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Dr. H. F. Prytherch
Wins High Honors
For Science Paper



DR. PRYTHERCH, director of the U. S. Fisheries Laboratory on Pivers Island here has won still another honor for his scientific paper on the "Life Cycle of a Sporozoan Parasite in the Oyster" it was announced a few days ago. This time he wins the Inter-Academy Award, or a prize of \$100. A few months ago he won the Gold Medal Award of the North Carolina Academy of Science.

Although the announcement has not been formally made, it is authoritatively understood that Dr. Prytherch was notified of his new honor a few days ago and his hometown newspaper The Beaufort News, takes this opportunity to break the story. Dr. Prytherch is one of the world's outstanding authorities on oyster culture. His parasitic discoveries will save the industries millions of dollars each year.

Eight Months School Term Picture Given By Supt. J. G. Allen

Refers To Misconstruction Of Hoey's Statement About Schools During Speech Here Last May; Does Not Criticize But Hopes To Clear Ideas About Carteret County School Tax

Governor Clyde R. Hoey has been widely quoted as having said at the Chamber of Commerce banquet at the Community Center last May 16 that "North Carolina is paying the entire cost of the eight months school term". To clear up the rather wide-spread misconstruction of Governor Hoey's statement, Supt. J. G. Allen has handed us for publication his letter of December 16, to Governor Hoey on this subject, together with the Governor's reply of December 22 thereto.

Anyone desiring a clearer picture of "the eight months school term on the minimum basis" of State support referred to by the Governor in his first paragraph or who questions the necessity for an adequate County-wide tax for school purposes, could read with interest and profit the explanatory statement by Supt. Allen immediately following the Governor's reply.

Allen's Letter to Hoey.

Dear Mr. Hoey:

The schools and citizenship of Carteret County were delighted and honored at having you as their guest on May 16, 1938, as speaker before the Chamber of Commerce at Community Center and to address the graduating class of the Beaufort School.

Immediately following your address before the Chamber of Commerce you were widely quoted and the quotation has persisted) as having said that "the state of North Carolina is now paying the entire cost of the eight months school term".

As a result of this wide-spread quotation, the County Commissioners have been asked time and again why the schools should have a county levy in any amount, much less 28c (mostly for current expense), with the state bearing "the entire cost of the eight months school term". The County Commissioners fully understand the need of such a county levy but many of our citizens (apparently otherwise well informed) seem not to.

The County Board of Education, the County Commissioners, and I feel that a letter addressed by you to me on this subject for publication in the papers of this county would be timely and enlightening.

May I hear from you at your earliest convenience?

Hoey's Reply.

My dear Mr. Allen:

I have your letter of December 16, 1938, referring to the speech that I made at the commencement exercises at Beaufort last May, at which I stated that North Carolina was paying the entire cost of the eight months school term. Of course what I meant by this was that the State was paying the entire cost for the conduct of the eight months school term on the minimum basis.

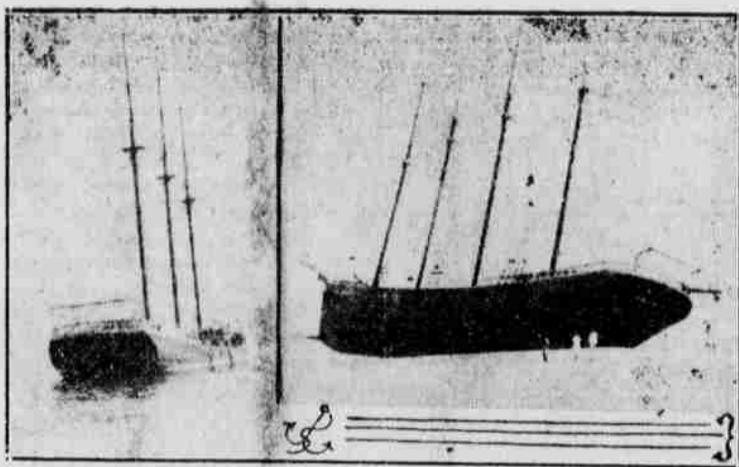
This did not mean the cost of maintenance of the buildings because, as you know, that is the county's obligation, since the county provides the buildings and likewise takes care of the up-keep.

Naturally, it does not cover any supplements or additions which the county wishes to make to the minimum requirements and standards set by the State.

