

When Ships Sailed From Beaufort To California

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FEW people of this generation are aware of the fact that the town of Beaufort played an important part in the settlement of California during the days of the gold rush in 1849, but it is a fact, nevertheless.

Beaufort, as you may know, has been a port of entry ever since 1722, which was one year before the town was incorporated and fifteen years after the French Huguenots settled the area in 1707. In those days, Beaufort was considered one of the most important ports along the South Atlantic coast. Even today, the water commerce is as great as any other town in North Carolina with the exception of Wilmington.

Ignored by Historians

During the gold-rush period, when the entire country was astir with excitement and with dreams of sudden wealth, many vessels sailed from Beaufort the 10,000 mile voyage around Cape Horn or through the Straits of Magellan and up the west coast of South America and Mexico to California. It is one of those little incidents which historians, for some reason or other, have failed to include in the text books they have written for the students in our schools to study.

Records available in Beaufort indicate that there was an unusually heavy amount of shipping from that port during this particular era. Most of the cargoes consisted of knocked-down, ready-built houses, made of lumber sawn from virgin pine trees in this state. There were several large mills in the vicinity of Beaufort at that time. The lumber was hauled to town, where houses were built in sections and loaded aboard ships. Most of the buildings were of the one-story type: not at all pretentious in appearance. However, those individuals who went to California for gold were not particularly interested in pretentiousness: all they desired was a roof over their heads. They didn't have time to do any construction work themselves, inasmuch as they wanted to start digging gold as quickly as possible. And that is why the knocked-down type of houses were so much in demand. Upon the arrival of the cargoes in California, the houses could be put up in a day or two, and the new owners lost very little time from their gold-digging operations.

Incidentally, this also goes to prove that the mail-order organizations of today, who sell ready-built houses, lack a lot of having hit on something new or original: this same system was employed almost a hundred years ago at Beaufort, and also probably at other places.

Sailing vessels—two and three-masted schooners—were used in making the dangerous trips around the Horn. There were also several square riggers, but for the most part the vessels which carried the large cargoes of lumber were rigged fore and aft. A dangerous trip, as everyone who knows anything about the seas, will admit.

One of the most recent references to the California Gold Rush, in so far as it concerns Beaufort, turned up the other day. In an ancient scrap book was found data pertaining to the cruise of the Louisa Bliss. It reads as follows:

"On last Monday morning, February 4th, the fast sailing ship Louisa Bliss, laden with lumber, left the port of Beaufort, N. C., destination: San Francisco, California. She weighed anchor at 11 a. m. and glided off smoothly under a light breeze, bearing upon the ocean wide, ten of the citizens of the town for whom the following invocation was offered.

"Cease, ye murmuring tempests, cease,
Lulled be every adverse gale;
Be each billow hushed in peace,
Let tranquility prevail.

"Now ye gentle zephyrs blow,
See the gallant ship depart;
In each bosom pleasures glow,
Buoyant swells their every heart.

"Gracefully the canvas flows,
Whooping every favoring breeze,
While the Bliss so proudly goes,
As if conscious of her prize.

"Smile benign! ye Powers above!
Bid them safely on to glide;
May their voyage, prosperous prove
May no accident betide.

"Speedily conduct them o'er,
Whither now they shape their way;
Safely waft them to yon shore,
Where gold in sands embedded lay.

"Now with hope and joy elate,
May they health and riches meet,
Fondly they anticipate,
When the golden shores they greet.

"Speedy, then, be their return,
Short—but prosperous, their stay;
They whose absence we must mourn,
Ever while they are away.

"Take the ten, the ambitious few,
O ye blissful Powers above!
Into thy protective view,
Objects of thy tender love.

"Bear them safely back again.
To their homes and longing friends;
Bid their prospects sooth the pain,
Which their absence now portends."
—"One Left."

The foregoing was from the pen of the late Capt. W. C. King, the "one left." The names of the ambitious ten could not be learned by the writer. But among them were Capt. William Fales, master of the Louisa Bliss, and among the crew or passengers were Dr. J. L. Manney, Dr. J. Francis King, a Mr. Bust, a Mr. Gillickin and Charles Whitehurst.

