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Beaufort-Morehead City And Norfolk Plane Service Plans Are Progressing Satisfactorily

ISLAND BRIDGE MAY NOT OPEN UNTIL JANUARY

Although it was reported by officials in charge of construction that the Harkers Island bridge may be opened to traffic before Christmas, a report this week indicated that it may be after Christmas or sometime during early January before the span is actually ready. The delay is caused by the intricate construction of the draw bridge.

Although it was originally planned to place a hand operated draw at the bridge, it was decided later that an electric draw would be installed. As Roy J. Hart, district road supervisor for the N. C. S. H. & P. W. Commission told a Beaufort Newsman a few days ago, there may be delays which will prevent the opening by Christmas, due to the complicated structural parts of the draw which have to be made and then installed. The short delay, however, will assure Harkers Islanders of a more efficiently operated drawbridge in reaching the mainland.

FIREMEN EXTINGUISH BLAZE HERE TODAY

Beaufort Fire Department answered an alarm from Box 16 at the corner of Turner and Front Streets just before we went to press today. Quickly extinguished, the fire was said to have been the backfire of a stove on the second floor of the old Duncan building originating in P. A. Lewis' office.

BEAUFORT ICE COMPANY GETS DIESEL POWER

Beaufort Ice Company is installing several thousand dollars worth of new equipment and when completed the local plant will be in position to operate much more satisfactorily than in recent years. The present steam outfit is being scrapped as it is removed. New engines for the plant will be Diesel motors. Beaufort Ice Company which is under the management of Ed Potter, is one of the most successfully operated firms along the coast.

Chadwick Lot Will Be Opened As Free Parking For Autos

Chief of Police W. R. Longest announced today that the Police Department had cleared the Chadwick lot adjacent to Front and Turner Streets for free parking of automobiles during the current Christmas shopping rush. With the one hour parking limit on the principal business block being regulated satisfactorily and with the Chadwick lot available for autos to park, it is believed the Yuletide trading season, will be greatly relieved from an auto parking standpoint.

ALMANAC HISTORICAL EVENTS

- December
- 13 Battle of Fredericksburg, '62.
- 14 Geo. Washington died 1799.
- 15 Battle of Nashville, 1864.
- 16 Boston Tea Party 1773.
- 18 Prohibition Amend. in Congress 1917.
- 19 British capture Ft. Niagara 1814.

BIRTHDAYS Of Famous People

- December
- 13 Bishop Phillip Brooks, 1835
- 14 Jane Carval, actress, 1884.
- 15 Alex. Lambert, physician, '61.
- 16 Beethoven, composer, 1770.
- 17 Alex. Agassiz, naturalist, '35.
- 18 Edgar MacDowell, composer, 1861.
- 19 H. C. Fisch, steel, 1849.

Propose Round Trip Daily Along The Outer Banks

Dave Driskill, chief pilot and operations director of Carolina Coast Airways, (The Gulf Stream Route), which plans to establish regular scheduled passenger plane service between Beaufort-Morehead City and Norfolk, Va., as soon as the Civil Aeronautics Authority gives its stamp of approval expects to fly here within the next few days to complete certain arrangements necessary for starting the line. Driskill conferred with R. Stanley Wahab of Baltimore who was on a hunting trip at Ocracoke a few days relative to the establishment of the line at an early date and everything "looks favorable." Wahab is head of Carolina Coast Airways which will operate under a charter granted Ocracoke Transportation Company which is already an active corporation.

"Mr. Wahab, Chief Counsel Martin Kellogg (of Coast Airways) and myself have been working very hard on the proposition, planning our stops, schedules, and equipment needed; getting our corporation papers prepared correctly for presentation to the CAA and other technical details which have to be worked out before scheduled plane service can be established," Driskill stated in a letter to Chamber of Commerce Secretary Aycock Brown this week.

"The requirements of the CAA Ee PLANE SERVICE Page 8



Merchants To Keep Stores Open Later For Yule Shoppers

Christmas shoppers who have been congesting Beaufort and Morehead City stores for several days will have their always desperate "last minute" situation alleviated somewhat when most of the stores in the Carteret twin-cities, start observing later hours during the holiday season. Especially those stores which are featuring Christmas gifts, will remain open at night from now through Christmas Eve.