My statement was meant to convey the fact that the State paid the expenses of maintaining the eight months school term, which expenses cover administration, teacher salary, light, heat, fuel, transportation and certain equipment. Whatever the county supplements would be its own expense and naturally the county still has the responsibility in providing the buildings and in keeping them in repair. I trust that this answers fully your letter.

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Coastal Citizens Protest The Burning Of Late 4-Masted Schooner G. A. Kohler



COASTAL CITIZENS, especially those living in Dare County immediately voiced protest when it was announced a few days ago that the old 4-masted schooner G. A. Kohler, now a derelict on the highwater mark north of Cape Hatteras Lighthouse would be burned by a new owner who purchased the wreck for \$75. The new owner would burn her with thought in view of salvaging iron and brass work, bolts and such. The photo at right above shows the old Kohler a few months after she was wrecked during an August storm in 1933 and before the four masts were chopped away. At left above is a photo of the 3-masted Nomis which foundered on Ocracoke beach during a gale in 1935. (News Photos.)

Led Fight To Elect D. L. Ward Speaker



REPRESENTATIVE Fred R. Seely who returned to Raleigh on Sunday to be present at the meeting of the General Assembly, in the interest of Carteret County, led the fight to elect D. L. (Libby) Ward (our next Governor) to the important office of Speaker of the House. (News Photo)

BALD EAGLE IS CAPTURED ALIVE

The Ferocious Bird Is Caught On Davis Island

Explorers in search of specimens for zoological gardens go to the end of the earth after birds and animals and one of the hardest to capture is the bald eagle, most ferocious bird found in America. But down on Davis Island last week Lemuel Davis, of Raleigh, and his brother Grover Davis, caught a bald eagle with a wing spread of over seven feet. This week the eagle is either in the State Museum or the zoological park in Raleigh.

But there was a trick in capturing the mighty bird. The two men were motorboating in the vicinity and saw the huge bird sitting on the limb of a dead tree. As they approached closer they saw that the eagle was tangled up in a trap, a steel trap which it had probably stepped in on the banks of some stream. The stake attached to the trap's chain, and the chain had gotten tangled around the tree.

It was a matter of only a short while before the two Davises chopped down the tree, placed the eagle prisoner in a sack and a day or two later when Lemuel returned to Raleigh he carried the huge bird with him to present to the museum or zoological park. It is one of the first cases on record along the coast where a bald eagle has been captured alive.

Receipts from American farm marketings in the first 11 months of 1938 were estimated at \$6,463,000,000, or 13 per cent less than the \$7,440,000,000 reported for the same period in 1937.

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With this edition The Beaufort News enters its 28th year under the present name. It was formerly The Lookout. The Beaufort News is the successor of newspapers of various names which were first established in Beaufort over 100 years ago, and is the oldest periodical along the North Carolina coast.

FOUR SCHOOLS CLOSE RESULT OF EPIDEMIC

Measles Rage But Not In Serious Stage Yet

An epidemic of measles was reported by school officials and physicians in far eastern Carteret as result of which the Atlantic, Cedar Island, Seallevel, and Stacy schools remained closed instead of opening on January 2, as previously scheduled.

This means that about 400 of Carteret's total school population of approximately 4,400 are not back in their classrooms this week. The schools which did not re-open on Monday are expected to open next Monday, January 9, depending of course upon the situation in the respective communities.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found "Facts About Measles", to which the attention of the readers of this paper is directed.

A hasty canvass of such physicians as were available Monday revealed a difference of opinion as to the status of measles in and near Beaufort, some claiming that measles reached its peak two weeks ago and is now subsiding, while others claimed that the number of cases is growing fast and, unless checked, may soon approach an epidemic.

Only three of the Morehead physicians could be reached, these physicians asserting uniformly that the measles situation which threatened to be quite serious there around October 1st, has gradually but greatly improved, the Camp Glenn section being the last to feel the effects of this disease, with the situation in that community quite improved.

R. L. Fruit, principal of the Newport school, reported Monday that he knew of no cases in the Newport school community. E. L. Gaskill, principal of the Smyrna (Continued on page 8)

ABC STORES TO CLOSE AT 6 P. M.

Beaufort and Morehead City ABC Stores will close at 6 o'clock each week-day evening in the future and until further notice it was announced this week. The stores will remain open until 9 o'clock on Saturday evenings. It was stated that the new system resulted from a decision among the employees, and that the new ruling had no bearing on a recent request of the Town Board of Commissioners to try and get the ABC Board to close the stores earlier each evening.