Commenting on the cruise one writer who addressed a letter to the "Correspondence" department of the late "Republican," wrote the following wren song to the cruise of the Bliss:

"It is scarcely necessary to add, that nearly all of the ambitious ten, found the wave washed shores of Carteret far more attractive, if not more profitable, than the golden shores of California. They are all living in Beaufort again."

WATERFRONT

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Club decides to stage the event on the high seas instead of in the protected waters of Bogue Sound that it will attract not only state wide but perhaps national attention. No regretta has ever been staged along the North Carolina coast except on protected waters. If business men, and organizations of Carteret county would put up enough money and trophies, the annual Regatta could be made into an event which would not only be of local nature but of a national importance. And nothing like national publicity for any resort area, especially a fast growing area such as we have here in Carteret.

IT SERVES ME right. I am practically blistered in spots as a result of a cruise out to the Gulf Stream last Friday. I would be blistered all over perhaps, if Clifton Wade of Bell's Drug Store had not come to my rescue with Butesin Picate, a yellow and very greasy ointment, but a sure cure for those who get too much sun. As stated, "it serves me right," or any one else who lives along the coast when they get blistered by the sunshine. It is a different matter when some inexperienced person from the uplands comes down here and gets a dose of sunshine and blisters... but for a native of the coast... it is just inexcusable. But the fish were biting so fast and furiously for about three hours that I did not realize there was such a thing as a blistering sun, shining down on your columnist and the blue waters of the Gulf.

THE BIG LOGGERHEAD which was in the salt water pool at the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries last summer died during the past winter. Now Dr Prytherch would like to have another and the bigger the reptile the better. Any commercial fisherman or sportsfisherman who succeeds in capturing one alive, whether it is a loggerhead or a leatherback will be paid up to \$15 for same... if it weighs 250 pounds or over...

MOST FORTUNATE Judge of superior court in North Carolina during the past two weeks has been Marshall T. Spears of Durham who has presided over the two weeks term here. Each morning before leaving Atlantic Beach hotel for Beaufort Judge Spears has taken a dip in the surf. What would the rest of the superior court jurists of North Carolina give to have had this same opportunity during the warmer days of early June?

Big Pay Off

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school this year—next Fall he will enter State College for a course in electrical engineering. His father's bonus will help assure the youth of this college training.

William Hatsell who was in the navy during the World War, was the third vet to get his bonus. Today

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Hatsell is employed as linotype operator and composing room manager of the Beaufort News. He will not cash in on his bonus, instead will let it draw the 3 per cent interest.

Many of those securing their bonus this week, sent them directly to Raleigh where they will be cashed. More money will be in circulation in Carteret county and the United States generally for the next few weeks than in many years, perhaps since the boom and profiteering days of World War.

Veterans are warned against grafters, swindlers and confidence men. Of course the money is the veterans' to do with it what they wish, but there will be an influx of blue sky peddlers and fake stock rackets appearing immediately to catch the unwary veteran who perhaps is at loss just how to invest or spend his money. Excellent advice to veterans is to consult bankers of Morehead City or Beaufort or Legion officials for advice before taking on any new investments—otherwise the bonus money is quite likely to slip through the fingers of those who are liable to become the victims of a racketeer.

HOMES SHOULD BE WIRED ONLY BY COMPETENT MEN

RALEIGH, June 17—North Carolina farmers who have studied agricultural conditions in the State believe they should produce more poultry, livestock, and feed, but less cotton, tobacco, and other cash crops.

Such a shift in production is needed to balance farming to meet local requirements and at the same time provide adjustments necessary from a national standpoint, the farmers decided.

Farmers who made the study were committeemen appointed in almost every county of the State in connection with the county program planning movement started last December by the State College agricultural extension service.

The 6,919 committeemen and assistants surveyed local conditions, discussed the situation with more than 50,000 other farmers, and made recommendations regarding improvements needed in this State.

A tabulation of all recommendations, as made by Julian Mann, who is in charge of extension studies at State College, brought out the following points, among other things:

The cotton crop should be cut 35 per cent below the average acreage for the 1923-1932 period. Allowing for better farming practices, production would be cut only 9 per cent. The tobacco crop should be held to 79 per cent of the base acreage established under the old AAA, but production would be only 10 per cent below the base poundage, in view of better farming methods.

The corn crop acreage should be cut slightly, but production increased from 41,606,000 bushels by securing higher yields.

