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BEAUFORT NEWS HELPS CURB LOCAL NUISANCES DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Mayor And Police Give Credit To Newspaper

Few Firecrackers Were Shot In Business Section

Mayor George W. Huntley and Chief of Police Walter R. Longest both expressed their appreciation to the Beaufort News this week for the part this newspaper played in helping to curb the usual nuisances prevalent at the Christmas Season, namely public drunkenness and firecracker shooting in the business section. Naturally we of The Beaufort News who consistently make an effort to help any civic movement were well pleased with the expressions of appreciation.

Several weeks ago The Beaufort News backed by the Board of Town Commissioners started a fight against the usual shooting of firecrackers in the downtown business area. As a result very few firecrackers were shot and it was necessary to make only one or two arrests.

A week or two later The Beaufort News publicized the drinking situation in Beaufort, the free flow of beer which apparently was causing much of the drunkenness and conditions arising as a result. Almost immediately after the paper made its appearance on the streets conditions changed for the better. During the Christmas holidays in Beaufort a safer and saner observance was held.

Credit too, should go to members of the Beaufort Police force and other peace officers of the town and county. They all did a good job of keeping order.

Covering The Waterfront

By AYCOCK BROWN

LAST SUNDAY enroute to Ocracoke Island aboard Stanley Wahab's cruiser "WAHA" I learned much about the boat which I did not know before, although I was living on the island when Charley and Thad Scarborough built the vessel. It is probably one of the most interesting vessels along the coast because of the fact that much of her timbers and fittings came from vessels which were shipwrecked on the island in years gone by.

What's the Answer?

By EDWARD FINCH



WHY DO I LAUGH WHEN I AM TICKLED?

WHEN you are tickled on the feet or anywhere else you might be sensitive, a certain set of muscles and nerves are set into action. This action sends to the brain a spontaneous reaction causing a laugh. This same set of muscles and nerves are set into motion by a funny sight or sound causing the same reaction—a laugh. Just as when one person presses certain strings on the violin and draws a bow across them a certain sound is produced, so will the very same sound come forth when another person sets into action the same strings and pressure and bow.

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FINAL REPORT OF RED CROSS

Many In Carteret Took Course In Home Hygiene

The classes in Home Hygiene and Care of the Sick, sponsored by the Red Cross Chapter of Carteret County, came to a close on December 16, with 54 students completing the work and eligible for Red Cross Certificates.

The constant cooperation of school principals and teachers was most helpful in successfully conducting the program, and has been much appreciated. Since the course was an elective one in the schools, and the majority of the students gave their study period in order to attend, the response to his course of instruction was very good.

The number of students eligible for certificates is as follows:

Beaufort High School.....18
Smyrna High School.....10
Harkers Island High School.....10
Harkers Island Adult.....8
Respectfully submitted,
Hilda Merryman.

LETTERS

Another Ford Is Heard From

To the Editor:

I have just finished reading your story reporting your reactions after driving the new Ford V-8 "edition" of 1939. I am glad you liked it so well. Your opinions are the more significant since I understand you are not only a good judge of automobiles but fishing boats as well.

Cordially yours,

Edsel Ford.

Dearborn, Mich.
Dec. 8, 1938.

Dandy Little Paper

To the Editor:

You have a dandy little paper and I like to read about the town my people came from. Luck to you in your publishing venture. I was in that business in Chicago for more than 15 years.

Sincerely yours,

C. R. Thomas.

Alexandria, Va.,
December 22.

Harkers Island Fishing Gone Bad

To the Editor:

Trawling and all other kind of fishing with small mesh nets have at last caused the "Dealers" to go down and the fishermen had to follow suit. Which has already resulted into the "Dealer" catching his own fish while we poor sailors may toil at the top while our produce lies at the bottom.

Not very long ago the Morehead City and Beaufort fish markets stood three only, below the top fish markets, while now it hardly stands at all, it is more than seventeen below all other markets in the world.

