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## Harkers Island Electrification Project Is Now Practically Assured

### Crowell Appointed Terminal Manager

Tie-Up Between Port And A & N. C. Now Evident

#### BEAMAN RELIEVED OF DUTY DUE TO ILLNESS

H. P. Crowell, the railroad man from Maine, who came to North Carolina to direct the operations of the State-controlled A and N. C., railroad and later chosen its president, was placed in full charge of the Morehead City terminal last Saturday.

Simultaneously, two other officials of the A. and N. C. were given positions with the Port Terminal, thus making effective a direct administrative tie-up between the port and the A. and N. C. The railroad, leased for many years by the Norfolk Southern, was taken back by the State to serve the port.

The appointment was made effective immediately. A bulletin issued Saturday and signed by Ben F. Royal, chairman of the Morehead City Port Commission, declared that Crowell was to have "full charge of operations."

Maurice R. Beaman, general manager of the terminal, was granted an indefinite leave of absence on account of illness, the bulletin said.

E. W. Dozier, traffic manager and W. M. Dutton, auditor in charge of accounts for the A. and N. C., will serve in similar capacities with the Morehead Terminal. They will retain their connection with the railroad and their new duties are classed as additional.

Under Crowell during the last five months of the first year, the railroad operated in black figures. Port Commission officials were high in their praise for the work Beaman accomplished in the establishment of the Port Terminal at Morehead City.

#### Hearing On Finding Of Skeleton Is Set

Dr. R. C. Smith, Carteret county coroner, stated today that he would conduct a hearing on Monday or Tuesday of next week in efforts to determine whether the skeleton found on Peanut Shoal last Thursday by Capt. Snow of the Menhaden boat Bishop is the remains of Joe Willis, who has been missing from his home in Morehead City since last July 2. It was tentatively identified as Joe Willis, but rumors started which indicated that the missing man might have been seen in various Eastern Carolina towns since July 2, added more mystery to the story. A number of witnesses will testify at the hearing. Coroner Smith stated. In the meantime, Solicitor Dave Clark of Greenville has ordered that the fragments of the skeleton remain unburied until a coroner's verdict is reached.

#### Relieved of Duties



Maurice R. Beaman

Because he is a very sick man and unable to carry on the duties of managing the Port Terminal, Maurice R. Beaman, who played the most important role in the establishment of the project which resulted in the expenditure of \$2,000,000, was given a leave of absence last Saturday by the Morehead City Port Commission. It was Beaman who played the leading role in the establishment of a proposed airport to be located near Fort Macon, which has been approved by State WPA officials, and sent to Washington for Federal approval. He is a native of Sampson county, but now owns a home overlooking Bogue sound west of Morehead City. (Eubanks-News Photo)

#### Big Dance Is Planned For Community Center

A Christmas dance featuring "Bear" Johnson and his "Masters of Rhythm" will be presented in the Community Center auditorium located on the Lenoxville road, Saturday night. It is the first affair to be presented in the now practically completed building and proceeds derived from admission charges of one dollar per couple will be used in buying equipment for the building. The building has an excellent dance floor, is well heated, and as the Saturday night dance is the only public dance for this section during the holiday season, sponsors are hoping for a large crowd. "Bear" Johnson and his Masters of Rhythm are highly recommended as being the fastest and smoothest combination of dance musicians ever assembled in this territory. Among the personnel of the orchestra is Christine Smith, pianist, Bill Evans, trombone and vocalist, Jimmie Barber guitar, trumpet and vocalist, Bob Jones, drummer and Bear Johnson saxophone and clarinet. The dance will start at 9:30 and continue until early the following morning.

#### Our Christmas Card To You



A Scene You Seldom See In Beaufort

There is no spot news attached to the above photograph. Because many of your Christmas cards, show snow scenes, the editor of this newspaper thought that a picture of Beaufort's big snow last winter would be a suitable subject for the front page of our Christmas edition. The fact that a 12-inch snow, the first of any consequence for Beaufort since 1917, almost hid from view our native semi-tropical foliage made the snow of last winter national news. The photo is being run as a sort of Christmas card to all our readers, whom we of the Beaufort News wish a Merry Merry Christmas.—(Eubanks News Photo.)

### Barden Will Seek Funds To Help State's Seafood Industry

Appropriation Would Be To Preserve And Increase Supply, If Possible

WOULD BE EMPLOYED BY BEAUFORT STATION

During the next Congress, Representative Graham A. Barden will request an additional appropriation to be used for protection and preservation of the present supply of sea food and commercial fish, if possible, to increase the supply in the future in order to meet the ever growing demands.

At present he is studying facts of the fishing industry in this section, particularly Carteret county, to be able to justify an increase in appropriations for carrying on biological surveys and experiments.

It is but natural that the third district representative should be interested in the fishing industry, because it is prominent in five of the nine counties in the district. Carteret—one of them—leads the entire Atlantic coast from New Jersey to Texas in sea foods, not including the important menhaden fish, used

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### Capt. Finley Piner A Fine Coastguardsman Drowned On Thursday

Search for the body of the late Capt. Finley Piner, officer in charge of Bogue Inlet Coast Guard station was extended to nearby marshes and up the bay formed by Whiteoak River today, in the vicinity of Swansboro, it was telephoned to The Beaufort News by a member of the Bogue Inlet crew as we go to press. But so far no trace of the missing skipper has been found.

He fell from a boat in Swansboro while returning to the station late last Thursday night. Capt. Piner was 51 years of age. His widow and two children survive. He had 29 years of coast guard service and would have retired next year. Murley Hood, Number one man at Bogue Inlet, and a resident of Southport is in charge of the station at present.

