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Hon. Clyde R. Hoey With Methodists For Anniversary Service

CARTERET BOYS IN THE SERVICE

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Taylor have been notified that their son, Sgt. Warren H. Taylor was operated on in France July 22, taken by plane to England where his condition is reported satisfactory. They have another son, James W. Taylor CBM who is serving overseas.

Cpl. James Potter, III, Fort Bragg, will be home to spend the week-end with his family.

Tech. Sgt. William Neal, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Neal, New Bern, and grand son of the late J. R. Jinnette of Beaufort Assistant Register of Deeds, of Carteret County, has been awarded a second Oak Leaf Cluster for the Air Medal. Neal is a radio operator, a veteran of 19 combat missions on a B-17 Flying Fortress.

Pvt. Thomas A. Smith is spending ten days with his parents the A. T. Smiths of Cedar Street. Thomas is stationed at San Saba, Texas.

James L. Merrell, son of S. T. Merrell, has been promoted to technician, third grade (staff sergeant), Headquarters Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, announced this week. Merrell was employed by the S. M. Jones Co., New Bern for three years prior to entering the Army.

Capt. and Mrs. J. O. Barbour, Jr., of Washington, D. C., spent the past week-end with the J. G. Barbour here. On Monday M. and Mrs. Barbour, Sr., drove them to Rocky Mount as they were en route home.

Richard H. Chadwick, USNR, returned to Camp Peary, Va., last Saturday following "boot" leave here with his family.

Chief Radioman R. Neal Willis, USN, who has been serving in the Pacific aboard a destroyer is home on leave.

Sgt. Shelby Willis, returned to Tuesday to Fort Knox, Ky. after spending leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burnie Willis.

Sgt. Roy Eubanks, USA, stationed in Florida, is home on leave.

John Duncan, USNR, son of Mr. Graham Duncan, is home from Camp Peary, Va., for his "boot" leave.

Pvt. Charles C. Guthrie, son of Mrs. Lula Guthrie, Harkers Island, is serving with our men in Italy. Guthrie has been abroad for twenty months but first served in Africa.

RATION

BRIEFS GASOLINE

A-11 good through Nov. 8.

SHOES

No. 1 and 2 "Airplane" Stamps in Book III good indefinitely.

SUGAR

Stamps No. 30, 31 and 32, Book IV, good for 5 pounds of sugar indefinitely. No. 40 good for 5 lbs. canning sugar through February 28, 1945. Stamp 33 good Sept. 1.

CANNED GOODS

Blue Stamps, Book IV, A-8 through Z-8 and A-5 through F-5 good indefinitely.

MEATS

Red Stamps, Book IV, A-8 thru Z-8, A-5 through D-5 good indefinitely.

FUEL OIL

Period 4 and 5 coupons good through September. During October unused coupons may be exchanged at Ration Board for new 1944-45 heating season coupons.

NOTICE

Every car owner must write his license number and State in advance on all gasoline coupons in his possession.

Rent Control

All persons renting, or offering for rent, any living quarters whatsoever must register each dwelling unit with rent control office in their rent area. Persons who feel that they are being overcharged for rents may submit complaints to OPA. Complaint forms are available at the local War Price and Rationing Board if your area does not have a rent control office.

Church Celebrates 166th Birthday

Ann Street Methodist Church has again set apart a day on which to celebrate the anniversary of their church and think on those who for more than a century and a half have carried on the work there.

A former Governor of North Carolina and present Democratic candidate for the United States Senate, Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, is to be the speaker at the 11 o'clock service.

Mr. Hoey paid a visit to Beaufort as Governor of the State in 1938 at which time we had a kind of "Hoey Day." Mr. Hoey met with 200 of our people at a Chamber of Commerce dinner at the Community Center at which time he was guest speaker, he addressed the Class of 1938 on the evening of their graduation, personally presented their diplomas, and later in the evening he and his daughter, then Miss Isabel Hoey, met the people of the town informally at a reception in the home of the C. L. Beams.

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Hon. Clyde R. Hoey

On the occasion of his former visit, Mr. Hoey proved himself to be an eloquent speaker with a message for his audience. He writes, "I am looking forward with interest and pleasure to speaking at the 166th anniversary of the Methodist Church in Beaufort." He can be assured that it will be a welcome privilege to our people to hear him again. In spite of restrictions barring those under 18, it is expected that there will be a large crowd to worship with the Methodists on Sunday and hear his message.

The public is cordially invited to the service. The Loftin Motor company invites those attending to park their cars on their property on Craven Street back of the Church. Out of town guests are invited to visit the old cemetery surrounding the church which dates back more than half a century before we declared our independence from England.

