

DIAMOND BACK TERRAPIN CROP AT BEAUFORT SETS NEW MARK

Experiments In Boosting Production From Brood Stock Proving Successful; "Farm" Attracting Interest

(Ed. Note.—The following story released from Washington gives Beaufort, Dr. Prytherch and Capt. Hattell a nice bit of publicity. The story appeared in newspapers throughout the country.—A. B.)

WASHINGTON. — Topping even last year's record production, according to a 1939 preliminary report, the world's largest terrapin farm at the Beaufort, N. C. biological station of the bureau of fisheries, United States department of the interior, this season hatched and reared over 14,000 young diamond-backs for restocking coastal areas in the South Atlantic region.

Beaufort Township Tax-List Official



D. W. MORTON pictured above and Bayard Taylor will again have charge of listing and assessing taxes in Beaufort Township for 1940. A display advertisement elsewhere in this edition gives minute details relative to listing.

Idle Hour Alleys Destroyed By Fire

Beaufort and Morehead City Fire Departments answered general alarms early Monday morning as result of fire which was destroying the Idle Hour Bowling Alleys on Atlantic Beach. Due to fact that the resort has no fire fighting facilities, the flames had gained much headway before the fire fighting apparatus arrived.

The departments of the two towns, however, stood by and prevented the blaze from spreading to nearby summer homes, unoccupied at this season. Alfred Cooper owner of the popular recreation place on the beach reported in Morehead City that the loss was over \$12,000 on which insurance covered part. He stated that he would rebuild.

Free Motor Bike

Beaufort Theatre and Carteret Hardware Company in Beaufort and Hardware and Building Supplies Corporation in Morehead City are offering an \$89 Motor Bike as a Christmas Prize. Detail on how to win will be found in ad on page two. Lucky winner will be drawn Saturday night, 9 o'clock at Carteret Hardware Company.

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.

Friday, Dec. 22	
4:36 A. M.	11:04 A. M.
4:54 P. M.	11:22 P. M.
Saturday, Dec. 23	
5:27 A. M.	
5:45 P. M.	11:59 A. M.
Sunday, Dec. 24	
6:12 A. M.	11:55 A. M.
6:35 P. M.	12:48 P. M.
Monday, Dec. 25	
6:59 A. M.	12:43 A. M.
47:21 P. M.	1:35 P. M.
Tuesday, Dec. 26	
7:45 A. M.	1:31 A. M.
8:10 P. M.	2:18 P. M.
Wednesday, Dec. 27	
8:33 A. M.	2:17 A. M.
9:01 P. M.	3:02 P. M.
Thursday, Dec. 28	
9:22 A. M.	3:05 A. M.
10:00 P. M.	3:48 P. M.

The new crop of potential soups and stews has already been placed in special hibernating boxes in the large rearing house and will be distributed next spring throughout the designated areas in co-operation with the various state conservation departments. Since their artificial propagation was begun some 30 years ago, about 144,000 of these salt-marsh turtles have been cultured in the seven big concrete breeding pens surrounding the station.

The increased yield from these operations in the past two years can be attributed to experimental

Beaufort Terrapin Story Going Rounds

The largest news gathering agency in the world wired a coastal correspondent in Beaufort on Tuesday to file complete and comprehensive story on diamond back terrapin industry and the propagation pens here. To show the importance of the story the assignment said wire it and by the time this squib appears in The Beaufort News, the story under a Beaufort date line will be going throughout the nation for publication. Sudden interest in diamond back terrapins, onetime expensive delicacies has resulted from the annual report Dr. H. F. Prytherch of the Fisheries Laboratory here sent in to Department of Interior headquarters in Washington, and the recent "Diamond Back Derby" staged in Beaufort.

Improvements made under the direction of Dr. H. F. Prytherch, in charge, and Capt. Charles Hattell, with respect to reducing the concentration of brood stock in certain of the breeding pens. In one pen, for example, where the adult terrapin were provided with twice as much space this past season as year before last, the production of young increased from an average of eight to 10 and 11 and one-half per female in the past two years. Also in two pens which now provide ample room for the brood stock, the total production of young for each group of 500 adults (400 females and 100 males) increased from 1,200 in 1937, to 3,360 and 3,490 in 1938 and 1939 respectively.

Reducing crowding in all of the experimental pens, in which crowding has been reduced, the average production of eggs per female terrapin showed increases ranging from 20 to nearly 200 per cent in the past two years, with a fertility of over 95 per cent.

This increased production of young diamond backs in 1939 is particularly significant and encouraging, according to the report (Continued on Page 10)

Dunes Club To Be Built On Atlantic Beach By June '40

Current development of Atlantic Beach across the sound from here, will be marked in 1940 by the construction of a club house for The Dunes Club. The club was organized a few days ago at a meeting in Raleigh, at which a group of prominent North Carolinians were present. Property fronting 360 feet on the beach, east of Money Island, will be acquired and the modern clubhouse will be completed by June 1940. The initial outlay will represent an expenditure of \$20,000.