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### Representative States Prospects Are Excellent

#### Stores To Remain Open In Beaufort Saturday

Grocery stores and several of the other stores in Beaufort which signed a petition to remain closed Saturday, following Christmas, will open on that day it was reported here this week. Practically 100 percent of the store managers agreed to remain closed on Saturday but the out of town superintendents of one or two chain stores ordered that they must be open on that day. That resulted in the independent stores following suit. It is understood though that the bank will remain closed on Saturday giving their employees two Christmas holidays.

#### Barden Leads Fight To Have Line Extended To Community

#### T. P. CO., TO GET A \$10,000 LOAN

A loan enabling the Tidewater Power Company to build a \$10,000 power line extension to Harkers Island, has been approved by the Federal Rural Electrification Administration, according to announcement in Raleigh this week. Representative Graham A. Barden telephoned The Beaufort News that with the loan practically assured, prospects are excellent for the project to be underway at an early date.

It was Graham A. Barden, Third District Congressman who has been a consistent leader in the fight to put this project across. He has been assisted by his close friend Earl Davis, a leading citizen of the island community. The proposed line will extend across the water a mile and a half from Marshallberg and four miles down the main road of the island and will serve 100 customers, said J. M. Granger, State REA engineer in Raleigh this week.

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#### Appointed Director



H. P. Crowell

H. P. Crowell, president and general manager of the A and N. C. railroad, was appointed managing director in full charge of operations of the Morehead City Port Terminal by the Port Commission last Saturday. He succeeds Maurice R. Beaman, general manager of the port who has been given a leave of absence due to illness. Crowell, who was frequently referred to as the "doctor of sick railroads" when he was employed last year to manage the A and N. C., has done a good job with that carrier. Although the first year's operation was in the red to the tune of \$50,000, the last five months of that year showed black figure operation. Crowell came to North Carolina from Belfast, Maine. He is nationally known in railroad circles.—(News and Observer Photo.)

#### C. G. Patrol Boat Cahoon Arrives

The Coast Guard Patrol Boat arrived at Morehead City late Tuesday afternoon and will be stationed in Morehead City. She is replacing the Travis, another patrol boat of similar size which was stationed at Advance Base A in Morehead City for several years. It was the Travis which made front page frequently during the big freeze on the Chesapeake Bay last winter. Both the Cahoon and the Travis are practically the same size. Both are 125 feet long and were built in Camden, N. J. in 1927.

#### Son Of Local Resident Given Important Post

G. P. Dickinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Dickinson here has been elected to the vice-presidency of the Durham Life Underwriters Association. The honor for this native of Beaufort was conferred a few days ago at the annual election of officers for the organization. Along with another official Mr. Dickinson was named a delegate for the Durham Underwriters to the annual meeting of the State organization in Greensboro this week. Mr. Dickinson is also district manager of the Occidental Life Insurance Company of Washington, D. C.

#### Covering The WATER FRONT

By AYCOCK BROWN

CARTERET COUNTY towns and communities have been in the news considerably during the past few days. Beaufort has been front paged a half dozen times in dozens of newspapers in this state and probably hundreds throughout the nation. Morehead City was front paged with stories about the change in management of the Port Terminal and that railroad story created by the efficient management of H. P. Crowell the man from Maine, who is doing a good job in the operation of the A and N. C.

HARKERS ISLAND was in the news because negotiations have practically been completed for a power line to be built to the island across the water from the mainland. And when the Rural Electrification Administration puts the final stamp of approval on that project it will be a story of national interest—one that any good newspaperman will see even if he might be called a "butcher" or a "one-way newspapering person" Am anxious to know whether Carteret's "two-way" newspaperman will see the newsy angle on that electrification story. I know that no public pulser who feels the urge to write a letter to an editor and call one a "butcher" could see the angle to such a story—although some public

#### ALMANAC



At Christmas play and make good cheer, for Christmas comes but once a year

- DECEMBER
- 24—South Carolina issues a Declaration of Independence, 1860.
- 25—May your Christmas be a most joyous one!
- 26—Weston walks 500 miles in six days, 1874.
- 27—Graves is the first to patent an incubator, 1870.
- 28—Semple patents a chewing gum made out of rubber, etc., 1869.
- 29—Notorious Monk Rasputin murdered at Petrograd, 1916.
- 30—British troops set fire to the city of Buffalo, 1812.

#### Recover Stolen Safe

A safe containing several hundred dollars which was stolen from the D. Pender store here last Saturday night was found on Sunday by a group of boys down near the shore of Taylors Creek. Drifting in the creek nearby was a boat which had been stolen from Capt. Jack Willis, and which is believed to have been used by the robbers in transporting the safe away from the store. It had been opened with chisels and the contents removed. So far no one has been arrested in connection with the robbery.

#### TIDE TABLE

Information as to the tide 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	Low Tide
Friday, Dec. 25	
5:21 a. m.	11:52 p. m.
5:38 p. m.	
Saturday, Dec. 26	
6:20 a. m.	11:47 a. m.
6:38 p. m.	12:47 p. m.
Sunday, Dec. 27	
7:14 a. m.	12:44 a. m.
7:33 p. m.	1:39 p. m.
Monday, Dec. 28	
8:06 a. m.	1:37 a. m.
8:26 p. m.	2:27 p. m.
Tuesday, Dec. 29	
9:00 a. m.	2:30 a. m.
9:17 p. m.	3:14 p. m.
Wednesday, Dec. 30	
9:45 a. m.	3:19 a. m.
10:06 p. m.	3:59 p. m.
Thursday, Dec. 31	
10:29 a. m.	4:08 a. m.
10:55 p. m.	4:45 p. m.