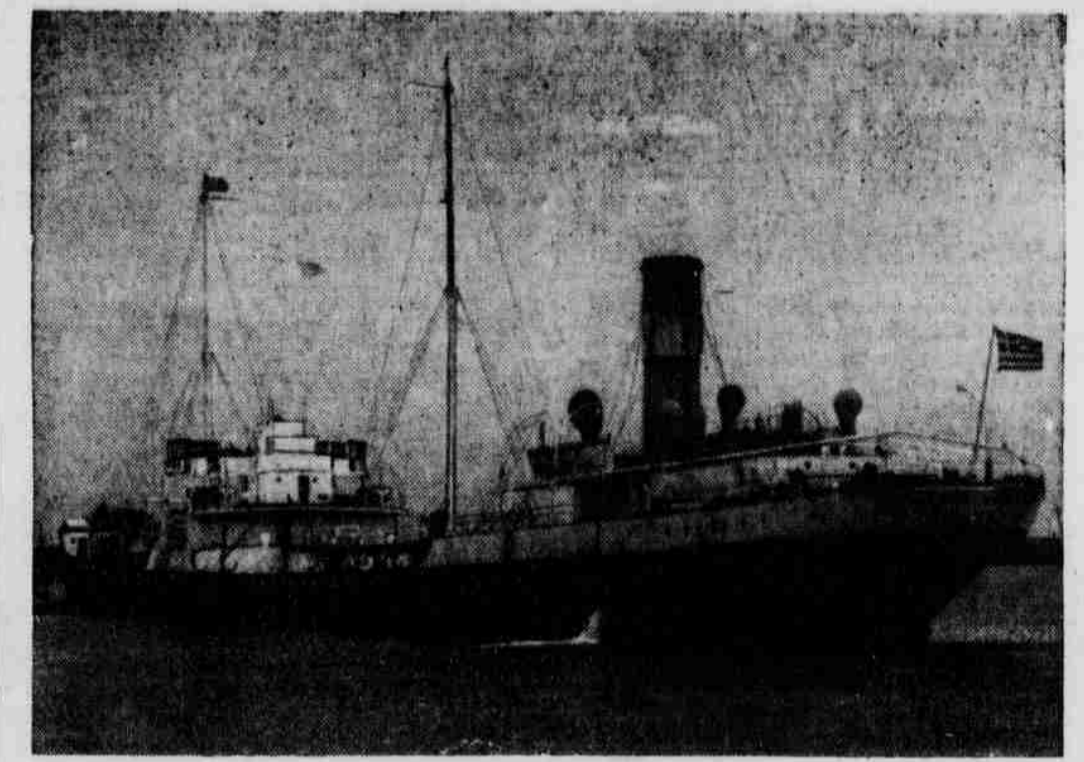
Com. Bayard Taylor Resigns To Accept Tax Supervisor Job

Commissioner Bayard Taylor of the County Board has tendered his resignation to Superior Court Clerk L. W. Hassell, a post to which he was appointed in November. It is understood that Taylor resigned to accept the position of supervisor of tax listing in Carteret, a job which begins in January and continues for several months. Clerk Hassell stated that he did not know at this time whom he would appoint as Taylor's successor. The appointment is left entirely up to the Clerk of Superior Court.

George Stovall Is New TWPCO. Mgr.

George Stovall of Wilmington has been named as successor to Ernest Kilburn as manager of Tide Water Power Company's interests in Carteret county. Mr. Kilburn has been promoted to office of field manager of the gigantic Eastern Carolina organization and he leaves here on December 15 to assume his new duties. Mr. Stovall has visited practically every unit of Tide Water in Carteret this week in company with Mr. Kilburn, prior to taking over his new duties.

Vessel Of Belligerent Nation As She Arrived At Morehead City Port Terminal Recently



PICTURED ABOVE is the Greek Tanker "Micolau Maria" as she arrived at Hatteras Oil Company in Morehead City harbor recently with a cargo from Tampico, Mexico. It was the first vessel of a belligerent nation to enter the new Morehead City Port Terminals property. Before departing for another American port, the vessel discharged a million and a half gallons of fuel oil, which will be transhipped from the storage tanks of Hatteras Oil Company to all parts of the country.—(Photo by Aycock Brown—Cut courtesy Greensboro Daily News.)

Miss Helen Barney And Her Glee Club Carollers To Sing

Miss Helen Barney who has made an exceptional record as instructor of the music classes of Beaufort Consolidated Schools announced today that the School's Glee Club would become carollers on next Thursday night (December 19) and sing Christmas carols to all the shut-ins of Beaufort. It is the school's Glee Club's first Christmas carolling program.

Persons interested in having the Glee Club Carollers sing for them are urged to write a card with the address of the "Shut-in" on it to Miss Helen Barney, director of the group. The youngsters who have splendid voices will be more than pleased to sing for every one who is interested in the program for those who are ill or those who are shut-ins and cannot get out into the business section of town and experience the prevailing Christmas spirit.

Christmas Holidays For County Schools Begins On Dec. 20

Carteret County schools will close on Friday, December 20, for a two weeks Christmas holiday, it was announced today by Superintendent J. G. Allen. Only exception will be the White Oak school which will observe holidays to conform with the Swansboro school in Onslow County. High School students in White Oak District attend the Swansboro Consolidated School. County schools will reopen after the holidays on January 6, 1941.

