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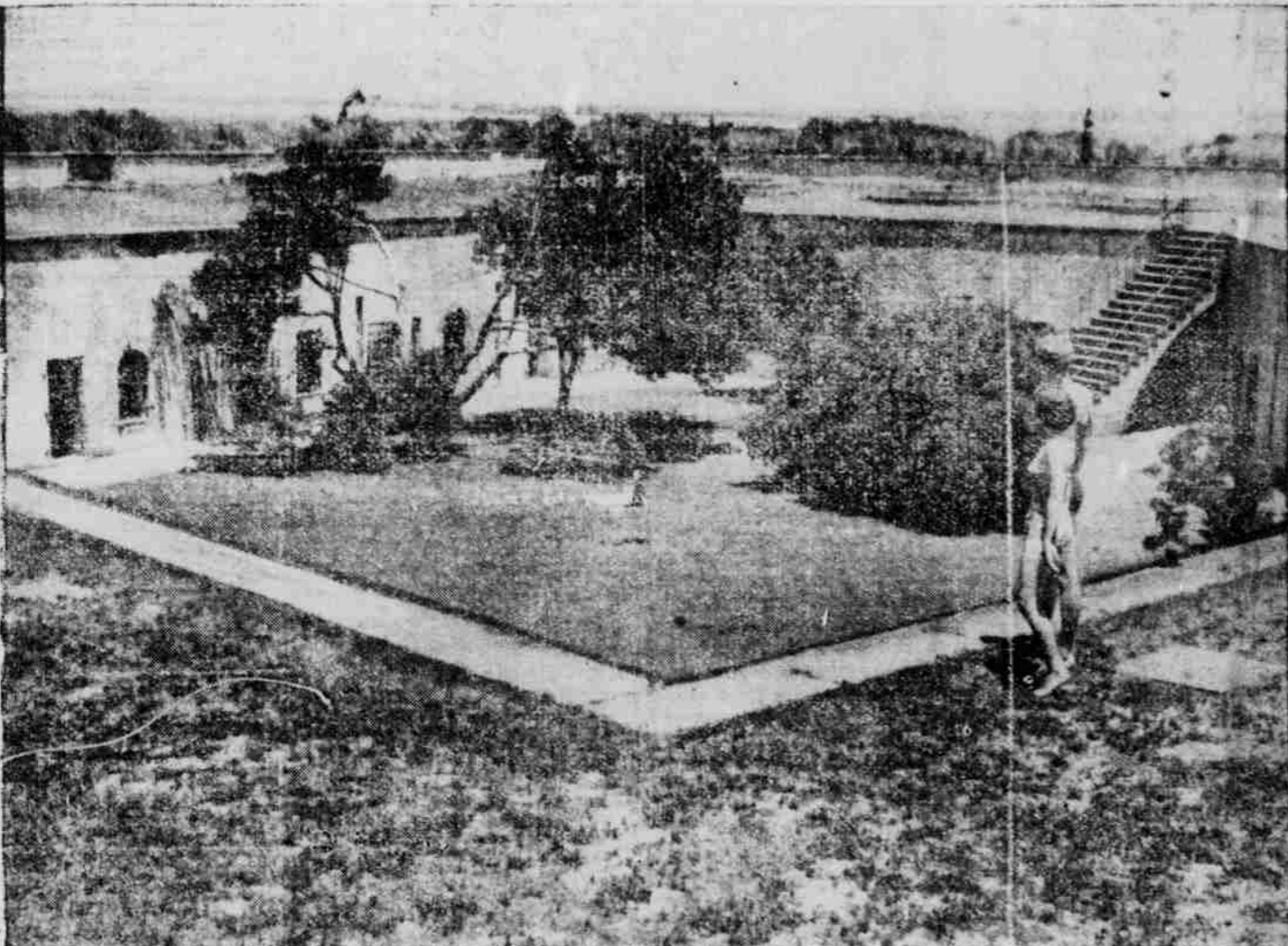
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Holland, Thomas And Laws Capture Killer Airplane Solve Robberies

Famous Artist Sketches Picture of Historic Old Fort Macon



LOUIS ORR, celebrated artist of Paris, France after completing two sketches of historic houses in Beaufort this week went to Fort Macon on Wednesday and drew a picture of the interior of that old fortress which is shown above. The sketch will be transformed into an etching and will be one in a series of 50 to be made, depicting a North Carolina version of the South. After completing the Fort Macon sketch, Orr left this afternoon for Wilmington to draw additional pictures. Due to unsettled conditions in Europe he will probably return to Beaufort and set up a workshop to make his etchings, instead of returning to his home in Paris, he stated before leaving for the Cape Fear city.—(Bill Sharpe Photo—Cut courtesy Otis Black, Washington Herald Times.)