Carteret Man Dies in Brandywine, Md.

Mr. Abner Mason died in Brandywine, Maryland, on August 4, after a long illness. He was the son of Abner and Mollie Mason and a native of Carteret County. He farmed here for many years before moving to Brandywine with his family. Burial was in Brandywine on Monday, the 7th.

Mr. Mason is survived by his wife, Annie Potter Mason; five daughters: Mary, Lilla, Mertie, Nellie, and Lena, all of whom are married and live in or near Washington, D. C.; two sons: Neal and Charles of Washington; and a number of grandchildren. He leaves one brother in Carteret; Mr. Luther Mason of Harlowe; and two half brothers: Raymond and George Ball of Harlowe. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ball and Jean were with him at the time of his death.

Crip Jones, Army Transport Service, Newport News, is spending this week here with his family.

Word has been received by Mrs. Fulcher, Straits, of the safe arrival abroad of her husband, Lt. (jg) Clayton Fulcher.

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ANN STREET METHODIST CHURCH



Ann Street Methodist Church as it stands today. It was remodelled in 1897 under the energetic leadership of the Rev. D. H. Tuttle and dedicated by the Rev. R. F. Bumpass under whom the work was begun. Dr. John C. Kilgo, President of Trinity College, later a Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and the Rev. N. M. Jurney, a former pastor, were also present for the dedication.

Miss Nelson Given Norfolk USO Post

We are indebted to Clerk of Court L. W. Hassell for the news that Miss Selma Nelson, daughter of Mrs. Elsie Nelson of Marshallberg, because of the excellence of her work under Civil Service in the city of Norfolk and because of her agreeable personality, has been named Junior Hostess of the Norfolk USO. Miss Nelson is a graduate of the Smyrna High School and took a post graduate course in the Commercial Department of the Morehead City High School. She has many friends throughout the County who will be happy to hear of her success.

248 Ballots Mailed To Carteret Men Serving Abroad

The Board of Elections reports 248 ballots already sent out to Carteret men serving their country abroad with expectations of perhaps 400 or more yet to come. Each week the number of applicants have increased. This week 75 were received and it is thought that the number has not yet reached the peak.

Ballots that have been sent out have gone largely on requests of families of men although a few have come direct. These all go out with self addressed envelopes requiring no return postage. Families of men who have not taken this step to insure the representation of their boys or husbands in the November election should do so at once.

Funeral For Tobe Willis Held Sunday

Bertie (Tobe) Willis, 70, died suddenly of a heart attack Friday morning, August 11, at 10:30 in his grocery store at the corner of Orange and Broad Streets in the presence of several customers.

Real Estate TRANSFERS

White Oak Township
Fred Winberry et ux to D. B. Wade, 1 tract, \$10.
T. E. Vinson et ux to Kate M. Glancey, 1-2 lot 208, \$500.
Morehead Township—
John E. Yates to Malissa Monroe, lot 6, blk. 148, \$10.
Adrian D. Willis, et ux to Gordon C. Willis, 1-2 acre, \$10.
E. A. Roebuck et al to Z. Vance Butts, 1-7 acre, \$1,000.
Inez White Gold to N. L. Whitehurst, lots 3, 4, 12, 13, blk. 117 \$5,000.
Beaufort Township—
H. E. King et ux to Dr. Z. B. Spence, 1 tract, \$10.
Minnie D. Huntley, et vir to W. A. Cole, 2 acres, \$100.
Marshallberg—
Wilkie Piner et ux to Samuel W. Harris, 1-2 acre, \$10.
DAVIS—
Blanche H. Davis, et al to Abraham Davis, 3 acres, \$10.

SCHOOL OPENING

The State Board of Education is holding a special session in Raleigh this afternoon to consider adoption of uniform opening date for the schools of the State. Governor Broughton and the State Health Department recommend delay at least until September 18. Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State Health Officer, is also asking consideration of deferment of opening dates for the See SCHOOL OPENING Page 8

MARCH OF TIME

Comdr. Ernest Snowden, USN, is in New York City today and will speak over the March of Time Radio program from there tonight.

POLIO CONTROL RULES DO NOT PROHIBIT USE OF CO. LIBRARY

26 New Children's Books Recently Added to Shelves

Dr. Oliver says that so long as the children do not "gang up on the Library," he sees no reason why they should not enjoy the books without restriction at this time when they are limited in their activities because of Polio regulations.