Courtesy Agent Urges The Farmers Of Carteret To Save Woodlands From Fire

THOUSANDS OF TOURISTS SEE OLD FT. MACON

Caretakers Reports That Over 15,000 Enter Gates

Over 15,000 persons entered historic Ft. Macon during the past year, it was reported by Caretaker L. Humphrey this week. That is probably about half the number of persons who actually motored to the seaside State Park of which the old Fort is the main attraction.

At the rate of 10 cents per person, (the admission charged) approximately \$1,500 has been taken in during the year. Last summer there was a movement underway to remove the admission charge but it never materialized. The Department of Conservation Board has also given consideration to the possible construction of several cottages in the Park to be rented out to tourists.

The old Fort is being kept in excellent condition and Caretaker Humphrey makes visits of tourists going there for the first time more interesting through his verbal description of masonry and the history of the establishment.

December Days Were Moderate And Mostly Clear Here

December days in Carteret were moderate and mostly clear according to the monthly report of the cooperative observers of the weather located at U. S. Fisheries Laboratory on Pivers Island. A summary of the weather conditions from day to day follows:

Dat.	Max.	Min.	Av.	clear
1	60	40	55	clear
2	55	42	50	clear
3	61	45	60	rain
4	65	55	64	cloudy
5	66	56	53	clear
6	54	47	53	clear
7	60	40	55	p cloudy
8	58	46	57	cloudy
9	60	51	54	clear
10	60	41	54	clear
11	58	39	36	clear
12	62	49	59	clear
13	58	46	50	clear
14	69	40	58	clear
15	58	40	46	clear
16	53	38	50	clear
17	54	43	53	cloudy
18	58	45	54	clear
19	54	41	48	clear
20	50	35	46	clear
21	54	42	54	p cloudy
22	55	35	44	clear
23	53	31	50	clear
24	54	45	53	rain
25	59	37	53	clear
26	60	42	57	cloudy
27	62	55	57	clear
28	58	30	40	clear
29	50	29	47	cloudy
30	45	35	45	clear
31	54	36	48	clear

Late Schooner To Be Destroyed For Scrap Iron Bolts

The wreck of the schooner G. A. Kohler seven miles south of Rodanthe, and which is still in good condition, is to be burned up in order to get the scrap iron bolts to sell for junk. St. Clair Basnight of Manteo, bought it this week of Leonard Hooper of Salvo for \$75, and plans to take the iron bolts to Norfolk.

When this is done, the Cape Hatteras National Seashore will be one of its most interesting landmarks. The Kohler, a four-masted, came ashore in August 1933, during a terrific storm, and the Captain, and his wife and crew were saved through good work of the Coast Guards. For more than five years, the old wreck has been a drawing card for tourists, many of them having visited the Banks country just to see a ship ashore. The masts have long since been taken out of the vessel.

Many other wrecks have been burned years ago for junk, so the Kohler is going the way of all wrecks.—Dare County Times.

Money That Should Be Coming In Is Going Up In Smoke

Urging the citizens of the rural sections of Carteret County to protect their woodlands from fire and explaining that in so doing it would increase their income through such proper management, County Agent J. O. Anthony, this week wrote all farmers the following letter:

Save Your Woodland

"The old adage "A dollar saved is a dollar made" can certainly be applied to our woodlands. As a good farmer you are interested in saving a little money for a rainy day, and at the same time increasing your cash income. Quite a number of our farmers have been increasing their income through proper management of their woodlands. However, we feel that a great deal of money which should be coming into Carteret farmers has been going up in smoke. By this we mean that if wood fires were stopped in Carteret we would greatly increase the income from our woodlands.

"Woodlands of this county are not fully stocked due to the wood fires which have been burning each year. I feel sure that if you will walk through some of the woodlands in this county you will see that more trees could easily be grown. The more trees there (Continued from Page 8)

Covering The Waterfront

By AYCOCK BROWN

REGARDLESS of how good most of us think we might be, we are continually learning something new. For instance I thought I knew how to open clams until in about 20 seconds over at James Whitehurst's seafood market yesterday Ralph Jones taught me an entirely new technique. As a result I can open clams in the future without dissecting the meat. And it is an easy trick. Incidentally I have learned during the week that in Roy Eubanks of The Photo Shop, we of this coastal section have a photo finisher who can do with what he has to work with, much better jobs than some of the finishers up state turn out in shops with much more elaborate equipment.

