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## 1951 in Carteret County

The coming year will see Carteret county caught up in the whirl of increased military activity at nearby military bases and we will re-experience the years of the second world war — with some variations. Rather than abnormal, this military activity will probably extend over a period of years and soon we will be able to recall nothing else.

Million-dollar spending by the federal government on construction at both Cherry Point and Lejeune will tend to make up for the decline in private building activity in this area which will be curtailed to a large extent because of lack of materials.

Not only will fewer homes be built in 1951 but non-essential commercial building will go by the board. For example, the recent federal clamp-down on erection of buildings for amusement purposes has thrown the hooks into a proposed new theatre for Morehead City.

In spite of the fact that this theatre, to be built by Stewart-Everett on Arendell near 7th, has been talked of for many years, it looked, during the latter part of 1950, that something was finally going to be done. Then the federal regulation came along.

Efforts will be made, however, in the early part of 1951 to convince federal authorities that the theatre is essential here because of the proximity of the Marine base. The talking point would be that the men should have access to better entertainment facilities when they get several hours leave.

As for the Morehead City port, 1951 will not see completion of all port facilities. Dredging of the channel to 35 feet, which would be carried out by the Army engineers and federal appropriation, requires much palaver and preparation before the actual work begins. As for warehouses and storage sheds, bids will probably be asked in 1951. Unless super effort is exerted and pressure is brought to bear through the country's military preparedness program, 1952 is a more likely year for the port to begin to resemble engineers' drawings.

Usually when construction projects are underway, local business benefits from the laborers' payroll. If local labor can be found by the contractors, the businessman's benefit is proportionately greater. But as has been the case in the past, the contractors will find it practically impossible to stir local labor from its wintertime non-fishing siesta.

Living costs will continue high. Food, clothing, rent will eat up the greater part of the pay check. Credit controls will cut the demand for automobiles and household equipment of which there may be an increasing shortage since industries which manufacture products for domestic consumption will be filling war contracts.

Beaufort's tax rise which takes effect in 1951 is following a nation-wide trend in a rise in taxes. Increased federal taxation is another means of curbing inflation. Putting controls on prices as an inflation check has long been anticipated by the people, but the administration seems to be bidding for greater production of materials by luring higher production with higher prices. 1951 will see certain controls come into being, but widespread control or rationing will not occur unless steady war makes them necessary.

The year just dawning has a few more clouds on the horizon than the opening day of the year just past. But the sun is far from obscured. Man-made winds of wisdom can blow away the threats to peace and prosperity. And with faith and sincere hope for a better world, we wish each and everyone of you A Happy New Year.

## To Him Much Credit Is Due

The highest officer of a newly-organized group, always faces a trying task. Bennie Royal Garner, retiring chief of the Newport fire department, was given just such a task when he was chosen chief of Newport's new fire department two years ago.

Under his leadership the fire department has functioned well. The Newport Rural Fire Protection association was organized during his tenure of office. Another truck for the purpose of fighting out-of-town fires was purchased by the town and a garage was built to house the equipment.

Chief Garner, wisely believing that a change in leadership would be advisable and would benefit the department, declined re-election for 1951. Too many officials get the idea that their services are indispensable and by clinging jealously to an office kill the very organization they seek to perpetuate.

Newport can be proud of its fire department. It fills a great need for the town and the surrounding farm country. Every volunteer fireman who offers his services to the department deserves highest commendation.

Chief Garner can turn over his duties to the new chief, Charles Masters, with a feeling of pride in what he has so ably helped to achieve.

## Raleigh Round-up

By James H. Pou Bailey

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS . . . Raleigh, like all State and national capitals, is populated to a great extent by people whose old homes and close relatives are elsewhere.

It would be interesting to know to what extent the population of this city shrinks during the last week of the year. Literally thousands of Raleighites hie away "back home" for the holidays. A large percentage of them maintain their legal voting residences at Asheville, Monroe, Asheboro, Elizabeth City, Manteo, Murphy, Haw River, and throughout the hundred counties that compose this heaven-blessed commonwealth of ours.

So look for the folks. They will be home for a few days with old tried and true friends before the legislative storm of 1951 breaks down with full fury upon them.

THEN AND NOW . . . It hardly seems like it, but a quarter of a century ago this month Meredith college held its last classes at its campus enclosed by the streets of Person, Edenton, Jones and Blount and moved to the present location just west of Raleigh. At that time there was some complaint from the angels that the Baptist institution was moving too far out into the country. Today Raleigh is pushing hard against Meredith, and the college owns one of the most expensive pieces of property in Eastern North Carolina. High on its water tank are splashed in bold white paint the words "Angel Farm," words placed there by visiting firemen from Wake Forest and State.