In the light of this statement, we are happy to announce for Mrs. Rudolph Dowdy, Librarian, that the following new children's books have been added to the shelves of the Carteret County Library, corner of Pollock and Broad Streets: Adelborg—Clean Peter and the Children of Grubblea. Berry—Hearthstone in the Wilderness.

Bronson—Grasshopper Book. Brooke—Johnny Crow's Garden. Brooke—Johnny Crow's New Garden. Brooke—Johnny Crow's Party. Brooke—Tailor and Crow. Craik—So Fat and Mew Mew. Gaer—Everybody's Weather. Greenaway—Under the Window. Heyward—Country Bunny and the Little Gold Shoes. Hogan—Bear Twins. Lawson—Watchwords of Liberty.

Mallette—Wenderley. Mayo—Henry Clay. O'Brien—Return of Silver Chief. Pease—Ship Without A Crew. Pease—Thunderbolt House. Robinson—Big Boy. Weber—Meet The Malones. White—When Esther Was A Little Girl. Burton—Choo Choo. Garner—Little Cat Lost. Dugerty—Abraham Lincoln. Potter—The Fairy Caravan. Molesworth—The Cuckoo Clock. Some new books of interest to adults are: Ewen—Story of George Gershwin. Morgan—First Principles of Radio Communications. Webster's Biographical Dictionary. Zim—Man in the Air. Baily—Boot. Glick—Three Times I Bow.

An Old Number Trick

Apparent widespread credence is being given to current abracadabra which indicates that, due to some strange coincidence of arithmetic, the war will end this September 7th at 2 o'clock. Take the number 3,888, one half of which is 1944—the present year. One-half of 1944—972—breaks down to the ninth month, seventh day, and second hour.

President Roosevelt was born in 1882, is 62, has been in office for 11 years, being elected in 1933. Add 'em up. Again, the total is 3,888. And so it goes precisely with the rest: Hitler, born 1889, 55, in office 11 years, took office 1933; total 3,888. Stalin, born 1879, 65, in office 20 years, took office 1924; total 3,888. Even Tojo—though now out in Japan—was born 1184, 60, in office 3 years, took office 1941, total 3,888.

Why the strange repetition of 3,888? Well, try it on a friend. Ask him to jot down the year of birth; add age in years at time of birthday this year; list the number of years that have passed since the occurrence of some significant event in his life—the year he graduated from college, the year he began work, or the year he was married. Finally, he should add the number of years that have passed since that occurrence.

Without knowing any of the figures he has put down, you can tell him, strangely enough, that his total will be 3,888! Try it on yourself. Naturally, the year of birth plus age this year will total 1944. Twice 1944—3,888! Break this down as you wish. One half of 3,888 brings us back to 1944; one-half of 1944 gives 972—9th month, 7th day, 2nd hour. It's an old number trick—not to be taken more seriously than Hitler's astrologers. — Christian Science Monitor.

Phillips And Matthias Absolved From Fraud In Hoffman Case

Compromise Reached Wednesday at 6 p. m. Case Never Reached Jury

MRS. HOFFMAN HAS LIFE TIME RIGHT IN HER HOME

Issues in the Case

1. In the acquisition of the title to the real estate in question was the defendant Llewellyn Phillips guilty of any fraud, actual or legal, as alleged in the complaint? Answer—No.
2. Did the plaintiff, Alice Hoffman sign and execute the release referred to in the answer of the defendant Phillips?
3. Is plaintiff's action vs defendant Phillips barred by the Statute of Limitations as alleged? Answer—Yes.
4. In the acquisition of the title to the real estate in question was the defendant, John Matthias guilty of any fraud legal or actual as alleged in the complaint? Answer—No.
5. In the acquisition of the title to the real estate in question was the defendant, The Alden Corporation and R. N. Larrimer or either of them guilty of any fraud, legal or actual, as alleged in the complaint? Answer—No.
6. Is the defendant, The Alden Corporation, the owner in fee simple of all the title both legal and equitable of the premises described in the complaint? Answer—Yes.

A brilliant group of attorneys gathered in Beaufort to participate in the Hoffman trial this week which was heard in special session of Superior Court over which Judge Henry Stevens, Jr., Warsaw, presided—the first special session since that of August, 1931, in which the case of Carteret County vs sundry persons was heard. Lawyers representing both sides equalled the number of jurors, and Clerk of the Court L. W. Hassell says it was the most impressive array gathered in the quarter of a century that he has served as Clerk of Court. Spectators on the opening day could be counted on the hand of a man who had lost several fingers.

