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JURY IS DRAWN FOR MARCH TERM SUPERIOR COURT

Board Also Makes Tax Adjustments In Monday Session

The County Commissioners met in regular session Monday morning. Reports were read by Dr. Robert K. Oliver for the Carteret County Health Department and by Mr. B. C. May for the Carteret AAA and were both accepted by the Board. Other business consisted largely of tax adjustments and selection of jury for the March Term of Criminal and Civil Superior Court.

Adjustments were made for: Beaufort: Dan Smith, R. E. Chaplain, George A. Brooks (Portsmouth property); Newport: William H. and J. C. Bell; Marshallberg: Tyre Moore (Banks property); J. W. Hill, Lambert Guthrie; Davis: Theodore Willis, D. J. Willis; Merrimon: Siddle Reel (colored); W. T. Smithdeal; Harlowe: Harry P. White lands, D. L. Hardesty; Straits: Mrs. Gladys S. Morrison.

Messrs. Charles V. Webb, S. A. Chalk, and John Brooks, were named on an appraisal committee for adjustment of property valuation in the County for tax purposes.

The following jury was selected:

Beaufort: A. N. Fodrie, G. W. Huntley, Jr., Wade Neal, Jack O. Chadwick, Paul S. Jones, D. G. Merrill, Robert E. King, Otis Willis, H. G. Loftin. RFD: Whitford Gillikin, W. T. Pake.

Morehead City: George I. Wallace, J. R. Loughton, M. S. Webb, Philip K. Ball, George V. Willis, C. T. Whitehead, R. E. Loughton, W. M. Webb.

Stacy: Mat Salter, Earl Fuicher Lloyd Hill.

Newport: B. J. Mann, I. Guy Garner, C. R. Cannon.

Harkers Island: Kenneth Johnson, Alfred Moore.

Roe: Luther Gaskill, Hugh Goodwin.

Straits: H. C. Whitehurst. Marshallberg: M. T. Royall. Williston: T. C. Willis. Merrimon: H. B. Salter. Davis: Wesley Paul. Swansboro: John S. Jones. Wildwood: A. C. Murdoch, Sr.

Supper For Choir

The four circles of the Woman's Society for Christian Service of Ann Street Methodist Church are entertaining the Choir with a supper at the church this evening at seven o'clock. The twenty-two guests who have accepted the invitation include Rev. and Mrs. W. Stanley Potter and Mrs. Jim Wheatly in addition to choir members.

Mrs. T. A. Richards, Chairman of the Committee on decorations has made the tables lovely using the Valentine motif, and the Supper Committee plan to serve a plate of tomatoes stuffed with chicken salad and all that goes with it with a lemon pie dessert.

OVER

Beaufort schools have gone over the top in the Fourth War Loan Drive. Sales of bonds have reached \$22,700 and stamps \$1,431.90 well over the pledge made to sell at least one bond for every pupil enrolled.

RATION BRIEFS

GASOLINE A-9 Coupons good through May 8. SHOES No. 18, Book I, good indefinitely for one pair.

No. 1 "Airplane" Stamp in Book III good for one pair. SUGAR Stamp No. 30, Book IV, good for 5 pounds of sugar through March 31. No. 40 good for 5 lbs. canning sugar through February 28, 1945.

CANNED GOODS G. H. J, Book IV, good through Feb. 20. K, L, M, good through March 20.

MEATS Brown V, W, X good through February 26. Y good February 13. FUEL OIL Period 3 coupons good through Feb. 21. Period 4 and 5 good.

REMINDEES Income tax deadline for filing returns March 15. Earlier filing desirable. Tire inspection deadline for A-coupon holders March 31; for B and C-coupon holders, February 28.

Health Department Acquires New Nurse

The Carteret County Health Department during the past week has acquired the services of Miss Caroline E. Kidder. Miss Kidder is a native of Ohio and New Jersey and received her primary training at Orange, New Jersey. Since graduation Miss Kidder engaged in private duty nursing for eight years and then began a long career of public health nursing in Harlan County, Kentucky, during which time she served the people of her mountainous district, constantly having to travel by horseback to reach the remote portions of her district. Miss Kidder then spent 4 1/2 years in the mountains of West Virginia, a portion of this time being spent among the mining people of this state. Miss Kidder has also served at the D. A. R. School at Grant, Alabama and in Western North Carolina and her most recent was at the State Farm Colony at Kinston.