The buildings left behind in Raleigh 25 years ago are now used for apartments, a drycleaning plant, eating places, and little of the quiet charm which literally permeated the environs in the early years of this century is left. An interesting item in this connection:

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## TOUGH I HE'S GOT TO BE TOUGH!



John C. Memory, crack attorney for the N. C. Employment Security Commission, has the same room he slept in one night about 35 years ago when he was in Raleigh with his parents visiting a sister who was to graduate from Meredith.

The president of Meredith college is Dr. Carlyle Campbell. He is a brother of Dr. Leslie Campbell, who is president of Campbell college. Meredith is now regarded as one of the outstanding women's colleges in the South. It has an enrollment of 600 students chosen from the most apt high school graduates.

Mrs. Jim Reed, wife of the WPTF sports announcer, handles public relations for Meredith. She reports that "Good Housekeeping" in an issue last year listed the best four-year small colleges in the Nation. On this honor roll were two North Carolina schools: Davidson and Meredith. Another listing was carried in a recent number of the same magazine, and again only Davidson and Meredith made the list from this State.

"VOLUNTARY CONTROLS" . . . Grapevine reports from Washington are to the effect that wage and price controls are being set up on a voluntary basis only to provide the Federal Government sufficient time to develop machinery in every state for rigid enforcement of controls.

During World War II, State offices of OPA had a large staff in the Capital Club Building here. It would surprise very few people here if a similar operation gets going around the first of March, with expansion and additional personnel as found necessary.

ANOTHER RESIGNATION . . . It is indeed a sorry month these days when some official of the State Government or some member of its various boards and commissions

does not fly the coop or get his walking papers.

December has its Judge Luther Hamilton of Morehead City and Judge D. E. Henderson of Charlotte. The Hamilton affair is probably a long way from settlement. Thought here is that the Legislature may have a hand in its final disposition.

Henderson has resigned from the State Board of Elections, where he served less than a year. Henderson's son, by the way, will be a member of the Mecklenburg County legislative delegation.

Haywood Robbins, also a judge and also of Charlotte, succeeds Henderson and will likely be sworn in at a public hearing the State Board of Elections will hold on January 8 in Marshall in an effort to settle the terrific fight which has developed in Madison county between the Democrats and the Republicans over certain ballots cast in the November election. Robbins no doubt loves excitement, else he would not have accepted appointment to the State Board of Elections.

THE BOOING . . . A visitor from another state, in Raleigh for a few days on business, attended the N. C. State-Michigan and N. C. State-Villanova basketball encounters at the Reynolds Coliseum last week. He was particularly impressed with the coliseum. But he noted that each time one of the officials called a foul against a State player, a loud "boo" went up from the stands. Fouls against the visiting players were of course all right.

"What is the matter with the State college students?" asked the



## News from CEDAR ISLAND

Dec. 27 — Mrs. Bruce Barco of Coinjock is home spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Goodwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Daniels of Florida are here spending the holidays. It is not a good sign. On the other hand, it is a sharp, if ill-mannered, indication of freedom to express one's opinion. We seem to be doing more of it all the time.

**HIGHWAY FRONT** . . . The State road system was part and parcel of several news items moving out of Raleigh last week.

In the first place, Gov. Kerr Scott finally got around to doing what a lot of people had predicted as early as last January he would do: ask for more money for primary roads. He said North Carolina needs \$300,000,000 for its primary road system. The day following this statement, the Highway Commission announced it is in the market for more road equipment. Bids will be opened on December 28 for about \$1,000,000 worth of machinery and heavy tools, and on January 4 bids will be opened for 100 two-ton trucks and 30 pickup trucks.

Bids totaling \$3,378,670.19 were received by the State Highway Commission one day last week for 15 road improvement projects. Low bids exceeded estimates by \$38,000.

Add to these items the various recommendations from the Governor's Advisory Committee on Highway Safety and you find a week full of highway news from Raleigh.

**NON-AGRICULTURAL** . . . Tied to the State Labor Department's figures of last week showing that one out of four employed North Carolinians is not working in agricultural pursuits is a recent survey made by the American Wool and Cotton Reporter. This shows there are 7,208 textile plants in the United States, with 1,577 in the South Atlantic States and 886 right here in North Carolina. This state has more textile mills than any other state except Pennsylvania.

days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Daniels.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Goodwin, arrived home Saturday night from Norfolk where they spent several days last week.

Miss Helen Daniels spent Christmas at Williston visiting her aunt, Mrs. Fulford Willis.

Mr. David Lupton of the U. S. Coast Guard spent the holidays here visiting his father.

Mr. Irvin Lupton spent Christmas at Newport visiting his son, Clifton Lupton.

Mrs. Ivy Daniels of Norfolk spent Christmas here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Daniels.

Pfc. Edwin Daniels, USAF, left

Christmas Day to return to his station in Texas. He had spent several days here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Daniels.

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