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All Rural Sections In Carteret To Share In Barden's Christmas Gift



Carteret-Craven Project Given Approval

\$143,000 IS ALLOTTED

By Aycock Brown
Congressman Graham A. Barden's Christmas gift to rural residents of Carteret County from Cedar Island to Stella and including Merrimon, Harlowe, Core Creek, Mill Creek, Newport, Broad Creek and Pelletier in between was his announcement last Thursday afternoon that the last hurdle had been jumped and the allotment for the Carteret-Craven Rural Electrification Project had been made. The amount of the allotment \$143,000 is sufficient to carry electric energy to 90 per cent or more of the home in Carteret which are not already served. To Congressman Barden goes the credit for getting the project finally approved and the allotment made.

Of course there are workers in Carteret County who have devoted time to the project, who organized the co-operative, did much of the preliminary planning, secured members and made tentative surveys. In this group were Mayor George W. Huntley of Beaufort; Capt. Gus Styron, of Cedar Island

Directors to Meet

President George W. Huntley of the Carteret-Craven Rural Electrification Project stated today that a meeting of the Board of Directors was being called for one night during the early part of next week. It is understood that following this meeting work towards letting contracts for erecting the lines which will take Barden's Christmas gift to the rural citizens of Carteret County who do not get electric service, will begin.

and Lenoxxville; the Bell Brothers, George and Raymond, Rev. Bill Stewart, of Core Creek; Alvah Hamilton, of Morehead City; C. T. Cannon, of Newport; John A. Jones of near Swansboro; County Farm Agent, John Y. Lassiter (and he deserves plenty of credit) Aycock Brown, of the Chamber of Commerce, and others. They have

He Is Responsible For New Project



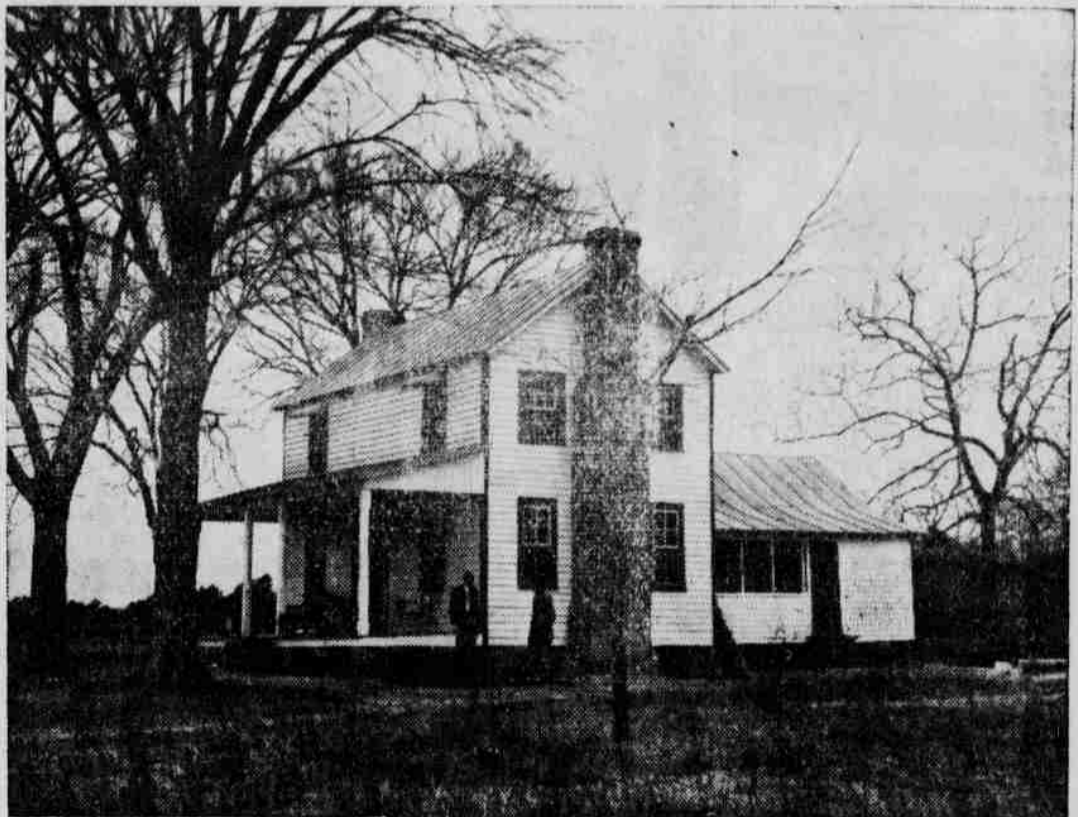
Congressman Graham A. Barden is directly responsible for the allotment of \$143,000 for the new REA project which will take electricity to just about every Carteret community, which is not served at present, excepting South River and Portsmouth. The Third District Congressman took a leading role in the efforts to secure the allotment for the project which was realized only after months of hard work on the part of local citizens who were aided in Washington by Barden.

