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### Ten Lives Lost When Vessels Collide On Inland Waterway

#### Menhaden Boat "Southland" And Scow "Espee" Shoved By Tug "Especo" Crash Friday

#### TRANSFER OF EDGEWATER IS RECORDED HERE

#### Club Property Is Purchased By Floridan

#### REVENUE STAMPS ON DEED TOTALS \$150

A total of \$150 in U. S. Revenue Stamps were attached to the deed transferring Edgewater Club to S. G. Tarilton of Miami Beach. The transfer was recorded with the Register of Deeds here on Tuesday. The sale was made by Floyd M. "Coach" Simmons and the amount involved is \$150,000.

This is the largest amount ever involved in a single deed of transfer recorded here. Formerly the Morehead Villa, the magnificent property owned by Simmons for four years is said to have been constructed in 60 days at a cost of \$300,000 during the boom days of the "roaring twenties."

#### Body Of Fisherman Identified By Card

A social security card was instrumental in identifying the body of Alex Karl Olsen, Norwegian fisherman, missing since Sunday, November 12 from the trawler Slow and Easy, according to Sheriff C. G. Holland who investigated after the body came to surface in Morehead City harbor about noon Monday.

Fred O. Basnight, master of the trawler, stated that last time he saw Olsen was 8 o'clock the night he was reported missing. It was hard to identify the body until the social security card, hardly blurred, was found in an overcoat pocket. The card gave the home address as 22 Woodhall St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Coroner George Dill stated that after examination he was convinced that Olsen came to his death by accidental drowning.

#### Covering The Waterfront By AYCOCK BROWN

OPINION expressed here this week was that the "A" Marine Investigation Board hearing started aboard cutter "Pamlico" would not only eventually determine officially whose fault in the Especo-Espee and Southland collision last Friday night, but that it would also result in new regulations for the government owned and maintained inland waterway. Such a regulation could possibly prohibit future shoving of large barges through the narrow waterway. Some people seem to be of the opinion that if the Especo (tug) had been towing instead of shoving the barge Espee No. 4, that the accident would not have occurred.

BRIDGE TENDER Whitley of the Core Creek Bridge requested that I call to the attention of navigation interests that it is unlawful to proceed through the bridge opening or waterway at full speed. He cited instances where certain menhaden vessels (not the Southland but others) had passed through the bridge opening on the waterway frequently without slowing down. The speed limit through the drawbridge is six nautical miles per hour. Full speed of (Continued on page 8)

#### Recover Only Nine Bodies; C. G. To The Rescue

#### WORST TRAGEDY EVER TO OCCUR ON CANAL

In a split second 10 members of the crew of 20 aboard the menhaden boat Southland lost their lives about 6:30 o'clock Friday evening when the vessel, heavily laden with a cargo of fish collided with the barge "Espee No. 4" of New York City which was being shoved northward through the Inland Waterway by the tug "Especo" of New York City.

Those losing their lives were: Elijah J. Fulcher and his brother Charley Fulcher, of Stacy, white men and the following colored men: Joe Eagles, (whose body was the last of the colored victims found) of Southport; Robert Lee,

#### Board Of Inquiry

A three man "A" Marine Inspection Board was in session aboard the U. S. S. Pamlico at the Ocean Port Terminal in Morehead City Monday to hear evidence from survivors of the barge-tug and menhaden boat collision on the Inland Waterway near Core Creek bridge last Friday evening which claimed the lives of 10 members of the crew. Those giving testimony to the board included: Capt. John Guthrie, master of the Southland, and crew members of the ill fated craft. Also testifying were Clarence Taylor of Carteret Fish and Oil Company, owners of the vessel and Charles S. Wallace, whose shipyard built craft. On Board: J. Frank Staley of the Department of Justice, Captain Eugene Carlson, supervisor U. S. Steamboat Inspection Service and Capt. T. G. Crapster, Norfolk Division Commander, U. S. Coast Guard. Julius F. Duncan appeared as attorney for the Southland owners while E. F. Gillighan represented owners of the tug and barge. At a subsequent hearing testimony will be taken from owners of the tug and barge, it was stated by Judge Staley.

