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Part Of Group Who Organized— North Carolina Waterways Association April 5



PART OF THE GROUP who met in Washington, North Carolina on April 5 for the purpose of organizing the North Carolina Waterways Association are shown in the above picture. Officers of the new organization which has its objective the improvement of waterways along the coastline, flood control, beach erosion and similar projects are: Edmund H. Harding, Washington, president; Vice Presidents: Miles L. Clark, Elizabeth City; Dr. D. J. Rose, Goldsboro; Dr. Ben F. Royal, Morehead City, and Louis T. Moore, Wilmington; Directors: W. O. Huske, Fayetteville; J. H. McMullan, Edenton; O. L. Williams, Swanquarter and Hon. R. Bruce Etheridge, director, department conservation and development, Raleigh. Secretary-treasurer of the organization is Aycock Brown, of Beaufort.—(Baker Foto, Washington, Cut courtesy Elizabeth City Advance.)

Tony Seamon Thinks Blues Will Be Here At An Early Date

Capt. Tony Seamon, one of the better known party boat skippers of Morehead City who owns and operates the Waterfront Restaurant where delicious seafood dinners are served, stated this week that in his opinion the run of blues would begin within a week or two and at any rate not later than early May. Gulf Stream fishing will begin about the same time.

Covering The Waterfront By AYCOCK BROWN

ED HARDING answered my letter and said that he thought my idea to have a girl in a bathing suit present the girl in a Dutch costume a bouquet of gladiolus at the Tulip Festival in Washington today was a good one. Naturally it would have been good, because it would be a sort of official invitation to the Tulip Festival Queen to visit the Gladiolus Festival we plan for late June in Beaufort. Ed who is secretary of the chamber of commerce of the Beaufort County seat suggested that the stunt be pulled today while the Tulip Festival was on the air. That is, when the broadcast over WPTF, would be underway. "If you put the stunt across then you will have not only a large audience, but you would have an opportunity to get your little jab in the microphone."

IT WOULD ALL have been splendid publicity. But I could not make arrangements to go and if I go over on Friday as I have tentatively planned the little ceremony of a bathing suit clad girl

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BIRTHDAYS Of Famous People

- APRIL
19. Constance Talmage, actress, 1900.
 20. Harold Lloyd, actor, 1894.
 21. Josh Billings, humorist, 1818
 22. Ada Rehan, actress, 1860.
 23. James Buchanan, Pres, 1791.
 24. Rear Admiral Selfridge, 1804
 25. Marconi, wireless, 1874.

HISTORICAL EVENTS

- APRIL
19. Battle of Lexington, 1775.
 20. Bacon's Rebellion 1676.
 21. Battle of San Jacinto 1836.
 22. War with Spain 1898.
 24. Diving Bell first used in submarine rescue work 1939.
 25. J. Wilkes Booth captured 1865.

Excellent Response Shown By Carteret Citizens Who Wish To Be Served By REA

Rookery Raiders

Caretaker of the property on Middle Island reported this week that the egrets and herons had returned to the rookery there during the past few weeks, but they are faring hard due to raids on the rookery being made by persons going there after dark and slaughtering the birds. State Game officials, N. C. Bird Club and Audubon Society are being informed.

GOOD PROGRAM GIVEN C. OF C.

Two Speakers And Movies Feature Of Meeting

While the representatives of several business firms of Beaufort could not attend due to other pressing matters, those who were present at the quarterly meeting and banquet of the Chamber of Commerce at the Inlet Inn last Friday night enjoyed fried chicken with all accessories, two fine speeches, the first by Dr. Ben F. Royal, chairman of the Morehead City Port Commission, the second by Bob Thompson, director of the State News Bureau, Department of Conservation and Development and as a final to the evening, a full hour and a half of East North Carolina movies, many hundreds of feet in color, sent to Beaufort by Colonel George W. Gillette, U. S. District Engineer of Wilmington.

(Continued Next Week)

First In Series Of Salvation Army Services Held Here

Special music and a message by Lieutenant Colonel Alfred Tyler, marked the opening service by the Salvation Army in the American Legion Hut here last night. Prior to the services at the hut, a prelude of music and Salvation Army messages were delivered on the street in the downtown business area. The services last night were the first in a series to be held each week at the Legion Hut, which will eventually result in the establishment of a regular Salvation Army outpost here, according to Envoy E. V. Farmer of New Bern who made arrangements for the services last night and will conduct these in the future.

Several Meetings For Members Are Held

C. OF C. AND BARDEN STRATED MOVEMENT

Excellent response is being shown by the citizens of Rural Carteret County in connection with the proposed establishment of approximately 126 Rural Electrification Authority lines, which if plans are carried will result in electricity being made available for every citizen in Carteret with exception of a few families at Portsmouth and possibly Lukens on the east side of South River at Merrimon.

