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The Beaufort News Proves Its Value

For the past many years the taxable front foot valuation in the business section of Beaufort has ranged from \$117 to \$125. Everyone involved seemed to complain about it, but it seems that during the years no definite action was taken to have the valuation lowered. Main complaint was that Beaufort business area valuations were from \$27 to \$35 higher than similar property in prosperous and fast growing Morehead City. The Beaufort News, editorially, took the lead to have the valuation placed equal in the twin-towns of Carteret. Before the ink was dry on the edition which carried the editorial favorable comment started coming into our office. Explanations about the difference was also offered. In less than two weeks after the editorial appeared the Board of Equalization met and interested citizens appeared asking for lower valuations. In less than two weeks from The Beaufort News' editorial the valuation was lowered, thus saving our business men many tax dollars annually. In helping to score this triumph, The Beaufort News was only doing what Coastal Carteret's most widely read newspaper will always do and

that is work for the better interests of those who reside within its coverage.

What Will Happen Now?

Failing to reach any agreement on what to place the taxable valuation of menhaden processing plants in Carteret County, the Board of Equalization on Tuesday decided that it would be fair to everyone to employ professional appraisers to come into the County and arrive at some figure. This being the case, we are wondering what will happen after the professional's appraisal. In the first place, a professional appraising board will cost the County several hundred dollars. They are not low-priced experts. It is our opinion that the County will not be losing anything as result of the expenditure, however, as valuation on every plant is surely to be raised from figures arrived at by the Commissioner Board of Appraisers. Several hundred dollars and then some will be added to the County's income if they value the property at a professional's viewpoint.

We believe in fairness to all. We do not believe that competitive menhaden plant operators should be too quick to judge the value of another's plant—unless they have actually been on the property and seen the equipment. Many times a vast-appearing plant from the distance may not be worth what it seems to be worth. It is what is inside a person, or a plant that counts.

We wonder what the effect would be, should high taxes actually be responsible for an operator to move his plant or curtail operations? We wonder what the reaction would be, should the operator of a plant who has been pouring thousands of dollars into the firms of Carteret for supplies, groceries, oils, lumber and everything else at retail prices, decide suddenly to start buying everything elsewhere at wholesale. It is entirely possible that an operator of a plant could continue to operate in a big way, without any local cooperation. It is possible to bring in laborers to replace native born workers.

There are many things to be considered and considered seriously in tax matters which might increase the income for a county's treasury a few hundred dollars annually, but cause the loss to many people and firms thousands of dollars annually. We believe in fair play and we believe in attracting new sources of livelihood for our people—and keeping the sources intact which we now have. What do you think?

Heard Broadcast And Wants REA Project

To the Editor:
We, my family and I, heard your broadcast last Sunday and enjoyed it. We hope when you see Beaufort growing you will think of our community and work for us—especially for electrical lines.
Sincerely,
Mrs. Bessie Williams,
North Harlowe,
March 17, 1940.

PTA Sponsoring Class Play Here

Beaufort PTA is sponsoring a play, "In Came Mary Ann" a 3-act comedy at Beaufort School Auditorium on Friday night, March 29. The play is presented by the Commercial Class of Morehead City High School. When presented in Morehead City a large number of persons attended. More about play next week's edition.

LETTERS

Earl Davis Writes About H. I. Bridge

To the Editor:
Yesterday's Twin-City Daily Times head-lined "Harkers Island Loses Bridge". If the old saying that one cannot lose that which he has never had is true, then, Harkers Island has not lost the bridge, for she never had a bridge to lose. Only the immediate possibility of a bridge being built has been lost. The same paper stated that the people here being unable to agree on the location of the bridge has a lot to do with the action or contemplated action on the part of the State Highway to abandon the project. That statement may be true in so far as it goes but it does not tell the whole truth. The whole truth is that when the State Highway officials called on the Carteret County Commissioners to O. K. the map and plans for the Straits route the Board of Commissioners could not agree to endorse same or at least that is what the State Highway officials claim is what happened.