Five Cases Tried By Recorder Here

Five cases were disposed of during the Tuesday session of Recorder's Court here. Prayer for judgment and continued was ordered in case of Simon Davis, charged with violating prohibition law. He was also ordered to pay one-half of the costs of the case.

David Vann, charged with breaking and entering was sent up to higher court for trial.

Jasper Golden was ordered to pay the costs and surrender his drivers' license when found guilty of driving an automobile while intoxicated.

If Lillie Mae Greenfield leaves Carteret County during the next 30 days and stays away she will not have to serve a six months sentence in jail. She was found guilty of violating the prohibition laws. Capias will not be issued for 30 days.

Floyd E. Jones was ordered to surrender his drivers' license and pay costs as result of being found guilty of driving an automobile while under the influence of whiskey.

Many Will Hear His Carol Reading



ADVANCE TICKET sales for the reading of Charles Dickens' immortal "A Christmas Carol" by Professor Frederick Koch in Beaufort School auditorium have been very gratifying, it was announced today by Miss Margaret Clark Home Agent. The event scheduled for next Tuesday night (December 17) at 8:00 o'clock will mark the first appearance of Dr. Koch here in the role which has made him famous. His appearance on the coast is sponsored by the Carteret Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs and the 4-H Clubs. Tickets may be purchased from Joe House Drugstore in Beaufort or Morehead City Drug Company in Morehead City. Each member of the 4-H Service Clubs are also selling advance tickets to the event. The price ranges from 35 cents to \$1.00, the latter being for one of the 100 reserved seats.

Covering The Waterfront

By AYCOCK BROWN

THE SHOW BOAT—"Original Floating Theatre" on its 27th annual cruise through the inland waterways from New York to Florida is in Beaufort again this week, bound south. This season, its owner, Capt. Seymore, plans to go as far south as Savannah. After completing its week at the Inlet Inn dock here the floating theatre will go to Jacksonville and open for one week beginning next Monday. The Beaufort News published a story some time ago, (quoting another story which had gained circulation) that the Show Boat was going to sing its swan song and become a floating cinema house at Annapolis, Maryland. We learned this week that the story was an error.

CAPTAIN SEYMOUR says that last year was one of the best seasons in the history of the vessel See WATERFRONT, Page 4

C. G. Reserve Fleet Will Be Organized At Meeting Tonight

Boatmen and fishermen through out Carteret County have been urged to attend a meeting in Morehead City Municipal Building tonight (Thursday, December 12) for the purpose of organizing a U. S. Coast Guard Reserve fleet. Lieutenant Anderson of the Norfolk District, U. S. Coast Guard will be present to explain object of the reserve fleet. The principal object will be to aid in the National Defense Program.

Similar groups have been organized along the entire coast. The fleet members will be given an opportunity to receive special training and in case of emergency be called upon to serve their country. Capt. Norman Etheridge and members of his unit of the Station have been busy this week notifying boatmen to attend the meeting. A large attendance is expected.

Hunting Party On Cudacatcher Back From Down Sound

Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Metcalf of New York, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Neal, and Christopher Jones of Beaufort returned on Tuesday from a hunting trip down in Core Sound. Although conditions were not as favorable as they could have been the party shot some wildfowl. The party lived aboard Mr. Metcalf's cruiser "Cudacatcher," which based in the vicinity of Harkers Island for the hunt.

Criswell It To Be Principal Speaker At Vo-Ag Banquet

J. F. Criswell, extension leader of land use planning will be the principal speaker at the annual Vo-Ag banquet on Friday night, when students of the agricultural and vocational classes honor their fathers. The Fathers and Sons banquet is one of the high spots of the school year at Newport. Criswell, a splendid speaker, is pinch hitting for Congressman Graham A. Barden who announced at the last minute that he would be unable to be present and make the principal address. For several years Congressman Barden has been the principal speaker at the event.

Others on the program include E. N. Meekins, district supervisor of agricultural education and C. S. Long, the agricultural speaker. The program will be in charge of the Chapter members of the Newport Future Farmers of America. The banquet will be prepared by the home economics class of the school.

SAVE MONEY BY READING THE ADS

CARTERET MAY BE CHOSEN AS AIRSHIP BASE

Briefs On Three Places Sent To Washington

It will be several weeks before the U. S. Navy's Inspection group will have a definite report to make on the proposed site for a "lighter-than-air" base, somewhere in Eastern North Carolina, according to Congressman Graham A. Barden who was contacted by The Beaufort News last night for any bang up news on the matter. Congressman Barden had accompanied Capt. Charles E. Rosendahl of the U. S. Navy and other officials on an inspection tour of potential sites in his district early last week.