Efforts are being made by leading citizens of Carteret county to assist certain rural residents who do not have the advantages of electricity in obtaining same for their homes and other uses on farms or fishing communities. Original leaders in the movement to establish the additional lines, which will become part of the Harkers Island Cooperative, is the Chamber of Commerce of Beaufort and Representative Graham A. Barden of the Third District. Dudley Bagley, chairman of the North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority, (Continued on Page 8)

FROST HAS NOT DAMAGED CROPS

The slight frosts of last weekend did no damage to vegetable and flower crops in Coastal Carteret County, according to a check-up made early this week when the weather changed. On the weekend it appeared that considerable damage would be done. Many of the farmers had prepared for frost by piling brush or saw-dust at the edge of the fields which would have been set afire had frost temperatures been reached. On Saturday night just as the mercury dropped to frost levels a favorable southerly wind started which prevented it and this wind, from out the Gulf Stream was probably saved the farmers of Coastal Carteret thousands of dollars.

Soft Crabbing To Begin In Carteret

Soft crabbing, an important industry in the communities of Core and Bogue Sound will be getting underway next week and from the Marshallberg area over 100 dozen daily will be shipped at the beginning. Later this will increase to thousands of dozen each week. Carteret is southern center of soft crabbing industry.

POLITICS

Eleven persons in Carteret have filed for public office, with five of these being candidates for the job of representative in the North Carolina General Assembly. Filing deadline was last Saturday.

Uncontested candidates are: Frank L. King, of Beaufort, (Democrat) for Justice of Peace; C. V. Webb of Morehead City, (Democrat) for Board of Education; and L. R. Leffers, (Democrat) for County Surveyor.

Three Republicans and two Democrats have thrown their hats in the ring for the office of Representative in the N. C. General Assembly. Fred R. Seelye, incumbent, withdrew from the race for a House seat in a formal announcement appearing last week.

Seeking election to the House of Representatives from Carteret are Democrats: H. S. Gibbs, Morehead City and Charles L. Skarren, Jr., of Beaufort; Republicans: Julian Brown, Marshallberg; N. H. Russell, Beaufort and Walter M. Lewis of Morehead City.

Although it has been generally known that he would seek the re-nomination, Irvin W. Davis, Register of Deeds, did not formally announce until this issue that he was a candidate to succeed himself. Opposing him in the race for Register of Deeds is Vivian Chadwick of Straits.

COUNTY MANAGERS

Two persons in Carteret County have been formally appointed as managers for gubernatorial candidates. First announcement was that Ben H. Gray, Morehead City resident, had been appointed as manager in Carteret for Lieutenant Governor W. P. Horton. On Wednesday of this week Broughton Headquarters in Raleigh wired that James Davis Potter, had been appointed County manager for J. M. Broughton, one of the many contenders for the gubernatorial nomination.

First gubernatorial political speech is scheduled for next Wednesday, April 24, in the Courthouse here when Lieutenant Governor Horton will make his appearance.

Townsend To Speak

Dr. Francis E. Townsend is scheduled to speak in Goldsboro on Saturday, April 20, and a number of Carteret County residents who are boosting his plan are expected to attend. Judging from some of the letters to the Editor which are appearing from week to week, there seems to be a difference of opinion by some of the Townsends as to whether or not—Townsend Plan—is political.

Horton To Speak Here April 25



Lieutenant Governor Wilkins P. Horton, of Pittsboro, Democratic candidate for Governor of North Carolina, will deliver an address in the Carteret County courthouse in Beaufort at 8 o'clock Wednesday night, April 24. In this speech, Mr. Horton, who is making addresses in all parts of the State, will discuss various issues involved in his campaign for the Governorship, and it is expected that he will be heard by people from a wide area.

During the past twenty-six years Lieutenant Governor Horton has been practicing law in Pittsboro. He served as a State Senator at the regular sessions of the General Assembly in 1919, 1927, 1931, and 1935, also at the special session in 1920. He was elected Lieutenant Governor in 1936 and has occupied that office since January 1937. By virtue of his office he is Chairman of the State School Commission.

Core Creek Community Choristers— They Sing In State's Most Beautiful Rural Church



CARTERET COUNTY has one of the few if not the only non-sectarian church in North Carolina. It is the Core Creek Community Church, one of the most beautiful rural places of worship in the State which was presented to the community by a former resident who made a financial success and did not forget the folks back home after he had made it. One of the attractive features of the church is choir of well trained voices. The group in accompanying photo are most of the choristers, snapped at an early morning service recently. They are reading from right: Front row—Miss Minnie Sabiston, Miss Irene Sabiston, Miss Madie Dickinson, Miss Florence Dickinson; second row—Mrs. Jim Dickinson, Miss Thelma Dickinson, Miss Marguerite Dickinson and Mrs. L. C. Dickinson; back row: Rev. W. Y. (Bill) Stewart, pastor of the Community Church, Miss Annie D. Foreman, Mrs. Stewart and Jesse Willis.—(Photo by Aycock Brown.)

