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It Happened In Carteret During 1939

Beauty Royalty of 1939--Each Will Reign In 1940



CHARLOTTE OBSERVER said it was one of the most human interest beauty queen pictures ever published. The photo by Aycock Brown was made on Atlantic Beach during the Coastal Festival last summer and shows from left to right: Miss Frances Herring, Kingston, Queen of Coastal Festival; Miss Mary LeGwyn Wooten, Kingston, Queen of Wilson Tobacco Festival and Miss Helen O'Bryan of Beaufort, Queen of the Gladiolus Festival.

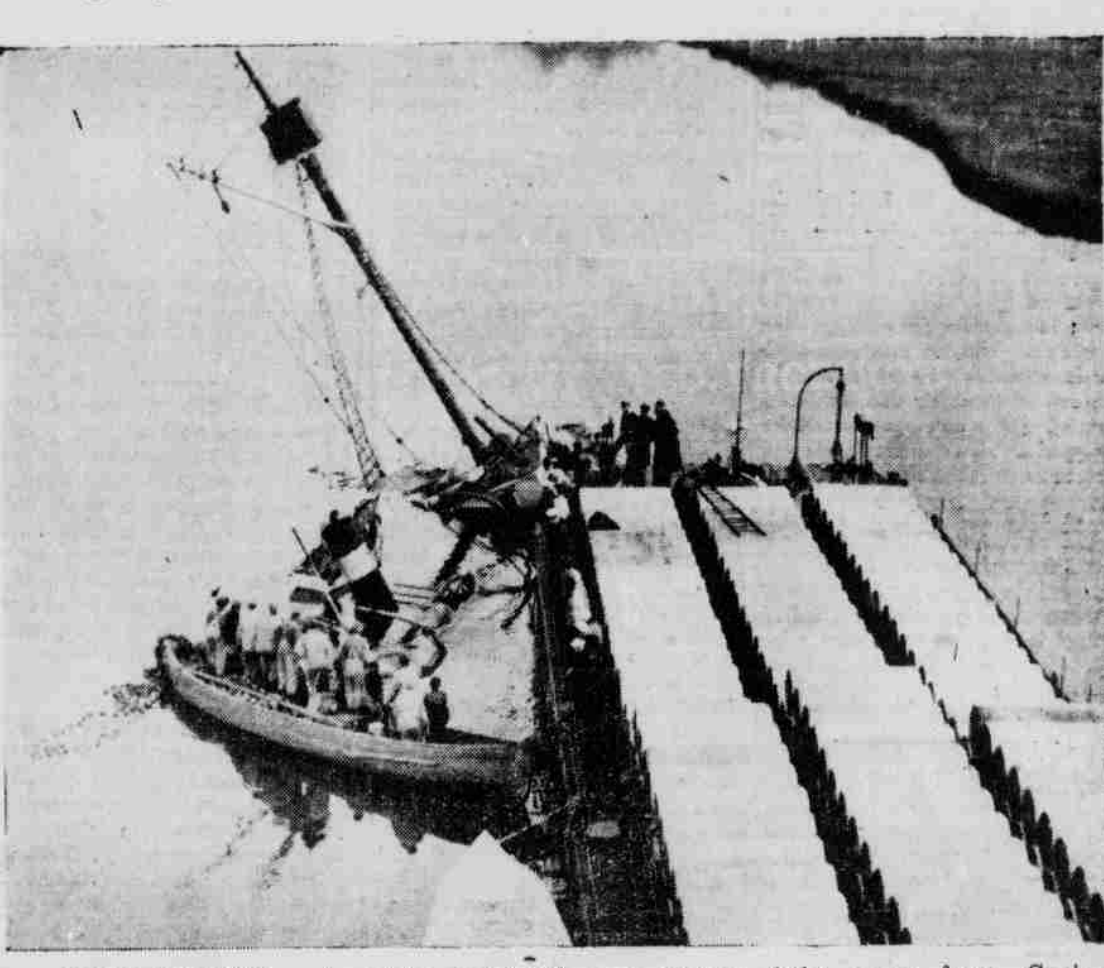
CHRONOLOGY

JANUARY 5:—It was Volume XXVIII for The Beaufort News. . . . Over 15,000 persons had visited Old Fort Macon during 1938. . . . The late schooner G. A. Kohler on Hatteras Banks was to be destroyed for the iron bolts. . . . Four Carteret schools opened and closed immediately due to measles epidemic. . . . A Bald eagle was captured alive on Davis Island by Lemuel and Grover Davis and Representative F. R. Seeley was aiding the fight in Raleigh to have D. L. Ward elected Speaker of the House.

