

They Have Roles In National Rivers And Harbors Congress At Washington



SENATOR BAILEY



GENERAL SCHLEY

SPEAKERS ON the morning session of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress which opened at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington today were Senator Bailey, whose subject was "Economy and the Rivers and Harbors Program." General Julian L. Schley, Chief U. S. Army Engineers who visited Beaufort Harbor last year with Colonel Gillette, speaks on "The Development of Our Rivers and Harbors." Representing Central Coast interests at the hearing is Congressman Barden and local delegates to the Rivers and Harbors Congress is Editor Aycock Brown.

The National Rivers and Harbors Congress is a powerful organization working in close harmony with the U. S. Engineering Department and the Congress of the United States. Delegate Brown was appointed by Governor Hoey.



CONGRESSMAN BARDEN

Covering The Waterfront

By AYCOCK BROWN

IF YOU ARE ever down Wilmington way and want some of the best barbecue you have ever tasted, I highly recommend the Blue Top Tavern or Tourists Homes about three or four miles from the Cape Fear City on Route 17. The place is operated by Mr. and Mrs. Betts (he is a cousin of "Lady Carteret" Betts of Beaufort) and everything is spotlessly clean. The tables in the dining room have clean white linens, and the whole atmosphere of the place is different from the average run of roadside tourist camps. Barbecue Betts, like his brother J. P., is an old bakery man. He told me Sunday that he was in the bakery business for 40 years before deciding to enter the roadside tavern field—and with a layout such as he has I would prefer his present field. Incidentally that "P" in J. P.'s name stands for Porter.

THE ORIGINAL Floating Theatre was due in Wilmington Sunday night from Jacksonville. In the Onslow county-seat they had about the same amount of business as they had in Beaufort. That was a bit better than 60 per cent of capacity houses every night. It is about the same amount of business they have been having all down the (Continued on Page 8)

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BIRTHDAYS Of Famous People

FOR MARCH

- 15. Andrew Jackson, Pres., 1767.
16. James Madison, Pres. 1751.
17. Chief Justice Taney, 1777.
18. Grover Cleveland, Pres. 1837.
19. Wm. Jennings Bryan, statesman, 1860.
20. Chas. W. Elliott, educator, 1834.
21. Ziegfeld, theatrical producer, 1869.

HISTORICAL Events In March

FOR MARCH

- 15. Russian Czar dethroned 1817.
16. West Point Academy founded 1802.
17. Palm Sunday—St. Patrick's Day.
18. New London, Tex., school destroyed; 400 children killed, 1937.
19. Stamp Act repealed, 1766.
20. Spring begins, 1:24 P. M.

Trial Of Fillingame Gang Holds Spotlight in Court

REPUBLICANS OF CARTERET ATTEND MEET

Native Of Carteret To Be Candidate For Congress

Julian P. Gaskill, native son of Carteret who has been practicing law in Goldsboro for the past several years was chosen by Third District Republicans to run for Congress at the convention held in the Wayne capital last Friday. This brings the total of Congressional candidates in the Third District to four, Representative Graham A. Barden, the incumbent, Dr. Zeno Spence and Charles Labar Abernethy, Democrats, having previously announced.

Attending the convention from Carteret were Claude R. Wheatly, Capt. Gorge Brooks, A. T. Gardner, Wiley Lewis and C. H. Bushall. A. L. Butler, of Clinton and Mr. Wheatly of Beaufort, were named delegates to the national convention. The alternates are Charles Fletcher Honeycutt, of Clinton, and W. G. Rouse, of New Bern. Capt. Brooks was named Presidential Elector.

J. W. Cowell, of Pamlico; Gaskill of Wayne; W. H. Fisher, of Sampson; Deems H. Clifton, of Duplin and A. T. Gardner, of Carteret were elected members of the state executive committee and Clifton was re-elected chairman.

