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# Uply ABC Rumors Are Proven False

Auditor's Report Gave Liquor Stores Clean Slate During Year

BEAUFORT STORE GETS SPOTLIGHT

Frank P. Wall of the auditing firm of Williams and Wall in Raleigh gave a resume of the first fiscal years business of the Carteret ABC stores at a meeting of the County commissioners here Monday and his report branded the ugly rumors which had been circulated hereabouts about mis-appropriation of funds as absolutely false. Rumors had previously floated around the streets of Beaufort and other places in the county that anywhere from \$14,000 to \$23,000 had been mishandled

Mr. Wall, a CPA member of a firm which has a very high rating in Norht Carolina explained in detail the entire setup of the Carteret liquor stores. It was his firm which received \$150 for installing the system orginally and later made quarterly audits of the stores until the fiscal year ended June 30 of this year when Carteret commissioners decided to let their County accountant James Potter do the work. Williams and Wall received \$900 for their work and not 1,525 as had been rumored. During the first quarter of the present fiscal year Potter did the work, but it is too large a burden for a man who has to attend to the financial affairs of a county such as Carteret, so the commissioners endorsed the employment of Williams and Wall to handle the ABC audits for the current fiscal year at a salary not to ex-

The ABC official who has charge of discursements and supervising made a lengthy talk to those attending the meeting. He charged that four individuals, two of whom were innocent parties to the affair, started the rumors and that their plan was into politics. This official had tendered a resignation to Chairman W. P. Smith, but later withdrew same, a move which met with the approval of all members of the county board and the ABC board.

Operation of the Beaufort store and warehouse was bandled in a very haphazard method, it was brought out by the adultor, who during the quarter ending June 30, 1936 found approximately 100 errors in the handling of stock. The three previous quarters had not shown this and Mr. Wall stated that in his opinion it was because the supervisor and disbursement officer was confined to his home with a broken heel string which brought about the situation. The ABC official who was under fire stated that during this same time the manager of the Beaufort store was paying more attention to politics (it

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#### TIDE TABLE

Information as to the tide at Beaufort is given in this column. The figures are approx imately 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.

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RETAIL STORE BUSINESS IN CARTERET COUNTY IS GIVEN IN CENSUS REPORT

In Carteret county during 1935, a total of 211 stores had total sales of \$2,427,000, according to a final retail report for North Carolina by areas issues by the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Census in Washington. The 211 stores in The county represented 199 proprietors and 323 employees. The total payroll for retail store employees in the county amounted to \$202,000.

Breaking down the total for the county, the figures released show Morehead City with a population of 3,483, as having 63 retail stores, which did a total business of \$965,000 in 1935 with 56 proprietors. The total payroll for 138 employees amounted to \$84,000 in More-

head City. Here in Beaufort 55 stores did a total business of \$943,000 and the total number of proprietors was 50. A total of \$92,000 was paid 92 employees in the stores of Beaufort.

In the remainder of the county excluding Morchead City and Beaufort, 93 stores had to-total sales of \$519,0000 and total number of proprietors 93. Forty-four employees in these remaining stores of the county received only \$26,000 in sal-

## Waterfowl Gunners

Waterfowl gunners on Carteret waters have had much better luck during the past few days than at the beginning of the season. As the season advances, (and by the way there is only one more wek) geese and to throw the ABC store operation ducks arrive in Core and Pamlico sound waters in larger numbers. Quite a large number of out of state hunters have been to Carteret this year. Last week Jack Neal Dr. Herbert Prytherich of Beaufort and Rowe Metcalf and George DeVoe of Greenwich, Conn., spent three days hunting during very unfavorable weather, but they killed quite a number of ducks and geese. Early this week Lawrence Hassell, B. A. Hoft and Blythe Noe killei seven geese down in Core Sound near Cedar Is-

## Information Is Given

Patrolman I. T. Moore of the State

Highway Police headquarters in Morehead City stated today that patrolman this year would not issue receipts to auto license plate buyers this year. They went on sale in this state December 15, and persons in this locality may obtain same from the Morton Motor Company in New Bern. The State Law requires that all new plates which for 1937 are painted black with yellow numerials, must be displayed by January 1. The State Highway Police will not honor any receipts this year, as in the past. The prices are the same as last year but patrolmen will have nothing to do with issuing or taking orders \_\_ they will have plenty to do arresting you if you drive with a 1936 license after midnight, December 31, according to current information.

#### Our Christmas Number

The Christmas edition of The Beaufort News will be printed on Wednesday, December 23, and mailed to all subscribers Christmas Eve morning. Subscribers in Carteret county will receive their Beaufort News by noon Thursday. Local subscribers will get their paper Wednesday afternoon or night and The Beau fort News will go on sale at newsstands in Morehead City at the same time. This is being done for our advertisers benefit primarily\_\_ although we of the News have Christmas shopping, egg-nogs and such things to take up our Thursday.