I LEARNED OR was convinced that Roy was good after sending those Ocracoke films I shot, to a firm upstate. I had used very fast films and as I had hopes of taking "LIFE TO A PARTY" on Ocracoke I was very anxious to have the films finished with fine grain developer. That would have given me the assurance that the (Continued on Page four)

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. Geodetic Survey. Some allowance 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.

HIGH	LOW
Friday, Jan. 6	
8:15 A. M.	1:59 A. M.
8:42 P. M.	2:45 P. M.
Saturday, Jan. 7	
9:07 A. M.	2:51 A. M.
9:37 A. M.	3:32 P. M.
Sunday, Jan. 8	
9:59 A. M.	3:43 A. M.
10:31 P. M.	4:22 P. M.
Monday, Jan. 9	
10:51 A. M.	4:37 P. M.
	5:12 P. M.
Tuesday, Jan. 10	
11:24 A. M.	5:34 A. M.
11:41 P. M.	6:06 P. M.
Wednesday, Jan. 11	
12:19 A. M.	6:35 A. M.
12:33 P. M.	7:03 P. M.
Thursday, Jan. 12	
1:16 A. M.	7:40 A. M.
1:12 P. M.	8:01 P. M.

Fishing And All Outdoors

By AYCOCK BROWN

JOHNNY MOCK, "All Outdoors" editor of the Pittsburgh Press plans to come to North Carolina for the fishing during the Spring. In a letter to Bill Sharpe he outlined his plan and in the reply, Bill gave him all the low down about fishing from one end of the State to the other. Copies of the correspondence was sent W. B. Keziah of Southport and your columnist. Frequently letters or copies of letters which Bill sends out from the State's advertising division are sent Chamber of Commerce secretaries who have shown him a spirit of cooperation in the past. It is a good way to make contacts for the particular section of the State one happens to be promoting.

THE 1938 MIGRATORY wild-fowl open hunting season was declared by guides and sportsmen to have been the best in years. The (Continued on page 8)

What's the Answer?

By EDWARD FINCH



HOW DID HALLOWE'EN ORIGINATE?

IN ANCIENT times, Halloween, or the Vigil of Saman, the god of death, fell on the thirty-first of October. On this night, Saman was supposed to call together the souls condemned during the past year and assign them to the bodies of animals. It was a time of fear and apprehension and the pagans wore hideous masks and lighted bonfires to keep away the ghosts and witches which were supposed to wander the earth freely on this night. At the advent of Christianity, it became the Vigil of All Saints day and lost its bogey meaning but the custom of celebrating the night in a macabre manner still persists.

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FACTS ABOUT MEASLES

The North Carolina State Board of Health bulletin by the above title has been condensed and somewhat simplified by Supt. J. G. Allen for publication in this paper in the hope that the information will be put to serious use by physicians, county health officer, principals, teachers, parents, and public in curbing the epidemic of measles reported to be raging in certain sections of the county and in preventing the spread of this disease to other sections of the county.

SUMMARY OF REGULATIONS

(1) Symptoms. The onset of measles is usually from six to eighteen days after exposure, most commonly fourteen. The onset is gradual, with Fever, Cold in the Head, a Cough and Inflamed Eyes. Approximately three days after the beginning of these symptoms the dusky red rash begins to appear, first behind the ears or on the neck, gradually extending to the entire body, reaching its height in about three days, at which time the temperature is at the maximum. In uncomplicated cases, as a rule, recovery is complete within seven days from onset. The discoloration of the rash may remain for a greater length of time.

(2) Complications. Measles not infrequently is complicated, particularly by pneumonia but also by infections of the middle ear and mastoid. The sinuses and the glands of the neck are occasionally involved. Pneumonia and the infections of the middle ear and mastoid are the most serious complications. Measles may be quite dangerous in children under three years of age, because of the frequency of pneumonia, and quite serious for older children, even adults.

(3) Transmission. The infectious material is abundant in the secretions of the nose and throat and is acquired through direct contact with someone ill of the disease.

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Liberal consumption of dairy products is in prospect for the winter months, says John Arey, of State College, in quoting a report of the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.