CARTERET HAS TWENTY-EIGHT SUDDEN DEATHS

Report Of Coroner Reveals 1939 As A Record

Although it is nothing to brag about, Carteret County had a record number of violent deaths during 1939, a checkup by The Beaufort News disclose. During the year at least 28 persons lost their lives from unnatural causes, violently or suddenly. Majority of the deaths occurred from drownings.

Worst tragedy of the year was the boat collision which resulted in the death of 10 persons on the Inland Waterway during the autumn. Second biggest tragedy of the year was the drowning of five persons in a car which ran off the State Highway's ferry slip at Gloucester. The slip was not barricaded at the time and neither were there warning signs along the highway approaching the ferry dock. This has all been changed since the tragedy, however.

Three others or a total of 18 persons were drowned in Carteret during the year, assuming that those on the menhaden boat "Southland" drowned instead of being killed from injuries. Three died of heart attack, one death was charged to acute alcoholism. Three were killed as result of being shot, one death was charged up to hit-run driving, an accident at a fish factory resulted in one death. One death was caused by a truck striking a child and a train killed another person. Majority of violent deaths were solved the report of authorities, and Coroner George Dill revealed.

Charles Adams Slain In Roadhouse Brawl

Tax Listing Begins In County Tuesday

Currie's Villa Was Scene Of Fatal Shooting



LISTING OF Carteret County property for taxation began on Tuesday, three months earlier than usual, under the direction of Fred R. Sealey, tax supervisor, who is pictured above. Listings in past years have begun April 1, but the last legislature, at which Sealey represented Carteret, the date was changed to January 1. List takers had completed arrangements for their work prior to Tuesday and an advertisement elsewhere in today's edition urges citizens to list during January or be subject to indictment by the Grand Jury or suffer an additional 10 per cent penalty.

Fillingame Gang Confess To Their Part In Row Which Cost A Life; Also Clear Up Robberies

In what officers termed as a "drunken brawl" Charles Adams, 25, of Morehead City was killed when shot through the heart by a bullet fired from a .32 calibre Savage automatic near the entrance of Currie's Villa on Money Island Beach last Saturday night about 11:15 o'clock. It was reported by eye witnesses that the fatally injured man staggered into the dance hall, and lunch room clutching his chest and saying: "I'm shot!" He walked from the front door to the nickleodeon between the dancers on the floor and back to a bench in front of a counter where he sat down. No one paid much attention to him. Witnesses stated they thought someone had been shooting fireworks outside the building and that Adams was only joking. Almost immediately after he sat down at the counter he toppled over in the floor—dead. It was Carteret County's 28th and last violent death of 1939.

Sheriff Notified

With no telephone connections between Currie's Villa and the mainland, some time elapsed before a phone could be reached to notify Sheriff C. G. Holland. Immediately upon receiving the report, Sheriff Holland and Deputy T. Murray Thomas, Jr., left for the scene. In Morehead City they were joined by S. H. Patrolman John Laws. They arrived at Money Island Beach at midnight or about 45 minutes after the shooting. In the meantime the principals involved in the shooting had made a get-away. In the meantime too, most of the 20 or 30 patrons said to have been present when the shooting occurred had left. About eight or 10 persons, some of them apparently so drunk they did not seem to realize that a murder had taken place were there when the officers arrived. From this group the officers quickly pieced together evidence and Sheriff Holland and Patrolman Laws started out to search for those who allegedly had been involved in the shooting. Deputy Thomas was detailed to remain at the scene of the tragedy. The body remained on the floor until Coroner George Dill arrived about 1 o'clock and swore in a jury to view the body. It was then moved to Morehead City where an autopsy was performed on Sunday to remove the fatal bullet. It was a steel jacket .32 calibre. (Continued on Page 8)

This Week Marks 5th Anniversary Of Heroic Rescue

This week marks the fifth anniversary of heroic rescue operations at frozen-in Tangier Island near Crisfield, Maryland, in which Raymond Davis, retired U. S. Coast Guardsman played the leading role. Many will recall the severe cold weather of January, 1934, in which the residents of Tangier Island were ice bound, fuelless and in some cases foodless. All communications to the mainland were out of commission.

