

"Unknown Seas"  
A Dramatic Romance  
of Old Beaufort  
By Mrs. G. M. Paul  
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## Plans To Extend Present Town Terms Is A FALSE RUMOR

State Legislature  
Appropriates Funds  
For Oyster Gardens

Capt. John Nelson, N. C. Commissioner of Fisheries and Dr. H. F. Prytherch, director of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Laboratory here were in Raleigh last week the State Legislature appropriated a special fund of \$10,000 to create two or three experimental oyster gardens on the coast. The money may not be available until the end of the fiscal year in June, which would delay plans for establishing the gardens at least one season, in the opinion of Capt. Nelson.

The idea behind the experimental farms is to show coastal residents the advantage of cultivating oysters. It is hoped that the "educational campaign" will result in coastal residents leasing the many hundred thousands of acres of oyster bottoms for carrying on private oyster cultivation. The oyster industry was once very important in North Carolina but during recent years bottoms have become depleted and no effort was made to grow the bivalves commercially.

The three experimental gardens proposed will be located on North River, near Beaufort and on Pamlico Sound. The money when available will be used in the construction of piers, watch towers, planting and developing the experimental beds. From this small beginning, North Carolina has an opportunity to develop an oyster industry valued at anywhere from ten to twenty millions of dollars annually.

**The Washington Merry-Go-Round**  
DREW PEARSON & ROBERT AGLEN

**U. S. FIRMS PAY AXIS POWERS**  
WASHINGTON.—While the senate is preparing to enact the lend-lease bill committing this country to vast outlays for Great Britain, certain American firms are paying out hundreds of dollars monthly to Germany and Italy, which funds are being used to fight both the United States and Britain.

This secret Axis aid is being delivered in the form of royalty payments on industrial formulas, trademarks, copyrights and patents. The money is paid in dollars and is deposited to German and Italian accounts in New York banks.

The justice department, which has conducted a secret investigation, has uncovered these interesting facts:

1. That the royalty payments are now running around \$500,000 a month, of which Germany gets at least 80 per cent.
2. That a considerable portion of the money was used by Germany last year to buy U. S. goods for delivery to Latin American buyers, to make good on contracts that Germany confidently had signed after See Merry-Go-Round, Page 2

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### HISTORICAL EVENTS

FEBRUARY

28. First railroad chartered, 1827.
- March
1. First American bank chartered 1780.
2. Missouri Compromise, Act. 1820.
3. War with Algiers, 1815.
4. U. S. Constitution went into effect, 1789.
5. Boston Massacre, 1770.
6. Massacre at the Alamo, 1836.

### BIRTHDAYS Of Famous People

February

1. W. D. Howells, author, 1837.
2. Pope Leo, XIII, 1810.
3. Alex. G. Bell, telephone, 1847.
4. Knute Rockne, coach, 1888.
5. Howard Pyle, artist, 1833.
6. Ring Lardner, humorist, 1885.

Mayor Huntley Says  
No Movement Here  
To Extend Term  
Of The Mayor

There were rumors going up and down Front Street this week that a movement was underway to extend the term of office of the present mayor and town board for two additional years without the formality of an election in May. The Beaufort News figured that the best source to get the low-down on the matter as many persons seemed to be more or less perturbed at hearing the rumors, was to get a statement from Mayor Huntley.

Mayor Huntley emphatically denied that he had heard of any such plan, or that a Bill to the effect of the rumors was now in Raleigh, waiting to be introduced by Representative H. S. Gibbs in the General Assembly. The rumors going streetwise, however, were not entirely unfounded, although apparently a bit misconstrued, it was learned. There has been some talk of having a Legislative enactment which would make the term of municipal office holders in Beaufort and Morehead City extend for a period of four years, for those who would be elected as Town Commissioners and Mayor in the May Elections of this year.

"It seems only practical," said Mayor Huntley, "that the terms should be for four years instead of two as at present. All county officers now extend for four years and it seems to be working out very nicely. A new mayor or new commissioner has really learned his duties thoroughly only after several months in office and at the end of two years his experience thus gained should naturally be of more value to the citizens of the town in which he serves, than an inexperienced office holder just elected," he said. Then too, the expense of the election every two years would be reduced if the office was for four years.