I have contended for years that Harkers Island should have a bridge and from Lenoxville. I am still fighting for that. A few weeks ago the Kingston office of the State Highway told me very forcefully that a bridge to Lenoxville at this time was out of the question because of the cost; that they would build a bridge to Harkers Island now but had to build it at the cheapest price, which they claimed was Straits route. Quite a few of us feel that the cheapest route would be at Marshallberg. It is not as good for Harkers Island as Lenoxville, but if Lenoxville is out of the question, why shouldn't we try to get the next best? The Marshallberg bridge would be 1400 feet shorter than the Straits. It would give us a telephone connection quicker. It would put us directly on a hard surfaced road at once. There are many more reasons for the Marshallberg route over the Straits, the biggest of which is this: We would still be free to continue fighting for Lenoxville just the same. We have never abandoned the Lenoxville route but decided to fight for it in a different way. If our dreams ever came true, which would be possible with the amount of traffic over a bridge from any direction, Harkers Island would be on a through route. We have put these things to the officials of the State Highway but have never demanded that anything be done about it, only in as they saw fit.

Five or six of our citizens on the advice of some of their Beaufort friends, that all they had to do to get the bridge at Lenoxville was to hold out for it or nothing, did that very thing, but they represent only themselves and their wishes. As a matter of fact I don't suppose they realize that the so hot about the bridge was months time Beaufort should have become instead of at the last minute, or that if a bridge isn't built now there will be approximately \$25,000 spent on the ferry and docks. After all such pleadings will avail nothing. And we believe the attitude Beaufort is taking is what has frightened the Board of Commissioners and not the speeches of two Harkers Island citizens in Beaufort about two weeks ago.

Now, Aycock, are the people of Harkers Island as a whole, so much at fault? Or, do you agree with me that there are plenty of folks in Carteret who would be pleased to know that Harkers Island would get no bridge? Of which we may have plenty to say later if the project is really called off.
Yours very truly,
Earl C. Davis,
Harkers Island, N. C.,
March 19th, 1940.

Local Students At Elon College In Race For Student Offices

Elon College, N. C., March 18.—In one of the most hotly contested primary elections held on the Elon college campus in several years, Edward Potter, of Beaufort, and Sidney Krukin, of Norfolk, Va., advanced to the finals in the race for president of the student body. The primaries were held Tuesday. Final elections will be held April 5. Those in the race for senior class officers are as follows: President—Roland Longest, of Beaufort, Jack Wilkinson, of Portsmouth, Va., and Wallace Kernodle, of Elon College; Among those who are candidates for sophomore class officers is Betsy Russell, of Beaufort, who with Mary Mendenhall, of Orlando, Fla., are candidates for secretary.

Hallsboro, N. C.—J. A. Tedder and his son of Hallsboro, N. C., claim some sort of record for coon hunting. During the past season the two men have bagged aound 200 raccoon. Raccoon hides bring on the average of \$1.75 each.

To Observe Holy Week And Easter At St. Paul's

St. Paul's Episcopal Church will observe the remainder of Holy Week with two outstanding services, Thursday at 7:30 P. M. there will be the Maundy Thursday celebration of the Holy Communion. This service is a memorial of the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with His Apostles at which He instituted the Holy Communion. It was also at this time that He gave the commandment of brotherly love among Christians. The name Maundy comes from the Latin word for commandment.

On Good Friday there will be the following services. Morning Prayer at 10:30 A. M.; Litany at 12:00 noon, and Evening Prayer at 4:30 P. M. At 8:00 P. M. a choir composed of voices from the choir of the various churches in town will present the sacred cantata "The Seven Last Words of Christ" composed by Theodore Dubois.

On Easter the following schedule of services will be held: Early celebration of the Holy Communion with full choir and music at 7:00 A. M. Morning Prayer and Easter Sermon at 11:00 A. M. Immediately following the 11:00 o'clock service there will be a second Communion service for those unable to attend the early hour.

An invitation is extended by St. Paul's to the people of the community who are not affiliated with any Christian body to worship with them in all these services.

METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

The Sunrise Easter service will be held at the church on Easter morning at 6 o'clock. The young people will have charge of the service. There will be special music and Mr. Potter will speak.

The circles met as follows:
No. 1 at 3:30 on Monday afternoon with Mrs. J. O. Barbour on Orange St.; No. 2 at 3:30 on Monday afternoon with Mrs. Jack Parkin on Ann St.; No. 3 The Lizzie Chadwick Circle met at the home of Mrs. Elmore Davis at 7:30 on Ann Street.