The uncomfortable situation was finally relieved by the arrival of the U. S. Coast Guard Boat No. 154, under command of Raymond K. Davis. He and his crew worked day and night releasing boats from the ice and performing other errands of mercy. They rescued three men half frozen who had become ice-bound while hunting on nearby Deal's island. They transported a number of sick people to the mainland for hospitalization, thus being credited with saving the lives of several and carried physicians and medical supplies in addition to other supplies to the stricken residents of the Chesapeake Bay fishing village on the island.

Several letters of commendation were written about the feat performed under the direction of Davis in charge of No. 154. Later due to an accident in which he was disabled to the extent that he had to retire from the Coast Guard, Davis whose home is in Marshallsburg, moved to Beaufort. He is well known through the county and is a member of the 5-man board of County Commissioners.

Fodrie Appointed Agent Of B. M. R. R. Beginning Jan. 1st

Jimmie Fodrie who for many years was employed by the Norfolk Southern Railroad here as assistant to Agent Seth Gibbs was employed this week as agent for the Beaufort and Morehead City Railroad. He succeeds L. W. Jones who had been agent since the railroad changed hands a few years ago. Agent Fodrie a resident of Beaufort is an experienced railroad man.

To County Readers

A complete chronological record of important world events during 1939 will be found on Page 2 of The Beaufort News Magazine Section this week.—Editor.

Famous Photographer Made Picture Stories Of Local Subjects Early This Week

SOMEONE WILL WIN MOTORBIKE SATURDAY NITE

Unless the lucky holder of duplicate ticket No. 225,908 calls at Carteret Hardware Company between now and 9 P. M. Saturday, January 6, 1940, some other person is destined to win the \$89 Motorbike offered by Beaufort Theatre, Carteret Hardware Company and Hardware and Building Supplies Corporation. On Saturday night about 9 o'clock drawing for a winner will take place at The Beaufort Theatre, where the beautiful bike is now on display. Someone in the audience or someone in hearing distance of the loudspeakers will win, because if the holder of duplicate to first number drawn is not present, drawing will continue until there is a winner. It will be necessary for all ticket holders to be present when the drawing takes place, to be eligible for winning, officials of the firms listed above.

Pictures To Appear In The Better Magazines

Kurt Severin, one of the world's foremost photographers, was in Beaufort early this week shooting picture stories which will eventually appear in better magazines of this country. Arriving late Sunday night, Severin, who had been sent to the Carteret County seat by Bill Sharpe with the idea that he might get a pictorial story of the menhaden industry, awoke on Monday to find it snowing in Beaufort and thus killing his chances to start to work on the fishing sequence.

With Secretary Aycock Brown, of the Chamber of Commerce he was shown pictorial story possibilities other than the menhaden sequence. On Piver's Island he discovered what he thought would make good picture stories, and so on Tuesday he started shooting same. These stories will show the art of fish-casting, a modern form of taxidermy which has been carried out at the U. S. Fisheries Laboratory by Miss Roxie Collie of the State Museum, Miss Elizabeth Merwin, local artist and a group of NYA workers. Dr. Prytherch's important oyster pest control methods which resulted in his winning North Carolina Academy Award last year was also photographed. A third picture story by the famous photographer will be a sequence on the Diamond Back terropin propagation as carried on at the laboratory under the direction of Capt. Charles Hatsell and Dr. Prytherch.

Kurt Severin whose Latin-American and Indian photographs have almost become an institution—at least in Europe where foreign features are in greater demand than in U. S. A., was—much the same as his professional confreres—everything else but a skilled photographer before he went out into the "field."