#### STORES OPEN LATE

Most of Beaufort stores were staying open late nights since Monday terday. of this week, and business is increasing daily, despite rainy, murky wea-

### Rattlers Grow Large In Carteret



They Killed Quail . . . and a Rattlesnake

Dr. H. M. Hicks (left) and Penn Marshall of Raleigh are shown in the above photo following a bird hunt in Carteret county recently. In addition to the birds they killed, Dr. Hicks shot the rattlesnake which measured six feet seven inches. The largest rattlesnake ever killed measured only six feet nine inches, so the Carteret reptile was almost a world's record, according to Harry Davis, curator of the State museum in Raleigh. (Cut printed through courtesy of News and Observer).

## Having Better Luck The Zavorah Ties Up Here On Cruise To Los Angeles

#### Covering The WATER FRONT

By AYCOCK BROWN

FOR A WEEK or more I have fret ted with a painful thumb. Each time I punch the keys of this typewriter it feels like someone is driving needles through the leeward side of my palm. That is one reason why some of the stories in this edition seem to reach a certain point and then stop License Plate Buyers abruptly before the climax. Of course I could dictate the stories to a typist, but I am a poor dictator. Seems that I have to be looking at the keyboard of a typewriter, (and I am a look-at-the-keyboard kind of typist) before I can put much thought into what I am writing.

> THAT TRIM LOOKING yacht with the tall mast down at the Inlet Inn wharf today is the Tioga of Boston, owned by Harry E. Noyes. She is bound south to Jacksonville and Miami. A look at the vessel would make a person think she was brand new. As a matter of fact she was built four years ago in Lynn, Mass. Her hailing port is Marble-

THE SEAPLANE which landed here Monday came from Long Island the previous day. She first landed in Morehead City, and tied up there for plane, a kind which was not available in Morehead City the reason she came back to Beaufort. From here she flew to Miami for the races. where many of the planes you have seen passing overhead recently were

### DREDGE ARRIVES AT ATLANTIC THIS WEEK

Delayed because of work at Cape Hatteras, the Reliance, dredge of C. Walker Hodges Dredging Company of New Bern, left the cape this week January. enroute to Atlantic to begin cutting a turn basin and channel to the Inland Waterway.

Meanwhile, bulkheading, although delayed by inclement weather, is be-

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### Schooner Yatch Are Interesting Folks

schooner yacht Zavorah of Woods Hole, Mass., which arrived here early this week and is tied up at the Inlet Inn wharf waiting for suitable sailing weather. From here the craft will sail leisurely southward touching the many islands of the West Indies and thence through the Panama Canal and onto Los Angeles. They expect to arrive at the latter place around the first of March, 1937, a Beaufort News reporter was

told by a member of the crew. The personnel of the vessel are the following: C. J. Hubbard, skipper and owner; Paul D. Rust, Jr. first mate; Dick Covell, second mate; and Harold Olsen and Dwight Shepler, seamen. That is what they will tell a visitor at any rate, although there is really no rank or station aboard the boat.

At the present time it is the plan of the crew to go to Los Angeles, but if they happen to run across any old gold laden Spanish Galleons enroute they might hange their plans and become treasure salvagers.

Winky a dog and Tony a kitten are mascots aboard the craft. They left Woods Hole during the rainy weather on November 25, had rainy weaththe night. Next morning a certain er on the cruise down and it was kind of gas was needed to refuel the raining when they reached Beaufort. But the sun is shining again today and in all probabilities the Zavorah will point her bow seaward and sail southward from Beaufort Inlet as soon as their sails dry out.

#### Chef de Gare

Wm. H. Bailey, Beaufort jeweler and Legionaire has the distinction of being the newly elected Chef de Gare of the New Bern Voiture of the 40 will be in Beaufort, sometime in

#### Those In Need

All persons who are in need of ing continued, it was said here yes- Christmas aid are urged to register with Beaufort Women's Club officials at the Legion Hut. The Hut will be each day for this purpose.

## State WPA Gives Air Port Approval

#### Firms To Observe 2 Christmas Holidays

The Rotary Club of Beaufort sponsored and circulated a petition to all the merchants and business men of Beaufort asking that they cooperate in closing their place of business, not only for Christmas day but for Saturday following. It is understood that the Rotary Club of Morehead City will sponsor a similar petition.

