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## DR. ROYAL TELLS ROTARIANS ABOUT SYPHILIS SCOURGE

Disease Prevalent In  
Carteret Called  
'Great Killer'

1 Out of 10 Have It

According to the law of average, (for North Carolina) one out of every 10 persons in Carteret county have syphilis, despite the fact that in 1936 only six persons were actually reported from this county to the State Board of Health, a requirement according to law. In Carteret county through October 29 of the current year only 12 cases had been actually reported to the State Board of Health from Carteret county. But these figures do not show the true picture. The true picture would be seen if the actual number of syphilis cases reported, was multiplied by 40 to 50, according to Dr. Bert Royal, guest speaker on the Beaufort Rotary program at the Inlet Inn Tuesday night.

Already medical science has conquered yellow fever, and typhoid, diphtheria and tuberculosis are almost conquered and today research is being carried on in an effort to find a way to eliminate cancer, and other killing diseases including syphilis. Syphilis can be conquered, but it is a big job the U. S. Public Health Department and the state departments throughout the country aided by physicians have tackled. An ex-

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## RUNNING LIGHTS

By JOHN SIKES

RECENTLY I wrote for several of the State newspapers a short screed about the peculiar brogue of Coastal North Carolina. I called it "Hoigh Toide." I thought it was innocuous enough. Frankly, it never occurred to me that any body would give it more than a passing thought, if that. Imagine my surprise, then, to find that it produced all sorts of reactions.



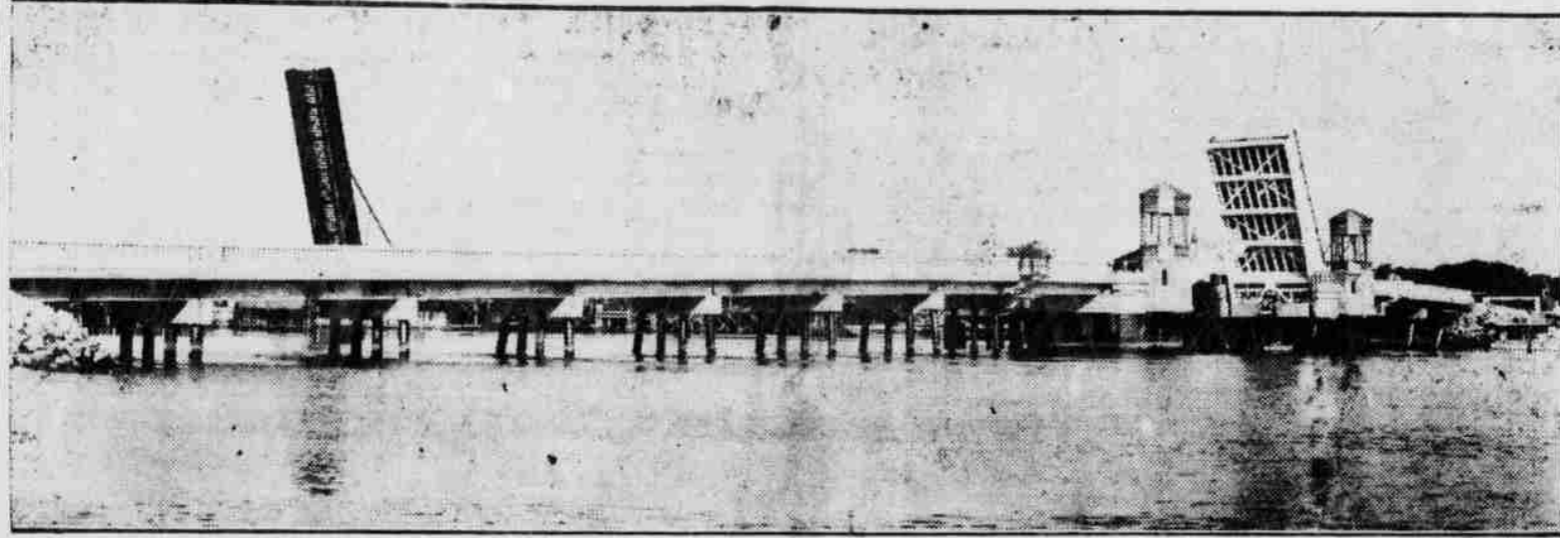
TWO OR THREE of those John Sikes who read it, and were outspoken about it, accused me of ingratitude for having written it. They said I used it to poke fun at the educational background of our

