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Baum's Decision To Take State's Offer Finds High Approval

Ferry Fare Roanoke Island to Manns Harbor to Be Reduced From \$1 to 50 cents; From East Lake to Fort Landing Cut From \$1.25 to 75 cents; Passengers only 10 cents; Subsidy Increased

Wide approval has been expressed over the announcement of Capt. T. A. Baum owner of the Roanoke Ferry Company, to accept the state's offer of an increase in subsidy, and to cut the ferry fares in half on Croatan sound, and to cut passenger fares more than half, while the Alligator River ferry fare is cut from \$1.25 per car to 75 cents.

The new rate between Roanoke Island and Manns Harbor will be 50 cents per car each way.

The state in making Capt. Baum the offer a few days ago, refused however to grant any subsidy for a much needed extra boat between Manteo and Manns Harbor during July and August. The extra service is considered highly necessary because of the great increase in traffic during these months.

The State had promised to negotiate lower rates over the Oregon Inlet ferry, but did not take up the matter at this time, but it is believed this too will be done prior to June 15th, in order that all new rates may become effective together, July 1.

The Commissioners of Dare County this week will join the Southern Albemarle Association in a request for the extra boat during July and August. With the road now complete connecting Hyde County with Dare, it is difficult to imagine just how much greater the traffic will be this year.

The people are well pleased with the consideration given at this time by the Highway Commission and also feel very good toward Capt. Baum for his ready cooperation. It took the enterprise and grit of Capt. Baum to stick to the ferries through thick and thin until he developed a need for roads in this section.

SUNDAY MAIL ASSURES DARE 24-HR. PICK-UP

Mail To Leave Manteo in Afternoon, and Will Come in Before Night

An additional mail schedule into Manteo on Sundays will give all points in Dare County a 24-hour speed up, beginning June 15, it was stated this week by C. R. Evans, Postmaster, who was visited by W. T. Culppepper of the Elizabeth City postoffice, and A. B. Bowers, Chief Railway Mail Dispatcher of Richmond.

Mail arriving into Manteo at 4:15 o'clock Sunday afternoon will go to points in the county Monday morning, or 24 hours earlier than if there were no Sunday mail.

Secretary D. B. Fearing of the Chamber of Commerce, said he had been cooperating wholeheartedly with Postmaster Evans in behalf of this new route, and has been aided in his efforts by Representative Roy L. Davis.

Outgoing mail will leave Manteo at 3:15 on Sunday afternoons.

UNITED FOR FIRST TIME IN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

The old home place of J. C. Peterson at Nags Head was the scene of a family reunion the first Sunday in May, when four sisters and one brother gathered together for the first time in 25 years. The home is now occupied by Mrs. Ida Midgett, who had as her guests on that day the following brother and sisters: J. B. Peterson of Manteo, Mrs. Annie Martin of Chincoteague, Va., Mrs. Mamie Martin of Ocean City, Md., and Mrs. Maud Nelson of Manteo.

JOHN GASKILL MARRIED

John Gaskill, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gaskill of Wanchese, who is a fireman first class in the Navy, recently took to wife Miss Dorothy Madison of Oregon.

ALPH DRINKWATER IS HOME FROM HOSPITAL



ALPHEUS W. DRINKWATER, popular telegraph operator at Manteo for more than 40 years returned recently from Highsmith Hospital, Fayetteville, where he got looked over and certified fit for duty following a serious illness at his home in Manteo. Mr. Drinkwater is shown sitting at his telegraph key about as he looked when he sent out news of the first airplane flight in 1903.

MANY LEADERS IN DARE GOING TO THE BAT IN SATURDAY'S PRIMARY

ELECTIONS IN COUNTIES OF THE SOUTHERN ALBEMARLE EXPECTED TO BE COMPARATIVELY QUIET. BUT THE JUDGE'S RACE WILL BE A WARM ONE. FEW LOCAL CONTESTS IN DARE.

