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Tackle Tactics

It Looks Like Greater Prosperity for All Through State-Owned North Carolina Ports

By William J. Sadler
North Carolina's seaport resources now are thought to be on the road to proper recognition and development...

ing ports, both large and small, is requesting from the 1949 General Assembly an appropriation of approximately \$7,500,000 for the construction of modern docks, transit sheds, and warehouses at Morehead City and Wilmington.

City and Wilmington as soon as adequate facilities are available.

It has been conservatively estimated, he said, that at least 175,000 hogsheads of tobacco could be handled yearly through North Carolina ports, adding that "our estimates show that if we had the facilities, we would be handling approximately 200,000 hogsheads this year, most of which is now moving through Norfolk or Charleston."

Col. Gillette said that the various charges such as storage, wharage, handling, and stevedoring on 175,000 hogsheads of tobacco would yield State revenues of almost \$450,000, depending upon the methods of handling the tobacco, and the amount of time it is kept in storage, which ranges from 30 days to a full year, or longer.

Other commodities, he added, which can be handled profitably in practically the same manner as tobacco, include bagging, canned goods, cotton, knitted products, textiles, cotton lint, newsprint and commercial paper, peanuts, crude rubber, sugar, fertilizer and fertilizer materials, and scores of other products.

Figures available for 1947 show that 129,727 tons of gasoline and petroleum products were received at Morehead City by water during that year, with the tonnage of other commodities considerably below that figure. All of this gasoline and oil also was shipped to Morehead City by private companies in their own vessels and handled there by their own personnel and equipment.

Using Wilmington as an example because more complete figures are available for that port, Col. Gillette said that that city in 1941 was 2,819,000 tons of which about 1,800,000 tons consisted of gasoline and petro-

leum products, leaving roughly 1,000,000 tons of miscellaneous cargo. That year is taken for purposes of estimate, he said, because the years during the war and immediately afterward are not considered normal years.

Much Gasoline Moves
The tremendous quantity of gasoline and petroleum products, Col. Gillette said, was shipped by private companies in their own vessels, and handled through "tank farms" erected by these private interests, which also transhipped the products to interior points.

Col. Gillette said that of the 1,000,000 tons of miscellaneous cargoes, roughly about 150,000 tons of fertilizer and fertilizer materials also would be handled by private

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News from NORTH RIVER

Jan. 25 — Mrs. Studie Wade, who has been in Morehead City hospital for treatment, has returned home and she is very much improved. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Noe, of Beaufort, spent a while here Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Arthur.

News from SMYRNA

Jan. 25 — Mrs. C. S. Willis, of Marshallberg, and friend, Mrs. Mary Norcom, of Beaufort, spent a few hours here Saturday night with Mrs. Herbert Hancock. Mr. O-born Pigott and Kenneth Bates, of Gloucester, were here a short time Saturday night.

News from HARLOWE

Jan. 25 — Mrs. Ashby B. Morton spent Tuesday afternoon at Bachelors with Mrs. Claude Taylor. Mrs. Carl H. Morton, Miss Patricia Morton and Mrs. Claude Cummings were in Beaufort Tuesday. Mrs. George Ball, Billie Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Kuch Williams and son,

Collector Specializes in Headache Powder Bottles

LAUREL, Del. — (AP) — A R. Perry likes to collect odd items. His collecting hobby has rounded up innumerable things including these: An old-fashioned trunk bed, a powder horn, a model C-54 airplane, a wheel from a survey, a bell said to have been rung the night Paul Revere made his famous ride, and 80,000 bottles—50,000 of which once contained a headache powder.

College Undertakes Feeding Experiments

LUBBOCK, Tex. — (AP) — Experiments to compare results of feeding miltin milt and plainsman milt to lambs are under way at Texas Technological college here. One group of lambs was given a mixture of plainsman, cottonseed tonseed meal. These lambs showed a gain of 52 of a pound a day per lamb.

Business Available

The Ports Director said that members of his staff who had talked with leading tobacco dealers, warehousemen and manufacturers have reported that their contacts indicate that upward of 200,000 hogsheads of tobacco could be obtained for storage at Morehead

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News from SMYRNA

Mr. and Mrs. George Adams, Jr., of Morehead City, spent Sunday here with Mrs. Adams' parents. Mrs. W. D. Pake, who has been spending the past two weeks in Rocky Mount with her mother, Mrs. Mary Matthews, returned home Thursday to spend the weekend.

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