charles Rice.
—Mr. Benjamin J. Benlow, Bootles' father—Robert L. Davis.
—Mr. Sandy McCann, coach of the dramatic club—Douglas Merrill.
—Officer Riley, from the Emerald Isle—Odell Merrill.
—Mr. Gears, of the Speed Motor co.—Fred Davis.
—Jonquil Gray, the little chauffeur—Mary T. Hinnant.
—Betty Benlow, Bootles' sister—Mary Sue Rudder.
—Mrs. B. J. Benbow, her mother, a politician—Lucille Hill.
—"Ma" Bagsby, a popular landlady—Ethel Conway.
—Mrs. Meditabel McCann, a jealous wife—Helen Jones.
—Selina McCann, aged thirteen—Virginia Stanton.
—Miss Juliet Snobbs, the college stenographer—Arnetia Wiley.
—Mlle. Mimi Fleurette, a French costumer—Julia Thomas.
—Salamanca Spivins, a black washlady—Louise Bailey.
—Students—Glen Carraway; Fred Davis; John Gillikin; Roland Longest.

Members of Women's Party—Agatha Gillikin, Minnie Harvey, Myrtle Powell, Helen Salter.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Daniels of Atlantic at Morehead City Hospital, Feb. 25th, a son.

Case Snatchers Binding School Bound

Two colored boys stole a brief case out of the car of a person in Beaufort on business last December. They did not know how to work the zipper fastener that opened and closed the case so instead of returning same they threw it overboard. It was never found. The case contained several thousand dollars worth of notes and negotiable paper.

The two boys were found and found guilty of theft when tried before Judge Lawrence Hassell. The only thing he could do was order them to jail until some juvenile institution would take them. That was in December. The boys seemed to like jail life and county board. But Judge Hassell ordered them released two weeks ago because feeding the youngsters was quite an expense to the county. This week came word from Morrison Training School at Hoffman that the boys could be admitted there. On Thursday Judge Hassell was drawing up the proper papers to enter the boys in this institution and they will be leaving in a few days for more free board, but this time on the State.

HARD CRABS ARE CANNERY BOUND

Bogue Sound Trot Liners Had Good Luck Early This Week and Received \$2 per Barrel for Crustaceans

The hard crab season has started and on Tuesday morning of this week, the Beaufort branch of the New Bern Seafood company received over 100 barrels, mostly from points along Bogue sound. If weather conditions remain balmy there is no telling how many barrels of these pinching crustaceans will be taken within the next few days. They are said to be unusually numerous in surrounding waters at the present time.

But the tides must be right for the trot liners to catch them in any quantities. Apparently the full moon tides are just rite, considering the number caught this week. The only pathetic part of this story is the fact that all crabs caught must be shipped to canneries elsewhere. The bulk of the local seafoodery buys are at present being shipped to Hampton or Norfolk.

Not so pathetic, however, is the price being paid. Each barrel contains approximately 250 crabs. The current price this week was \$2 per barrel. This is not an established price as it fluctuates on marketing conditions.

HARDY PAKE DIED THIS AFTERNOON

For Thirty Years He Was Foreman of the Late C. P. Dey's Fertilizer Plant

Stricken with pneumonia a few days ago Hardy Pake, well-known resident of Beaufort died this afternoon in the Morehead City Hospital. While his condition for the past two days was considered critical, his death will be a great shock to his many friends here.

Surviving is his widow, Mrs. Pake and nine children Time of funeral services had not been announced when the Beaufort News went to press today.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows:

Assistant statistical clerk, \$1,620 a year, departmental service, Washington, D. C.

Chief dietitian, \$2,300 to \$2,900 a year, head dietitian, \$2,000 to \$2,500 a year, staff dietitian, \$1,800 to \$2,160 a year, Public Health Service and Veterans' Administration.

Full information may be obtained from the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners at the post office or customhouse in any city which has a post office of the first or the second class, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Wiley H. Taylor, treasurer of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce, requests that all members of the organization please stop by his office in the U. S. Postoffice building and pay their dues. Members will realize that this is a practical plan as, while it would take considerable time for Mr. Taylor to visit each member personally, everyone can easily see him while calling for their mail and thus help create an efficient system.

WILL PACK CRABS IN MODERN PLANT

Willis Seafood Company Establishes Morehead Cannery That Should Benefit Those Catching Hard-Crabs

A modern hard crab cannery has been established in Morehead City by the Gordon C. Willis Seafood Company and was opened to the public this week. It is hoped that this cannery will answer a great need for this section. Only this week several hundred barrels of hard-crabs caught by Bogue sound trot-liners were shipped to Norfolk and Hampton cenneries. Perhaps the new plant will, if they pay prices equal to the Virginia buyer, get the bulk of the hard crab business of this section.

Features of the new plant are the modern methods employed at the cannery. It is thoroughly sanitary, being equipped with metal topped tables and painted white throughout. The pickers must wear white uniforms and white caps and sit at their work instead of standing. The work room faces the water and is separated from the cooking room, where the crab meat is prepared for the cans.

Each picker is known by a number. Each batch of crab-meat will bear a slip on which the number of the picker is placed so that any mistake in grading can be easily traced. The product is put in one pound cans as is picked and classified into four groups; No. 1, the back fin, No. 2, Special, No. 3, white meat and No. 4 claws. As soon as cans are sealed they are placed on ice for retail trade or shipment. Crab-shells too will be shipped, to be used in serving devilled crabs.

Covering The WATER FRONT

By AYCOCK BROWN

The State Port, Virginia Carolina Line steamer was still aground near New Inlet today. She stuck there early this week. CG 228 went to her assistance but the low tides of this week made it difficult working with the craft. The Edward G. Farrington of the N. B. & C. Line also rendered aid but together the two could not pull the one out to deep water.

Hugh Hill showed me over the Farrington this morning while she was laying here discharging cargo before continuing northward. The vessel is built entirely of steel. She is electrically driven and has a tonnage of about 400. Capt. Wise her Master showed me through the pilot house. There is a big wheel for steering but it is seldom used. Instead there is a little handle that a baby could operate, which is used for steering the boat.

The new road from Atlantic Beach to Fort Macon is beautiful and bumpy. And crooked. The bumps will be taken out by the time heavy traffic starts on the road in the summertime. But the curves around sand dunes, through youpon and scraggly cedar thickets and marshes will not be eliminated. I predict 15 major accidents on that five mile stretch this coming summer and at least three deaths—unless the road is policed well by traffic officers.

The Fish and Oyster Reporter, national trade journal for fishermen and oystermen used our editorial on "Keeping Drum Inlet Open."

A man in Erie, Pa., wrote asking if we would advise him if a person could make from \$300 to \$2000 per year in this section trapping for fur bearing animals. Anyone who wishes to tell this professional trapper whether he can make that much or if some farmer in the county would like to have the fellow's address a stamped envelope or card sent to this column will get immediate response.

Sunday skeet shooting is still proving popular. Last Sunday there were many cars parked on the fill between Morehead City and Beaufort enjoying this recreation. The wind was in the wrong direction last Sunday for the popping guns to be heard very plainly over here in town.

Mr. Seeley overlooked me in his address of welcome to new members of the Rotary Club last Tuesday night. He had seen me there so much that he probably thought I was already a member. But I was not. Two new members were taken in last week. One was the Rev. Mr. Rogers of the Methodist church. The other was Aycock Brown of this waterfront column.

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