## 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	Friday, Dec. 3	Low
8:20 a. m.	2:04 a. m.	
8:29 p. m.	2:44 p. m.	
	Saturday, Dec. 4	
8:53 a. m.	2:42 a. m.	
9:05 p. m.	3:21 p. m.	
	Sunday, Dec. 5	
9:28 a. m.	3:17 a. m.	
9:45 p. m.	3:58 p. m.	
	Monday, Dec. 6	
10:03 a. m.	3:51 a. m.	
10:23 p. m.	4:34 p. m.	
	Tuesday, Dec. 7	
10:41 a. m.	4:27 a. m.	
11:03 p. m.	5:13 p. m.	
	Wednesday, Dec. 8	
	5:09 p. m.	
11:20 a. m.	5:55 p. m.	
	Thursday, Dec. 9	
11:46 a. m.	5:59 a. m.	
12:03 p. m.	6:40 p. m.	

## Much Traffic Goes Through Beaufort Channel & Newport River Bridges



In November Beaufort Draw Opened 968 Times; Newport River Draw Opened 587 Times

November was a very busy month for draw bridge tenders on local inland waterways. Official reports of the tenders show that almost twice as much traffic passed through the

Beaufort channel bridge as the bridge over Newport river. These records will have a tendency to settle any arguments that may have occurred recently relative to which

draw bridge has the most water traffic passing through.

During the month of November the Beaufort Channel Bridge was opened 968 times to permit naviga-

tion to pass. During the same time the drawbridge over Newport river on the Morehead City side was opened 587 times.

## CAPT. HENRY NOE DIES IN LENOIR

He Sailed The Seas  
During The Days  
Of Sail

Capt. Henry Noe, one of the best known and best liked citizens of Beaufort, died at the home of his daughter Mrs. Edward Simmons in Lenoir about 4 o'clock Monday afternoon. He had gone there a few weeks ago to visit his daughter for an indefinite period, shortly after he had suffered a slight stroke of paralysis at his home here. Mrs. Bettie Noe, his wife, was with him at the time of his death.

First news of his death was received here by his twin brother Capt. Oscar Noe, superintendent of Beaufort Fisheries Inc. The deceased had been in declining health for about a year during which time he was in semi-retirement, but usually spent part of each day until he was stricken, at the L. C. Davis and Brothers Fish Company here a firm which he was associated with for a number of years. For several years Capt. Noe had been a magistrate, and it was not unusual for him to hold his 'court' or perform marriage ceremonies at the fish house where he made his headquarters.

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## DREDGE COMSTOCK ARRIVES IN PORT

Will Restore Channel  
Depth To Terminal  
To 30 Feet

The United States Engineering Department's dredge "Comstock" of the Wilmington District has arrived in Morehead City and will proceed immediately on deepening the channel leading from the port terminal to the ocean beyond Beaufort Inlet. The Comstock was observed moored at the terminal wharf early today.

Major Ralph Millis, U. S. Army district engineer in Wilmington had announced to the press earlier in the week that the Comstock had been assigned to dredge out the bar channel at the Morehead City port and to restore the project depth of 30 feet. "Considerable shoaling is being experienced at the port," the newspaper dispatch quoted Major Millis as saying.

The Comstock has a displacement of 983 tons. The vessel is 163 feet long, 17 feet deep and 35 feet wide. She was built in Baltimore back in 1915. According to the government ship's registry she carries a crew of 28 men and four officers.

