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Two Hearings Held Monday Relative To Proposed Bridge To Island

ABERNETHY AND SPENCE SEEKING BARDEN'S SEAT

Third And First Attempts Are Announced

BARDEN ALSO UP FOR RE-ELECTION

Charles L. Abernethy, Jr., son of former Congressman C. L. Abernethy, announced in New Bern this week that he again will seek the nomination for the office of Representative from the Third District, in opposition to the incumbent, Representative Graham A. Barden. Also in the contest is Dr. Zeno B. Spence, Goldsboro optometrist.

Barden Was First To File For Office

Congressman Graham A. Barden who as representative of the Third District has been responsible for many progressive improvements on the Carteret Coast, was first of the trio of Third District Congressional Candidates to file for the office he now holds.

This will be the third time that Abernethy has sought the office following the retirement of his father, who represented this district in Congress for 13 years. He made a strong run two years ago. Again definitely allied with labor and the old-age pension movement, Abernethy outlined a five-point program in announcing his candidacy.

High wages for Southern labor on a parity with other sections; continuance of efforts for old-age pensions in a minimum of at least \$2 a day at the age of 60; government aid and subsidies for small business through expansion of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation; guaranteed living income for farmers, fishermen and all groups not protected under the Fair Labor Standards Act by fixing a minimum price for the products of their labor; and a fairer distribution of wealth.

District Engineer Held Hearing Here



LT. COL. GEORGE W. GILLETTE, District Engineer of the U. S. Engineering Department at Wilmington held a hearing in the Court-house here Monday for the purpose of receiving pro and con statements from navigation interests relative to the application of the N. C. S. H. & P. W. Commission to construct a bridge from Gaskill's Point to Harkers Island. Quite a large crowd gathered for the hearing but no one objected from a navigation standpoint for the construction of bridge. But from a location standpoint—there were plenty of objections at a second hearing before W. N. Spruill.

HAMILTON TO PRESIDE OVER MARCH TERM

Seventy Cases Are On Docket To Be Tried

Carteret coast murders will be in the spotlight when the March term of Superior Court convenes here next Monday when Judge Luther Hamilton of Morehead City, presides in place of Judge Walter J. Bone of Nashville.

Flags To Be Displayed During Superior Court

Added dignity will be noted in the Carteret Superior Court Room during the March term beginning on Monday with the display of a United States flag and a flag of North Carolina on either side of the presiding jurist's bench. As a result of a recent ruling by the Superior Court Judges of the State the flags will be displayed in all North Carolina Courtrooms. Custodian of the flag will be Sheriff C. G. Holland. Sheriff Holland stated this week that a new ruling also forbids the selection of "professional jurors," to hear cases. "Professional jurors" is a term designated to those persons who hang around the courtroom hoping to be called to serve on jury.

who was originally scheduled to occupy the bench.

On Monday of this week a total of 70 cases were on the docket for trial during the Term and it is likely that before the session comes to a close there will be several other cases docketed.

Grace Claire Taylor Honored At College

Grace Claire, the beautiful daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Taylor of Morehead City and grand-daughter of the Charles S. Wallaces, has been selected Queen of the May at Greensboro College for Women where she is a student. Her picture, a double column cut, made front page in Greensboro Daily News last Sunday and the Woman's Page of News and Observer this morning and would be making Page 1 of The Beaufort News this afternoon, except that we have not got a cut of her.

Hard Crab Season Begins In County

The hard crab season got underway down at Marshallberg early this week and in one day a total of 38,000 pounds were marketed. These crabs are taken by trot-liners from Core Sound.

Pro And Con Arguments Are Heard By Officials

What had been originally announced as one hearing before the United States Engineering Department's district officials to determine if navigation interests objected to the construction of a bridge proposed by the State Highway and Public Works Commission to span the Straits and connect Harkers Island with the mainland at Gaskill's Point, turned out to be two hearings on Monday afternoon in the Court-house here. The second hearing was held at the request of a mass of people, mostly residents of Harkers Island and Beaufort, before Division Engineer W. N. Spruill of the S. H. & P. W. Commission, Kinston. The two hearings made separate stories which follow:

U. S. E. D. Hearing S. H. & P. W. Hearing

Lt. Colonel George W. Gillette, District U. S. Army Engineer of Wilmington, T. J. Hewitt, attached to his office and R. C. MacMahon arrived in Beaufort promptly at 2:30 o'clock for the purpose of holding a hearing on the N. C. S. H. & P. W. Commission's proposal to bridge the Straits from Harkers Island to Gaskill Point and determine if there were any objections from a navigation standpoint.

There were no objections. After explaining exactly what the U. S. Army Engineers were holding the hearing for, Col. Gillette asked for written or oral statements. The only written statement was one from Cecil Nelson of Harkers Island who outlined that the bridge proposed, with a 35-foot span would not be a hindrance to present or proposed navigation in that area.

