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Van Sant Inc. Lets Contract To Winston-Salem Company

Foundations Are Laid For New Plant Buildings

NEW INDUSTRY WILL EMPLOY LOCAL MEN

Van Sant Inc., the new industry now located in Beaufort, has awarded the contract for the construction of its buildings to the Fowler-Jones Construction Co., of Winston-Salem, N. C. Work has already been started on the foundations of several units, and ground has been cleared for the entire plant. The concern will be located on the north side of the Lenoxville highway a short distance beyond the Gulf Stream golf course. The spur of the Beaufort and Morehead R. R. has been extended to this point and is being used to transport building material to the site.

An official of the Van Sant Co. stated this week that the contractors would employ local labor for the work of building. Also, local people will be employed for operating the plant as soon as everything is in readiness. Between 75 and 150 men will be required depending upon the amount of raw material on hand.

The completed plant will consist of 10 or 12 units. Several buildings will be warehouses for storing raw material and finished products awaiting shipment. Other buildings will house the office, power plant and processing departments.

The Van Sant industry, associated with the American Chorophyll Corporation, produces a product extracted from a vegetable grown in South America. The material to be processed will be brought to this country by freighter and will probably enter through the port at Morehead City. The product turned out at the local plant will be shipped to wholesale drug manufacturers who will use it in the making of medicines and supplies. There has been some talk locally that this industry was being erected by one of the large munitions companies and would manufacture high explosives and other war material. Van Sant officials stated definitely that the concern is in no way connected with the making of war materials. The nearest their product could come to the battlefields would be through hospitals or some such method.

This industry is not to be classed as a "war baby" as are many of the concerns being established in other communities. Being of a permanent character it will assure the community of a steady source of income. Rather than stopping operations after the war, the company will be able to increase in size as the securing of raw material is made more easy.



Things Few New Yorkers Know About New York:

There is \$4,000,000 in gold at the bottom of the East river. The treasure was aboard a British ship that sank there in 1870. Many attempts have been made to recover the money, but they all failed. . . . The Bronx has its own flag. . . . Everybody knows that the Statue of Liberty carries a torch in her right hand. Know what she holds in her left? It's a book representing Law, which has on it in block letters the date, July 4, 1776, signifying liberty based on law. . . . Next time you pass Grant's tomb and you want to show your friend how much you know about New York, raise his eyebrows by pointing out that the general's body is encased in three coffins.

New York has 36 buildings that are 36 stories high or higher. There are only 20 such buildings in the rest of the country. (Yes, the Big Town has the big buildings, the big heads—and the rest of the country has most of the big hearts.)

The first New York census showed that it had 1,000 people and 20 houses. . . . In the early 17th century, South, Water and Front streets were covered with water, and Broad

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RED CROSS FUND PASSES \$1000

New Contributions Boost Total Of Goal

The Beaufort Chapter's Red Cross War Fund campaign has passed the one thousand dollar mark as the drive for this necessary money came to an end. The total reported this week by the chairman of the War Fund, E. C. McConnell, amounted to \$1010.92.

Included in this sum are several contributions that were not acknowledged previously. Harkers Island \$7.00, Smyrna, \$20.00, Atlantic \$8.00 (in addition to \$70.00 noted before), Beaufort \$12.00. Although the national organization has announced that the drive is officially closed, contributions will still be acceptable either to local chapters or from chapters to the national offices in Washington. The local chairman urges all who have been receiving the funds in communities outside Beaufort to report the final amounts as soon as possible.

The officers of the Beaufort Chapter are very pleased with the response made by the people of the chapter area. They also wish to thank all who have given of their time to collect contributions.

ABOUT THE TOWN

—With— MACK CLARK

We went over to the USO building in Morehead City last Sunday afternoon to take in the Open House program arranged to give the public an opportunity to see what all is done there. We were very favorably impressed with the building and the furnishings and the variety of entertainment provided for the Service Men. The staff and the volunteer committees certainly deserve a lot of thanks and appreciation from all of us.