all worked, and worked hard towards bringing into realization the rural electric project—but it was Congressman Barden's contact with the REA in Washington, which kept the machinery moving, after the Washington group failed to look with favor on the tentative plans for the project.

Recently Mayor Huntley, Alvah Hamilton, (attorney for the co-operative), County Agent Lassiter of Carteret and County Agent Mathis of Craven along with Aycock Brown of the Chamber of Commerce made a trip to Washington where with Congressman Barden as their spokesman they appeared before the REA officials in behalf of the project. Until that time it looked as if the work that had been done was futile, but a strong plea in behalf of the project was made by the Third District Congressman and it was less than three weeks before the

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JESSE J. EWELL'S FARM AWAITS SANTA'S INSPECTION



PLANTS FRUIT TREES AT NEW HOME.—Jesse J. Ewell (left) sets out a Starks Delicious Apple tree on his new Carteret County farm recently purchased under the tenant-purchase program of Farm Security Administration. Ewell's remodelled home is shown above. The other man in the two pictures is J. Y. Allen FSA County Supervisor at Beaufort.



Former Carteret Tenant Will Start New Year On Farm Of His Own

Children For First Time Greet Santa In Own Home

By Wm. L. Hatsell
Santa Claus will find things different this Christmas when he visits the Jesse J. Ewell farm, in Carteret County. He'll smell fresh paint. He'll see a new-looking white house, new pasture fences, new barns and outbuildings. And if he has time to inquire, as did a reporter, Jesse Ewell will tell him with pride in his heart that his little folk—Virginia, Walter and Grace—for the first time in their lives are hanging their stockings by their own fireside.

Jesse Ewell was born on a rented farm in Pitt County, 46 years ago, and except for a year or two he spent in the service of Uncle Sam, on the battlefields of France in world war one, he has lived on farms belonging to others. Early in the fall the Ewell put a deed on record in the Carteret Courthouse for a 190-acre farm, located four miles north from Morehead City, and not many days ago carpenters and painters tore away their scaffolding and left a practically new 7-room, two-story house, a brand new stock barn, new smokehouse, new poultry house and other outbuildings.

The Ewells are buying and improving their farm with money borrowed from the Farm Security Administration, under the terms of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act.

"From now on I expect to put what used to go for rent on payments for my own farm," Mr. Ewell said.

Mr. Ewell bought the farm from Rufus P. Oglesby, a neighbor who owned two or three farms. The Ewells had been working this farm the past two years on a half-share basis. The 2-story dwelling on the place was in need of repair. This was repaired and painted, inside and out. A pantry and screened-in work porch was added. The open well in the back yard was covered over and two force pumps were installed, one to furnish water for the stock, the other to run water into Mrs. Ewell's kitchen. There is a new sanitary privy and the new smokehouse includes a comfortable laundry room in the rear, where Mrs. Ewell can do her washing and ironing without being out in the cold.

The loan also included money for fencing and seeding a permanent pasture and for digging necessary drainage ditches on the farm. The land cost \$2,750 and an additional \$1,750 was spent for but-

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State Highway And Public Works Fires Captain Chadwick

Capt. O. W. Chadwick who established the Harkers Island Ferry about 15 years ago as a private enterprise and was later maintained as its skipper when the State Highway and Public Works Commission took over its operation was under the impression that he would be given a job on the drawbridge (which replaces the ferry) when the new span is opened to traffic. Capt. Chadwick was wrong. Last Friday he was discharged.

Roy Hart who has much to do with the State Highway operations in this section did the discharging. It is understood that Mr. Hart had nothing against Captain Chadwick but was acting only on the instructions of higher-ups. Higher-ups are believed to be State Highway Commissioner Ernest Webb, and even Mr. Webb had no fault to find with Chadwick. The Beaufort News is informed. That is—Commissioner Webb had no fault to find except that a few or may we say two or three Carteret politicians—found fault and recommended that instead of Captain Chadwick, another person should fill the open job. Sam Leffers of Straits got the job. (See Editorial, Page 4)

Post Office Has Its Biggest Rush

Biggest rush in the history of Beaufort's Post Office has been chalked up this Christmas. The general increase during the year is going to place the local office in a higher bracket, it has been learned. Not only has more mail been dispatched and received locally, but the routes from Beaufort to East Carteret have also broken all previous mail records, says Postmaster Taylor.