May I ask what's the matter? Is it the fishermen, the dealer, or both? I do really believe that if we caught big fish that the dealers would buy them, these baby fish are so very small that it is a murderous act almost, to catch them, this I guess is our fault, but what about it anyhow? We have the chance to rectify it, we have the chance to bring the dealer back in business, we have the chance, in connection with the Conservation and Development Department to place the thing on a living scale, or bases where we can live under the

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He Kept Promise About Pier



WHEN SMITH W. Purdum, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General came to Beaufort last summer to make the dedication address at the formal opening of the new Federal Building he promised representatives of the Chamber of Commerce that he would do everything he could, (with the help of Congressman Barden) to secure an appropriation for building a pier on the waterfront at the government property. Smith Purdum did not forget his promise. Last week he wired Congressman Barden that the Postmaster General and Secretary of Treasury and other officials had signed the necessary papers for the release of the money to be used in constructing the pier. At the present time plans for the new government pier are being drawn and actual construction will begin at an early date.

Surplus Products Help Many During Month of November

There were 469 cases representing 2,059 persons certified by Carteret county welfare officials as eligible to receive surplus commodity products during the month of November, Arthur E. Langston, State director of commodity distribution with the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, announced this week.

A state-wide total of 174,710 persons comprising 38,105 cases were certified during the month, 94.5 per cent of the number being actually serviced during the period Langston said.

License Plates

All auto owners in the Town of Beaufort who fail to display their BEAUFORT license plates after midnight December 31, will be subject to arrest and prosecution in municipal court. Plates may be obtained at City Hall for \$1.

"For The New Year"

Help me, oh God, to start each day this year
With balanced mind, not seeing petty things;
To look upon each problem without fear;
To do with care the work that each day brings;

To treat each one I meet along the way
With careful thought, as I would have them do;
To choose with care the words that I would say;
To turn with faith when burdened back to you.

—Virginia Stanton.

BOWLING TILT

Bowling tilts between the Beaufort-Morehead City teams will be resumed tonight at the Idle Hour on Atlantic Beach. Much interest is being centered on tonight's match because in the current tourney the Beaufort and Morehead City teams have each won to a tie score, although Beaufort's total is slightly higher than Morehead City's team.

APPRECIATION



As 1938 comes to an end and a New Year begins, the Beaufort Publishing Company which combines The Beaufort News and The Beaufort News Print Shop, wishes to express appreciation for the valued patronage which has made it possible for us to continue serving you.

During the past year we have gone to considerable more expense to give our readers a better newspaper, by the installation of additional mechanical equipment new fonts of type and interesting newspaper features. We plan to continue growing and promise to give you an even better newspaper and better printshop service during the coming years.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

William L. Hatsell
Owner.

In Idaho, beavers are caught by trappers and put to work by the government in building dams. The beavers can do about \$300 worth of dam building a year at a cost of

He Is Sticking By Carteret



CONGRESSMAN Graham A. Barden is sticking by Beaufort and Carteret County. Just as we went to press last week a wire was received from Barden which confirmed the story about the construction of a wharf at Beaufort in front of the Federal Building. The telegram addressed to Chamber of Commerce Secretary follows: "Just received wire from Smith W. Purdum, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General definitely confirming the construction of wharf at Beaufort which reads as follows, 'The Postmaster General and Secretary of the Treasury have allotted funds for construction of wharf in connection with Beaufort Federal Building and Procurement Division of the Treasury Department will proceed with preparations of plans and specifications.'"

BULB BUSTERS

Complaints are going in to Town and Tidewater authorities relative to breaking of bulbs in street lights especially on Ann Street. Persons caught doing this will be prosecuted. If the person happens to be a mischievous boy he will be tried before Juvenile Court Judge or his parents will be liable. Tidewater Power Company refuses to replace bulbs being shot out because they claim it is negligence on part of Beaufort authorities permitting same. Several persons, especially youngsters, are suspected and early arrests are expected.

Ocracoke Christmas

Wahab Village Was Scene Of Festivities Which Included Shooting Matches, Ska-Pig-Catch Moving Pictures, Prize Awards, Dances

By-Aycock Brown

It was the biggest Christmas in the history of Ocracoke Island. There was something doing every minute. Not only were hundreds of islanders, but many persons from communities on adjacent islands and from the mainland there enjoying the holidays.

Back of all the gaiety and festivities was Stanley Wahab, great-grandson of Ahab Wahab, an Arabian sailor who was cast ashore on Ocracoke in the year 1767 and remained there until his death. Descendants of Ahab Wahab have always played important roles in the religious and everyday life of Ocracoke, but none have made the business success that Stanley Wahab of Baltimore has made. But even though he has made a tremendous success, Stanley Wahab has not been selfish. During the past 10 years he has spent thousands of dollars developing resort facilities and civic facilities on the island. He was directly responsible for the REA project which last year brought electricity into the homes of the residents.