Smyrna-Beaufort Play Here Friday

Smyrna High School's baseball team will meet the Beaufort High moundsmen here on Friday, April 19, at 3:30 o'clock it was announced today by T. McQuaid, coach of the local team. Residents of Beaufort and surrounding territory are urged to attend the game.

SCHOOLS CLOSE FRIDAY, MAY 10

Superintendent Has Ordered Diplomas For Graduates

The curtain will ring down on the last school in Carteret county Friday evening, May 10th, so the schools of the County are on the "home stretch", the superintendent, principals, and teachers being quite busy with plans for the closing of the year's work.

Detailed plans preparatory to the closing of the schools this spring and looking to the opening of the schools next fall, were outlined by the superintendent at principal's conferences held for the larger schools on April 16, and for the smaller schools on April 13, at which times report forms, suggestions and spring tests, were delivered to the principals along with signed certificates as a post-graduation measure as follows: 395 Certificates of Promotion to High School; 451 Certificates of Perfect Attendance; 782 Reading Circle Certificates; Total 1628. Diplomas (Continued on Page 8)

Hard Crabs Line Fishers' Pockets With Much Money

Capt. John Nelson, N. C. Commissioner of Fisheries stated this morning that since the hard crabbing season began approximately 1,200,000 pounds had been taken which brought the fishermen engaged in catching them approximately three cents per pound. This added to the sum realized by persons in fishing communities employed at markets and the transportation of the crabs had brought the total to about \$50,000 that has been realized from this phase of the fishing industry.

Communities that have shared in the hard crabbing profits include Marshallberg, Salter Path, Broad Creek, Sea Level, Davis Atlantic and Harkers Island. The crab season's opening was the first real money realized by the fishermen since shortly after Christmas. Since that time many fishermen had found themselves in dire circumstances.

UNDER NEW REFUNDING PLAN CITY'S BONDED INDEBTEDNESS WIL NOT FALL DUE UNTIL 1974

Eight Hundred Acres Of Tomatoes Will Be Set Out In Carteret

This will be a peak year for the growing of tomatoes in Coastal Carteret County if present plans are any indication. It looks now as if 800 acres will be set out in tomatoes this Spring, according to early estimates of Farm Agent J. Y. Lassiter. Last year the acreage was slightly more than 500 acres. In June of this year, Carteret, and especially the area east and north of Beaufort will glory in the tomato growing industry by including this valuable crop as a feature of the second annual Gladiolus Festival. One firm has sold over two million tomato plants in Carteret up until early this week.

Forest Fires On Rampage In West Carteret County

Forest fire wardens assisted by CCC workers were of the opinion that they had the blaze which did considerable damage in Croatan National Forest of Carteret County under control as we go to press today. The forest fire which was centered in the vicinity of Bogue on Tuesday and Wednesday was declared to be the worst in 10 years.

The big blaze was discovered on Monday near Johnigan's Camp, but it was soon out of control. The flames this week are one in a series of many fires that have been taking place in Croatan Forest recently. Fire wardens are of the opinion that some of the blazes are being set maliciously or through carelessness of passing motorists.

Tom Davis Wins In Speaking Tourney

Tom I. Davis, Wake Forest senior from Beaufort, was declared after dinner speaking champion of the Grand Eastern Forensic Tournament for the second consecutive year, it was announced at Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C., where the speakers converged on April 12-14. It was the first time in the history of the tournament that the same person has won a title two years in succession. Tom Davis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Leslie Davis. Forty-two colleges and universities with 185 representatives, from 17 states took part in the annual speaker's classic.

New Interest Rate Reduced From 5½ To 3 Percent

Twenty-six years ago on May 1, Beaufort started going in debt. On the previous day the Town owed nothing. Through the years the bonded indebtedness grew from the original \$10,000 spent as sponsors share for Taylor's Creek improvements until it reached the huge proportions of \$755,000 with the accumulation of interest. Of the total high the debt has been reduced to \$548,000 under the refunding plan.

On Monday night the Town Board of Commissioners met and adopted a plan which will carry this \$548,000, known as the bonded indebtedness, which includes the balance due on all of the improvements the municipality has obtained, electric lights, streets, sewerage systems and such for a period of 35 years at a low rate of interest. The interest will increase periodically, but through-

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	Friday, April 19,	LOW
5:27 A. M.		11:22 A. M.
5:57 P. M.		11:45 P. M.
Saturday, April 20		
6:22 A. M.		12:20 A. M.
6:49 P. M.		12:38 P. M.
Sunday, April 21		
7:13 A. M.		1:15 A. M.
7:41 P. M.		1:28 P. M.
Monday, April 22		
8:05 A. M.		2:05 A. M.
8:31 P. M.		2:16 P. M.
Tuesday, April 23		
8:54 A. M.		2:53 A. M.
9:21 P. M.		3:03 P. M.
Wednesday, April 24		
9:45 A. M.		3:41 A. M.
10:12 P. M.		3:50 P. M.
Thursday, April 25		
10:34 A. M.		4:31 A. M.
11:01 P. M.		4:39 P. M.