Gaskill, the Congressional nominee of 1936 on the Republican ticket in the Third District was nominated unanimously by the 75 delegates. He is the son of Norman Gaskill of Sea Level. There were delegates present from six of the nine counties in the District. Jones, Onslow, and Perdue were not represented.

North Sea Skipper Pays For Violating N. C. Trawling Law

Capt. John Firth was ordered to pay a total of \$260 when convicted in Superior Court here on Monday for violating the N. C. Trawling Law by fishing within territorial waters. The vessel, a 110-foot converted sub-chaser with an American flag painted on her bow, caused no little interest when brought into Morehead City on the week-end by Capt. Glenn Willis of the Patrol Boat Hatteras. The vessel was apprehended near Wash Woods C. G. Station in November 1938, but made a getaway at that time and was not picked up again until this week. The craft is owned by A. F. Emory of Newport News, but hails from Hampton, big Virginia trawling port. After the original violation, Capt. Firth was succeeded by Capt. William Powell of Hampton.

America's Only Fish Farm Is Located At Beaufort

U. S. Fisheries Biological Laboratory On Pivers Island Issues Bulletin On Experiments In Marine Fish Farming.

Over fifteen thousand salt water fish, consisting chiefly of the Jumping or Striped Mullet, did not go south as usual this winter but instead were forcibly detained in experimental tidal ponds constructed at the U. S. Fisheries Biological Laboratory at Beaufort, N. C. Two years ago these ponds were constructed in cooperation with the Works Progress Administration and the Conservation Department of North Carolina in order to determine the possibility of utilizing salt marsh ponds and small coastal bays for rearing and live storage of fish and for oyster culture. The experimental operations, conducted here since 1938 under the supervision of Dr. H. F. Prytherch, have demonstrated that by improvement of tidal areas through the construction of dikes sluice gates, etc., it is possible to grow mullet, spotted trout, flounders, channel bass, sheepshead, croakers and several other common species in captivity or store them in a live, healthy condition for many months until there is a

Case Against Gang Got Underway Wednesday

HAMILTON PRESIDES—CLARK PROSECUTES

Spotlight of the March Term of Superior Court here this week was focussed on the trial of the Fillingame Gang and their accessories in a number of crimes. The grand jury returned a true bill of first degree murder against Waddell, Harvey and Charles Fillingame and Guion Smith in connection with the death of Charles J. Adams, 25-year-old fisherman at Currie's Villa on Money Island Beach, New Year's Eve.

Although in signed confessions from each shortly after they were apprehended by Sheriff C. G. Holland following their capture indicated that it was Harvey who pulled the trigger on the Colt automatic from which the fatal shot was fired, the other three in the mix-up were named as accessories. Solicitor Dave Clark, however, seeing no indication of premeditation tried the boys on second degree charges.

Harvey Fillingame was convicted of manslaughter and was sentenced to 20 years in State Prison.

Charles L. Fillingame was found guilty of aiding and abetting in manslaughter and was sentenced to 10 years in State Prison.

Waddell Fillingame was also found guilty of aiding and abetting in manslaughter and was sentenced to State Prison for 10 years.

Guion Smith was adjudged not guilty by the Court on the murder charge but plead guilty of larceny and breaking and entering and was sentenced to 8 years on the roads.

The cases were being tried before Judge Luther Hamilton, native son of Carteret who has made an outstanding record as a jurist since he was appointed Special Superior Court Judge by Governor Hoey. The Fillingame case attracted more spectators than had ever before crowded into the courtroom—or in many years at any rate. Not only was every seat taken but spectators crowded the aisles and bar. The charges of murder against the quartet got underway early Wednesday.

Grover Conway plead guilty to the charge of breaking and entering and larceny and was given two years in State Prison on one count and 12 months on another. Last sentence to begin at the expiration of the first.

W. C. Gillikin plead guilty to breaking and entering and was sentenced to two years, this was suspended and he was put on probation. On charge of larceny, prayer for judgment and continued for five years upon the payment of \$50 was the penalty in this case.