It was 3:30 on Monday before preliminaries were over and the jury carefully sifted so as to be acceptable to both sides. The following men finally served all but two of whom are from east of the Newport River: G. M. Paul, Beaufort; Charles Nelson, Harkers Island; George T. Lewis, Beaufort; Jerome Fulcher, Stacy; Raymond Nelson, Atlantic; Roland Salter, Beaufort; W. J. Merrill, Beaufort; John B. Dixon, Beaufort; Borden Adams, Newport; John Wesley Willis, Morehead City.

Mrs. Alice Hoffman, invalid octogenarian aunt of Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., came to Carteret during the last war (1917) and acquired an option on properties on Bogue Banks (between Atlantic Beach and Salter Path) and farm properties on the mainland bordering the Sound totalling 2800 acres valued at around \$100,000 from John Royall, Boston. She was described in the option as "a citizen of the U. S. residing in Paris, France." The property was later conveyed to her. She built an imposing house with green shingled exterior overlooking the Sound, a home for an overseer, and various outbuildings all of which is referred to locally as the Hoffman Estate. On the Sound side of the house she planted a beautiful rose garden, the property between the house and the ocean she left it rugged beauty. She lived quietly with her French companion, Miss Gabrielle, known to intimates as "Gabby," did a little farming, and cultivated a few choice friends on the mainland.

In the present complaint (filed May 1942) Mrs. Hoffman and Bogue Banks, Inc., (incorporated Nov. 6, 194), charged Llewellyn Phillips, Morehead City, and John Matthias (trustee), Columbus, Ohio, with mismanaging her affairs and asked that such of her property as has passed out of her hands be declared in Bogue Banks, Inc.

Mrs. Hoffman left the United States in 1934 and lived in France until 1938. She said she commissioned Phillips to look after her property in Carteret advancing money to protect her interests. She says she returned to find that he had not done so, but Phillips claimed everything done with the knowledge and consent of Mrs. Hoffman and produced over a hundred pounds of evidence and exhibits to prove it. In May 1942, Mrs. Hoffman and Phillips had an agreement in writing releasing one another from all claims and recording appreciation of Phillips services as attorney to Mrs. Hoffman.

On the advice of a relative, Mrs. Hoffman contacted John Matthias, a second cousin, to act as her agent for the preservation of the property. He conferred with her here, in 1939, prepared an instrument in which the property was to be held in her name but in trust for the three Roosevelt children (Grace, Quentin, and Theodore, III). She did not read the instrument assuming it to be as she desired. Later she wrote Matthias or matters pertaining to the property but answers were unsatisfactory and she decided he was not acting in accord with her interests.

Hon. F. M. Wooten, Sr., Greenville, was engaged as attorney and Wooten's investigation showed title of lands conveyed to Matthias as trustee from Phillips. Matthias, it was alleged that the investigation showed, had absolute authority to manage and dispose of the property as he saw fit according to the instrument that had been drawn up and by it Mrs. Hoffman had been "reduced from a large landowner to a pauper as far as her Carteret County property was concerned with no legal or technical right to have a home there (on Bogue Banks) contrary to the wishes or desires of the said John Marshall Matthias."

Tuesday morning the wheel chair of Mrs. Hoffman was placed on the stand and she testified for several hours. The impression she gave was of a woman remarkably well preserved for her years and in full possession of all her faculties. She was dressed in black without relief except for long string pearls. Over her modish black hat was a veil that partly covered her face. For the greater part of the time she sat in stoic dignity occasionally shaking her head in approval or disapproval of something that was said. As time dragged, she once or twice looked at a little gold watch suspended by a black cord around her neck, but for the most part she watched and listened impassively or answered briefly and often enigmatically questions put to her. When court recessed at noon she was taken bodily down the stairs and into her waiting grey Packard.

In the afternoon Mrs. Hoffman again appeared with Miss Gabrielle but before Court reopened withdrew for conference which held her until court recessed at See COURT Page 4

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.

HIGH	LOW
Friday, Aug. 18	
8:48 AM.	2:50 AM.
9:04 PM.	2:53 PM.
Saturday, Aug. 19	
9:26 AM.	3:27 AM.
9:40 PM.	3:34 PM.
Sunday, Aug. 20	
10:03 AM.	4:01 AM.
10:14 PM.	4:11 PM.
Monday, Aug. 21	
10:29 AM.	4:34 AM.
10:50 PM.	4:43 PM.
Tuesday, Aug. 22	
11:14 AM.	5:07 AM.
11:24 PM.	5:25 PM.
Wednesday, Aug. 23	
11:52 AM.	5:40 AM.
	6:05 PM.
Thursday, Aug. 24	
12:01 AM.	6:14 AM.
12:30 PM.	6:47 PM.