Tuesday night several car loads of young people attended the Young People's Rally at the Newport Methodist church. Mrs. Jas. Potter III Counselor for young people and Mrs. N. F. Eure, Counselor for Intermediates accompanied them.

On Wednesday two car loads of ladies of the Laura Duncan Missionary Society attended the Zone meeting of the Missionary Society at Newport. The Beaufort ladies had charge of the program.

Wednesday evening the regular Fellowship Supper was held at the church with a large attendance. The devotional was held afterwards.

Worship with us next Sunday at all the services. There will be special music by the choir at the morning and evening services. We have a place for you at all the services.

SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE AT ANN ST. CHURCH

The Sunrise Easter Service will be held by the Young People on Easter morning at 6 o'clock at the church. Mr. Potter will speak and there will be special music. The Young People will have breakfast together afterwards. The whole church and friends of the church are expected to be present at this meeting. You are welcome.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS!

All Political Candidates who wish to use the columns of the Beaufort News for their announcements or other political advertising must pay for same in Advance, unless they are regular customers and are in good standing on our books.
WM. L. HATSELL, Owner

For Representative

I hereby announce my candidacy for Representative of Carteret County in the State Legislature subject to the wishes of the Democratic voters in the approaching Primary.

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Your support will be appreciated.

Respectfully,
CHARLES L. SKARREN, JR.

For Legislature

I hereby announce my candidacy for re-election to the office of Representative for Carteret County subject to the wishes of the Democratic voters in the coming Primary. If re-elected to this important post I will continue to make every effort to serve faithfully for the best interests of all Carteret. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Respectfully,
FRED R. SEELY.

Obituaries

MISS LILLIE HALTON

Funeral services for Miss Lillie Halton, 84, were conducted this morning at the home on Gordon Street with the Rev. E. C. McConnell, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, of which she was a member, officiating.

She died late Tuesday following a lingering illness. She was a native of Providence, R. I. but had made her home in Beaufort with her brother, Edward Halton for the past 19 years. She was the great-grand-daughter of John Waterman who was General George Washington's aide during the Revolutionary War. Her family was very prominent in Rhode Island history. She had made many friends in Beaufort since her arrival here.

Besides her brother, Mr. Halton, she is survived by two sisters, Mrs. C. P. Bennis, of Providence, R. I. and Mrs. W. W. Jackson, of Raleigh, N. J.

MRS. MELVINA WHITEHURST

Funeral services for Mrs. Melvina Whitehurst, 85, were conducted here Tuesday, March 12 at the Methodist church with the Rev. Guthrie officiating.

Mrs. Whitehurst was the widow of the late Alfred Whitehurst. She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Herbert Watson and Grady Whitehurst of Straits; Mrs. Hilda Murphy, of Davis, and Doc Whitehurst of Punta Gorda, Florida. Several grand children and one great grand child also survive.

GREAT SINGING EVENT ST. STEPHEN CHURCH BEAUFORT, MARCH 24

Easter Cantata "The Glory of Easter—Four Jubilee Singers"

At eleven o'clock Rev. N. C. Calhoun will deliver the Resurrection Sermon. Special music will be rendered by the choir.

The Church School will convene at two o'clock, with Mr. Fred Johnson as Supt. and Bible Class teacher.

The Junior Church program will convene at three o'clock in the afternoon. Miss Lillian Tugner, pianist; Mrs. Elmer Carter, director; Also the New Jubilee Singers will appear on program.

Seven thirty o'clock will be featured by "The Glory of Easter". An Easter cantata, sung by the "Angelic Host", the leading choir of the East and famed choir of Beaufort and Carteret County.

Easter Services At Purvis Chapel

Easter Morn services at Purvis Chapel, (A. M. E. Zion) were announced today. Sermons will be preached at 5 o'clock in the morning; 11 o'clock; 2:30 o'clock and 8 o'clock. The annual cantata "The Lord of Life" with excellent singing quartets, the Black Diamonds, Yelton Brothers and others are expected. The public is invited to attend. Sermon by Rev. S. P. Hill.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends who so kindly expressed their sympathy during the recent illness and death of our beloved mother. We greatly appreciated the beautiful floral offerings.

Doc Whitehurst,
Grady Whitehurst,
Nellie Watson,
Hilda Murphy.

Bankruptcies

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