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Local Envoy To Washington



REPRESENTING the waterway interests of Beaufort and East Carteret County, Aycock Brown, Editor of The Beaufort News, is in Washington, D. C. this week attending the important National Rivers and Harbors Congress which convened at the Mayflower Hotel for a two-day session this morning. In the role of special envoy from Beaufort, Editor Brown is also seeking a refund of \$10,000 and interest from the government, the amount this town put up as sponsors share in the Taylor's Creek project, which in 1914 was a more or less local project—but today an important link in the vast Inland Waterways of the North Carolina coast, and used by more non-resident vessels than those locally owned.

On his return from Washington he will stop over in Raleigh for a radio broadcast over station WPT F which will begin at 2:15 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Local Firms Are Advertising For Easter This Week

Several local firms are inserting Easter advertisements in this edition. Beaufort merchants are quick to realize the results from advertising not only at special seasons, but throughout the year.

Easter advertisers in this edition each of whom are telling the world about their fine line of merchandise include: E. D. Martin Company, Felton's, F. R. Bell Druggist, Joe House Drug Store, Duchess, Margaret's and Mrs. Rose Adair.

Corporal Clay And Patrolman Laws On Troop Pistol Team

Patrolman John Laws and Corporal J. K. Clay of the State Highway Patrol stationed in Carteret County were among the five best shots of 41 members of Troop "A" participants and are not the Pistol Team which will compete with other Troop teams of the State and later interstate teams. Patrolman Laws was again No. 1 man. Second best shot was Sergeant Bisette of New Bern and taking third place was Corporal Clay, stationed in Beaufort. Fourth and fifth places were taken by Billy Keny of New Bern and Louis Lane of Elizabeth City.

At a subsequent match in Jacksonville, fourth and fifth men Hensley and Lane will shoot with Sergeant Wells of Ahoskie and H. C. Johnson of Jacksonville to determine who will have the honor of being on team. John Laws who has been stationed in Morehead City for a number of years is the best shot in the Highway Patrol.

Ocracoke Boys On Maj Bowes Program Appreciated Votes

Walter and Edgar Howard, two music makers of Ocracoke Island who were guest on Major Edward Bowe's Amateur Hour last week have written the Beaufort News Editor asking that he express appreciation through the press to literally hundreds of persons along the coast for the votes they sent in following their share in the program. They were among the winners on the night's program and as result of the appearance on Major Bowe's program, they appeared on a national hook-up last night over WCNW, the New York Daily Mirror station.

Harnett County farmers believe in crotalaria, but they want only the Striata strain, according to Joe B. Gourley, assistant farm agent of the State College Extension Service.

Produce Growers Experimenting With Celery Growing On Large Scale In Carteret This Year

GIVE FIREMEN CERTAIN PARTS IN LOCAL DEPT.

Expected To Create More Efficient Firemen

Beaufort's Volunteer Fire Department at its regular weekly meeting last Thursday night should prove of much importance during coming activities. To create more interest and with the hopes of establishing a more efficient fire-fighting force, each man has been given a special post to fill during coming alarms. A list of each member of the department and the post he will be expected to fill when answering alarms in the future follows:

General Staff: J. F. Duncan, Jr., Chief, C. S. Harrell, Asst. Chief, T. R. Whitehurst, Senior Foreman.

Drivers Truck No. 1: G. G. Hassell, Junior Foreman, C. J. Brinson, Secretary-Treas. D. G. Eubanks, Engineer, E. M. Noe, Asst. Engineer.

Drivers Truck No. 2: D. G. Eubanks, E. M. Noe, W. B. Longest, Jr., C. G. Holland, H. H. Lewis, Jr.

Drivers Truck No. 3: D. G. Eubanks, E. M. Noe, T. R. Whitehurst, G. A. Glancy.