But, the attitude of the citizenry on a couple of matters leaves a lot to be desired. First, a number of people seemed to think that the demonstration of how to handle an incendiary bomb was put on for their amusement. Some thought it was very funny when we were told that one of the best precautions we can take is to spread a layer of sand on the floor of our attics. And others laughed when the firemen giving the demonstration used a blanket to shield himself as he moved up to turn the spray on the burning bomb. We're not wishing anyone any bad luck, but it might do some of us good to have to put out a few of those white hot pieces of hell.

The second matter is something marred the otherwise colorful and impressive ceremony of the raising of the national Colors and the flags representing the organizations that are taking a part in the USO program. Only about one out of ten people there seemed to know the words of the pledge of allegiance or how to stand and give the salute.

There is no better symptom of See ABOUT TOWN Page 8

Carteret County Oil Dealers To Observe Much Shorter Hours

Carteret County gasoline filling station operators met at Piner's Gulf station in Beaufort on Tuesday night to discuss ways and means of operating their places of business due to the gasoline and oil situation brought about by the sinking of tankers by enemy submarines along the Atlantic coast.

Mr. Piner stated this morning that with one exception, all agreed to open their stations at 8:30 in the morning and close same at 8:30 at night. The oil stations will be closed all day Sundays. Oil dealers on their gasoline supplies. It was also announced from Washington today that gasoline would be rationed on the Atlantic seaboard just as soon as the necessary cards could be printed.

Reported Missing After His Vessel Was Sunk Off N. C.



On Tuesday morning news was received in Beaufort from Ocracoke Island, that the navigation licenses of Third Mate James B. Gaskill, was found on the beach where they had apparently been washed ashore only a short while before. Yet the licenses were reported to have been absolutely dry and appeared to have not been in water. It is a mystery which had not been explained when news was received here.

It was a mystery, because James Baughm Gaskill, pictured above, who is a native of Ocracoke Island was officially reported missing by the Navy on Saturday, following the sinking earlier in the

A WEEK OF THE WAR

War Production Chairman Nelson said man-hours now being put into military production could be doubled if all equipment involved were used 24 hours a day. He asked manufacturers for monthly reports to show how rapidly industry is being converted to war work. The degree of utilization of equipment and any factors interfering with maximum production.

The WPB reported 95 percent of the radio and phonograph industry, which ceases civilian production April 22, will be completely converted to war work before June 30. Production of communication equipment needed by the military services is expected to exceed a rate of \$125 million a month by the end of the year.

Chairman Nelson announced 31 regional conferences of Labor and Management representatives from prime contracting plants engaged tanks and machine tools will be held during the next two weeks. The meetings will lay plans to meet or exceed the production goals announced by the President. The WPB ordered the production of domestic laundry equipment to

Submarines Account for Two More Vessels On N. C. Coast

Explosions Plainly Heard In Beaufort And Vicinity

NINE ARE KILLED AND 60 RESCUED

Two more merchant ships were torpedoed off the Atlantic coast early Sunday with the loss of at least nine lives, the navy disclosed yesterday. Two seamen were listed as missing and were presumed to have been hit while in a lifeboat.

Six lives were lost in the sinking of an American merchantman of medium tonnage which was way laid by three enemy submarines that sent two torpedoes into her engine room. One projectile struck beneath a lifeboat as it was being lowered and blew the boat, occupied by six men, to bits. Thirty-three crew members, 29 of them uninjured, were landed at Morehead City, after being adrift on life rafts from three to nine hours.

The other vessel, carrying a crew of 36, was torpedoed at 1:22 A. M. Eastern War Time, the sixth naval district said, after the target was outlined by red and green Very lights from a submarine. Three were killed and five reported missing, although three of the five were said to have been picked up by rescue craft. Fifteen of the crew were injured and nine were still under hospital care yesterday at Charleston, S. C.

The dead from the three-way See SUBMARINES Page 8

BEAUFORT MAN IS FIRST IN LOTTERY

Hugh Pake Has Number One In Third Drawing

Hugh Gordon Pake of Beaufort RFD 1 was the first man in Carteret County to have his number drawn in the national lottery for the third Selective Service drawing conducted in Washington this week. Although Pake's serial number is 441, his was the first of those registered in the county to come out of the goldfish bowl.