JANUARY 12:—Major George Gillette (now a Colonel) promised to make additional improvements for Barden Inlet at Cape Lookout. . . . Rev. Louis D. Hayman, pastor of Ann Street Methodist Church, was planning to organize Sea Scouts. . . . Earl Davis' picture on front page labeled him as leader to get electric lights for island. . . . Harkers Island Ferry leaking badly was to be taken out and repaired and Dr. Paul White of Boston, was in the market for a live whale.

JANUARY 26:—Game Official, Doc Kugler had written to county urging release of the bald eagle which had been taken on to Raleigh for display in zoo. . . . Hattie Styron's picture made on a cold January day while she wore shorts and held two terrapins in her hand was the forerunner of much 1939 publicity for the terrapin hatchery on Piver's Island. . . . A womanless wedding was planned. . . . Bob Reynolds was tied in with a Coast Guard story and Dean Noe's "dream church" was to be built in Memphis.

Tragedy of The Year--Ten Lose Lives In Crash



PERHAPS THE most widely circulated news picture of the year from Carteret County is shown above. This picture was taken on the morning following the head on collision between the Menhaden Boat "Southland" of Morehead City, and the barge "Espee No. 4," which was being shoved north through the Inland Waterway on an Autumn evening in 1939. Ten lives were lost in the crash, eight Negroes and two white men. Stories of this crash appeared on front pages of newspapers throughout the country under Beaufort datelines.

Two Days Left To Buy New Licenses

Only two more days are left to buy new 1940 State License tags for your truck or automobile. The only chance to get licenses at this late date, unless you have already ordered same is from the New Bern branch of the State Motor Vehicle Bureau. Willie Loftin, driver of the mail truck, for a modest service charge will buy your license for you to save trouble of ordering same or going after them yourself. The State Highway Patrol has been ordered to park all autos which fail to carry 1940 License Tags after midnight December 31, 1939.

LOUIS ORR, CELEBATED ARTIST OF PARIS, IN BEAUFORT MAKING SKETCHES TO PRODUCE ETCHINGS

Train Decapitates Body Of Farmer On Christmas Morning

After having apparently gone asleep on the railroad track about two and half miles this side of Newport, the body of Clarence A. (Dick) Johnson was completely decapitated and mangled badly on Christmas morning by the east bound train. Engineer Smith of the locomotive stated that as the object was approached it appeared to be crumpled paper and that he did not discover it was a man until it was too late to apply the brakes and come to a stop. About two cars ran over the body and mangled it badly. The deceased was the son of the late Arthur and Mary Ann Johnson of Lenoir County. He lived on a farm and is survived by his widow Mrs. Nina Johnson and two small children. One brother, W. H. Johnson, of Newport section also survives. Final rites for the deceased were (Continued on Page 8)

Local Subjects To Be Included In N. C. Series

FRANCE AWARDED HIM THE LEGION OF HONOR

Louis Orr, universally recognized as one of the outstanding painter-etchers of today, arrived in Beaufort this week to make drawings of several places of interest in this old town and surrounding country to be included in a series of 50 or 60 which when completed will portray the beauty of old homes, public buildings, mountain, land and marinescapes of North Carolina. Starting on the assignment during the late summer the artist, Mr. Orr, has completed nearly 50 of the preliminary sketches which includes subjects from the coast at Nags Head to the mountains in the vicinity of Asheville. In his preliminary sketches Mr. Orr has captured the beauty of (Continued on page 8)

Coast Guard Station Of The Year



COMPLETED during 1939 was the extensive development at Fort Macon Coast Guard Station. A total of over \$100,000 was expended in building this, the first super-station on the North Carolina coast. In the photo is shown the main station building.

Record Terrapin Hatch At Beaufort Laboratory

BOY SCOUTS GO FORWARD

Two Patrols Formed And Need For Hut Is Necessary

Beaufort's newly organized Boy Scouts troop is going forward and at the last meeting two patrols were formed and given names which are suitable locally. John Duncan will be patrol leader of the Sea Gull Patrol, Jimmie Alexander was appointed leader of the Gulf Stream Patrol. Bobby Stephens, local youth who has advanced far in scouting was named Senior Patrol Leader over the two patrols. At the last meeting two officials Scoutmaster Potter and Assistant (Continued on Page 8)