While there are few local contests in Dare County, in Saturday primary, there will be a strong fight over the judgeship and a vigorous campaign on behalf of several candidates for County Commissioner. For the past two or three days, much campaigning has been going on. And the few hours left before the primary, will see much activity.

Dare County will go strong for Stanley Winborne for Utilities Commissioner. He is a First District man, and popular here. Bob Reynolds will carry the county strong for U. S. Senator, over Frank Hancock.

The county will be badly split on the vote for District Solicitor. All candidates are popular here. Its a toss up. For State Senate, this entire region will be almost unanimous for D. B. Fearing and Wm. Rodman of Washington. Mrs. J. J. Purdy of Pamlico County, the third candidate being practically unknown.

No opposition appears in the Democratic primary this year to Register of Deeds Melvin R. Daniels, Sheriff D. V. Meekins, Clerk of the Court C. S. Meekins, Recorder's Judge W. F. Baum, Coroner Marvin Rogers, County Surveyor Jack Neilson, nor for the two places to be filled on the Board of Education, held by Calvin Payne of Stumpy Point and Edward Baum of Kitty Hawk, nor to Commissioner John A. Meekins, representing the South Banks. The names of these incumbents will not appear on the ticket in the primary June 4th.

Were it not for a contest for Representative and an excess of candidates for County Commissioner there would be no Democratic primary in the county this year.

C. C. Duvall, of Buffalo City, Capt. Thos. A. Baum of the Roanoke Ferry Company,

JUDGE BURGWYN SCORNS PUBLIC DANCING PLACES

Considers Roadside Public Dance Halls Dens of Iniquity; Parents Responsible

In the midst of a masterful charge to the Grand Jury at the opening of court Tuesday, Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn of Woodland, paid his respects in no polite terms to public dance halls, when he told the Jury that the parents were responsible for the growth of these places, and unless they kept a firm hold on their daughters, officers could not be expected to do much to curb them.

"In these places," said the Judge, "the most disreputable man in your county, can take the commonest sort of woman, and by paying a dollar admission, can enter and dance cheek to cheek beside people who would throw them out on their ear, if they can to the front doors of their homes. They also have a practice known as cutting in," said the Judge, "and if such a man desired to cut in and dance with your daughter, he can raise a scene if he is refused."

The Judge continued with a summary of other nuisances that should be combatted for the social health of the community.

MacNEILL'S MOTHER DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Ben Dixon MacNeill left Thursday to attend the funeral of his mother in Cumberland County today. She was Flora MacKinnon MacNeill, age 79, widow of the late Angus Benjamin MacNeill who died seven years ago, and a daughter of Col. Murdock MacKinnon. For a year and a half she had suffered with cancerous affliction about the face, and in addition to this infirmity, suffered a broken arm, and collar bone during the winter.

HAS GONE FAR SINCE HE LEFT HOME TOWN



W. BEN GOODWIN of Elizabeth City has done pretty well for himself since he left Manteo, his boyhood home and established himself in Elizabeth City, where is to be found in charge of the new and spacious Albemarle Building & Loan offices. As the active manager of this business since it was founded, he has seen it grow into a huge organization and loan many thousands to folks at Manteo to build homes. He has also held the offices of State Treasurer of the Improved Order of Red Men for many years, has been honored by the National organization and in Elizabeth City, built up the state's largest and richest lodge of Red Men. He is a visitor, often seen in Dare County.

The successfully operated Albemarle Building & Loan Association, of Elizabeth City, which has loaned out something like \$36,000 in Dare County during the past year, shows an increase in resources of a like sum, according to a recent report of the Building & Loan League. W. Ben Goodwin, formerly of Manteo is Secretary, Treasurer, and the Association's assets are a half million dollars.

