

# The First Christmas

Excerpts from St. Luke, Chapter 2

Verses 8, 9, 10, 11

... And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night . . . And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid . . . And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people . . . For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord . . ."

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## Board Appoints Garment Agents

Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Henderson are appointed special agents for Carteret County to distribute clothing to needy clients as same is donated by the WPA; Job pays \$60 per month plus \$40 for travel expenses.

### PLENTY OF GARMENTS

Two Hundred and Seventeen are employed in Carteret By WPA to make the garments which will be given to needy clients; Other matters are taken up by County Board in their recessed meeting.

Mrs. Ruth Roberts of Beaufort and Mrs. George Henderson of Morehead City were appointed temporary special agents for Carteret county at a recessed meeting on the Board of County Commissioners Wednesday. Their job will be to distribute articles of clothing which will be donated by the WPA. The special agents will be paid \$60 per month plus \$40 per month for travel expenses.

A small amount of routine business was transacted by the commissioners in addition to the appointment of the special agents. The bill of Abrahams and Whitakers who audited Carteret county (and incidentally exposed how the county has been operated) was approved for the sum of \$4,200 condition upon immediate payment in cash for balance due being \$3,000.

Chairman Bonner was authorized and directed on behalf of county to transfer and assign for face value to Lionell Murdock the tax certificate in the name of A. Murdock heirs held by and in name of Carteret county. The Auditor was instructed to issue a voucher in the amount of \$6.48 covering taxes paid by L. H. Hardy but credited to L. J. Hardy. L. H. Hardy, Merrimon blind man was placed on the poor list of the county at \$4 monthly until such taxes are paid. The register of deeds was authorized to complete index book. Miss Martha Jones who was voted 1/4 per month from the poor fund at a former meeting of the board will not get that sum, due to the fact that books showed she was already receiving \$17.50 per month from the emergency relief fund of county.

In connection with the special (Continued on page ten)

### Covering The WATER FRONT By AYCOCK BROWN

A RESIDENT OF Durham who happened to be in Hyde county recently asked one of the Old Timers present if it was low or high tide. Old Timer called a cat which approached him and after close examination he said: "It's high tide." Naturally the Durhamite wanted to know how he could tell whether it was high or low tide by looking at a cat and this is what Old Timer said, Buddy, no matter how far inland you may go, if you look at a cat and find that the pupils in the cat's eyes are round, it's a sure sign that it's low tide; and if the pupils are slit, it's bound to be low tide. A cat's eyes will go from one extreme to the other as the tides rise and fall." The foregoing is a statement made by P. N. Constable of Durham to the current edition of The State Magazine.

SPEAKING OF TIDES, Mr. Carl Gorech, you have probably heard or know that babies are born on flood tides and that persons suffering from lingering illnesses die on the ebb of tides. About the change in a cat's eye, I know nothing, but I do know that on Ocracoke Island very reliable and Christian people will tell you that a token of death light is quite often seen before the death of persons. It is an eerie sight—sorta (Continued on page ten)

### WHAT IS CHRISTMAS WITHOUT AN EGGNOG?

Christmas without an eggnog is still Christmas. But to you people who like your egg nog, Christmas with one is something that adds spirit, if you get the egg nog—or Christmas without spirits if you do not. Incidentally Christmas with egg nog takes away your spirits. With enough egg nog beneath anyone's belt a man feels like Santa Claus and a woman feels like Mrs. Santa Claus. We are not advising you abstainers to drink, but to you who do, here is a recipe that you might like to file. It ought to be good as it is one of Irvin S. Cobb's favorites: One egg, 1-2 teaspoonful powdered sugar, one jigger of any good whiskey, half tumbler sweet milk or cream. Beat up white and yolk separately. To beaten yolks, add sugar, whiskey and milk, stirring each separately. Then stir in beaten white, and serve with nutmeg on top. Use a sherbet glass if available—if not use a glass.

### FLASH!!

Jimmie Gossard, 16 year old son of L. J. Gossard, head case worker for the NCERA here died in the Morehead City hospital tonight at 9:35 o'clock, a few minutes after he was rushed there suffering from a wound inflicted when he fell on a knife.

### PANHANDLING POLK GETS FOUR MONTHS

Polk Johnson is definitely out of circulation for the next four months. For quite a while he was Beaufort's Public Nuisance No. 1, habitual drunkard and most prolific panhandler. Several weeks ago on a number of charges he was taken before Mayor Taylor who bound him over to the March term of Criminal Court under a bond of \$100 which he did not raise. Polk is not so dumb when he gets sober and after several days in jail he came to the conclusion that he had a chance for liberty. He employed an attorney and as all the charges against him were misdemeanors he was tried and given 30 more days in jail. That would have given him liberty in January and no charges to face in March if he had behaved.