In addition to this long and varied career of public health nursing, Miss Kidder has provided herself with three post-graduate courses of training at such nationally known schools as Peabody College at Nashville, Tenn., New York University, and Simmons College at Boston.

17-Year-Olds May Enlist Now In Radio

A special plan whereby 17-year-olds qualified in radio and electronics may be enlisted as seaman, first class, in the Navy and deferred until they are graduated from high school this spring was announced today by Recruiter Harry Gattton of the New Bern Navy Recruiting Station.

In addition, Gattton said, any high school senior who is 17 may be enlisted now and deferred until graduation this year whether or not he is qualified in the radio technician examination.

Gattton pointed out that the rating of Seaman, first class begins the successful applicant in a ten-month course that will give him the rating of radio technician second class and prepare him for a good job in radio and electronics after the war. The base pay for a seaman first class is \$66 per month with all food, lodging and clothing and dependency allowances.

Narrow Escape From Serious Fire Tues.

Prompt response of the Beaufort Fire Department to call 16 at 4:30 Tuesday morning saved the town from what could have been a very disastrous fire. A sterilizer left attached in Dr. W. L. Woodard's office where he had been doing night work became overheated and considerable smoke resulted although there was little damage.

Night Officer Louis Willis discovered the fire and turned in the alarm.

Distinction

Mrs. Alice Wetherington, Onslow County, left for home Sunday following a visit with her daughter, Mrs. H. T. Rhue, of Broad Street.

Mrs. Wetherington at 75 has the distinction of having ten living children and eighty own grandchildren of which, incidentally, an even forty are boys and forty girls. In addition she has thirty-nine great grandchildren making a total of 129 living descendants.

Service For Scouts

The Boy Scouts of their Scoutmaster, Mr. Charles Hassell, and the Girl Scouts with Mrs. Jack Neal, Scoutleader, will worship in a body at the 11 o'clock service at Ann Street Methodist Church on Sunday morning. The service is planned in recognition of both Boy Scout Week and the recent Girl Scout Week.

MOORE'S HOME ON ANN STREET BURNED FRIDAY

Fire Discovered By Passersby

Last Friday morning between ten and eleven o'clock the two story six room home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moore, on Ann Street, was partially destroyed by a fire that burned an hour or more and threatened to break out a second time.

Mrs. Moore rents her upstairs rooms but no one was in the house except herself and Mr. Moore at the time of the fire. Mr. Moore, employee of the Seashore Transportation Company, was confined to his bed with the "flu" and Mrs. Moore was sitting in the room with him when she was notified from the outside of the blaze which apparently caught from the flue. Nothing was saved except clothing.

The fire being so central excited apprehension on the part of other property holders and a large crowd quickly gathered. Firemen had to keep a stream playing on the large frame house of Mrs. Lorena Richardson to keep it from catching. The Morehead City Fire Department was called but did not have to be used. A trailer parked practically under the eaves of the Moore home could not be moved because the wheels had been detached but escaped damage.

The roof of the Moore home was totally destroyed and considerable damage was done inside by both water and fire. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

The Moore's are living temporarily with their son, Walter Moore, Jr., on Broad Street.

Recorder's Court

Business was dull this week in Recorder's Court so that the docket fit neatly into the morning session. A dozen minor traffic cases were settled in the Clerk's Office without defendants having to appear in the Court Room.

Alec Curtis, Morehead City, was charged with public drunkenness and plead guilty. He was found asleep in the front seat of a car the owner of which he says he still doesn't know. His sentence proved something of a problem and was arrived at only after considerable deliberation. Curtis had no money, no help is needed on the Court grounds, and the Judge did not feel his lapse justified sending him to the roads. He was finally given ten days in jail.

Frank Swain was charged with trespass. He is a subtenant on property recently sold and has been given notice to move from the house he is occupying but failed to do so. The matter was continued for another week awaiting a decision from OPA in the matter. Swain pressed for the opportunity to be heard and especially as he finds it prejudicial to his reputation for it to be known he is out under bond as he has "committed on crime." Request was not granted, but he was promised a hearing next week.