**MAY MAKE CHIEF POLICE APPOINTEE**

Mayor Huntley further stated that only two towns remain in North Carolina where the chief of police is an elective job. These two municipalities are Beaufort and New Bern. It is understood that during the present Legislature the town of Morehead City thru enactment is abolishing the elective chief of police and making it an appointive post.

From another source The Beaufort News learns there is a possibility that a bill in the legislature may be presented to abolish the office of chief of police as an elective job in Beaufort and make it an appointive post, before the current session ends.

### OUTER BANKS

**HATTERAS**—Richard B. Daily, chief of the Hatteras weather bureau returned to his post there last week, after being transferred to Washington, D. C., some time ago for temporary duty in that city.

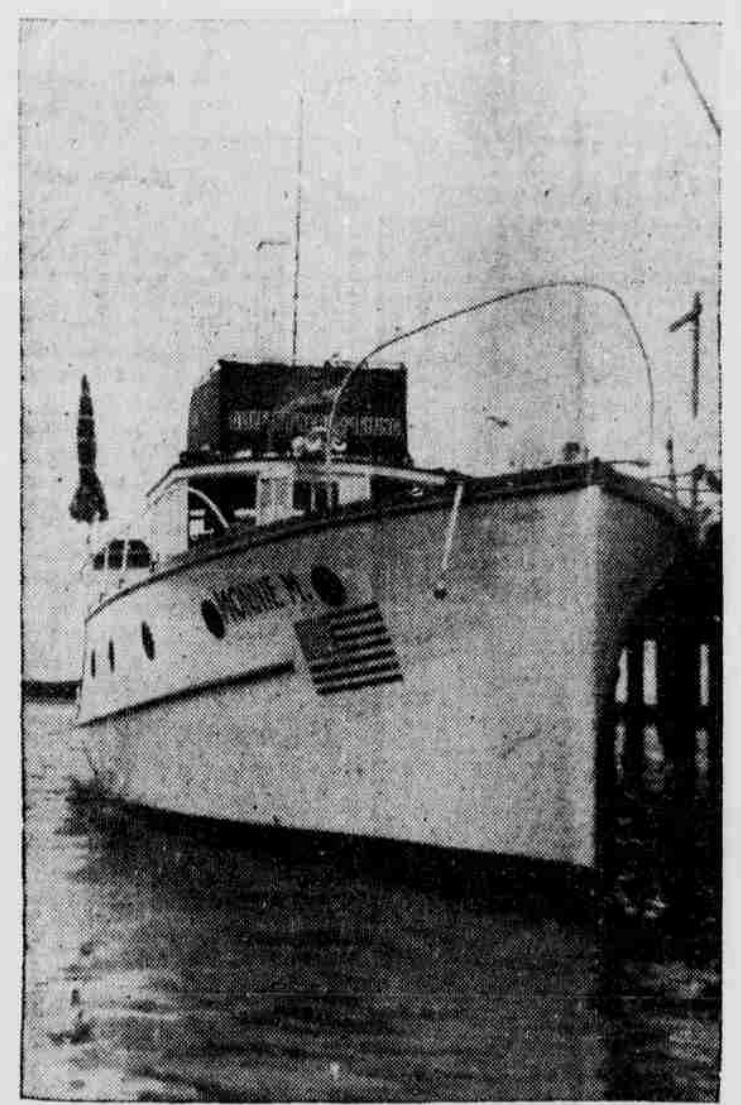
### New Owners Of The Vogue Return From N. Y. Buying Trip

The Vogue of Beaufort, owned and operated by Mrs. Bessie P. Lewis for the past several years has been purchased by Mrs. Albert Chadwick and Mrs. Vera L. Smith. Mrs. Chadwick and Mrs. Smith returned last Saturday from New York City markets, after spending a week, personally selecting their firm's new Spring merchandise. They were accompanied by Mrs. J. C. Parsons, the former buyer for The Vogue.

Under its new ownership The Vogue will continue to feature its well known slogan, "Exclusive but not expensive". The new owners Mrs. Chadwick and Mrs. Smith have had much experience in the merchandising business, and their firm should have a very bright future. Both are well-known locally and have a host of friends and patrons who are wishing them well in their new business venture.

Mrs. Lewis is retiring on account of her health. She stated this week that she wished to thank everyone for their patronage to The Vogue while she owned the firm, and appreciates the business that has been given her. Mrs. Lewis will still continue to make her home in Beaufort.