The merchants and business men who supported the petition are as follows: Pender Grocery Co.; A. & P.; C. D. Jones Co.; Owens Grocery Co.; E. D. Martin & Co.; The Vogue; R. Felton & Son; Davis Bros.; Rose's; Johnson-Saunders Dry Cleaning Co.; Independent Dry Cleaning Co.; Sam Lipman & Son; Jas. D. Rumley, Agt.; First-Citizens Bank & Trust Co.; Beaufort Barber Shop; Modern Shoe Rebuilders; Betts Bakery; Miller Furniture Co., Beaufort Furniture Co.: Ideal Dry Cleaners; Service Barber Shop; The Beaufort News; R. Henderson Garage; Paul's Garage; Paul's Machine Shop; J. W. Chadwick Shoe Shop; G. W. Duncan; C. R. Wheatly; Willis Hardware Co.; Noe Hardware Co.; Ben's Bicycle Shop and Carteret Hardware

If there are any other merchants desiring to sign the petition please notify THE BEAUFORT NEWS.

nity Sing there Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock,, it was annonuced today by W. C. Carleton of the Beaufort School. This Community Sing should be of interest to all music; decorator, the scion of a family of lovers, as many talented singers will wealthy lumber barons and a man of take part. The Community Sing leisure comprise the crew of the will feature Christmas carols, it was stated.

#### JUDGE SINCLAIR SAID "DONT PAY THE FINE"

The guardian of a Negro World War veteran whose mind was effected as the result of the war, was instructed by Superior Court Judge N. A. Sinclair here last week to not pay a fine or costs put on the Negro by a lower court here in Beaufort.

It seems that someone sold the Negro a hunting license and he was permitted to have a gun. One day he started gunning for some of his home folks-his wife perhaps. The result was his arrest and the subsequent trial in one of the lower courts of the town or county. The costs of the court in the case mounted to

The guardian of the Negro, refused to pay the fine until he had seen a higher court jurist. Judge Sinclair told the guardian not to pay the fine-that the Negro had no right to have a gun, and the blame fell on the person who sold him the license as much as anyone else. The Negro draws a pension of \$100 per month from the government. He is of average mentlity most of the time-but has spells-perhaps similar to the one in which he ran amok recently and landed in a lower court.

#### Santa Correspondence

Quite a number of letters to Santa Claus sent in care of this newspape. came in to late for publication this week. But the send rs of this correspondence need here no fear that Santa will fail to see the letters in print. Next week's edition of The and 8. Next meeting of the Voiture Beaufort News will come out on Wed nesday instead of Taursday\_approximately 36 h -- 1 fore the jolly old Saint starts making his rounds to the homes of little boys and girls everywhere ... The Editor

#### LIGHTS FOR PARKING

The Town of Beaufort had lights placed on the Ramsey lot at the coropen from 9 o'clock until 5 o'clock ner of Queen and Front this week. Free parking is allowed on the area.

#### Project To Be Located West of Fort Macon C. G. Station

INITIAL COST TO BE ONLY \$28,000

An airport for Carteret county to be situated just west of Fort Macon Coast guard station has been approved by George Coan, state administrator of the WPA. The project which calls for an initial expenditure of \$28,000 after state approval this week, was sent to Washington for the approval of WPA officials there.

It is understood that the preliminary project will include the construction of a 200,000 yard fill, and a runway 500 feet wide and 3,000 feet long of which a strip 300 feet wide will be oil treated for landing planes. The remainder of the dredged area will be sodded.

At a later date, said a person who has had much to do with drawing the plans for the project, hangars and lighting equipment will be constructed in a subsequent project and also a landing platform for seaplanes will be constructed. Plans for the hangers, have already been drawn.

#### Farmers Who Fail To Pay Seed Loans Subject To Arrest

In Carteret county \$14,000 in loans to farmers for the purpose of buying seed was extended by the Federal government in 125 instanc-es. So far, according to news furnished this newspaper, 14 of the Ioans are still unpaid.

The Federal Government makes no bones about presecuting those JOSLYN TO LEAD no bones about presenting those who borrow money to buy seed — and then who sell their crops without repaying their obligation. There out repaying their obligation. There are several instances on record in H. L. Joslyn, of the Morehead this and nearby states during the Crew of Five Aboard City Schools will lead the Commuers of seed money were prosecuted.

In Carteret, unless some sort of arrangement is made by the 14 who have failed to pay their seed loans, they will each face charges which must be aired in Federal Court. And Federal Courts usually have little sympathy with persons who are answering charges in same.

#### BANKING NOTICE

Due to the fact that the First Citizens Bank & Trust Co., of Beaufort will close Thursday and at the regular time 2 p. m. and will not be open for business again until the following Monday; they will close Thursday at the usual time 2 P. M., but will open again from 5 p m, to 6 p. m. for the purpose of taking in deposits only. This is being done for the benefit of our customers who will probably have a surplus amount of cash on hand and would not like to carry it over the week end, a bank official stated.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dorris Guthrie of Atlantic, December 15, a



DECEMBER

Poems 17-John Greenleaf Whittier, great poet, born, 1807.

18—Harvard astronomers take world's first picture of the

19—British troops capture Fort Niagara from United States, 1813.

20-Texas declares its inde-pendence from Mexico, 1635. 21—Pneumatic tires for bi-cycles are first introduced 1890.