I. D. Settle charged with reckless driving and causing damage to the property of Dixie Dairy was heard. The Court gave another week for the two to get together on damages.

B. H. S. Wins Double Header

In tow of the most thrilling games played in the B.H.S. Gym in many a day, both boys and girls' teams defeated Newport Wednesday night. Both were so very close that the spectators were kept on the edge of their seats during the entire game.

In the boys games, both second and third quarters were tied. Then in the last minute of play the score stood 11 to 10 in favor of Newport. When Guthrie dropped a pretty goal to make the score 12 to 11. Just as the whistle was blown to end the game a foul was called against Beaufort. The crowds stood in silence. Newport tied for the free shot and last. The final score 12 to 9.

The girls also played a very tight game, the score being 14 to 12 with Peterson as high scorer for Beaufort. Next and last home game for the '44 conference will be held next Tuesday, 15th at 7:30, Beaufort vs Harkers Island. Come out and support your team! Horace Loftin, Reporter.

Wounded



Mr. and Mrs. Millie Hodges, of Turner Street, have been notified by the War Department that their son, Cpl. Eugene Hodges, pictured above, who has been in the Pacific for the past eighteen months, has been wounded in the shoulder and is being hospitalized. The Hodges are encouraged, however, by the receipt of a letter from Eugene himself written since he was injured.

Spring

The birds are collecting straws for their nests tra la la, and we are told that an early spring is forecast. Buyers for The Vogue, Martin's and Felton's have all been sitting with their respective ears to the ground for just such news and are announcing that they are equipped to get you ready for spring. Anything you need for to-day, for tomorrow, for this month, and throughout the spring. Watch their ads.

CARTERET BOYS IN THE SERVICE

Ensign Grayden M. Paul leaves tomorrow for Washington State where he is to report on the 17th for sea duty in the Pacific.

Miss Grace Lawrence, Army Librarian, Camp McCall, spent the past week-end as guest of Mrs. Gherman Holland.

Robert L. Dennis, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Dennis has returned to Bainbridge, Md., for his next assignment following "boot" leave here.

William Carl Edwards who enlisted in the Navy in the fall has completed his training at Bainbridge and been sent to San Diego Cal. to the Fleet Music School. A member of last year's Beaufort High School band, he now plays in the Navy band.

Babe Dixon writes from Corsica, Napoleon's birthplace, that he has been without mail since he left N. Africa; but "I think I will like this country better than I did Africa. The weather is much better. I ran into some boys from Claud Gillikin's regiment, but he was not with him although they knew him."

Mr. and Mrs. Crip Jones together with young Kit have been here this week visiting "Miss Lutie" Jones. Crip, with the Army Transport Service at Newport News, has just returned from Chicago where he had a course in Diesel Engineering.

Cpl. Fillmore Lawrence, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lawrence who has been in the Pacific for the past 21 months has been changed from the Solomons to the Gilbert Islands.

John Duncan, son of G. W. Duncan enlisted in the U. S. Naval Reserve in Raleigh Tuesday. He is subject to call but has been returned home to complete his school year here.

192-pound Jack Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Allen has been selected member of the all star basketball team in the tournament in which State Teachers College, Superior, Wis., participates.

Evan W. Norwood, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Norwood, is reported to be missing in action in India. According to a letter written January 3 and received by his family on the 16th, he had just arrived in India at the time.

CHILD DIES OF BURNS RECEIVED IN FIRE MONDAY

An early morning fire alarm on Monday sounded the "all out" almost immediately so that no one felt concern for the outcome, but six year old Shelby Jean Wiley died at noon as a result of the blaze, her father, Mr. Casey Wiley, and infant sister were hospitalized for burns, and her mother had to be treated but returned to her home with the other children. The Wileys occupy a three room apartment in the renovated County Home out on the old New Bern Road. A drum heater in the bedroom is said to have burned low and Mrs. Wiley raked the coals to the front with a resulting "explosion" it is thought from kerosene that failed to ignite when the fire was started. The children ran about in panic. When the fire department reached the scene the blaze had been extinguished. The building itself was scarcely damaged and of the furnishings only the dresser, mattress, pillows, and curtains burned.