Polk was very repentant at the time. He was very repentant last Sunday when Jailor E. M. Chaplain allowed him to come out on the front porch of the jail to bask in sunshine and give water to other tenants behind the bars. While the jailor was not looking Polk could not resist the temptation to slip around back of the jail and climb the fence to liberty. That was a feat in itself for a man with one foot. Shortly afterwards Polk was up to his old tricks and officers caught him with a pint of whiskey, a colored man and unknown white. The whiskey was not 'legal' said experts in court who removed the legal looking cap to smell of the brownish colored corn inside. Polk is a pure and simple enebriate, but that gives him no license to leave jails without permission, nor to transport illegal liquor. So Judge Paul Webb did Beaufort a favor by sentencing Polk to four months on the roads (N. C. H. & P. H. Com.) He will probably be leaving for the engineering job about Friday afternoon—to a Craven Prison camp.

### Not Many Of Their Cousins Killed By Sportsmen This Season



These Canadian Geese Decoys Were Unemployed This Year

The curtain was lowered today on one of the poorest migratory wild-fowl seasons ever known along the North Carolina coast. Stringent laws enacted for the protection of geese, ducks and brandt made it a too sporting a proposition for the average hunter. In the old days, hundreds, probably thousands of sportsmen came from northern cities for the 'duck' shooting off the North Carolina coast. This year that number decreased to practically no out of state sportsmen and the local residents who went gunning failed to register any important kills. Gherman Holland, Hugh Piner, Dick Whitehurst and Jack Neal hunting with Capt. Charlie Carrow down in the Core-Pamlico Sound region this week killed eight geese and 16 ducks. That was the best hunting done by anyone else in this section. This year it has been unlawful to hunt over live decoys as pictured above. It has also been a violation of the law to hunt from blinds

### BRADY WAY DIED LATE WEDNESDAY

Prominent Fish Dealer Succumbed to Pneumonia; Funeral Services at Home Friday at 2 o'clock.

Brady Cicero Way, 59, died here last night at 6:45 o'clock following an attack of double pneumonia. He had been seriously ill for only a few days but had been in declining health for several months. Funeral services will be conducted at the Way home Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Rev. C. T. Rogers officiating, assisted by Rev. J. W. Morgan. Burial services will be conducted in Ocean View cemetery.

Mr. Way was born in East Carteret county. He moved to Beaufort many years ago and conducted a very successful fish business here.

He is survived by his widow Mrs. Minnie Way, two daughters Miss Elnora Way and Miss Varina Way of Beaufort, and three sons, Dr. Samuel T. Way of Baltimore, John Way a student at the University of North Carolina and William Way, who was connected with his father's fish business here. One brother, Benny P. Way of Morehead City survives and two sisters: Mrs. John M. Lewis and Mrs. E. B. Lewis, both residents of Marshallberg.

### NO MARRIAGE LICENSES

No marriage licenses will be issued on Christmas Day in Carteret County according to announcement by officials in the Register of Deeds office.

### Rev. Emanuel Pigott Died While Oystering

Body of Missionary Baptist Minister of Morehead City Was Found in Shallow Water of Newport River; He Was A Respected Member of His Race and A Descendent of Slave Family Once Owned By Parents of Emiline Pigott, The Famous Confederate Spy.

Rev. Emanuel Pigott, one of Morehead City's most respected colored citizens suffered a heart attack while oystering in the Newport river late Tuesday. He failed to return home that night and early Wednesday his body was found in shallow water near a boat from which he had been oystering the previous day. The tongue too were found, the handles sticking out of the water, a few oysters imprisoned below.

Rev. Pigott was the son of a slave

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN LOCAL CHURCHES

Holy Communion will be observed in St. Paul's church at midnight on Christmas Eve. One of the most impressive services of the church year, the public is cordially invited to be in attendance, according to Rev. Lawrence Fenwick the rector.

On Christmas Day the Methodist church here will have services at 10 o'clock in the morning, according to Rev. C. T. Rogers the pastor. Services will be conducted at 11 o'clock in the Baptist church and on Christmas night a Christmas pageant will be presented at 7:30 o'clock according to announcement made by Rev. J. W. Morgan, pastor of the church.

