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A Worthwhile Movement Is Advocated—

Representatives of the County Medical Association appealed to the Beaufort Rotary Club at their meeting Tuesday night to give their support towards getting a full-time health officer for Carteret county. They expanded on the deplorable health conditions the county is in. A full time health officers' duties would be much more than a county physician. He would conduct regular clinics at various places in the county and condemn any unsanitary or unhealthful condition, either personal or congregationally. Parent Teachers Associations throughout the county will be urged to use their influence with the county commissioners to bring a full fledged health officer to the county. The costs to the county would not be over 10 per cent more than is paid the county physician at present and that salary would be supplemented by funds from the State Board of Health, Federal Funds and Rockefeller Foundation. . . . And another thing—the health officer would not be employed by any group of politicians or will be able to practice individually—his services being for the charity and welfare of the county.

Important Job Is Shifted To Crowell

The future of Morehead City's port terminal development was shifted to H. P. Crowell when the Port Commission appointed him managing director of the organization last Saturday. It is an important job, but a better man to fill the position would be hard to find. H. P. Crowell was front-paged considerably, awhile back as the "doctor of sick railroads" from the State of Maine, who would try and put the A & N. C. railroad back on its feet again. As general manager in charge and later president of the A & N. C., "Doctor" Crowell diagnosed the ailments of the state controlled carrier. There was a loss of over \$50,000 during the first year of operation—but during the past five months the Crowell-managed A & N. C., has reached a convalescing stage and according to a confidential report of the auditor, operated in black figures. Since the completion of the terminal, progress at the port has been slow-not due to mismanagement, but because of an ill-manager. Maurice R. Beaman deserves a lot more credit than he will ever get for the part he played in establishing the port. But he is a very sick man—and a sick man cannot run a port. But a "doctor of sick railroads" especially when his railroad has a close connection with such a terminal can do more than any one else. That is why H. P. Crowell, the railroad man from Maine, who has made good in North Carolina railroad circles was appointed to the job and with the Morehead City port terminals under his management—our bets for success are placed in favor of the port.

Career Of Worthwhile Woman Come To End

The sudden death last Sunday morning of Nannie P. Geffroy ended the worthwhile career of Beaufort's most famous woman citizen. Hundreds of persons, now successful citizens of the world owe their early educational start to Nannie P. Geffroy and her St. Paul's School. Carteret had fewer illiterates, as the result of St. Paul's School, than any other county in the State—back in the days when North Carolina was noted throughout the country for its adult illiteracy. The St. Paul's School which Nannie P. Geffroy founded and made famous was described as the model institution with the proper curriculum, by the late Charles Brantley Aycock, father of the pres-

ent educational system of North Carolina, as he stumped the state in the interest of future education.

At an age when most children are still in elementary grades at school, Nannie P. Geffroy founded St. Paul's. That was 59 years ago. She was only 12. From an humble beginning, in a one room structure and one teacher she had employed, St. Paul's grew to large proportions. Her life was St. Paul's School. No child regardless of financial circumstances was ever turned away if that child really wanted an education. Many the times it was a difficult job, but she stuck to her aim in life and succeeded—just as her distinguished great-uncle, the late Louis Pasteur stuck to his aim in life—and succeeded.

Press Gleanings

LOOKING AHEAD

News item from Beaufort says a group of citizens representing the various civic organizations of the town in considering federal projects for that section, agreed that "an underground chamber of refuge to be used in case of air raids or gas attacks," was the thing they would ask Uncle Sam to spend their portion of the work relief money for.

It is further explained that "the chamber would be of sufficient size to take care of the entire population of the coastal area and would be similar to those in cities in Europe."

Assuming that this committee is talking in all seriousness and not just merely marking time while they figure out a new place they want a bridge, we rise to make the point that in the face of present work conditions, this may not be the boon dogging that it seems on first glance.

Eventually we may have to take to our storm cellars to evade the sky devils, for although there's a lot of water 'twixt us and the ambitious braggarts abroad, it's getting so the trip can be made in short, quick hops, and it is not impossible that some day we will be anticipating just this sort of thing.

In the meantime that underground chamber could be used to cache the fishing tackle of over-credulous sports from the Piedmont, or maybe better be made a sort of depot from which the legalized liquor stores could the more conveniently obtain their stock.