Funeral services for Shelby Jean were conducted Tuesday afternoon, and the body was laid to rest in the old family burying ground at Chinquapin. Mrs. Wiley's father and three sisters came to Beaufort and accompanied her to the funeral. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Morris also attended from here.

The Wileys came to Beaufort from Wallace. He is employed here on the West Beaufort Airport by E. B. Morris, contractor. There were four children in the family, three of whom were of school age, the fourth an infant.

The report from the Morehead City Hospital today is that Baby Wiley will be discharged today. Mr. Wiley is improving but date of discharge is indefinite.

Notice To Federal Income Taxpayers

A deputy collector of Internal Revenue will be at the following places at the time designated to aid those required to file federal income tax returns:

- Feb. 15, 16—Court Room House, Bayboro. Feb. 17—Lobby, Contractors Administration Bldg., Cherry Point. Feb. 18, 19—Room 112, Adm. Bldg. U.S.M.C.A.S., Cherry Point. Feb. 21 thru 26 Room 116, Post Office, Morehead City. Feb. 23, 24—Post Office, Beaufort. Feb. 28, 29—Court Room, Court House, Trenton. Mar. 1 thru 15 (midnight) Room 307, Post Office, New Bern. Mark S. Dunn, Deputy Collector.

DR. PRYTHERCH BACK FROM WASHINGTON FISHERY MEETING

Dr. H. F. Prytherch returned Sunday evening from Washington, D. C., where he presided over the meeting of the Fishery Coordinators and members of the commercial fishing industry for the Mid-Atlantic Region.

Advantages of Nine Months School

By student of Beaufort H. S. In the General Assembly of North Carolina in 1943, a bill was passed concerning the future of every student in this state. This provided for the extension of the minimum school term to a total of one hundred and eighty days of school. Why did the people of North Carolina feel it their duty to pass this bill?

What are the advantages of nine months school? I, alone, as an individual of the present date, cannot answer this question. This question involves the footsteps of the path of time. It involves the uprising of culture, the struggle for higher living, the toil for civilization that has existed since the beginning of the universe.

Why did Socrates sacrifice his life for the mental improvement of mankind? Why didn't Galileo remain in his hut instead of plunging into the depths of science and revealing his mysteries to the unbelieving populace? Why didn't Abraham Lincoln stay in the quiet repose of his log cabin in the wilderness rather than place himself before the burning flame of criticism? Why isn't Beaufort High School satisfied with its present standard of eight months instead of welcoming an additional month of work?

The schools of the present date See 9 MONTHS TERM Page 10

Mrs. Gardner Dies Wednesday Evening

Mrs. Mary James Gardner died last night at her home on Orange Street. Mrs. Gardner was in her seventies. She has been in poor health for the past six months but was taken acutely ill only a few minutes before her death.

Mrs. Gardner before her marriage was Mary James Gabriel. She was a native of Beaufort and a member of the Beaufort Baptist Church since early childhood. Until her health prevented, she was active in the work of church and for many years taught a class in the Primary Department of the Sunday School.

Mrs. Gardner was the last surviving member of her immediate family. Her nearest of kin are four nieces; Mrs. Melborne Blackwell who made her home with her, Mrs. Earl Willis, of Morehead City, Mrs. Guy Lewis, of Goldsboro, Mrs. Fred Best, of Philadelphia; and two nephews; Dewey Guthrie and Robert Guthrie, both of Beaufort.

The funeral will be held from the First Baptist Church tomorrow afternoon (Friday) at 3 o'clock.

Beaufort Home Economics Club

You have, no doubt, recently noticed some high school girls who were very poorly groomed. Yes, they know better! New members of the Home Economics Club were just suffering that period of informal initiation which old members always impose upon them.

The Beaufort Home Economics Club met several months ago for re-organization. At this meeting, many plans for the year were made. The name of the club was changed to the Ruby Home Economics Club. The club plans to become a member of the State Home Economics Club, thereby, making ours a much stronger organization.

The following new officers were elected and formally installed by an impressive evening candle lighting service:

- President—Emily Taylor. Vice-Pres.—Mary Carraway. Secretary, Ellen Stafford. Treasurer, Rebecca Mason. Historian, Jean Springle. Song Leader, Patsy Ruth Hill. Pianist, Gwendolyn Whitehurst, Club Reporter, Doris Guthrie.