## It Won't Be Long Now--Just 19 Christmas Shopping Days

Time continues to chop away the days, and now there are only 19 of them left in which nearly all of the Christmas shopping must be done. The wise shoppers of Beaufort, Morehead City and greater Carteret county have already given the task some time and consideration and their activity will show an increase as the days hurry by.

Beaufort and Morehead City merchants have just completed all arrangements for the busiest periods they have experienced in years. These merchants toil through the long months serving the people of our communities, sometimes making hardly enough to meet the costs that must be raised in support of yours and our community. At this time let us remember our home merchants

first when starting or doing our Christmas shopping, realizing that the success of each of us is measured to some extent by the success of the home merchant.

Beaufort, Morehead City and Carteret county merchants have just about everything one could wish for in the way of a suitable gift for anyone or everyone. Many of the leading merchants of this section have been telling you about their Christmas stock of goods thru ads in this newspaper for the past two or three weeks. This week there are more merchants, telling the citizens of greater Carteret about their Christmas offerings in this newspaper. Patronize these advertisers and you will be keeping your money at home.

## He Will Preside At Civil Term Court



JUDGE W. C. HARRIS

Judge W. C. Harris of Raleigh will preside over the civil term of December Court in Carteret county which begin on Monday for one week. Judge Harris who is intimately known as 'Buck' to his friends is no stranger in Carteret. He presided over court sessions here in October 1927 shortly after he went on the Bench, and in Dec. 1932. If he could catch a term during the summer months along the Carteret coast he would be a 'lucky Buck' because we have much in the way of climate, sports and social activities during the summer months which would appeal to any Superior Court jurist—or any body else as for that matter. Judge Harris is a member of the Baptist church.

## Rev. Morgan Resigns

Rev. J. W. Morgan, pastor of the Baptist church here has tendered his resignation. Officials of church have not yet accepted same. Rev. Mr. Morgan is in a Winston-Salem hospital at present.

## W. P. Smith Has A Narrow Escape

W. P. Smith, local merchant and chairman of the Carteret County Board of Commissioners is lucky to be alive today. To get the full significance of the foregoing sentence it would be necessary for a person to see the Smith bathroom at their home on Queen street following an explosion last Friday night. Mr. Smith was sitting in the tub taking a bath when a heavy cast iron wood-burning stove exploded and flew to pieces. Heavy pieces of cast iron were blown thru the floor, through the window and into the wall, knocking several holes in the woodwork or plastering. Both bathroom windows were broken and the explosion was deafening. A small particle of wood or steel struck Mr. Smith on the cheek, but the injury was so slight he did not discover right away that he had been hit. Mrs. Smith stated she had built a fire earlier in the evening using corn-cobs as kindling, later placing ordinary slab-wood on the blaze. The fire had been burning for sometime before the explosion occurred, which added mystery to it all. It is thought that probably certain gases were formed inside the stove which caused the explosion.

## Minstrel And Beauty Show Friday Night

Moonlight Minstrels, sponsored by the grammar grades of the Beaufort School will be presented in the auditorium on Friday night starting at 7:30 o'clock. Immediately following this excellent presentation Miss Beaufort will be crowned in a beauty pageant which includes a number of the attractive Beaufort girls. The names of the beauty contestants, their sponsors and the number of votes received until Tuesday of this week follows:

Pearl Bravado, Young Man's Shop, 125; Margaret Hurst, Lipman's 125; Carolyn Wheatly, J. D. (Continued on page eight)

## DR. H. M. HENDRIX DIED ON TUESDAY

Practiced Dentistry  
In Beaufort For  
25 Years

Following a prolonged illness, Dr. Harry Matthew Hendrix, for 25 years a dentist in Beaufort, died at his home on West Front Street about 7 o'clock Tuesday night. Even as he was dying, Beaufort Rotarians, at their weekly supper meeting at the Inlet Inn, stood at the request of President Graham of the Club and with bowed heads offered a silent prayer for him. Dr. Hendrix had during his life been a member of the local Rotary Club since its organization.