Many Cruisers Of The "Monnie M"  
Type Will Be In C. G. Auxiliary



**CAPTAIN TONY SEAMON, owner and master of the Gulf Stream fishing cruiser told a Beaufort News man last week that while he had not joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary (Flotilla 18) recently formed in Morehead City, that he was planning to later. His boat, the average size of the vessels which will form the Auxiliary flotilla fleet is shown in the above photograph.—(Photo by Aycock Brown, Cut courtesy Greensboro Daily News).**

### Mine-Sweeper Bids Opened On Feb. 26

Bids submitted by Bell-Wallace Shipyard for the construction of two mine sweepers at their Morehead City plant along with bids from other existing N. C. shipyards which are seeking small boat contracts, were opened in Washington on Wednesday. The Morehead City firm expects to know within a week or less if they will get contracts to build the mine-sweepers.

### Carteret County Postmasters Help Polio Fund Drive

Postmasters in Carteret County received little buttons to be displayed in lobbies and sold in the drive for funds to aid in the Infantile Paralysis fight which was established by President Roosevelt. In Carteret a total of \$40 was thus raised, which was the largest amount from any one source to help raise funds for this purpose. The button-sale drive for funds in Carteret was under the leadership of W. H. Taylor of Beaufort Post Office who is county director for the National Postmaster Association which sponsored the drive.

Mrs. Imogene Daniels of Roe, on Cedar Island in turning in her report of the button sale, stated that much credit should go to 11-year-old Alvin Ross Lupton who took charge of sales there and sold a large number of buttons. Young Lupton deserves praise for his activity, and so do other postmasters who cooperated in the drive.

### C. G. John Salter Gets Promotion

John Salter who has been second in command at the Coast Guard Station at Seaside Heights, N. J., for several years has been named Captain, to succeed Captain H. W. Steele, who reports for duty in Washington. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kilby Salter of Sea Level, N. C.

### Almost Freeze When Skiff Is Swamped

Harry Mann and Bertie Smith of the Merrimon section were crossing South River in a skiff last Saturday night during a hard gale. The skiff sunk and it was necessary for them to wade ashore. They suffered considerably from exposure and "almost froze to death" before they reached the home of Mrs. Robert Pittman where they changed clothing and got warm. During the same gale the barge Columbia also went ashore near the mouth of South River.

### Income Tax Expert Coming Next Week

An expert whose duty it will be to help those persons who must file income taxes will be in Beaufort next week. He is scheduled to have a desk in the Post Office lobby on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 4-5. All persons who are in doubt about how to fill out their Returns are urged to contact the Federal Income Tax representative who is being sent here by Collector C. H. Robertson of Greensboro.

### Bill Introduced To Abolish Local Park Commission

A Bill has been introduced in the General Assembly of North Carolina by Representative H. S. Gibbs which if it becomes law will abolish the Beaufort Park Commission. In other words the bill would turn the Community Center Property over to the Town Board of Commissioners for them to do with as they deemed fit. Under the present set-up under Legislative enactment, the Park Commission has complete authority.

Constructed during the early days of the Works Progress Commission, the Community Center project gave employment to large numbers of persons who needed the work and the money they received in salaries very much. For some reason, there has never been any great amount of activity at the Community Center although the building during the summer months serves as class rooms for two units of Woman's College which has established seaside summer schools here. The golf course is in fair shape but only a few people seem to play golf and the tennis courts are seldom ever used.

A mattress making project was established in one of the rooms of the Community Center building and several months ago the caretaker of the property was given the privilege to operate a sort of recreation place in the auditorium. Under the present set-up there is no police protection available for the Community Center, and that, according to Mayor Huntley is one of the things apparently needed. He referred to some fights which had occurred at Community Center recently by patrons of the dances.

### New C. G. District

Effective March 1 (Saturday), the Charleston Coast Guard District will be established, including all units from Ocracoke to Georgia. Capt. Yeandle, formerly in charge CG Cutter "Hamilton" will be District Commander.