At any rate we here in the foothills will not be worrying about underground chambers yet awhile. Against air raids we can take to the caves in the mountains here at our backdoor and the only gas attacks that pester us come only every two years when the politicians put on their war paint.

So if Beaufort just must have her underground haven, and will promise not to say "bridge" again until the chamber has demonstrated its worthwhileness, we will even volunteer to run down and help build the hole.—(Elkin Tribune.)

LONG LIVE THE HORSE

This newspaper welcomes the news that the Seventh Coast Guard District is ready to replace tractors with horses at two stations in the district and is likely to put Old Dobbin back into service in all the stations in this district ere long.

There is something of stamina and strength and ruggedness about a sturdy horse that reminds one of the stalwart men who constitute the personnel of the Coast Guard stations on our coast. The horse seems to fit into the picture of a thrilling rescue while a tractor seems out of place.

A horse has always seemed a noble creature to us and it was with a sense of genuine regret that we witnessed the replacement of dozens of horses with trucks and tractors in the Seventh District Coast Guard stations a few years back. It is with pleasure, therefore, that we note that Old Dobbin is about to stage a comeback—and at the expense of the motorized equipment which would have relegated him into oblivion.

Long live the horse!—(Elizabeth City Daily Independent.)

AND YET WE DO NOT FLY

The Wright airplane which was flown a few hundred feet at Kill Devil Hill on the morning of Dec. 17, 1903, was powered with a one-lung 12 h. p. engine, weighed only 745 lbs., carried a fuel load of only three gallons, and could carry only its pilot.

Compare the first Wright plane with a modern air transport weighing 18,200 lbs. powered with engines with 1,422 h. p. carrying a fuel load of 510 gallons, 15 passengers and a crew of three.

The original Wright plane flew only a few feet and its top speed was 30 miles an hour. The modern plane flies 1,200 miles without refueling and has a cruising speed of 215 miles an hour.

Amazing progress in aeronautics has been made in the 30 years that have elapsed since the Wright brothers made the first flight. But it is only a beginning. MAN HAS NEVER LEARNED TO ACTUALLY

FLY. But, being man, he will never rest until he does really fly. And long before that he will have perfected the glorified glider, that he uses today, to a point of relative safety.—(Elizabeth Daily Independent)

BEAUFORT BOONDOGGLE

Beaufort is a peaceful town of some 3,000 population on the jagged North Carolina coast. Last year its serious unemployment was relieved by WPA with allotments of funds for a sewing project, building repair projects and a community center with an auditorium, golf course and tennis court. Biggest problem of Beaufort civic leaders who met last week was to find a project for which WPA funds could be obtained in 1937. After gravely considering their problem they announced that they had agreed on this boondoggle: a bomb-proof, gas proof subterranean chamber that will serve as a haven for the entire population if and when an enemy air fleet comes overhead intent on wiping Beaufort off the map.—TIME—The Weekly News Magazine.

Our Mail Box

FRIENDLY LETTER

Editor of The News:

On behalf of those of us who are in this office I want to thank you for the fine cooperation you have given us during 1936, and to express our good wishes for a happy holiday season. I am sure that all the extension workers and the research people of the Experiment Station also join me in this word of appreciation. In fact, I do not believe I would be far wrong in extending also the thanks of the rural people of North Carolina. Surely they must have profited somewhat from the space you have so freely given to inform them about the latest facts from the agricultural headquarters of the State.

As in the past, we have tried to serve as your reporters here at State College, sending you such news as we thought worth while, and

OF A STRANGE TALE FROM BEAUFORT.

What the Beaufort Associated Press dispatch set forth the other morning, as you may recall, is that "Captain George Snow, skipper of a menhaden fishing boat, chanced upon the skeleton walking across the beach of the small island across the harbor from Beaufort." "Quite the best of this season's skeleton tricks," comments a valued commentator and customer, from another upland community; "maybe he means Ocracoke, in the vicinity of the Haunted House."

Our own information has been that, conditions of visibility being anything like even, the likelihood of encountering strange sights, in motion or at rest, on the sands of Ocracoke, is several times as great as anywhere else, not excepting the Kinston area. We will go further, or farther: if we went out for to look for a dream walking, or a booger, or a skeleton, or

... Proteus, rising from the sea
 Or hear old Triton blow his
 wreathed horn.

