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## Plans Underway To Revive This State's Once Big Oyster Industry

### School Attendance Shows An Increase Indicating That The Flu Epidemic Has Passed

### BUS SERVICE FOR HARKERS ISLAND SOON

### Private Interests Or Seashore May Get Franchise

Harkers Island, now connected with the mainland by a fine new bridge (and a rather rough road temporarily, on this side) will soon have passenger bus service, it was learned here this week. This will mean that another forward step has been taken for the community which only a few years ago was considered quite isolated and remote for lack of modern improvements.

At least one individual has advertised that he would seek the franchise and it is understood that Seashore Transportation Company will also make the application to the Utilities Commission for operating on this route. Everyone or any corporation has the privilege of applying for the franchise. However, there is much technical data relative to one's ability to operate, the type of equipment and

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### The Washington MERRY-GO-ROUND

DREW BEARSON  
& ROBERT ALLEN

### STETTINIUS STOPS DENYING SHORTAGE OF STEEL

WASHINGTON.—Edward R. Stettinius Jr., handsome raw materials chief of the Defense commission, apparently has become gun-shy. Having seen his denials of shortages in strategic materials blow up in his face, he is resorting to a new technique in the case of steel.

It took only a few days for his solemn statement that there was no aluminum shortage to be refuted by Sen. Joe Mahoney, chairman of the monopoly investigating committee. Even less time elapsed between his denial of a zinc and brass deficiency and the issuance of a presidential order barring his export.

The hotly controversial steel issue has been a Stettinius worry for months. As far back as last summer he was warned by experts that the nation's vast defense program, to say nothing of frantic British orders, required an immediate expansion of steel plant capacity. It was pointed out that present U. S. ingot

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### ALMANAC HISTORICAL EVENTS

January

24. Gold discovered in California 1848.
25. 1st colored regiment formed 1863.
26. Spanish Rebels take Barcelona, 1939.
27. Incandescent light patented, 1880.
28. Panama Railroad completed 1855.
29. Kansas admitted to Union 1861.

### BIRTHDAYS Of Famous People

January

24. Joseph H. Choate, ambassador, 1832.
25. Chas Curtis, Vice Pres. 1860.
26. Samuel Hopkins, Adams author, 1871.
27. Kaiser Wilhelm 2nd, 1859.
28. Henry M. Stanley, explorer, 1841.
29. Wm. McKinley, Pres. 1843.
30. F. D. Roosevelt, Pres. 1882.

### He Draws Plans For Oyster Propagation



FOLLOWING AN extensive survey of North Carolina's coastal waters and bottoms, Dr. H. F. Prytherch, director of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Laboratory here has drawn up plans which if followed may serve to increase the annual oyster yield of this State from its present low of approximately a half million bushels to a ten to twenty million dollar industry. In developing the proposed plans for an extensive oyster cultivation program Dr. Prytherch was assisted by Capt. John A. Nelson, North Carolina's veteran commissioner of commercial fisheries and Roy Hampton of Plymouth, chairman of the commercial fisheries committee of the Department of Conservation and Development. The federal and state fisheries agencies will continue to push the proposed program.

### Bogue Section May Be Chosen As Marine Base

There has been some spasmodic excitement in the Bogue section of Carteret County recently with reports that the U. S. Government may be considering that sector and not lower Onslow County as a site for a proposed Marine Base. No

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### Broughton Endorses Plan To Develop N. C. Oyster Industry By Cultivation

### LOSES FOOT

Ion Lewis, Machinist Mate 2nd Class, of Beaufort Station U. S. C. G., suffered the loss of his right foot about four inches above ankle when it got entangled in bight of rope which was running through block and tackle at the boat house and launchway Wednesday. His shipmates had him at Morehead City hospital within 20 minutes after rendering temporary first aid. Dr. Royal U. S. Public Health surgeon who is treating the injured man said that his condition was favorable today. Lewis is a native of Harkers Island.

### Ghost Ship

A new angle on the unsolved mystery of the 5-masted schooner Carroll A. Deering which down in the Ocracoke and Hatteras section is referred to as the "ghost ship" was received by Editor Aycock Brown this week. The Deering as many will recall, is the vessel which went aground on the outer tip of Diamond Shoals with all sails set, without a soul aboard. In the Saturday Evening Post story "Cape Stormy" last August 3rd, a brief reference was made relative to the mystery ship.