Pake is a married man with two children, but barring failure to pass the physical examination, he will be liable to call to the service. Under new regulations deferment is no longer granted men with families.

The serial numbers of all men registered in the county have been posted at several points in Beaufort and Morehead City. The order list, i. e. the order in which serial numbers were drawn, will be posted at the Beaufort News Office so that it will be possible for anyone to determine his order number by checking the two lists.

Chamber Commerce Elects New Officers

The annual meeting and banquet of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce was held at the Inlet Inn on Monday night. The primary item of business following the dinner was the election of officers. Result of the election placed a new set of officers in charge of the Chamber's plans and activities for the coming year. The new heads are President R. Hugh Hill; Vice-Pres. Jacob Miller, Secretary, G. W. Duncan; Treas. Mrs. Martha Loftin.

Following the business meeting Mayor G. M. Paul addressed the gathering on the subject of Civilian Defense. After outlining the latest setup as suggested by the State Civilian Director, Mr. Paul urged that members of the Chamber cooperate with Beaufort plans.

Most Of County Officials Will Seek Re-election

Although none have officially announced their intentions, it was stated today at the County Court House that all of the office holders of Carteret County, with the exception of one or more commissioners would run again for the offices they now hold in the Primary which will be held on Saturday, May 30.

The following Democrats which are now in office will be in the race; L. W. Hassell, clerk of court, C. G. Holland, sheriff; Paul Webb, judge Recorder's court; M. Leslie Davis, solicitor recorder's court. The members of the board of commissioners could not be contacted as we go to press today.

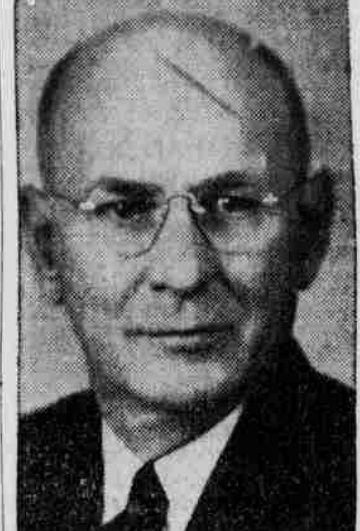
DRAFT LIST

The draft list containing the serial numbers as prepared by the Carteret County Draft Board is posted in front of The Beaufort News office. This list has been posted for the past week and quite a number of people have been around and found their numbers and names.

OLD DOCUMENT

L. W. Hassell, Clerk of Superior Court while searching through some records yesterday ran across a document dated 1880 which was the inventory of the late Capt. Thomas Duncan. The document contained 39 sheets legal cap paper written in long hand and when placed to end this document measured 27 feet in length. The paper was signed by Wm. B. Duncan and Thomas A. Duncan, Executors

Spence Will Not Run For Seat In Congress



Dr. Zeno Spence of Goldsboro, pictured above, announced today that he would not be a candidate for Congress in opposition to Rep. Graham, present incumbent. On page two of today's paper he says that he will support Barden. He does, however, continue to favor the Townsend plan and says now is the time to enact the measure.

25 MORE

It has just been announced as we go to press today that the allied forces had shot down 25 more Japanese planes over Burma today.

ONE OF WRECK VICTIMS DIES

Vannie Styron, 45, of Harkers Island who was in an automobile wreck last Wednesday died in the Morehead City Hospital Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Funeral services were conducted from the home Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock by the Rev. Mr. Harris, pastor of the local Methodist church. Interment was made in the community cemetery.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Callie S. Styron and three children, Misses Bernice, Lila May, and Gherman Styron, all of Harkers Island. His mother, Mrs. Alvania Styron and a sister, Mrs. Charlie Guthrie also survive. Pall bearers were members of the Junior Order, of which he was a member.

