

Board of Equalization Considers Requests for Property Value Changes

Whaling

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length operated by eight oar men was clinker built of juniper by Devine Guthrie, an old pilot boat builder of Harkers Island.

Scouting for whales along the coast was done from a tubby sailing vessel with the pilot boat in tow. When some member of the crew shouted "there she blows," all hands rushed to make ready the pilot boat. Manned by eight oar men, a tillerman, with the harpoon in the bow, equipped with either a set of harpoons and lances or a whale gun, the craft set out in pursuit of its victim.

In the days of the harpoon it was necessary for the pilot boat to draw much closer to the whale than after the whale gun came into use. It took a man of brawn and unerring aim to drive the barbed spear into the whale's body. Such a man was Captain Lewis in the days of his early manhood. With the introduction of the whale gun it took a man of his build to handle such a gun for they weighed some 18 pounds or more, with a recoil that often sent the gunner over backwards into the sea.

To avoid the loss of the gun in such a case, a rope was secured to the stock. The bombs used in the whale gun were 18 inches long, better than an inch in diameter. After entering the body of the whale, the bomb exploded, soon causing death.

Much depended upon the tillerman to maneuver the boat to the best position for the harpooner to thrust the barbed spear into the tough hide of the whale's body. After the "strike" it required quick work on the part of the tillerman and oarman to avoid the thrashing about of the animal.

Watching for an opportunity the boat would again draw near the stricken whale and a long lance would be driven into a vital part of the body. Lances were a shank three foot long fixed to an eight foot pole. They could be darted 30 to 50 feet or they could be used for close-up work and the whale stabbed at arm's length.

Following the "strike," with the harpoon in its body, the whales would either submerge or roll and tumble and thrash the sea with their terrible flukes, lashing the waves with rage. There were whales that fled like horses through the ocean, dragging a whale boat after them. Attached to the harpoon was a rope, coiled in a half barrel or tub, permitting it to be easily played out as the whale made off with the spear in its body. Near the end of the rope was fastened a wooden block, some 18 or 20 inches square which acted as a drag or buoy for the pilot boat to follow when the animal came to the surface.

Standing by until the death agony of the animal was over, it was towed as close to shore at a point on the banks as was safe for the vessel. From there, smaller boats brought the prize to the beach. With block and tackle it was drawn to a spot above high tide where the work of cutting off the blubber began.

Barefoot men swarmed over the huge carcass, cutting the blubber into small chunks which were conveyed to large kettles where the oil was extracted. The processing of the blubber was a sort of a community affair for the men living on the banks, for a large whale required many workers to strip the blubber before it had reached an overboiling stench. After all the oil-producing substances were removed, the carcass was towed out to sea.

A number of huge, clumsy kettles under which fires were constantly kept soon reduced the blubber to a fluid state. This was then filtered off into barrels. The oil in the head of the whale is said to be more valuable than the fat on its body.

The profits from whaling varied according to the size and species caught. An article in the Beaufort Journal under date of April 9, 1887 says: "A whale of large dimensions was harpooned and killed yesterday near Shackelford Banks, about six miles from Beaufort. It is said to have been 60 or 70 feet long, very fat and will yield upwards of 50 barrels of oil which will be worth at least \$1,000. The lucky fellows to whom goes the honor of catching this monarch of the deep, are Samuel Moore and Abner Guthrie."

Most of the whales caught along the Carolina coast were of the baleen or right species, so called because they were easy to kill and full of oil. From the baleen comes the commercial whalebone which consists of a double series of 300 to 400 horny plates which hang down in the mouth. They grow from 2 to 12 feet long.

These plates which constitute whalebone, strain from the water the small organisms on which the whale feeds. Whalebone in the old days sold for \$1 or more a pound. Whalebone formed the stay in industry's corner of days past when a small waist was the style of the period. The right, or baleen, whale is now under government protection.

Whales taken off the Carteret coast are on display, both in the state and national museums. In the State Museum is the skeleton

Approximately 20 persons appeared before the county commissioners, sitting yesterday as the board of equalization, to request adjustment in property valuation. Most of the matters were approved by the board for investigation.

Dr. K. P. B. Bonner, chairman of the board, would say, "We'll have John look into that."

One of the petitioners was heard to say to another, "Who's John?" John is John Brooks of the auditor's office who is delegated to investigate matters connected with property valuation and taxes.