NEARING QUOTA

County Chairman I. E. Pittman of the 4th War Loan Drive reports today official sales for Carteret County to and including the 7th to be \$223,117, but he says reports received from over the County indicate that we are to-day probably within \$75,000 of our quota of \$300,000.

Again, Mr. Pittman reports "E" bonds lagging behind the proportion assigned as our quota totaling but \$116,000, about half of the \$231,800 we were asked to buy. The State is lagging everywhere on the "E" bonds. Only 57 percent of the quota for North Carolina have been sold—but we haven't even bought 57 percent of our quota. Mr. Pittman and Mrs. J. G. Allen, Chairman of the Woman's Work, feel the response everywhere has been splendid but are making a special appeal to the people of the County to find a way of buying ANOTHER "extra bond."

For the kind of 100 per cent response we want for our County, we must reach not only the grand total asked but also the proportion of small bonds we were asked to buy.

Mayor's Court

The situation was much the same this week in Mayor Paul's Court except that the whites predominated among offenders—three white men were charged with drunkenness and one colored man. All were given thirty days on the town streets.

Winners

Miss Marjorie Humphrey's 8th grade of the Beaufort Schools with a January sales of \$3,418.76 in bonds and stamps won the Beaufort Theatre Movie passes for the month just past. Runners up, all of which sold over a \$1000.00 worth, were Mrs. John Brooks 7th grade, Miss Myrtle Piver's 1st grade, Mrs. Mildred Lawrence's 8th grade, and Miss Edith Lewis' 5th grade. A new month started this week. Miss Humphrey's grade again started out high with Miss Myrtle Piver's 1st grade second. Sales on Tuesday totalled \$5800.00 in bonds and \$384.50 in stamps.

SMYRNA DANCE AND BOND RALLY SATURDAY NIGHT

Clyde Jones Master Of Ceremonies. Mrs. Mason, Mother of 7 in Service to be Guest of Honor

MUSIC BY ARMY BAND

As a finale to the school effort in the 4th War Loan Drive, a big bond rally and dance is being planned for Saturday evening, February 12th, in the Gym of the Smyrna High School. Admission: purchase of one fifty cent Defense Stamp.

Guest of honor will be Mrs. Amelia Mason, of Atlantic, wife of the late Mr. Alvin Mason, who has the great distinction of having seven sons in the service, six of whom are seeing active service. There are said to be but 30 mothers in the state of North Carolina who can boast of four or more in service. This puts Mrs. Mason in an exceedingly exclusive class—perhaps in a class to herself. Her sons are Messrs. Andrew, Alvin, Jr., George, Augustus, Monroe, Israel, and Percy. Incidentally, she has two other sons in Atlantic and five daughters who make their homes there.

Mr. Clyde Jones, of Morehead City, has consented to the Master of Ceremonies and those who saw him in action at the Newport Rally in the fall have already advertised his genius in this role.

Chief Warrant Officer Ralph C. Church of Fort Macon is bringing over the 21st Army Band which will render a program of concert and dance music and Miss Estabelle Fodrie, of Beaufort, will give several numbers.

Everything is in good hands and a great time is promised all who attend.

OWENS HOUSE BURNED EARLY THIS MORNING

Eighth Alarm In Two Weeks

The Fire Department answered the eighth alarm in two weeks in the early morning hours today when they were called to the home of Derwood Owens on the north side of Broad Street. Mr. Owens was occupying but one room of the house at the time; the Millsaps, Missourians, employed at Cherry Point, were living in the rest of the single story frame building. Two men passing at 2:30 saw the blaze and gave the alarm.

A tin roof made it hard for the fire fighters to get to the blaze and a second alarm had to be turned in in order to get more firemen on the job. Even then it burned for an hour and a half.

Mr. Owens, interviewed today, said the origin of the fire is not known but the general feeling is that it was caused by defective wiring. He considers the house a total loss only partly covered by insurance.

WEATHER

January weather day by day as officially recorded at the U. S. Fishery Biological Laboratory Station:

Table with 3 columns: Day, Max., Min. Rows 1-30 showing temperature ranges.