Hosemen: J. E. Arrington, J. M. Darling, J. M. Hill, B. L. Jones, J. A. Lewis, C. D. Manson, B. H. Noe, N. M. Scott, B. H. Whitehurst, O. B. Willis, I. B. Merrell, R. E. Mades, Otis Mades, Roy Merrell, James Atkinson, Ray Hassell, C. W. Britton, W. D. Skarren, Dave P. Clawson, Clayton Garner.

Laddermen: Geo. Brooks, Jr., G. G. Lewis, Frank Rice, William Springle, C. M. Noe, J. V. Caffrey, C. R. Hassell.

Colored Division: Jule Jordan, James Davis, Dan Smith, Caesar Jordan, James Stanley, David Mathewson.

Business Lots In Morehead Smaller Than In Beaufort

Answering an editorial appearing in last week's edition, relative to the difference in the valuation of business property in down town Morehead City and down town Beaufort, Charles V. Webb, for many years tax lister in the Township stated that it was due to the depth of the lots. He stated that the difference was due to the depth in Morehead City was 100 feet and in Beaufort approximately 200 feet.

On the other hand, Mayor George W. Huntley claims that the Beaufort business lots are based strictly on front foot basis, without regard to depth. The difference in valuation is \$27 per front foot or Beaufort \$117; Morehead City \$90.

Borden Mace Gets Attractive Offer For Visual-Ed Job

Borden Mace, a student at the University of North Carolina, and the son of Mrs. W. A. Mace of Beaufort, was offered an attractive job in the Extension Division of Clemson College, S. C., as a visual education expert. It is similar to the work he has been studying at the University.

Instead of accepting the position however, Borden, (better known hereabouts as "Bookie") decided to remain at the University and get his degree. Visual Education is a comparatively new field of work, and the chances are that with the offer of a good job along this line while he is still a student, that he will get a better offer after he gets his degree.

Mechanical defects of automobiles were held responsible for only 9.4 per cent of the 1939 Highway fatalities in North Carolina.

Believe Conditions Right For June Marketing

Twenty acres on the M. Trombetta produce farm in East Carteret County will be devoted to celery culture this year and already the plants in the plant bed are showing a satisfactory growth. The plants will be set out about mid-April, and according to S. H. Breese, it is believed that cuttings can be carried on during June which would fill a gap in the existing celery markets, as the crops in Florida are over and the Jersey crops do not begin until July.

If the experiment proves successful, and initial trials at growing on a 1-acre plot last year were successful, a valuable new produce crop for this section will be discovered for the section is already famous for its truck farming, due to the nearness to the Gulf Stream which gives a favorable growing climate.

M. Trombetta's produce farm in Carteret contains 120 acres. Planted already this year are 10 acres of carrots, 10 acres of beets, 12 acres of lettuce, 3 acres of Romaine Lettuce, 2 acres of parsley and provisions are made for devoting about 60 acres to tomato culture and 20 to celery.

Other produce farmers of Carteret are looking with a great deal of interest towards the celery growing experiments. Mr. Breese who spent some time here last year, is an outstanding authority on growing the valuable crop. He hails from Macedon, New York.

Fishing And All Outdoors

By AYCOCK BROWN

THE FAME OF Judge R. Hunt Parker, Superior Court jurist is not a habitual hunter, but sportsman of Onslow County and East Carolina are ready to adopt him as their favorite judge. Several months ago Judge Parker sentenced a man to six months in a prison camp for killing another's favorite bird dog.

MORE RECENTLY, while holding court in Jacksonville, he sentenced a defendant to four months at hard labor for hunting quail, not only out of season, but after his license was revoked. Later he changed the sentence to \$200 and costs fine, and in the Eastern territory it is generally understood that Judge Parker believes in enforcement of the game laws.

UNLESS WEATHER conditions are unfavorable, anglers surf casting on the Outer Banks and in the Corncake region this week stand a good chance to land fish. The tides are right for fishing and this (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.

Table with columns for HIGH and LOW tide times for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, March 15-17, 1940.