Mrs. Fred Lewis, Harkers Island, requested that the valuation on her property be lowered because the house has deteriorated and no repairs have been made on it in a number of years.

Discussion of the matter led Dr. Bonner to say that many folks come and want an adjustment because a home or building is run down but nobody ups their valuation when they make improvements or repairs. He says that he has known it to happen too that a person will get his property revalued downward and as soon as that is done, get busy and fix his place up.

Wants Revision

Waldron Bailey III who lives west of Morehead City and a quarter mile north of highway 70 said that his five-room house, on the books for \$1,500, is valued too high. He said two bedrooms have not been completed.

Howard Jones, Harkers Island, said that his eight-room house with a bath is valued at \$2,000 and he has only \$4,500 in it and the house is not totally finished. He asked that the valuation be adjusted downward. (Property is assessed usually at a third of its value).

Mrs. Leslie Davis, Beaufort, asked that the house she recently bought in Beaufort for \$5,000 be put on the tax books for less than the \$2,200 at which it is listed. She said, since she bought the home,

of a whale given the name "Mayflower" that was brought ashore near the Hoffman property some 50 years ago where it's blubber was processed.

In the National Museum is a beaked or true whale taken from Beaufort Inlet. Another specimen in this museum is a sulphur bottom, 78 feet in length taken in the Newfoundland waters.

Today United States whalers have disappeared entirely from the sea. On the body of many whales were found lice adhering to the whale like a swarm of bees, a bunch as large as a bushel basket. Before the days of petroleum, whale oil was used almost wholly for lighting. Sperm oil went into the making of candles.

Occasionally whales are sighted by fishermen and shrimpers along the coast. Dead whales rarely wash ashore anymore. If they do, they are objects of curiosity but no effort is ever made to save the blubber.

Borden Adams, Broad Creek, was

\$800 in improvements have been made on it.

Carlton Johnson, 308 Broad St., says that his two-story house is over-valued. Its valuation has been placed at \$1,210.

'Value Too High'

O. J. Morrow, manager of the Morehead and City theatres in Morehead City, said the theatre owners feel their valuation is too high. The City theatre is valued at \$25,300 and the Morehead theatre at \$30,000.

Carl Southerland of Belk's Department store, Morehead City, said he felt the \$30,000 valuation on the building was excessive.

Michael P. Holowitz, 1107 Bridges St., told the board that he felt the valuation on a two-room garage apartment on his property, was too high. The valuation is set at \$1,375. He said that cost of construction was \$2,200.

In one of the cases where the board made a decision, Grover C. Davis' land, listed as under cultivation and valued at \$40 an acre, was assessed at \$25 an acre because he says it has been put in permanent pasture. The board agreed that the lower valuation was all right if Mr. Davis' statement of the change were found to be true. Mr. Davis lives at Davis.

Petitioners for Dallas W. Lawrence, Otway, appeared and asked an adjustment in the valuation of Lawrence's four-room home. The house is valued at \$1,555.

The board reduced the valuation on the Carteret Supply Co. building from \$5,500 to \$3,333. D. W. Freshwater, owner of the building, said it was built seven years ago at a cost of \$9,000 and he felt the valuation should be only a third of the cost.

James D. Potter, auditor, said that valuation cannot always be based on cost because buildings put up 20 years ago are of much higher value today than the amount put in them when they were built. However, the board reduced the valuation.

Mrs. Leah Folsom appeared on behalf of Phillips Grocery Store, Morehead City, and asked that an addition to the store be valued at \$500 instead of \$800. She said the addition cost \$1,500.

E. C. Watson and Ed Faucette who own homes in the Noyes avenue section of Morehead City said the valuation of their homes was too high. Mr. Potter, auditor, said the valuation is figured at one-third the amount the present owners paid for the house.

Walter Edwards, manager of Key Roofing Co., appeared before the board in regard to valuation of Fry trucks and other assets, including Volney Felt Mill and Trumbull Asphalt Co. The board agreed to value the property at \$300,000 providing that any tanks constructed on the property in the future be put there with the understanding that the valuation will increase at 35 cents per barrel capacity of the new tanks.

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Good Reason!



Here's Rosemarie Mehm, student at the University of Bridgeport, the reason one group of GIs, returned from Korea, is going to college. University officials say she got a letter from the group after her picture appeared in a local paper in a beauty contest.

granted a reduction on his store building from \$1,400 to \$1,100. Valuation of the Cedar Island Fishing pier, listed under the name of Mrs. Iris Fulcher, was reduced to \$4,600.