With no other written statements, Col. Gillette called on Earl Davis, who agreed with Nelson that from a navigation standpoint the present proposal would not be objectionable. Davis made a good witness and his testimony was worthwhile for the purpose of the meeting. Clayton Guthrie and A. T. Gardner also gave testimony. When Jimmie Guthrie got on his feet to explain to the people about the misunderstanding on the part

of fast and furiously during the hearing before Mr. Spruill. First on the floor was Fisherman-Philosopher Jimmie Guthrie of Harkers Island who said he was glad to say that he represented Harkers Island (previously Earl Davis said he represented the people of the island).

Excerpts from Guthrie's talk follow: "Harkers Island stands for a bridge if the State wants to build one for Harkers Island. . . . We want a bridge that will place us near Beaufort, and today I know of no better way than by Lenoxville. We took five hundred votes for that route, but they went adrift. The next thing we heard about it was that a compromise had been made for a place over here at Straits. Finally we heard again that another compromise was in the offing to have the bridge clear on down to Marshallberg.

"I have thought since that last compromise that if the State wanted to build a bridge for Earl Davis and Julian Brown (they are large property owners through which a span to Marshallberg would pass) that the State, if it could get the money should go ahead and build the bridge to Shell Point. I do myself represent 500 voters on Harkers Island, and I

County Commissioners Meeting Held Monday

Senior Class Play At Beaufort School Friday Night At 8

Every parent, and every person who has known a growing boy or girl will get a real thrill from seeing "Hooray for Youth," a comedy in three acts which will be presented by the Senior Class in Beaufort School Auditorium on Friday night at 8 o'clock. The Class play this year is under the direction of Miss Varina Way. A nominal charge of admission will be made.

The cast of characters in the order of appearance follows: Aunt Effie—a spinster lady—Verona Daniels.

Curt Melton—a young business man—William Skarren.

Hattie—a maid-of-all work—Martha Langdale.

Austin Madison Blair Jr.—(sonny) sixteen—John Davis.

Austin Madison Blair, Sr.—(his father)—Douglas House.

Gracie Blair—Sonny's nine-year old sister—Sue Murray Thomas.

Dot Blair—fifteen, another sister—Roberta Shaw.

Loretta Blair—eighteen, their older sister—Virgie Pake.

Rhoda Campbell—Loretta's friend—Jocelyn Stevens.

Elwood Dodge—a very young lawyer—Howard Stubbs.

Nancy Turner—friend of Sonny and Dot—Rita Davis.

Gerald Turner—(Butch) friend of Sonny and Dot—David Hill.

Oscar Schultz—(Ossie) friend of Sonny and Dot—Roy Ingram.

Trowbridge Peters—(Stinky) friend—William Norris.

Marge Wilson—friend of Sonny and Dot—Louise Guthrie.

Kewpie Stark—friend of Sonny and Dot—Jess Pagels.

Viola Price—a young book-keeper—Marjorie Skinner.

AWARD MAIL CONTRACT

Kelly Willis of Harkers Island has been awarded Island-Beaufort mail route operated by Cleveland Davis for 30 years.

Highway And Tax Matters Given Attention

Bid for supplies to County Home was awarded City Grocery. C. D. Jones Company was the only other bidder and the difference was 90 cents.

Reduction of \$300 in taxable valuation on home of R. F. Whitehurst, Straits township, was allowed by the Board.

State Highway and Public Works Commission was requested to improve and maintain the old Hancock road and improve the road to Mrs. Hilda Gillikin in Smyrna Township.

The Commission was also asked to widen the 9-foot road from Newport to Route 24 to a width of 18 feet, and to place the shells now in Broad Creek community on the Broad Creek Community Road.

The County accepted \$41.80 in payment of all 1938-39 taxes of W. B. Norris.

A reduction of \$50 was allowed on the home of Troy Morris in Atlantic.

Williams and Wall were awarded the contract for auditing the

Barnacles And Oysters Clung To An Old Pipe

Roosevelt Willis of Stacy, out clamming recently raked up an old stubby briar pipe from the bottom of Core Sound. Nothing unusual in such a find, except this pipe was covered with barnacles and a full grown oyster was attached to the bowl. That made it unusual, so much in fact that it was brought to town and photographed by Roy Eubanks, at the Photo Shop. Anyone interested in seeing a picture of the oddity have the privilege if they visit the Photo Shop, where an 8 x 10 is on display.

Main Building Of Huntley's New Development—New Firm Is Featuring "Profit Sharing Prices"



PICTURED ABOVE is the main building of the new development at the intersection of Atlantic Highway and Core Creek Road on the outskirts of Beaufort. Operating under the trade name of "Huntley's" the new firm includes in addition to the main building shown above, a canning and packing plant, potato curing house and oil station. In the main building is a very complete line of hardware and building supplies and many needs for everyone, especially farmers. George W. Huntley, founder of Huntley's believes in advertising and his slogan is "Profit Sharing Prices." If you have not visited the new firm it is well worth your time to see the arrangement of the interior of this firm and the line that is carried.—(Aycock Brown Photo.)