Although he descends from a family of newspaper owners, he first worked in a factory, later wrote movie scripts and humorous stories and finally found his lasting love: Photography. When still a boy, his parents urged him to study painting which he did under several recognized artists. Yet (Continued on page 8)

Photo Of Church In New Year's Edition Inspiration For Poem

Editor's Note: Under the caption "Church of the Year in Carteret" there appeared in our New Year's edition last week a photo of Core Creek Community Church, which was built and presented to the community by Colonel F. S. Dickinson, of Rutherford, N. J. Inspired by the photo of the church, Miss Virginia Stanton, talented writer of verse in Coastal Carteret, wrote the poem which we print below.—A. B.

MEMORIAL

By VIRGINIA STANTON

He will not need a marble shaft, Oh God,
Your servant who has built this structure here,
To tell in words of all the deeds he did.
This is enough to make it very clear
To all the world what kind of man he is.
In busy quietness he made a church
Here by the waterway, where life goes on
In never-ending stream. Oh they who speak
Of brotherhood should come in unison,
And look upon a work of love like this.

Record Number In County Jail; 1939

A record number of prisoners were incarcerated in Carteret County jail during 1939, it was revealed here today by Sheriff C. G. Holland who gave a report of his Chief Deputy R. E. Chaplain, who serves as jailer. A total of 385 persons were jailed during the year the report shows, and Jailor Chaplain stated that he felt positive that this was an all-time record. Just about every crime known was involved in the jailings, the Sheriff stated, from petty larceny to murder.

Scarboro-Safrit Co. Shipping Lumber To Langley Field Base

Carteret County lumber is being used in construction work now underway at Langley Field, Va., it was learned here by a Beaufort News reporter this week when he asked where the big loaded truck was bound. Unsettled war conditions in other countries have made the United States war conscious and in most of the navy, army and air bases much construction work is now underway. The Langley order is probably the first to be shipped from this Coastal County to be used in government defense expansion.

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, Jan. 5	
4:47 AM.	11:08 PM.
5:02 PM.	
Saturday, Jan. 6	
5:44 AM.	11:12 AM.
5:56 PM.	12:05 PM.
Sunday, Jan. 7	
6:42 AM.	12:07 AM.
6:44 PM.	12:56 PM.
Monday, Jan. 8	
7:17 AM.	1:00 AM.
7:30 PM.	1:40 PM.
Tuesday, Jan. 9	
8:00 AM.	1:41 AM.
8:13 PM.	2:21 PM.
Wednesday, Jan. 10	
8:41 AM.	2:23 AM.
8:54 PM.	2:59 PM.
Thursday, Jan. 11	
9:19 AM.	3:03 AM.
9:34 PM.	3:35 PM.

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Fishing And All Outdoors

THE COLD weather and snow on the coast early this week would have spelled doom for many ducks had the season on migratory wildfowl not closed on December 29. During the early winter the ducks got the breaks due to a series of bluebird days which kept them away from the blinds where hunters were waiting. If weather such as we had early this week had prevailed during the open season, the ducks would have been easy marks for gunners because those are the conditions under which wildfowl stool within gun-range of blinds.

KURT SEVERIN, the photographer famous for his Central and South American Indian pictures goes hunting with his Roliflex on the Carteret and Carolina coast. Early this week he shot pictures of three stories which had settings at the U. S. Fisheries Laboratory here. One of the principal objects he "shot" was a cast in plaster of paris showing the colorful (Continued on Page 8)

Covering The Waterfront

AT 12:32 O'CLOCK on Saturday night I walked into the establishment known as Currie's Villa on Money Island Beach, following up on a murder story tip received by telephone from the Sheriff 22 minutes earlier. The Sheriff had suggested that I drive over in my car as that would give me an opportunity to come on back to Beaufort when I got ready instead of staying up until an indefinite time with him. He suggested that I take my camera along, as there might be a newsworthy picture. STARTING OUT on a midnight murder story alone—to a lonely beach where a murderer might be laying in wait for just such an opportunity that an auto and lone driver might present—may cause concern to some people but I never gave it a thought until I was out on the causeway—nearing Morehead City. Naturally I was glad to discover upon reaching Morehead City that my friend Walter Hancock of the Morehead City traffic squad was on the verge of going to the beach in a taxi. I was glad to have him as my companion. Some (Continued on Page 8)