At the Raleigh meeting Fred I. Sutton was elected to serve as president of the organization which will develop the club. Other officials: Dr. Carl Bell, Raleigh, vice president; J. L. Crump, Morehead City, secretary-treasurer. Executive committee will be composed of three officers and Harvey C. Hines, Kinston and D. St. P. DuBose, Durham. Board of directors named include James L. McNair, Laurinburg; George Watts Carr, Durham; Roland McClamrock, Chapel Hill; Raymond B. Streb, Raleigh; B. B. Montague, Goldsboro; A. L. Bland, Charlotte and Jack Neal, Beaufort.



Peace on Earth

Good Will Toward Men

This year finds that message more meaningful than it has ever been before. In wishing you a Merry Christmas, we join you in hoping that the year ahead will find the spirit of His words a reality the world-around.

The Entire Personnel Of THE BEAUFORT NEWS



Final Service By Baptist Pastor On Sunday, Dec. 24

Rev. Ben F. Gehring of the First Baptist church here announces that next Sunday will mark the last of his services as pastor here. He says that he is especially anxious to meet all the members of the church and congregation and such other friends as may come to the morning worship.

The church will observe "College Night" at the evening service when college students will be responsible for most of the program. The popular pastor of the Baptist Church announced a few weeks ago that he had accepted a church in Louisiana where he will go on the first of the year.

New Tobacco Farm Allotments Should Be Made By Jan. 15

Farmers interested in establishing allotments for new tobacco farms must call by the county agent's office and make application for 1940 allotments immediately to be eligible to obtain an allotment as a new grower for 1940, it was announced by County Agent John Lassiter this week.

The State office will not accept applications for new tobacco allotments after January 15, 1940, which is the closing date. "Therefore, if you are interested in obtaining a tobacco allotment for a farm which has no tobacco history, it will be to your advantage to make application as soon as possible," said Mr. Lassiter.

Lee Fulcher Will Farm Near Beaufort

Lee Fulcher who has been a prominent tobacco farmer of the Wildwood section for many years has sold his place and moved to the Wade Place east of Beaufort on Route 70, where he will engage in farming.

Miss Shirley Mason Admitted To Hospital

Miss Shirley Mason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Mason was admitted to Potter's Emergency hospital to receive treatment for pneumonia. Miss Mason recently returned home from Greensboro, where she is a student at W. C. U. N. C. Little Ivy Mason, her brother, who has been suffering from an attack of pneumonia, is much improved, it was reported today.

WILLIAM NOE AT RICHMOND HOSPITAL

Mr. William Noe who is very ill was taken last Thursday from Morehead City hospital to Richmond for further treatment or possibly an operation for head trouble. When last heard from he was doing very nicely.

Stores Open Nights

All Beaufort stores are open at night for Christmas shopping this week.

Franklin Lodge 109 Elect New Officers At Meeting Monday

J. R. Williams was elected Worshipful Master of Franklin Lodge 109 A. F. & A. M. at the meeting here on Monday night. Several fraternal brothers of the organization were present at the meeting.

Other officials elected were: Hubert Fodrie, Senior Warden; W. S. Chadwick, Junior Warden; C. H. Bushall, Treasurer and Wm. H. Bailey, Secretary. Secretary Bailey stated on Tuesday as he reported this story that renewed interest in activities at Franklin Lodge had been noted recently.

Franklin Lodge, 109, A. F. & A. M., will celebrate its ninety-fifth anniversary on December 20. It is one of the oldest Masonic lodges in the State of North Carolina. Even before Franklin Lodge was established, there was a Masonic Lodge here under the name of "Marine" which was established in 1779.

Beaufort Pictures Given Recognition

An old Chinese proverb is that "one picture will tell more than a thousand words." That being true Beaufort is surely getting the breaks. Pictures with a Beaufort setting during the past two or three months have appeared in thousands of newspapers of the nation and also in magazines. The front cover of "Outdoor Guide" published in Missouri carried an almost life-like photo of little Scotty Chadwick as a goggle fisherman. When the photo was made Scotty was living here with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Chadwick who recently moved to San Juan, Porto Rico. In Southern Sportsman, another magazine, several local pictures were used in a recent layout. In the current edition of Outdoor Life, is a Beaufort picture of George Richards, of Long Island, N. Y., trolling for big game fish off the Cape. In the next edition of the North Carolina News Magazine will appear a full page and a half of pictures portraying activities in Beaufort and its environs.

Mrs. Jarman Wins Margaret's Prize

Mrs. Bernice Jarman was the lucky winner of the \$50 cash Christmas Prize offered by Margaret's Beauty Shop. The drawing took place Wednesday afternoon.