This week Editor Brown received a letter from the Rev. J. Francis Fuller of a small Michigan town who made the comments which follow:

"I read with great interest your article in the Saturday Evening Post 'Cape Stormy' and especially about the schooner 'Carroll A. Deering.'"

"Now in January 1921 I was on an oil tanker bound from Mexico to Bayonne. When we got to a point just below Hatteras we passed a schooner with some signal flags. We circled a complete circle around her and ran up signal flags."

"Word passed from the bridge that they were asking for their position. During our trip some pictures were snapped and I got one."

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### REA PROGRESS IS BEING MADE

Progress toward actual construction of the Carteret-Craven REA project continues rapidly. Consulting Engineer L. E. Wooten who was selected by the board of directors as engineer has been approved by Washington officials. The First Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Smithfield with its local branch here has been approved as depository for the \$143,000 which has been allocated for the work.

It is believed that all preliminary work will be completed so that bids for construction of the approximate 150 miles of line which will serve nearly 500 persons from one end of Carteret County to the other at the beginning may be advertised within 10 days. In other words it appears now that actual construction will be underway, by Sprink.

### Local School Gets Out Daily At Three For Next Few Days

Beaufort School will close each afternoon at 3 o'clock instead of 3:30 for the next few days, it was announced this morning by Principal Tom Leary. The last period each day is devoted to physical education. The physical education program at the local school is carried on on the grounds and due to the wet condition of the ground caused by recent rains, and due to the influenza and bad cold situation, school officials thought it best to postpone this activity until conditions are improved.

### Two Test Stations Planned Along The Coast

### PRYTHERCH DEVELOPS A BIVALVE PROGRAM

Gov. J. Melville Broughton Number 1 skipper of North Carolina who has always shown a keen interest in the development of the State's coast has endorsed a plan for creating a big oyster industry in the sounds and rivers of the East. The bivalve development program has been worked out by Dr. H. F. Prytherch, director of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Laboratory here in cooperation with Capt. John A. Nelson, commissioner of the N. C. Division of Commercial Fisheries and a Department of Conservation and Development fisheries committee headed by Roy Hampton of Plymouth.

The plans which have been outlined by Dr. Prytherch and are printed in detail would possibly create a 10 to 20 million dollar bivalve industry for North Carolina in the future as compared to an average half million dollar or less annual industry at present. Prytherch's comments follow:

Extensive surveys of the coastal waters of North Carolina, conducted in 1886 by the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, in 1905 by the North Carolina Geological Survey, and from 1931 to date by the staff of the Beaufort Laboratory have established that there is over 800,000 acres of bottom on which conditions appear favorable for the growth and propagation of oysters. Recent field investigations of the writer show that at least one fourth of this territory is excellent for the cultivation of oysters by modern scientific methods and is capable of yielding an annual crop of over 20 million bushels of high grade oysters. This estimate is based on an average production of 100 bushels per acre, per year whereas an acre of good oyster bottom is known to produce from 500 to 1,000 bushels per year according to the quantity of seed planted, hydrographical conditions etc.

At the present time there is approximately 200,000 acres under private cultivation on the Atlantic coast which yield about 8 1/2 million bushels of oysters annually or 60 per cent of the total harvest.

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### Governor Broughton Endorses Proposal



AFTER SURVEY and plans were completed for the proposed oyster growing and propagation program it was outlined in detail to North Carolina's Governor J. Melville Broughton and according to Dr. Prytherch and press dispatches from Raleigh it received his wholehearted endorsement. Preliminary plans, if the small appropriation necessary to carry on initial operations is granted, would be to establish two experimental stations, one near the Beaufort Fish and Wildlife Laboratory, the other in a protected cove near the northwestern shore of Pamlico Sound. These stations would be to oystermen and fisheries interests what the agricultural experiment stations are to farmers. Governor Broughton, pictured above as a salt water man, has a tremendous interest in the development of his State's coastland.—(Wahab Photo.)

### This German Was Not Thinking Of War—But Turtles

When one over on this side of the Atlantic hears of a German thinking of something besides War—it is news. Apparently one German was not thinking of War recently and a letter written in Deutschland's language, received by Dr. Prytherch of the Fish and Wildlife laboratory here and translated by him, proves it.

Kurt Diermurt, whose address is or was at the time the letter was written, Friedrichreda, Thuringen, Bahnhofstr. 44, was interested in information of five varieties of fresh water turtles and specimens of same. Dr. Prytherch will probably defer the request until after War hostilities in Germany.