### Troy Johnson Takes Charge of Fountain

Starting Monday, December 22, Troy Johnson will have complete charge of the soda fountain, sandwich, cigar and cigarette department of the Joe House Drug store, it was announced this week. He has been in the employ of Mr. House for quite some time but his new position gives him added responsibilities. It is his intention to build up one of the most efficient soda fountain services in Eastern Carolina, which will include quicker curb service, faster delivery service and better mixed drinks. In the future there will be no extra

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### HIGHWAY PATROLMAN GIVES EXAMINATIONS

Applicants for drivers license may be examined in Beaufort each Friday between 9 and 12 o'clock for drivers license it was announced today by City Clerk Murray Thomas. A large number of people have failed to apply for their drivers license and it is a violation of the law to operate a car without one. Patrolman I. T. Moore will be in charge of the examinations in Beaufort, it was announced and everyone is urged to take advantage of this opportunity for an examination.

### Mayor Taylor Issues Warning To Habitual Drunks of Beaufort

Only six defendants faced Mayor Bayard Taylor in City Court Monday night. That was as compared to perhaps the years record on the previous Monday night when 21 defendants were there to tell it to the judge. Now if you happened to be among those present on Monday night, December 16, please do not feel like an outcast because you failed to get news paper publicity last week—we were cramped for space and had to leave it out. But in the last paragraph of this story you will see your name starting at you—if you were in court that night.

The highspot of the session Monday night was a new ruling which will take effect on the first of the year. Every person convicted of public drunkenness will serve 30 days on the streets (or in the cemetery perhaps, cleaning it up) unless they pay a good wage to someone else to take

### Decorated Lawns To Be Judged Tuesday

Mrs. E. A. Nichols and Mrs. Paul Cleland, both recently arrived new comers to Morehead City will act as judges in the prize contest being staged by Carteret Hardware Company for the best decorated lawn or front porch in Beaufort during the Christmas holidays, it was announced today. Judging will take place shortly after dark on Christmas Eve and announcement of winners will be made an hour or two later at Carteret Hardware Company when the prizes will be awarded by Jack Neal proprietor of the establishment. First prize in this contest will be \$10 in cash, second prize will be \$10 in trade at Carteret Hardware and third prize will be five dollars in trade at this establishment. Everyone is urged to enter the contest, which is one of the most generous of its kind ever staged in Beaufort.

## Couple Escape First Degree Arson Charge

Godfrey Campbell and John Campbell were first charged with first degree arson for setting fire to home of Otto Hatch, which was not destroyed; Attorney Pleading in their behalf secures bonds of \$250 each and they are at liberty until March term of Court.

Godfrey Campbell, and John Campbell, colored brothers were released from jail under bonds of \$250 each Tuesday after probable cause had been found in charges against them for arson. It was not arson in the first degree, declared the Court after an appeal in behalf of the defendants had been entered by an attorney—so two colored men should consider themselves lucky.

If they had been convicted of first degree arson, that is for setting fire to a house in which people were sleeping or living in, they would have been sentenced to the 'hot-seat'. That is they would have suffered capital punishment which in North Carolina at the present time means death by lethal gas. Even the prosecutors in the case are probably glad now that since no lives were lost although a building was, that the two men will not have to answer to charges of arson in the first degree.

With the exception of the Polk Johnson case which is written up elsewhere in this edition and a charge against Luke Mason, all other cases on the docket were continued to future sessions of Recorder's Court. Several will be tried on Friday, December 20, as there will be no court next week due to Christmas holidays. Luke Mason who has given local officers trouble on more than one occasion was tried for assaulting a female, to-wit: his mother. He was given a six months sentence, suspended upon condition that he be good behavior for a period of two years.

For lack of space The Beaufort News failed to publish a consensus of recorder's court activities for December 9. On that date quite a heavy session was held. John Level, Atlantic guide who lived with the Manly Fulchers for quite some time was charged with obtaining lodging without paying for same. When he explained that he was a victim of circumstances or something like that and that he expected to pay for the lodging when he could the court found him not guilty.

Ernest House, charged with seduction will be tried on December 20. Sterling Howland plead nolo-contendere on a charge of taking an auto. (Continued on page five)

### 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	Friday, Dec. 20	Low Tide
8:40 a. m.		10:09 a. m.
3:43 p. m.		10:12 p. m.
	Saturday, Dec. 21	
4:34 a. m.		11:03 a. m.
4:42 p. m.		11:01 p. m.
	Sunday, Dec. 22	
5:23 a. m.		11:54 p. m.
5:30 p. m.		
	Monday, Dec. 23	
6:09 a. m.		11:49 a. m.
6:20 p. m.		12:42 p. m.
	Tuesday, Dec. 24	
6:54 a. m.		12:36 a. m.
7:05 p. m.		1:28 p. m.
	Wednesday, Dec. 25	
7:39 a. m.		1:20 a. m.
7:52 p. m.		2:12 p. m.
	Thursday, Dec. 26	
8:22 a. m.		2:04 a. m.
8:39 p. m.		2:55 p. m.