SNOWDENS LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON, D. C.

Lieut. and Mrs. Ernest Snowden of Norfolk, who have been here on a visit with his mother, Mrs. Macon Snowden, left Wednesday for Washington, D. C., where they will spend the holidays with Mrs. Snowden's parents Major, Gen. H. H. Arnold.

MUSIC CONCERT SCHEDULED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Graded School WPA Band Under Flint To Be Featured

WILL BE PRESENTED AT CHRISTMAS TREE

A program of Christmas music, featuring carols and sacred songs, will be presented by the WPA sponsored Beaufort Graded School Band under the direction of Professor E. P. Flint at the Community Christmas Tree on the Inlet Inn lawn Sunday

Carol Singing At Christmas Tree

Sponsored by the Woman's Club the Christmas Eve musical program at the Community Tree on Inlet Inn lawn Sunday afternoon will feature carol singing along with band music by the Graded School Band. All singers are urged to be present. Edgar Swann and Grayden Paul will be in charge of the singing.

afternoon at 5 o'clock. It will be one in a series of Christmas concerts to be presented by the School Band during the holidays.

The public is urged to attend the program. The school band has shown a marked improvement during recent months and with the proper encouragement from the community, (and attendance at concerts is encouragement) the group will continue to improve with their music and become a real credit to Beaufort. As a matter of fact, local civic clubs are at this time ready to sponsor a movement to raise \$500 to purchase instruments for the band so that it may increase in size.

Professor Flint has been giving the youngsters in the band some extensive training for the Christmas concerts and a splendid program has been arranged. The band is made possible through the WPA Music Projects.

Program for the Christmas Eve concert at the Christmas Tree follows: Silent Night, Holy Night; Hark the Herald Angels Sing; It Came Upon The Midnight Clear; Joy To The World; Jesus Shall Reign; Savior Teach Me; Stand Up For Jesus; Jesus Savior Pilot Me; The Son of God Goes Forth To War; Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us; Safe in the Arms of Jesus; Onward Christian Soldiers.

Sheriff Captures Liquor Distillery

A poor excuse for a whiskey still, a combination copper, galvanized and wooden contraption of 60 gallon capacity was captured by Sheriff C. G. Holland and Deputies Robert Emmett Chaplain and T. Murray Thomas Tuesday afternoon near the head of Cypress Creek in the Upper North River section. The still was not in operation at the time officers made the raid. Five hundred gallons of mash were destroyed. No arrests were made. It was the second illicit distillery raided by Sheriff Holland and deputies recently.

Christmas Poems.

Ed. Note: We publish with pleasure today two Christmas poems submitted by Mrs. Hester Mason, of the Harkers Island School. The poems were written by fourth and fifth grade pupil. One poem appear in this column, the third on the personal page. We believe you will agree that they are very good.—A. B.

SANTA CLAUS

Santa is a good old man To little girls and boys. He loves them and he Brings them lots of toys.

It won't be very long now, Before it's Christmas day, I can almost hear his sleigh bells, I know he's on his way.

He comes very silently And lights upon the roof, You can hear the prancing Of the reindeer's little hoofs.

He comes quietly down the chimney, Fills each stocking full of toys, And he is very careful that He doesn't make a noise.

He will not wake the children, Or rouse them from their sleep, And when his work is finished, Up the chimney he will creep. By—Frances Lee Willis,

Bank To Be Open Saturday Night

For the benefit of customers and patrons who do not wish to carry large sums of monies over until next Tuesday, due to heavy trading expected Saturday, First Citizens Bank and Trust Company will be open on Saturday night from 9 until 10 o'clock for deposits only. Local firms having large sums of money on hand Saturday are urged to deposit same Saturday night instead of waiting until next Tuesday, as the bank will be closed on Christmas Day.

RANDY KIRBY'S BAND IN DEBUT HERE TUESDAY

Randy Kirby's Orchestra made its official debut at a brilliant ball given in Beaufort Community Center on Tuesday night by Miss Evelyn Chadwick and Mrs. Jack Chadwick, honoring Miss Emily Clyde Parkin and Mr. Wiley Lewis whose wedding will take place on December 27. By far the most colorful event ever presented in Community Center Auditorium, with over 200 couples dancing, the ball was made more successful by the music of the newly formed local orchestra.

Members of the orchestra playing in Randy's debut were: Maurice La Hughes, saxophone; Jimmie Long, Saxophone and clarinet and Kenneth Putman, saxophone; Leo Mathis, trumpet; William Tyler, drums; Edgar Swann, piano and Billy King Taylor, guitar. So popular was the music that by popular request, they played an extra hour, from 1 o'clock until 2. Kirby deserves credit for the organization of the local orchestra and from all indications it will be really going places in the future.