## OLD BEAUFORT ROMANCE THEME OF LOCAL PLAY

Thirty Five Local Person In Cast For Roles

"UNKNOWN SEAS" TO BE PRESENTED MARCH 14TH

Following a great deal of research, Mrs. Grayden M. Paul, has written a romantic drama of old Beaufort, based entirely on actual facts, which has a very "Gone With The Wind" flavor because the time of the play is during ante-Bellum and Civil War days. The title is "Unknown Seas", and the historical drama in three acts will be presented at Beaufort School auditorium on Friday evening, March 14, at 8:00 o'clock. There will be no charge of admission and persons attending the drama will be seeing 35 Beaufort people taking roles of 35 Beaufort people of another era.

The play will be strictly of interest to grownups, and children, unless they are accompanied by their parents, and unless they sit by their parents in the auditorium, pay strict attention, remain quiet and cause no confusion (as children have had a tendency to do at recent presentations at the school auditorium) will not be encouraged to attend.

Act one of the play, with two scenes has its setting in the parlor of the home of Dr. Manney of Beaufort in the year 1836. Scene See Old Beaufort, Page 8

## REA Co-operative Will Have Office In Beaufort Soon

The Carteret-Craven Electric Membership Cooperation this county's second REA financed rural power project held its first regular meeting Tuesday night and disposed of several problems that should speed up the beginning of actual construction. A resolution was passed that an office be established in Beaufort and it will be located in the building on Ann Street formerly occupied by Noe's Market.

This project will consist of 145 miles of line to serve approximately 435 member-consumers. There will be substations at Newport and Atlantic, the lines from these points to serve the following communities: Bogue, Broad Creek, Stella, Peletier, Harlowe, Bachelor Merrimon, South River, up N. C. 101 and across North River to Straits and all of Cedar Island. It will be possible for service to be extended from these lines to other communities at a later date provided enough members are found to warrant the construction cost.

Enough current will be available on the Cooperative's lines to supply up to 5 HP motors. There will be a favorable rate fixed so that motors and appliances that use large quantities of current can be utilized at very low cost.

## Covering The Waterfront By AYCOCK BROWN

EARL TAYLOR, Beaufort's leading aviation enthusiast told me this story: The pilot of the Waco seaplane which had been beached on the waterfront asked the man in the boat who was going to pull the plane out in the harbor, to arrange the rope so both ends could be controlled from the boat by merely making a loop around the strut between the pontoons. The man in the boat, not minding a profane reply gave the pilot to understand that he the pilot was trying to get away without paying for the towing. The pilot assured him that he would do nothing of the kind. Taylor declared that the boat had a marking on it which indicated that was publicly owned by either the N. C. or U. S. Fisheries. The man in the boat who did not want the pilot to get away without paying for the three or four minutes towing job, in Earl's opinion is on a public payroll, that is state or federal. If the foregoing facts are true, it seems like a shame that a pilot of a plane forced down must pay for such trivial services.

NO WONDER THE pilot got a bad taste in his mouth about Beaufort hospital. No wonder he See WATERFRONT, Page 8

## Citizens Here Ask U. S. E. D. To Assist In Keeping Waterfront And Local Harbor Clear Of Trash

C. of C. Directors To Meet On Friday

Dr. W. L. Woodard, acting president of The Chamber of Commerce here in the absence of C. L. Beam, has called a meeting of the civic group's board of directors for Friday night, March 28, at 7:30 o'clock. The meeting will be held in Miller Furniture Company, Dr. Woodard stated. All members of the Board of Directors and others interested are urged to attend as several matters of importance are scheduled to be brought up, it was indicated.

## SKARREN RITES CONDUCTED HERE

Well Known Citizen Was A Plumbing Contractor

Funeral services for William E. Skarren, 70-year old prominent citizen of Beaufort, were conducted at the home on Ann Street, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Rev. Stanley Potter, pastor of the Methodist church and Rev. E. C. McConnell, rector of St. Paul's Church officiating. Mr. Skarren who was a retired plumbing contractor, died late Monday night from a heart attack.

Although he had been in poor health for several years, his death was unexpected. He had worked in his garden on Monday and was apparently much improved and was not heard to complain of feeling unwell. He was stricken after retiring that night.

Mr. Skarren is survived by his widow, Mrs. Carrie Scott Skarren and four daughters, Mrs. D. M. Denoyer, Mrs. Halsey Paul, Mrs. Howard Jones and Mrs. C. O. Pitts, all of Beaufort; four brothers, Edward E. Skarren, Beaufort; Harry Skarren Norfolk; Bert Skarren of New York and Frank Skarren, Philadelphia. One sister, Mrs. Joe McNally of Brooklyn, N. Y. also survive.