He was also a member of the Masonic Order.

Dr. Hendrix was a close friend of Dr. C. S. Maxwell, dean of Beaufort physicians. It was the latter who induced Dr. Hendrix to come to Beaufort, some 25 years ago from his home in China Grove, near Charlotte. Only a few years before he had graduated from the dental school of the University of Maryland.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock with the Rev. Mr. Free of St. Paul's Lutheran in Wilmington officiating, assisted by Rev. E. C.

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## British Freighter Expected Saturday

A British freighter, the Queen Eleanor of Glasgow, Scotland, is expected to arrive at Morehead City port terminal in ballast Saturday, (December 4) to lift a cargo of scrap metal to be shipped to Rotterdam. Rotterdam was the destination of the Greek vessel Tzeny Chandris, which sailed from here a few weeks ago and sank two days later in a storm off Hatteras. The Queen Eleanor is a vessel of 3,204 tons, according to W. H. Smoak, supervisor of the terminal. She was built in Sunderland, Scotland in 1918 and is owned by the Queen Lines Ltd. of Glasgow. In Morehead City she will take on approximately 7,200 tons of scrap metal. It is likely that she will be in port for about 18 days. Probably clearing just before Christmas, Supervisor Smoak stated.

## Wallace Takes Over Texaco Plant Here

George R. Wallace of Morehead City took over the operation of Texaco Oil Company's business here on December 1. Ben Arrington, for seven years a faithful employee of the Texaco Company here has been made manager of the Beaufort plant. Cecil Harrill, formerly with C. D. Jones Company has been employed as truck driver for the plant here. No announcement was made in reference to the future operation of the Red Star Service station. For many years and until his death the Texaco Company here was operated by Carl Chadwick.

## DECEMBER TERM OF CIVIL COURT STARTS MONDAY

School Ownership  
Controversy To  
Be Heard

Judge Harris Presides

No crowded calendar will face Judge W. C. Harris of Raleigh when he presides over the December civil term of superior court here next week, but one case of local interest to be heard has to do with a controversy about the ownership of St. Paul's school, which until her death last year, was for many years operated by Mrs. Nannie P. Geffroy.

M. R. Geffroy through his attorneys will try and show that the school properties are legally his thru inheritance from his late wife, Mrs. Geffroy. Attorneys for Geffroy are E. Walter Hill of Beaufort and the firm of Ward and Ward in New Bern.

C. H. Bushal, senior warden of St. Paul's church, in behalf of the church contends that Mrs. Geffroy had only a lifetime interest in the school property and that at the time of her death it was to go back to St. Paul's Church, former owners. Opinions in the matter of the ownership controversy vary here in Beaufort where considerable interest has been aroused over the situation. Claud R. Wheatly, local attorney and a St. Paul Church official will represent the Church at the hearing. It is understood that he will be assisted by J. E. Duncan, Carteret county's most prominent attorney.

## Covering The WATER FRONT

By AYCOCK BROWN

I RECEIVED my first Christmas card this week. It came from Fred Hexum, whose address while he is ashore from ships or 'on the beach' is usually the Harbor Hotel, 136 Embarcadero, S a n Francisco. If any one knows their S a n Francisco they know that the Embarcadero is not considered the finest social center of that Pacific coast city. It is the waterfront street, near the harbor where ships from all nations come and go. Fred's card was addressed to me at Ocracoke. The reason he sent it so early, and I am positive of this, is because he was



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## RAIL DIRECTORS TO MEET MONDAY

Directors of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad will meet in Kinston Monday, it was stated today by H. P. Crowell, president and managing director of the state controlled carrier. This is the first quarterly meeting to be held. Formerly the directors met semi-annually. Mr. Crowell indicated that matters of routine interest would be discussed on Monday or as he put it, "We are just getting together to talk things over."

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19 DAYS  
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