Southport; Henry Clarridy, Bolivia; Junius Tootle, 17, Morehead City; James Yarborough, New Bern; Jim Jackson and John Wilson, Mayport, Fla., and N. R. Hewitt, of Southport. With the exception of Hewitt, whose neck was broken and whose body was found shortly after the collision, the seven Negroes were trapped in the forepeak of the vessel and drowned like rats. Their bodies viewed by a Beaufort Newsman showed evidence that they had made a mighty effort to get out of their watery trap.

It is believed that the Fulcher brothers were killed instantly. The body of Charley found floating near the shore at Gallant's Point on Monday. Badly crushed

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#### Defendant Still Too Tight To Be Tried On Tuesday

Allison Fulford and Sarah Hardisty two of three Negroes facing charges of selling liquor were still too tight on Tuesday to face trial in Recorder's Court, it was stated at the Courthouse Wednesday. They were in the same predicament on the previous Tuesday. To make sure that they will be sober when their case comes up next Tuesday, each were placed in jail to be waterwaggoned for a week. Dave Parker, co-defendant in the case was not tight on Tuesday and could have been tried except that Sarah and Allison were still plastered.

#### HOLIDAYS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS SOON

#### Thanksgiving And Christmas Will Be Observed

The first thrill of a holiday from school during the present session will be felt by the pupils of Carteret County when the schools of the county begin the annual Thanksgiving holiday at the close of school on Wednesday, November 29th, with most of the schools remaining closed until the following Monday, December 4th. Even in the most remote schools where the enrollments are small and where it is likely that very few of the children will have anything exciting to look forward to, Supt. Allen insists that at least one day be taken for Thanksgiving, believing as he does that no holiday excels in importance or appropriateness the one day during the year set aside for an expression of the gratitude of individuals and of a nation for the many blessings for which even the humblest have cause to be thankful in America, at peace.

With Christmas cards and gifts already on display in our local stores and with Santa Claus due to (Continued on Page 8)

### SHERIFF'S TIP SOLVES MYSTERY

#### \$75,000.00 RED CROSS

Combined payrolls of the various fish scrap and oil plants in Carteret County amounted to over \$75,000 last week-end, it was estimated here. This sum was paid workers by the three plants in Beaufort, three plants in Morehead City and the factory located between the two towns. It was probably the largest amount of money in a single pay roll in Carteret this year and possibly in several years. Bulk of the total amount remained in Carteret and that brought about a sort of temporary boom for merchants and others.

#### Kicking Machine Bet Is Paid Off

Claud Guthrie who bet Jack Windley that Carolina would win paid off late Saturday by having his stern kicked on the famous "Haywood Kicking Machine" at Croatan. Witnessing the pay-off were W. H. Taylor, C. G. Gaskill and A. B. Hooper. Guthrie paid off with a grin and said, "It will be a different tale next year." (Ed. Note—Wonder if he meant to spell tale that way?)

Well over \$200 has already been collected in the annual Red Cross membership drive, according to Rev. Bill Stewart who is co-chairman this year with Mrs. M. E. Bloodgood. Several localities and many schools in the Beaufort Chapter have not yet reported. Harkers Island workers practically guaranteed that they would top \$50 in that community. Mrs. Bloodgood's women workers in the drive here had not given final report as we go to press today. Many villages in the East are expected to respond in a big way this year, because they know from experience that by helping they will be helping an agency which has come to their aid in the past during storms.

#### Editor To Speak

Editor Aycock Brown has accepted an invitation to make a short talk to the members of the Hi-Y and students at the Colored School here on Friday afternoon during Chapel period.

#### Four Men Arrested On Manslaughter Charges As Fatal Shooting Is Solved

#### Annual Classic

Beaufort meets Morehead City in its annual gridiron classic here Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Old time foes in football game is expected to draw a big crowd.

#### Illegal Booze And Seven Men Nabbed

Seven men, 740 gallons of contraband North Harlowe (Craven County) liquor, a Dodge and an almost new Ford V-8 were nabbed Tuesday night by T-Men out of New Bern and Craven ABC officers, near the intersection of 9-foot Newport Road and Route 24 in Carteret County. The whiskey represented an investment of \$1,500.