LEGUM BRINGS BIG FURNITURE STOCK TO TOWN

Huge Display of Furniture Now Being Shown in the W. F. Baum Brick Store

For years and years, thousands of dollars worth of furniture has been bought by Dare County people. Mail order houses got a lot of this business. There wasn't enough local enterprise to capture it. Some talked about it, but A. J. Legum Furniture Company, one of the best known dealers in Tidewater Virginia is out to get the business, and this week Legum's has opened a store in the W. F. Baum building in Manteo, and stocked it with a wide variety of goods, including full suites of furniture, electric refrigerators, and summer furniture.

The store will be managed by Frank Facchini, local salesmanager for the firm, and the people of Dare County are invited to visit it, and get acquainted with the new store. The Legum company has been operating in Dare County for more than a year, has built up a wide friendship, and has created in many people a desire for finer furniture.

Many Dare County people, who have not been content to simply look at the catalogs and samples brought to the county by Legum's salesmen, have journeyed to Norfolk, and examined the vast displays on the thousands of feet of floor space in the Church Street store. Here is carried everything in furniture the heart could desire. And from these stocks have been selected complete furnishings for entire homes. Free souvenirs for women visitors are being presented at the Manteo store all this week.

R. A. Cogan, manager of the Norfolk store was in Manteo Monday, getting the place here opened up. A. J. Legum, the owner of the business is a young man, who built a huge business in Beverly, before opening up his big Church Street store four years ago. Today it is called one of Norfolk's greatest furniture stores, and its salesforce is friendly, courteous and helpful.

Could Buy Out of Army During the Civil war, conscientious objectors could buy their way out of the army for \$300

RHYNE FELONY CHARGE LOST IN GRAND JURY

Spruill Girl Didn't Testify Unfavorably Against Former Teacher

Carrying her pretty little two months old baby boy, which she has named J. Lamar Junior, Annie Spruill, back from a home for underprivileged girls in Greensboro, failed to bear severe witness against J. Lamar Rhyme of Breward this week before the Grand Jury, and the Grand Jury failed to find a true bill in an indictment charging him with prescribing for the girl, and aiding her in an attempted abortion.

Changing her original story, this week, the girl said Rhyme brought her the medicine for la grippe or some minor ailment. The case was not hard pressed.

In the meantime a bastardly case is pending against Rhyme on a warrant sworn out by the girl's mother, Mrs. Bertha M. Spruill. Rhyme is charged with seducing the little girl, just out of an orphan home in Pasquotank County last year, while she was living in his home at Kitty Hawk where he taught school.

The case was set before Judge Baum in Recorder's court Monday, but defense counsel, D. L. Russell pulled a surprise before the court, when he read an affidavit that Rhyme could not come because his wife, whom he desired as a witness, was required at home, where two of his four children are ill with measles.

The girl had previously told officers that she fell in love with him and became the mother of his baby, and that Rhyme promised to take her to Norfolk, and obtain an abortion, but left and failed to advise her further.

*Ernest Scarborough colored, was fined \$50 for drunken-driving, as well as indecent exposure when found guilty in recorder's court

12 MEN FIND NEGRO GUILTY; 12 OTHERS SET WHITE MAN FREE

"I'M GLAD I DON'T OWN ANY POUND NETS IN DARE COUNTY JUDGE BURGWYN COMMENTS WHEN ALTON BEST IS FOUND NOT GUILTY OF STEALING FISH; NEGRO HAS ALREADY DONE TIME.

Twelve white men a year ago sat down in a jury room, and figured that Nat Selby was guilty of stealing fish. Nat Selby is a Negro. He confessed to being in a boat with Alton Best and Robert Sawyer in March and had fished nets belonging to others.

Best sat in the courtroom and heard the Negro sentenced and sent to prison for 18 months. He didn't raise his voice to help the negro, because he too was charged with the same crime, but was not tried at that term of court. Robert Sawyer had fled the county, and it was desired to have them both together for trial. It was Best's boat.

The Negro, Nat Selby, who said he went with them for a days work went to prison. He was promised \$7 but never paid. He was recently paroled. Again at the terms of November court, Best did not come to trial, and the case was postponed.