### AAA PROGRAM IS GIVEN FOR MEETING HERE

### All Day Session Is Planned For Tuesday

The 1941 Agricultural Conservation Program will be discussed by a member of the State Committee, of the Triple A, a Field Officer and local committeemen in the Court House in Beaufort on Tuesday, January 28th, beginning at 9:00 A. M.

The following program has been announced by County Agent J. Y. Lassiter:

- 9:00—Roll Call of Committeemen.
  - 9:10—A thorough discussion of the 1941 bulletin and compliance with the Program by Committeemen, State Committeemen and Field Officers assisting. This will end the morning session.
  - Starting at 1:00 o'clock, the Program will be resumed with a Review of expenses of operating the Association in 1940 and make plans for a more efficient and economical operation in 1941.
  - At 2:00 o'clock there will be Discussions by representatives of each community of ways and means of getting the program before EVERY producer in his community and what the three committeemen propose to do in regard to this all important matter.
  - At three o'clock the final subject will be to Summarize the plans
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### REPORTER'S PRIVATE PAPERS:

Chuck Barnett would have you believe he sent this taunting cable to Adolf Schickelgruber of Berlin: "Hey, long time no seize."

And Victor C. Rodgers, of San Diego, offers this after hearing FDR's last speech: "Better to Pay Taxes Than Belong to the Axis."

Quentin Reynolds, who just returned home from London, is autographing copies of his new book, "The Wounded Don't Cry," to girl friends (married or single) in this manner: "In memory of a glorious weekend at Lake Como."

Quentin's book is crowded with eye-arresting wordage like: "That night I heard the German radio expert report that London had been panicked by the German bombers. I got a cable from New York saying: 'Reports here that London in flames.' There was damage in London all right; there will be further damage, but I don't think London will be ruined or that London will be panicked. They never panicked."

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### Plan "Library Days" On February 4-5 To Liquidate Building Debt

### Balance Of \$200 Due On Renovation Of Local Library

### TWO DAY DRIVE FOR CASH CONTRIBUTIONS

A drive to raise \$200, the balance due for renovating and transforming the old Norfolk - Southern Railroad Station into a fine new County Library will be made on February 4th and 5th. The drive is headed by a committee headed by Mrs. U. E. Swann, chairman, Mrs. J. P. Betts and Mrs. R. K. Davis. They are representing the Woman's Club of Beaufort which after 20 years of working and planning for such a library, recently saw their dream realized.

The Carteret County Library loans books to the public without charge, and since everyone is privileged to borrow books, the drive will not include just a few generous donors but will be a house-to-house canvas. Nothing but CASH Contributions will be sought in this particular drive, although the Library sponsors have already announced that the new institution would appreciate the gift of any books or periodicals.

The new County Library is just not a library but a recreation center

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### 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, Jan. 24.	
5:42 A. M.	11:09 A. M.
5:57 P. M.	12:05 P. M.
Saturday, Jan. 25	
6:35 A. M.	12:07 A. M.
6:50 P. M.	12:56 P. M.
Sunday, Jan. 26	
7:24 A. M.	1:01 A. M.
7:39 P. M.	1:43 P. M.
Monday, Jan. 27	
8:09 A. M.	1:49 A. M.
8:24 P. M.	2:27 P. M.
Tuesday, Jan. 28	
8:52 A. M.	2:35 A. M.
9:08 P. M.	3:07 P. M.
Wednesday, Jan. 29	
9:35 A. M.	3:16 A. M.
9:50 P. M.	3:45 P. M.
Thursday, Jan. 30	
10:13 A. M.	3:56 A. M.
10:32 P. M.	4:22 P. M.

### Officials For The 1941 Fair

PRESIDENT



William L. Hattell

MANAGER



R. Hugh Hill

ASS'T MGR.



Raymond Ball

TREASURER



Tom E. Kelly

WILLIAM L. HATSELL, owner of The Beaufort News was elected president of the American Legion sponsored Carteret County Fair for 1941 at a meeting of the local Post members here Tuesday night. Other officers elected included: Blakely Pond, Davis, 1st Vice-President; Charles Nelson, Gloucester, 2nd vice-President; R. Hugh Hill, General Manager; Raymond Ball, Harlowe, Assistant Manager; T. E. Kelly, Treasurer and C. Z. Chappell, secretary.

The 1941 Carteret Fair will be held on the week beginning October 6th. Each of the officials named are very active in Carteret Post 99, American Legion circles.—Photos by Eubanks.)