The men arrested and ordered held for Federal Court by U. S. Commissioner T. H. Smith include:

Troy Langley, 24, Rocky Mount, R. F. D. 1; Rommie Roscoe Langley, Rocky Mount, R. F. D. 1; Merl Bernard Joyner, 29, Rocky Mount; Robert Henry Kermon, Rocky Mount, all under \$400 bonds each; and three Negro youths, Linwood Joyner, 16, Herman Joyner, 15, and Nathaniel Joyner, 12, all of Rocky Mount, R. F. D. 1, all under \$100 bonds each.

The liquor was consigned to Rocky Mount. It was revealed that the back-track route via Mill Creek, Newport, Jacksonville to Rocky Mount was being used by the "runners" instead of a more direct route—via New Bern.

#### 5-C's Club Meets At Community Church

The 5-C's Club met at the Core Creek Community House Monday evening November 20 with 25 answering roll call.

President Jesse Willis called the meeting to order, the Pastor led in prayer, after which the group joined in singing America, and Home on the Range. The meeting was then turned over to Misses Madie and Thelma Dickinson who proceeded to put on an interesting program, keeping the group in a happy frame of mind, so much so, that they were reluctant to leave.

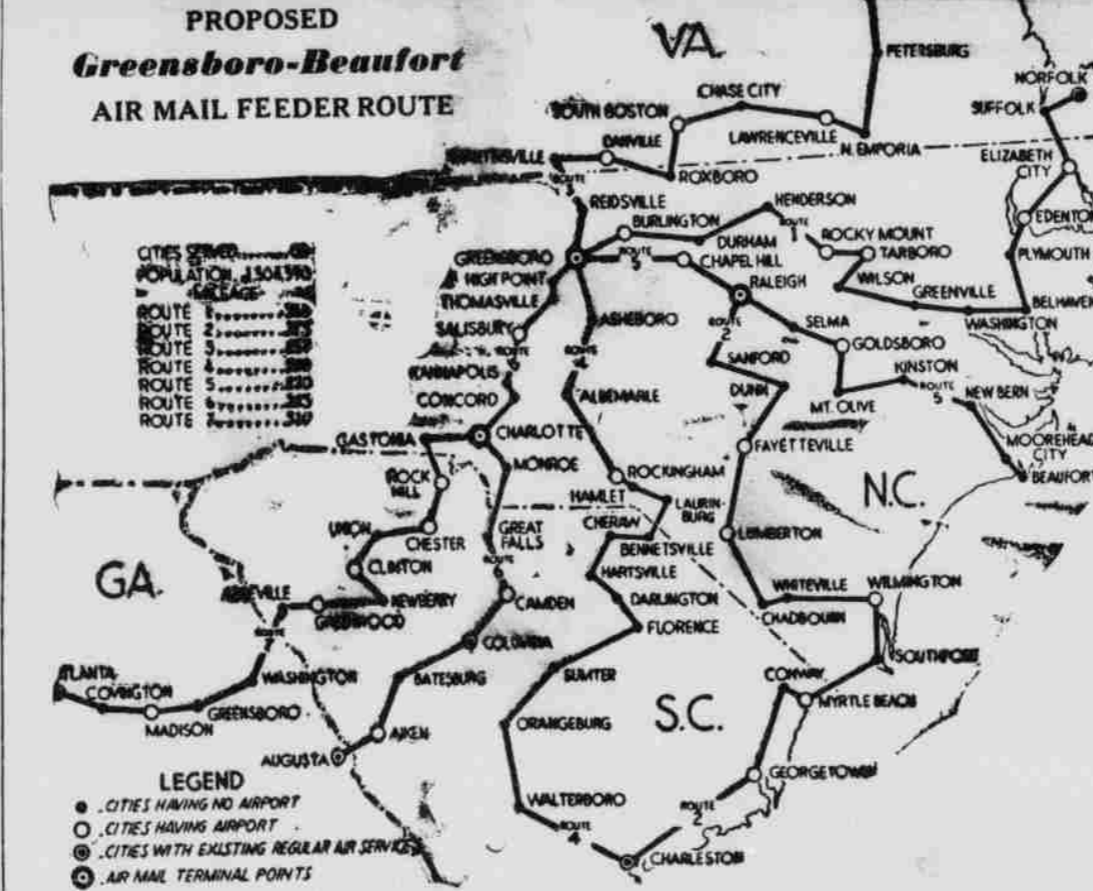
Ten new members were added to the club, which has for its motto, "Help Others."