This week he sent a letter he was sick. Judge Burgwyn didn't like the looks of it. He sent to Stumpy Point, had him brought here, and made him stand trial. And another 12 white men this time decided and said Best was not guilty. According to all testimony, all men were in the same boat. But strangely enough, the Negro has done time, and the white men are all free.

Best claimed he came to Manteo that day, instead of fishing. It was Sunday. He said he drank considerable beer and whiskey and was pretty full. He then went home he said, and that night got from his barn, fish he had caught on Friday and Saturday, and took them to Belhaven and sold them to Joe Daniels. Daniels testified to buying them, more than \$100 worth.

Pulp Mills Begin To Scare Fishermen On Roanoke and Chowan

Offensive Waste From Huge Plants Said To Be Destructive of Fish; Coleraine Fishermen Alarmed Over Scarcity of Herring This Season

BANK OF MANTEO HAS A CAPABLE MANAGER



WILLIS R. PEARCE came to Manteo to take over the Cashier's post of the Bank of Manteo, at a time when drastic changes were being made everywhere in Banking rules and regulations. Some months before, R. Bruce Etheridge, around whose personality the Bank of Manteo had grown into a successful and popular institution in a quarter of a century of useful service to the people of Dare County, had left to take up the post of Director of the State Department of Conservation and De-

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Become really alarmed for the first time over a scarcity of herring, fishermen in the Chowan River section advanced the opinion that poisonous waste from pulp mills at Franklin, Plymouth, are tending to poison the fish, or drive them away from the Roanoke and Chowan Rivers, according to an article recently published in the News & Observer.

Few people know that one gallon of the poisonous chemical waste from pulp mills may so effectively poison 6,000 gallons of water and destroy fish life. In Minnesota, and other paper producing states, serious problems have been faced because of the destruction of game fish, and consequent impairment of a highly valuable natural resource.

The article in the Raleigh paper says:

"Along upper Albemarle Sound and its two major tributaries, the Roanoke and Chowan rivers, fishermen are beginning uneasily to wonder if there is any connection between the fact that within the past year two great paper mills have begun operations and this year there have been virtually no fish in waters that have abounded in shad and herring.

"Assurances were given the Department of Conservation and Development that adequate machinery for protecting these waters had been installed by the pulp mills at Plymouth and at Franklin, Va; and there may be scientific proof that the machinery is working. But the practical fisherman is beginning to be worried. He got worried in March when, if there were any shad in the Albemarle, Roanoke and Chowan, mighty few of them got into nets.

"Still, from the beginning, the shad has been subjected to vagaries that are beyond the comprehension of anybody. This year he comes and next year he may not. There were few shad taken this year. The herring is a different sort of fish, an humble but dependable fish, good to eat if corned or smoked, but especially valuable for roe."

GEESE DESTROY 60 ACRES OATS IN HYDE COUNTY

Farmers Go to Washington Seeking Refuge From Wildfowl of Lake Mattamuskeet

Harrassed by the depredations of wild geese harbored on the Lake Mattamuskeet Federal Game refuge, a delegation of farmers headed by Representative George E. Davis of Hyde County recently journeyed to Washington to ask the Biological Survey to give them help.

Mr. Davis had lost \$1,500 worth of oats, 30 acres, when great flocks of geese descended upon his thirty acre patch, and pulled them up by the roots. Huge acreages of corn had been pulled up by the roots, particularly in the vicinity of the lake shore, and farmers believe the problem will increase with each year as the geese become more sure of their security and protection.

When an official of the refuge at Lake Mattamuskeet came out to check up on the damage, he ran approximately 1,500 geese out of one man's field. And if you don't believe 1,500 hungry wild geese can do plenty in a young cornfield, then ask any Hyde County farmer. The damage to crops is believed to run into many thousands of dollars already.

WEBB ETHERIDGE IN TOKIO

Post cards were received here this week by friends, from Webb Etheridge in Tokio, Japan. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Bruce Etheridge, and is employed on a ship making that port. He formerly served in the Coast Guard.