Free Movies As Christmas Gift

Raymond Paul, manager of The Sea Breeze Theatre announced as we go to press today that on Saturday morning, December 23, a free movie for all kiddies from age one to 100 would be presented. The movie will start at 10 o'clock and continue for one hour. It is Sea Breeze's Christmas Gift to kiddies and oldsters.

New Year Babies To Be Given Savings Accounts By Esso

Esso Marketeers have a surprise for all babies that are lucky enough to be born on January 1, 1940, it was stated this morning by C. L. Beam, cashier of First Citizens Bank and Trust Company. Mr. Beam has received instructions from the sponsors of Esso Marketeers to start savings accounts for each baby born on the first day of the year.

"The plan contemplates the setting up of savings accounts for every baby born in this territory on January 1, 1940 with an initial deposit of \$5," according to instructions received by Mr. Beam. And the more babies, the more money, it was outlined as follows: "The deposit for each baby will be \$100 if twins; \$250 if triplets; \$1,000 if quadruplets and \$5,000 if quintuplets."

The First Citizens Bank and Trust Company has been authorized to open accounts as outlined above, (not to be drawn upon for 365 days) in the name of every baby whose birth certificates or birth registration, presented by the parents on or before April 1, 1940, showing the birth of the child on January 1, 1940. The pass book from First Citizens Bank and Trust Company will be handed over to the new January 1 baby or to its parents.

The makers of Esso is making this unusual offer throughout their territory, because they have been awarded the 1939 national award for Chemical Engineering Achievement, the first time ever given in the oil industry.

WPA Referrals In County Must Wait

Due to the increasing large number of WPA Referrals visiting the Department of Public Welfare on this week, the office will be closed to "Referrals" until Tuesday, January 2, it was stated today by Mrs. George Henderson, superintendent of Public Welfare for Carteret. Persons classed as WPA Referrals are urged to pay attention to this notice and not make application at the Welfare office until January 2.

VETS' FILING DEADLINE ON JANUARY 2ND

Compensation Forms Must Be On File At Deadline

BARDEN OFFERING TO HELP ELIGIBLE VETS

World War Veterans who have not received all of their bonus, are urged to file their applications for adjusted compensation immediately, or before January 2, 1940. Congressman Graham A. Barden in a letter to The Beaufort News this week stated that his office had received an unusually large number of requests for assistance from eligible World War Veterans, and that while the local Legion Post has the proper forms, that the blanks may also be obtained from his office in New Bern or Washington.

The complete text of letter from Congressman Barden which should be of vital interest to World War Veterans eligible for compensation follows:

"For the past two weeks, I have received an unusual number of requests to assist World War Veterans in filing their applications for adjusted compensation, so that the forms would be on file in Washington before the deadline of January 2, 1940.

"I believe there must be a great number of veterans who are not familiar with the requirements of the law governing this matter and I believe you would render them a real service by calling their attention to the fact that the law provides that all applications for World War Adjusted Compensation (bonus) must be filed on or before January 2, 1940."

"The necessary blanks may be obtained at all American Legion posts and I also have a surplus supply in my office, where I will be glad to assist the veterans in filling them out."

Meat Cutting Will Be Demonstrated in Carteret Next Week

A meat cutting and curing demonstration will be given on Thursday morning, December 28, at the farm of John T. Oglesby in the Crab Point section, it was announced today by County Farm Agent John Lassiter. The demonstration, made possible through cooperation with the farm and home agents of Carteret will be given by E. V. Vestal, Extension Swine specialist of Raleigh. Mr. Vestal will cut up two 200 pound hogs, demonstrating how each ham, shoulder and side should be cut also the application of sugar cured preparation for curing meat for best results. The demonstration will take place at 10 o'clock and all farmers and others interested are urged to be present.

Covering The Waterfront By AYCOCK BROWN

IF YOU WERE on Newport river bridge one day last week when the Swift of Ipswich, passed through the draw, you probably would have thought for the moment that you were being transported back through the years and were witnessing not a comparatively new two-topmast vessel but an American privateer, (perhaps the Snaydragon of Beaufort under command of Capt. Otway Burns) slipping out to sea to harass enemy commerce during the War of 1812.

HER HULL painted salmon color trimmed in black, her carved figurehead, a chocolate colored and shapely lady with bare breasts her oblong stern with square ports and her square yards offered a sight not seen in local waters recently. The Swift of Ipswich, is by far the most beautiful vessel ever to appear on the Carteret Coast in many a day, and in Morehead City where she is moored alongside the Amoco wharf, has attracted the admiration of all who have appeared on the waterfront in that vicinity. Attracting similar attention is a smaller vessel tied up alongside. She is the Santa Cruz, of Ipswich. (Continued on Page 6)