#### Hitch Hiking Coon

A raccoon rode all the way from Atlantic to New Bern while hanging under the truck of Clayton Fulcher last week-end. How the animal got there and how it stayed put during the long and rapid ride remained a mystery. It was discovered in New Bern by a garage mechanic.

#### C. of C. Will Ask For Better Mail Service Locally

Citizens of Beaufort are wondering why the mid-day mail must be delayed practically every day. For the past several days the mail due at 11:20 o'clock has not been arriving until nearer 1 o'clock. Citizens who expect a better mid-day service have asked the Chamber of Commerce to contact the Chief Railway Mail Clerk in Norfolk with the thought of getting the service improved. The mail is brought to Beaufort from Goldsboro via the morning train.



#### A and E. C. and B. and M Railroad Officials To Be Guests At C. of C. Banquet

#### To Be Presented At Inlet Inn Here December 7

Officials of the Atlantic and East Carolina Railroad, officials of the Beaufort and Morehead City Railroad, Representative Graham A. Barden of the Third Congressional District and Colonel George Gillette, U. S. District Engineer of Wilmington will be included on the guest list of the annual membership meeting and banquet of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce here Thursday night, December 7. Members of the Board of Directors meeting on Monday night completed plans for the banquet which will be held at the Inlet Inn.

H. P. Edwards, president and general manager and Ed Buchan, vice-president and traffic manager of the A. and E. C. R. R., have already accepted invitations to be present. In accepting the invitation Mr. Edwards wrote the local secretary that while neither he nor Mr. Buchan were public speakers, they would be glad to say a few words in regard to their plan for the development of the railroad and the community of Beaufort and Carteret county.

The A. and E. C. officials will be introduced by J. F. Duncan, attorney for the B. and M. which serves Beaufort and the eastern section of Carteret. George J. Brooks, president of the Beaufort and Morehead City railroad, W. V. B. Potter, C. R. Wheatley and other officials of the road have (Continued on Page 8)

#### BEAUFORT TO BE TERMINUS OF AIR ROUTE

#### Mail Service Will Be Sponsored By du Pont

Advantages of direct air-mail service would be provided to this community and neighboring towns and cities under a tentative plan for the establishment of Air Pick-up feeder routes in this area similar to those now operating in Pennsylvania, Delaware, West Virginia and Ohio.

The plan has been developed by Richard C. du Pont, of Wilmington, Del., internationally known flier and aviation authority, in connection with a program for the creation of a national air feeder system which he recently submitted to the Post Office Department and the Civil Aeronautics Authority.

du Pont is president of All American Aviation, Inc., the com- (Continued on Page 8)

#### 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 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.

HIGH	LOW
Friday, Nov. 24.	
6:01 A. M.	11:40 A. M.
6:19 P. M.	12:33 P. M.
Saturday, Nov. 25.	
6:44 A. M.	12:29 A. M.
7:01 P. M.	1:17 P. M.
Sunday, Nov. 26.	
7:25 A. M.	1:11 A. M.
7:44 P. M.	1:58 P. M.
Monday, Nov. 27.	
8:07 A. M.	1:52 A. M.
8:28 P. M.	2:39 P. M.
Tuesday, Nov. 28.	
8:51 A. M.	2:34 A. M.
9:16 P. M.	3:21 P. M.
Wednesday, Nov. 29.	
9:36 A. M.	3:16 A. M.
10:04 P. M.	4:05 P. M.
Thursday, Nov. 30.	
10:24 A. M.	4:03 A. M.
10:55 P. M.	5:04 P. M.