Bill Sharpe Story Gives Details On Record

By Bill Sharpe

There are broad smiles over Piver's Island this winter, and the jubilation is almost at the cigar-passing stage. Over 14,000 blessed events have successfully taken place—the largest hatch of diamond back terrapins ever made at the U. S. Fisheries Laboratory there. And that is to say, the largest domestic hatch in the world, because on Piver's Island is the largest of the few diamond back farms extant. The little terrapin, not much larger than a twenty-five cent piece, are now resting in special hibernation boxes. In the spring they will be placed in salt marshes all along the southeastern coast some day it is hoped, to find them. (Continued on Page 8)

Heaviest Mail On Record Is Handled During Christmas

Beaufort's postoffice like others throughout the country handled the heaviest mails on record during the week prior to Christmas. During the week a total of 30,872 letters were cancelled and 531 bags of parcel post was included in the outgoing mail. Postmaster Taylor reported. The local office had no check on the incoming mail but it too broke all records. On one day over 15,000 incoming letters were handled, it was stated. Biggest days of the week were Wednesday, 6,101 letters, Thursday, 8,891 letters and Friday, 5,191 letters, out going.

Christmas Tree Beauty Praised

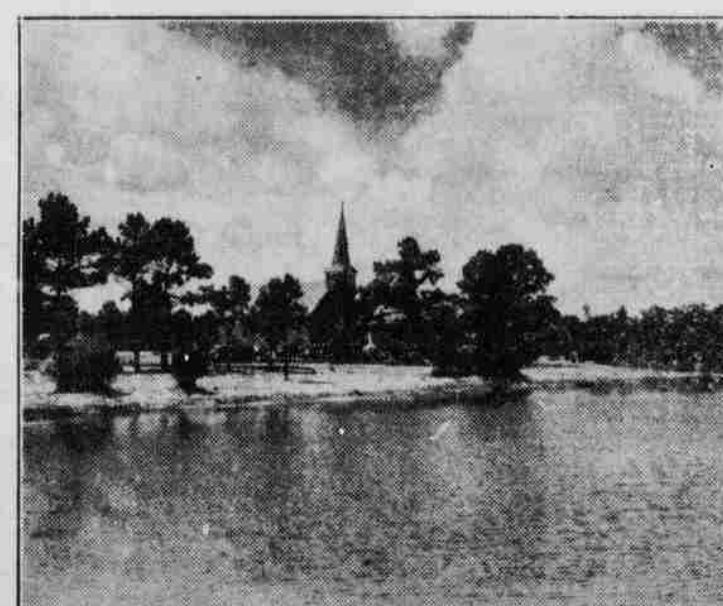
A visitor in town this week stated that Beaufort's municipal Christmas tree on Inlet Inn lawn was one of the prettiest he had seen in any Eastern Carolina town.

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. 29	
10:11 A. M.	5:54 A. M.
10:43 P. M.	4:35 P. M.
Saturday, Dec. 30	
11:01 A. M.	4:47 A. M.
	5:26 P. M.
Sunday, Dec. 31	
11:36 A. M.	5:45 A. M.
11:52 P. M.	6:22 P. M.
Monday, Jan. 1	
12:32 A. M.	6:48 A. M.
12:48 P. M.	7:20 P. M.
Tuesday, Jan. 2	
1:31 A. M.	7:56 A. M.
1:47 P. M.	8:19 P. M.
Wednesday, Jan. 3	
2:37 A. M.	9:05 A. M.
2:52 P. M.	9:19 P. M.
Thursday, Jan. 4	
3:44 A. M.	10:08 A. M.
4:00 P. M.	10:16 P. M.

Church Of The Year In Carteret—



IT WAS during the Spring of 1939 that Core Creek (non-sectarian) Community Church was completed and given to the residents of that section by Colonel F. S. Dickinson of Rutherford, N. J. Popular Rev. Bill Stewart became pastor of the church.

Covering The Waterfront

By AYCOCK BROWN

I HAD RATHER be editor of The Beaufort News, this little weekly with a year-in and year-out circulation that averages only 1,250 to 1,350, than to be the editor of The New York Times with its million readers and world wide coverage. If I had the opportunity to trade my job today, and editor's salary with Jonathan Daniels of The News and Observer, I would not do it, despite the fact that what he writes reaches many thousands where my editorials and news reaches only a few hundred. I come to this conclusion as I end my fifth year of service on this little rural and coastal weekly. NATURALLY I envy the editor of The New York Times, because I imagine he has a place in the country and also a place in the city that he calls home. I envy him because he actually sees things as they happen while I have to hear about it (Continued on Page 8)