We'd by preference first try Ocracoke, and around about the Haunted House. This is not, be it understood, by any means to low-rate Beaufort or Peanut shoal, or those environs; to us, man and boy, for several decades, a fascinating and favorite spot. Nor would we undertake to assert that Captain Snow did not chance upon a skeleton walking in form and manner as chronicled, and in the place designated. But, anyhow, it is phenomenon that seems to merit more than passing attention.—(Greensboro News).

WILL MAKE MORE MOVIES OF DARE COUNTY SCENES

Harold McCracken, the news reel camera man, whose motion pictures of Cape Hatteras and vicinity are now being shown in theatres throughout the United States, will be in Dare County again this month this time to take moving pictures of the thousands of greater snow geese in the sound on the Pea Island Club property.

McCracken, whose movies have received high praise in many large cities, will be joined by Frank Sticks, of Nags Head, who will accompany him on the Dare County trip this time in the making of pictures of these picturesque waterfowl which winter almost entirely in Dare County by waters.—Dare County Times

Ten to twelve cars of drain tile will be ordered cooperatively by farmers of Duplin County this winter to drain fertile fields which are not producing maximum yields

KEG O' NAILS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1936

We wish to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone for helping to make this 1936 the most successful year since we began business thirteen '13' years ago, and we feel it most fitting to wish EVERYONE

A Merry Xmas

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This Week's Obituaries

MRS. ELIZA DAVIS

Smyrna—Mrs. Eliza Davis, 59 died here last Friday following a heart attack. Due to abnormal rains over the week-end funeral services were not conducted until Monday. Besides her husband Capt. George Davis she is survived by five children.

THEODORE E. STYRON

Theodore E. Styron, age 55 died at his home here Wednesday afternoon following a lengthy illness. He was owner of a local barber shop. His widow, Mrs. Rosa Mae Styron and two small children survive.

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A thousand times, you've heard it before, but we want to wish it, to you, once more

A Merry Christmas, full of Cheer and Best Wishes for the coming year

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trying to prepare it in such shape that you could use it without inconvenience, Robert Kluttz, of course, has done most of the actual writing this past year because I am kept busy with a multitude of things. But the whole office has a pride in the news items that we send. Note that almost always they are cleanly mimeographed and are so folded that you may see the headings at a glance. These items are important to us and each week as we send them out we wonder which ones will prove of greatest interest. We wonder also if the information in them will serve some farm family. We know, of course that our efforts are not perfect and for that reason we are doubly appreciative of your fine spirit of cooperation.

I hope that we may continue to enjoy your confidence and good-will and I assure you that this shall be our constant aim.

For you, your family, your associates and your readers we wish you a Christmas filled with joy and happiness.

Sincerely,
 F. H. JETER,
 Editor.

N. C. Extension Work,
 Raleigh, N. C.
 Dec. 17, 1936.

Plans For Legislative Conferences Underway

RALEIGH, Dec. 23—Plans for the second of its biennial legislative conferences are rapidly being completed by the North Carolina League of Municipalities, Mayor George Isley of Raleigh, president of the League, announced today.

Department heads of the State government will join with the municipal officials and Assemblymen at the banquet, for which at least 300 guests are expected.

Principal speaker will be Dr. T. V. Smith, member of the Illinois State Senate from Chicago and Professor of Philosophy in the University of Chicago. His topic at the banquet will be "A Philosophy of Skill in Politics," a subject for which Dr. Smith is particularly well-fitted because of his admirable experience as a politician and philosopher and his stellar qualities as an orator.

Last year's banquet meeting of municipal officials and legislators, inaugurated by the North Carolina League of Municipalities, proved extremely successful in giving both groups better understandings of their varied problems.

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With members of the 1937 General Assembly as their guests at a banquet that evening, members of League will gather in Raleigh January 18 for an all-day conference to discuss legislative matters of prime interest to municipalities.

Final approval will be given the legislative program adopted by the League at its annual convention in Wilmington last July.

Topping the day's events will be a banquet in Hotel Sir Walter with members of the General Assembly as honored guests. Governor-elect Clyde R. Hoey has tentatively accepted an invitation to serve as toastmaster. Mayor Isley will preside over the executive discussions during the day and open the banquet program that evening.

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