## Tourney Story

A complete story of the Carteret Basketball Tournament which is now underway in Marehead City, will be published in The Beaufort News next week. Receipt of late ads crowded this and several other items out of today's edition.

## Sea Level Man Is Tried By Recorder

John Hamilton of Sea Level was ordered to surrender his drivers' license and pay costs when convicted in Recorder's Court on Tuesday of operating an automobile while intoxicated and damage to property. Principal Clerk of Sea Level School was the prosecuting witness in the case.

Rufus Fair, charged with violating the prohibition law was found guilty and given a 90-day sentence which was suspended upon payment of the costs and upon condition that the defendant remain of good behavior for a period of two years.

## Guthrie-Jones Drug Store Is Now Open For Business Here

Guthrie-Jones Drug Store, formerly of New Bern, has opened for business in the building on the south side of Front Street formerly occupied by Owens Bros. Grocery. It is Beaufort's newest and third drug store. The owners are Clarence Guthrie and David Jones, both registered druggists, natives of Beaufort and well known here. The new firm will feature a complete line of drugs, toilet articles, sundries and fountain service. Prescriptions will be compounded only by registered druggists. Elsewhere in today's edition will be found one large display advertisement of this firm and several smaller spot ads. An opening special offered at the Guthrie-Jones Drug Store on Saturday, March 1, will be Banana Splits for a dime and a newly created Hot Fudge Sundae for a nickel more.

## It Is A Violation Of U. S. Law To Throw Trash In Water

MOVEMENT UNDERWAY HERE TO ENFORCE SAME

Although there have been spasmodic attempts to forbid local citizens and operators of business houses from throwing trash, rubbish and garbage overboard since Beaufort was a very young town, the matter of keeping the harbor clean has always presented a very serious problem. Much of the garbage and trash which is dumped overboard finally fetches up on the beach along the waterfront. This is very distasteful to summer visitors and vacationists, although apparently the local citizenship does not seem to worry much about the situation, or if they do worry, nothing is ever about the matter.

It was stated here this week that a new movement is underway to request the U. S. Engineering Department of the War Department to intercede and enforce their ruling which makes it a violation of the federal law to throw trash and garbage overboard in an established harbor. Perhaps Town authorities who have made efforts to control the situation from time to time See TRASH, Page 8

**Walter Winchell**

## Notes of an Innocent Bystander

The Front Pages: Benito Pop-Eye is so busy getting out of England's way that he hasn't noticed his press is getting lippy. Telegrafo of Leghorn, his own son-in-law's rag, is the sassiest. It admits the beating at Bengazi and even praises the victors' ability. . . . The Spanish dailies are exhibiting boldness, too. They warn that Weygand's French army isn't keeping in shape just for a parade. They remind the Fascists the French would like to get hunk for the back-stabbing of last June. . . . Wendell Willkie, The Nation tells you, is satisfied to keep a feudin' with publisher Roy Howard. That weekly reports that Wendell declined to have the Howards as farewell buddies when he clipped to Europe. . . . And Willkie's alliance with FDR inspires Detroit's columnist Harry W. Wade to anticipate the day when the Republican party will consist entirely of the Chicago Tribune.

The Story Tellers: The bad bargain-the Bolos made with Berlin at the start of the war is exposed by De. . . . See Winchell—Page 2

## 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. So meallowances 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, Feb. 28	
9:43 A. M.	3:33 A. M.
7:58 P. M.	3:50 P. M.
Saturday, March 1	
10:18 A. M.	4:09 A. M.
10:35 P. M.	4:25 P. M.
Sunday, March 2	
10:53 A. M.	4:45 A. M.
	5:00 P. M.
Monday, March 3	
11:11 A. M.	5:26 A. M.
11:29 P. M.	5:39 P. M.
Tuesday, March 4	
11:49 A. M.	6:11 A. M.
12:07 P. M.	6:25 P. M.
Wednesday, March 5	
12:31 A. M.	7:04 A. M.
12:51 P. M.	7:16 P. M.
Thursday, March 6	
1:22 A. M.	8:03 A. M.
1:45 P. M.	8:13 P. M.