DUKE UNIVERSITY MARINE LABORATORY ISSUES 1940 BULLETIN ON LOCAL UNIT

Hundred Grand To Be Spent In 1940 On Bogue Island

John Crump, secretary-treasurer of the newly formed Dunes Club on Bogue Island between Atlantic Beach and Fort Macon State Park stated today that the contract for the club building has been let to O. L. Shackelford of Kinston. The structure, to be located near the surf will cost \$11,000 and will be in addition to a contract for paving a driveway from Fort Macon to the property at a cost of approximately \$3,000. The latter contract was awarded the E. S. Waters Company of Beaufort.

With nearly \$10,000 being spent in the construction of Al Cooper's new Idle Hour Recreation Project on the Atlantic Beach Parkway, with proposals to build several new homes on the resort, with the work now underway on the Salter-Path Road and the development of the new \$50,000 free bathing beach in Fort Macon State Park as a state sponsored-WPA project, the total amount to be expended on Bogue Island, Carteret Coast's fast growing resort across the sound from Beaufort and Morehead City will total more than \$100,000 before June 1.

Martin Candidate For Lt-Governor Visitor On Coast

L. A. Martin, (whose daughter Mrs. S. J. Erwin is the wife of the new pastor at the First Baptist Church here) was a visitor on the coast last week-end. He met many politicians and well-wishers while here. Mr. Martin is a Democrat and a very likable sort of chap. He hails from Davidson County and his announcement card lists him as a person "Faithful in Duty—Fearless in Action—Steadfast in Purpose—Seasoned in Judgment and Experienced in Service."

Clam Within Clam

One of the oddities of the week sent to the Editor was a clam within a clam, sent to The Beaufort News office by Mrs. Hal Willis, of Davis. The bivalve, about two inches in diameter was perfect in every respect, except an extra shell had become attached to the one containing the live clam. It was caught by C. W. Styron of Davis.

Townsend Club Adds 36 Members

The Beaufort Townsend club met Monday night with a large crowd present and received 36 new members. The club meets every Monday night in the Court House, and has now changed the hour of meeting from 7:00 to 7:30 o'clock. The public is always invited.

C of C Secretary Has A Busy Week

The Beaufort C of C. secretary has had a busy week. On the weekend he was busy drawing up a brief in behalf of the persons of Davis who want improvements for their harbor. They only ask for five feet and reasons why the harbor and connecting channel should be dredged this depth was outlined in the brief, prepared from data furnished by Irvin W. Davis and the citizens of the community. The Chamber of Commerce contacted the District Engineer on Tuesday urging immediate attention to improvements for a certain stretch of the Merrimon road. Several letters were received and answered and the secretary has also been working on plans to bring two new summer school units to Beaufort during 1940. The Inlet Inn pier and several waterway matters also claimed his attention of the secretary.

Fishing And All Outdoors By AYCOCK BROWN

THE FIRST Channel Bass of the season will be landed this week end or during the coming week. That is my prediction and the only thing that will upset it is the weather, or the lack of anglers casting in the surf. Last year the first bass of the season was taken at Cape Point, Hatteras. Then on the same day within a week anglers registered first catches at Oregon Inlet and Drum Inlet. I hope someone will be fishing down at Drum Inlet this week-end because I believe the fish will be running and it is

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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 of the harbor, or near the inlet or at the head of the estuaries.

Friday March 8	
7:53 A. M.	1:46 A. M.
8:03 P. M.	2:06 P. M.
Saturday, March 9	
8:28 A. M.	2:23 A. M.
8:38 P. M.	2:38 P. M.
Sunday, March 10	
9:02 A. M.	2:57 A. M.
9:15 P. M.	3:10 P. M.
Monday, March 11	
9:35 A. M.	3:30 A. M.
9:51 P. M.	3:41 P. M.
Tuesday, March 12	
10:09 A. M.	4:05 A. M.
10:25 P. M.	4:14 P. M.
Wednesday, March 13	
10:45 A. M.	4:40 A. M.
11:02 P. M.	4:48 P. M.
Thursday, March 14	
11:23 P. M.	5:20 A. M.
	5:29 P. M.

Covering The Waterfront By AYCOCK BROWN

NATURE DID the trick for Core Sound when the storm of September 1933 cut Drum Inlet and other outlets through Care Banks to the ocean. Now the residents of Broad Creek want the government to cut a similar outlet through Bogue Banks at Rice Path, (two miles west of Salter Path). It would improve the seafood products of the Sound, especially the green clams which have no market value to speak of during the winter months. And it could also serve navigation interests, an important factor A. J. Dixon, Lemmie Salter and others

ALMANAC

BIRTHDAYS Of Famous People

- FOR MARCH
- 8. Stamp Act passed 1765.
- 9. Battle of Monitor and Merrimac 1862.
- 10. Mexican treaty ratified 1848.
- 11. Act to found Navy 1794.
- 12. U. S. Postoffice established 1789.
- 13. Standard Time adopted 1884.
- 14. Cotton Gin patented 1763.

HISTORICAL Events In March FOR MARCH

- 8. Judge O. W. Holmes, 1841.
- 9. Isaac Hull, American Navy, 1775.
- 10. Dudley Buck, organist, 1839.
- 11. A. P. Gorman, statesman, 1839.
- 12. Stewart Edward White author, 1873.
- 13. Joseph II, Germany, 1741.
- 14. Thos. Marshall, Vice-Pres., 1854.