In Carteret County five sites were inspected by the group. Three of these sites were west of Morehead City, two were in the vicinity of Beaufort. After viewing the sites, Commander Rosendahl asked that briefs on the facilities offered be mailed into Washington immediately on two sites west of Morehead City, the Arthur Farm and the Morehead Bluffs property, and also a brief on West Beaufort.

Capt. George Brooks prepared the briefs in detail on the sites west of Morehead City. Aycock Brown, secretary of The Beaufort Chamber of Commerce prepared the brief on the site near Beaufort with the assistance of Mayor George W. Huntley. The Beaufort group seeking the proposed base has gone on record as favoring any spot in Carteret County See Airship Base, Page 8

COASTAL TOWNS AND FIRMS ARE VERY COLORFUL

Christmas Spirit Is Prevailing Everywhere

The spirit of Christmas is prevailing along the coast. Not only are the streets a blaze of colorful lights both in Beaufort and Morehead City, but each of the towns have erected their community trees and the firms, just about every firm, have more lavish decorations this year than ever before. Not only are the interiors of the stores decorated, but the show windows too are most colorful and it is worth anyone's visit to town just to see the decorations.

It has been announced that prizes will be given for the best decorated Christmas tree or seasonal display in the yards of Beaufort, and this move on the part of the Women's Club is expected to result in more yuletide lights appearing nightly. It is expected that some of the skippers of menhaden vessels now in port will be decorating their masts, a custom as old as navigation of the sea itself.

Beaufort's Community Tree this year is located in the court of the Government Pier. Lights are expected to go on there tonight or by the week-end at least. Employees of the Town have supervised the erection of this tree, which when lighted up should add much color to the waterfront. Charles Manson and his son Charles, Jr., had charge of decorating the streets again this year and they See Coastal Towns, Page 8

Caveators Win A Will Case

Clerk Hassell Says It Is First Time It Has Happened In Carteret In Over 20 Years

Highlights for the week's term of Carteret County Superior Court which ended last Friday was the Will contest involving the alleged last will and Testament of Geo. R. Guthrie of Bogue Sound. In this contest three children and two grandchildren of Mr. Guthrie were aligned against another daughter of the testator who was named sole legatee in the will. The contestant parties were Parker A. Guthrie, a son, Pollie M. Fulcher and Mrs. O. C. Willis, daughters, and Clarence and Guion Lewis, grandsons, the Caveators, while the propounder was Pearl Guthrie Nance.

The will was written in April, 1931. The jury answered both the issues as to mental incapacity and undue influence in favor of the caveators, thereby breaking the will.

According to Lawrence W. Has-

sell, who has been Clerk of the Superior Court for the past twenty years, this was the first will contest which has ended in success for the caveators during his term of office.

Another feature of the case remains unsettled. These same heirs have brought suit against Mrs. Nance for the cancellation of an assignment made on a certain mortgage by George R. Guthrie to her, alleging, as in the will contest mental incapacity and undue influence in 1937, when the alleged assignment was made. This case will stand for trial at the next term of court, providing the appeal taken by the propounder in the will contest is settled by that time. Hamilton & McNeill and C. R. Wheatley represented the caveators and Paul Webb, E. W. Hill and J. F. Duncan represented the propounder.

ADVERTISING Took The Tom Cat Out Of The Cracker Barrel

Beaufort Theatre Is Sold To Stuart Drake Enterprise

Robert G. Lang, founder of the Beaufort Theatre here has sold out to the Stuart-Drake Enterprises which operates a chain of theatres in Eastern North Carolina towns and cities. The change in ownership becomes effective on Sunday, December 15. Amount involved in the sale was not learned as we go to press today.

Perry Reeves will be the new manager of Beaufort Theatre. A very likable young man, he comes from Beaufort from Farmville where he has been manager of Stuart-Drake's Paramount Theatre. Mr. Reeves has already arrived in Beaufort to get a closer insight on the theatre he will manage here. Mr. Lang came to Beaufort about three years ago and opened the Beaufort Theatre, and built up a splendid theatre business. The Langs will remain in Beaufort for several weeks, and possibly indefinitely as they have made no plans to move elsewhere.

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, Dec. 13	
6:59 AM.	12:43 AM.
7:17 PM.	1:32 PM.
Saturday, Dec. 14	
7:38 AM.	1:24 AM.
7:38 AM.	1:24 AM.
Sunday, Dec. 15	
7:58 PM.	2:10 PM.
8:18 AM.	2:28 AM.
Monday, Dec. 16	
8:57 AM.	2:42 AM.
9:22 PM.	3:26 PM.
Tuesday, Dec. 17	
9:39 AM.	3:22 AM.
10:07 PM.	4:05 PM.
Wednesday, Dec. 18	
10:23 AM.	4:06 AM.
10:57 PM.	4:49 PM.
Thursday, Dec. 19	
11:08 PM.	4:55 AM.
	5:37 PM.