Small winter grains should be increased from 807,000 to 1,153,000 acres, Hay crops should be increased from 1,009,000 to 1,328,000 acres, with the yield per acre being doubled.

Cattle should be increased from 684,000 to 926,000 head swine from 947,000 to 1,466,000 head, sheep 77,000 to 154,000 head, chickens from 8,806,00 to 11,820,000 birds, eggs from 33,601,000 to 82,039,000 dozen horses and mules from 326,000 to 434,000 head.

Clean Up Premises To Control Fly Breeding

Raleigh June 17—One female fly in the spring, allowed to live and breed, may leave millions of descendants by fall.

Don't give them a chance to breed, cautions John A. Arey extension dairy specialist at State College. Start control measures as soon as possible.

Flies are not only carriers of filth and disease, but they are a constant source of annoyance to cattle and livestock. Cows will not give as much milk if continually harassed by flies.

The first step in getting rid of this nuisance is to eliminate breeding places, Arey continued. Manure from stables should be removed daily, if possible.

When practical, it is best to haul the manure direct to the fields where it can be spread over the land. Where this is impractical, at least try not to leave large piles of manure lying around for many days at a time.

Clean up the premises of the house and barnyard, he continued. Any filth left exposed will serve as a breeding place for flies.

With the best of care, however, it will be impossible to destroy all flies in the larvae stage. Therefore, it is advisable to use traps, poison and sprays in fighting this pest.

A good poison can be made by mixing three quarts of skin milk with one fourth quart of formaldehyde and one fourth quart of molasses. Place the mixture in shallow containers where the flies are, but where animals and poultry cannot get at it.

A good spray is very effective, Arey stated. A number are now on the market. Follow the directions given, he said, and good results will be obtained.

Good fly traps can be purchased or made at home. Farmers Bulletin No. 734, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, contains directions for making traps at home.

Biographical Sketch Of Colored Minister

(From Sanford Enterprise)

The Rev. T. H. Brooks, pastor of Wall Street Baptist church was born in New Bern, N. C. He is the oldest child of Rev. N. F. Brooks and the late Martha Hamlin Brooks. His early college training was received at Shaw University. In 1934 he married Miss S. Blondina Nichols of Philadelphia, Pa. Rev. Brooks is a member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank those who offered their sympathy and help, during the illness and death of our beloved mother, Angeline Howell. We wish especially to thank those who gave floral tributes.

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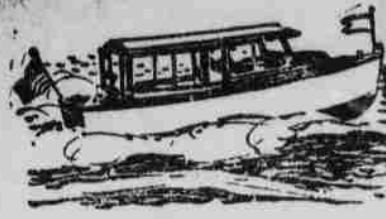
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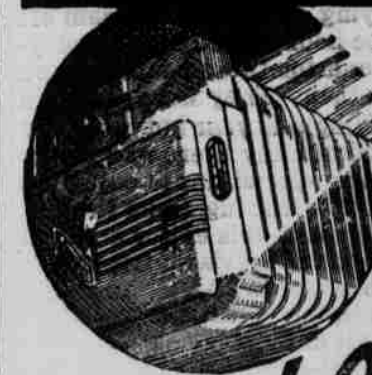
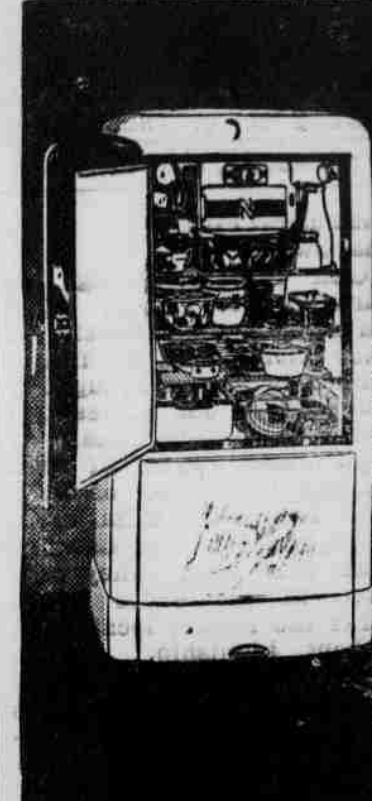


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