Salvation Army's String Band Here On Thursday Night

Sergeant-Major C. T. Wells of the Greenville, N. C., Corps, of the Salvation Army together with his son Charles, Johnny Goodley and others comprising the Greenville Corps string band, will have complete charge of Salvation Army services at the American Legion Hut this coming Thursday night, December 26th. Everybody invited.

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.

Friday, Dec. 27	
6:42 A. M.	12:19 A. M.
6:58 P. M.	1:09 P. M.
Saturday, Dec. 28	
7:34 A. M.	1:11 A. M.
7:49 P. M.	1:58 P. M.
Sunday, Dec. 29	
8:23 A. M.	2:02 A. M.
8:39 P. M.	2:43 P. M.
Monday, Dec. 30	
9:09 A. M.	2:49 A. M.
9:39 P. M.	3:27 P. M.
Monday, Dec. 31	
9:44 A. M.	4:09 A. M.
10:14 P. M.	4:09 P. M.
Tuesday, Jan. 1, 1941	
10:32 A. M.	4:23 A. M.
10:51 P. M.	4:48 P. M.
Wednesday, Jan. 2	
11:25 A. M.	5:06 A. M.
11:33 P. M.	5:37 P. M.

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Hollyridge Contractors Will Work As One Unit

Four Construction Companies Pool Interests In Effort to Expedite Construction of \$9,500,000 Coast Artillery Anti-Aircraft Firing Center

In effort to expedite construction of the authorized thousand-building, \$9,500,000 coast artillery anti-aircraft firing center at Holly Ridge so that it will be ready by March 15 for occupancy by troops already being ordered there for that date, the four construction companies which will have the building contracts have pooled their interests into one organization and will open a joint main office at the old wooding station of the A. C. L.

The four contractors are E. W. Grannis, Fayetteville; V. B. Higgins, Greensboro; J. V. McDevitt, Charlotte, and F. M. Thompson, Raleigh and Charlotte. It is probable that they will divide duties on the new camp project as follows: McDevitt, buildings; Thompson, street, sidewalk and other paving; Grannis, grading and road work, including water works and sewer systems.

Approximately 500 men were at work last week-end on numerous preliminary phases. Actual construction of permanent camp structures is expected to begin this week. By the middle of January several thousand laborers will be employed.

Covers Large Area.
Three temporary buildings for tools and offices have been erected on the camp site, which stretches a mile wide and four and a half miles long to the north and west of the Atlantic Coast Line railway and Federal highway 17, both of which pass through the community from New Bern to Wilmington.

Work is well underway on the 12-mile extension of the Tide Water Power of C. P. Corporation to the site. The Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company is also making good headway on its telephone lines. The railroad is rushing work on a 50-

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USED Comstock Is Going To Sea

The Comstock, seagoing dredge of the U. S. Engineer Corps, is being converted into a freight carrier to be used for transporting engineering construction supplies to outlying bases in the West Indies recently acquired from Great Britain. The conversion will be made in Chester, Pa., shipyards.

The 2-funnel Comstock is no stranger in Beaufort and Morehead City. She has been on maintenance duty on the Inlet here frequently since the Port Terminal channel was dredged to 30 feet. Roy Hall of Beaufort is chief engineer aboard the vessel.

Police Chief Of Morehead Died Monday

Chief of Police Jimmy Willis was buried Tuesday. He was one of the best loved police heads in the history of the ocean port city and his death brought sadness to many during this Christmas season in his home town and surrounding communities. He died early Monday.

Iredell Salter May Become Chief

Iredell Salter, popular member of the Morehead City Police Department who has been acting chief of police during the illness of Chief Willis, may be named to the post of police head in the port city at the January meeting of the Board of Commissioners, it was hinted last night by persons close to municipal affairs in Morehead City.

Monday following an illness of two months.

A native of Sneads Ferry, Mr. Willis moved to Morehead City several years ago. During the early part of his life he was engaged in the fishing business. He became a member of the Morehead City Police Department 12 years ago and was later elected to the head of the department. To his many friends he was known as "Captain See Jimmie Willis, Page 4