President Approves Bill For Addition To Smyrna School

In a special wire to the Beaufort News this week, Congressman Graham A. Barden reported that President Roosevelt had signed the recently approved WPA project providing for the erection of an additional building and the improvement of present buildings at the Smyrna school. The project calls for the expenditure of \$4,869.00 which sum will provide for an excellent annex to the present facilities and will put the existing building in a state of good repairs.

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.

HIGH	LOW
Friday March 20	
11:34 AM.	5:20 AM.
11:50 PM.	5:29 PM.
Saturday, March 21	
	5:58 AM.
12:09 AM.	6:07 PM.
Sunday, March 22	
12:29 AM.	6:42 AM.
12:48 PM.	6:52 PM.
Monday, March 23	
1:09 AM.	7:33 AM.
1:30 PM.	7:42 PM.
Tuesday, March 24	
1:53 AM.	8:29 AM.
2:19 PM.	8:38 PM.
Wednesday, March 25	
2:47 AM.	9:29 AM.
3:21 PM.	9:39 PM.
Thursday, March 26	
3:50 AM.	10:27 AM.
4:22 PM.	10:38 PM.

SPEED ZONES BEING SETUP

Highway Signs Are Now Being Erected

Highway engineers are erecting signs designating 35 and 45 miles per hour speed zones authorized at the February meeting of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, Ben Prince, Chairman said today. A total of 180 zones in 65 counties has been designated as "speed zones", with a maximum speed limit of 35 mph in 155 zones and a top limit of 45mph in the remaining 25.

Areas zoned included the outskirts of many incorporated towns, as well as principal state highways passing through some unincorporated towns, and other places in which congested traffic conditions or hazards proving dangerous to the traveling public prevail, Prince said.

Listing excessive speed as the cause of most of the serious and fatal automobile accidents on the highways of the State, Governor J. M. Broughton in a prepared statement today called on all citizens to observe the speed limits established in these zones. Members of the Highway Patrol and other law enforcement agencies of the State, he said, have been instructed to enforce the speed limits set up for the zoned areas. His complete statement is as follows:

"Excessive speed is undoubtedly the cause of most of the serious and fatal automobile accidents on the highways of our State. Under the law as it has existed for a number of years, the maximum speed limit in North Carolina is sixty miles per hour. Only the General Assembly can modify this limit, and it probable that some modification will be made at the next session of the General Assembly.

However, the State Highway and Public Works Commission has very wisely been given under the law the power to designate special zones or areas of danger and to fix a modified speed limit in such areas and to post appropriate signs in connection therewith.

"In January, of this year, I conferred with the State Highway Commission and called attention to the tragic increase of deaths on our highways. It was suggested that the Commission through its engineers complete as early as possible the work already begun in connection with fixing such danger zones and modifying the speed limit in all such zones. I am pleased to learn now that this work has practically been completed and that highway signs indicating modified speed limits are being placed in all military areas, congested traffic areas, at dangerous curves and intersections, and at other places where the traffic hazard is great. These signs will plainly indicate to the travelling See SPEED ZONES Page 8



Washington, D. C. 40-HOUR FIGHT

The furious battle over the bill to suspend the 40-hour week in war plants caused a personal rift between two house leaders that may take a long time to heal. When Rep. John McCormack, Massachusetts liberal, was elected Democratic floor leader, one of his strongest supporters was a colleague who had nothing in common with McCormack except friendship—anti-New Deal, anti-labor Rep. Gene Cox of Georgia.

It was with hushed astonishment, therefore, that the house listened to Cox's bitter attack against McCormack during the stormy debate over the anti-40 hour proposal. His voice strident in anger, Cox denounced McCormack on the ground that his opposition to abolishing the 40-hour week was "not good sportsmanship, and I wonder if it is good leadership."

"I have hoped," the Georgian thundered, "that at some time the gentleman from Massachusetts would come to a realization that he is supposed to speak for the majority of this house rather than for somebody else." Friends rushed to McCormack's defense, but he made no reply. Next day, however, under McCormack's leadership, the bill was defeated 220 See MERRY-GO-ROUND P 7