Last week-end he returned to Ocracoke to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Martha Ann Wahab. And while there he gave one of the biggest parties ever pre-

Henry Fulcher And Crew Stranded On Shoal Near Portsmouth C. G. Station

LIGHT DOCKET IN COURT HERE

Only Four Cases Disposed Of Tuesday

Contrasting with the previous Tuesday when one of the largest dockets of the winter was disposed of by Judge Paul Webb in Recorder's Court, the session on Tuesday was comparatively light. Only four cases were tried.

Corrie Johnson, Florida Negro, who almost slashed the arm off a fellow fisherman here several weeks ago was tried on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon and after being found guilty was sentenced to 90 days on the roads. Ernest Perry House, charged with bastardy was tried and found guilty. He was given a six months suspended sentence upon the condition that he pay the services of midwife, doctor's bill involved in the birth of baby and \$2.50 per week for support of child plus the payment of half the court costs. Not satisfied with the judgment the defendant took an appeal to Superior Court and bond was fixed at \$250.

Because he had not lived up to a judgment rendered several months ago on charges of stealing chickens, Tom Noe was given a 12 months jail sentence. Officers had picked him up a few days ago on information that he was still stealing chickens. The defendant asked permission to leave the county for a period of two years instead of serving the sentence. This request was granted and Tom Noe is scheduled to get underway by January 5.

A warrant charging John Ward, Jr., with trespass was withdrawn although on the Court record it was shown that he was to pay the officer's costs.

Tuberculosis

The entire United States is now accredited as free of bovine tuberculosis with the exception of fifteen counties in California.

Lose Fish, Nets And Barely Escape With Lives

Incident Added Proof That Coast Guard Needed In Old Station

Henry Fulcher and a crew of four persons, each residents of Atlantic sailed from Ocracoke Inlet late one evening last week and shortly after dark their boat, the Bettie M., fetched up almost high and dry on a point of shoals just southwest of Teach's Hole. It was the beginning of a most harrowing experience for the fishermen who lost their nets, their fish, damaged their boat and barely escaped with their lives.

The Bettie M. grounded almost within hailing distance of Portsmouth and a building which until someone got the idea of decommissioning units and establishing super stations a few years ago was occupied by Coast Guardsmen. Incidentally if the station had been in commission the lookout in the tower would have seen the flares and distress signals from the boat. Due to weather conditions the lookout in Ocracoke Station could not see the distress signals. Quite frequently, hazy or foggy conditions in the vicinity of Ocracoke Inlet make it impossible to see a boat in distress near the shoaly inlet from the observation tower at the Ocracoke station.

Fulcher and his crew used kerosene and gasoline soaked cloth from mattresses and bedding as flares in an effort to attract the attention of rescuers. But no one saw the signals. Later when the

Fishing And All Outdoors

By AYCOCK BROWN

CONGRESSMAN BARDEN went down in the Portsmouth sector goose hunting on Tuesday. Down that way on Sunday and again on Tuesday I saw several rafts of ducks and brandt but no geese. They told me that the geese were using down the island about half way between Ocracoke village and Hatteras Inlet, C. G. Station. It would have been nice to have accepted Stanley Wahab's offer to go goose shooting for a couple of days aboard his cruiser Waha. But there was this business of getting the paper out so I had to come back home.

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TIDE TABLE

Information as to the tide at Beaufort is given in this column. The figures are approximately correct and are based on tables furnished by the U. S. Geologic 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 head of the estuaries.

Friday, Dec. 30	
1:38 A. M.	8:57 A. M.
1:52 P. M.	8:21 P. M.
Saturday, Dec. 31	
2:39 A. M.	9:06 A. M.
2:54 P. M.	9:16 P. M.
Sunday, Jan. 1, 1939	
3:40 A. M.	10:14 A. M.
4:00 P. M.	10:16 P. M.
Monday, Jan. 2	
4:41 A. M.	11:14 A. M.
5:02 P. M.	11:14 A. M.
Tuesday, Jan. 3	
5:35 A. M.	11:14 A. M.
5:59 P. M.	12:09 P. M.
Wednesday, Jan. 4	
*:30 A. M.	12:10 A. M.
6:55 P. M.	1:05 P. M.
Thursday, Jan. 5	
7:22 A. M.	1:07 A. M.
7:48 P. M.	1:56 P. M.