No action was taken in the following: C. F. Stroud, Morehead City, who wanted valuation of his store building reduced about \$6,000 and Mrs. Violet Howard, Evans street, Morehead City, who requested a reduction in a \$2,955 valuation.

Dr. Bonner explained that only the assessed value of buildings can be changed. Value of lots on which buildings are placed cannot be altered.

More persons appeared at the board of equalization meeting yesterday than have in the past. The meeting ended at about 2:30 p.m.

With the Armed Forces

Two Soldiers Take Part In Exercise Ski Jump

Camp Hale, Colo.—Pvt. Kenneth W. Daniels, 18, son of Harold R. Daniels of Atlantic, is at Camp Hale, Colo., taking part in Exercise Ski Jump, the Army's 1954 Mountain and cold-weather training maneuver.

He is a squad leader in Company A of the 511th Airborne Infantry Regiment's 1st Battalion Combat Team which is learning techniques of winter warfare and survival under sub-zero conditions high in the Colorado Rockies.

Private Daniels entered the Army in May 1953 and completed basic training at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Camp Hale, Colo. — Second Lt. John J. Horton, 25, whose wife, Miriam, lives at 216 W. Walter St., Whiteville, N. C., is at Camp Hale, Colo., taking part in Exercise Ski Jump, the Army's 1954 mountain and cold-weather training maneuver.

Horton is a platoon leader in Company H of the 511th Airborne Infantry Regiment's 2nd Battalion Combat Team which is learning techniques of winter warfare and survival under sub-zero conditions high in the Colorado Rockies.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis H. Horton, 1005 Bay St., Morehead City, he was a student at North Carolina A and T College before entering the Army last May.

Camp Lejeune, N. C.—Marine

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2nd Lt. Aden D. Windham, husband of the former Miss Marie Conway of Morehead City, was graduated from the First Special Motor Transport Officers' Course at Supply

School Battalion here. The course, one of four designed to furnish new officers for the Marine Corps' specialized branches, consisted of instruction in all phases of motor transport, administration and application of mechanical techniques.

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Gerald Preston Lewis, 18, son of Mr. James Lewis, and Larry Gas-

ton Eubanks, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Eubanks of Morehead City were accepted for enlistment in the United States Navy Tuesday, March 9, 1954, at the Navy Recruiting Station, New Bern, it was announced today by Navy Recruiter William H. Grimes.

Lewis and Eubanks were sent to the Naval Training Center located at San Diego for approximately 11 weeks of recruit training.

Lt. Roland M. Garner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Garner, Newport, was recently awarded the wings of a Navy patrol bomber pilot at ceremonies held at the Naval Air Station, Hutchinson, Kan.

Lieutenant Garner is also qualified as a lighter-than-air aviator, and was formerly attached to ZP-1, at the Naval Air Station, Weeksville, N. C. He has been transferred to the staff of Commander, Air Force, Atlantic Fleet, at Norfolk, Va., for further assignment.

James Paddison Prellow Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John James Jr., Morehead City, has been accepted by the Air Force as an aviation cadet-officer candidate. After prescribed training he will pilot a jet.

FHA Will Sponsor Dance at Newport

The Future Homemakers of America Chapter, Newport School, will sponsor a Spring Dance at 8 o'clock Saturday night in the Newport School gym. Dancing will begin at 8 and continue 'til midnight. Refreshments will be available. Music will be furnished by the Rhythm Trio. Admission is a dollar a couple or 60 cents per person.

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Down Our Way

By JAMES G. WHITEHURST

Just recently we were called late at night to go to the Morehead City Hospital in the hope that our blood would match that of a patient there, who was not expected to live through the night unless given a blood transfusion. Several had been called, and before they got to us a blood type was found that would match and mix with the patient's, so our blood was never typed.

It looks to us that all churches, civic and fraternal clubs and lodges, and the Parent-Teachers' Associations of Carteret County should adopt this project jointly for this year — TO HAVE AS MANY CARTERET COUNTIANS BLOOD-TYPED AS POSSIBLE, with the records card-indexed at the Morehead City Hospital for quick access.

When a patient in either the Morehead City Hospital or the Sea Level Community Hospital needs a blood transfusion, he or she needs it right then and there! Many times you have heard appeals for blood donors over Radio Station WMBL — this station is hereby highly commended for this service — but how many hearing these appeals know their blood type . . . ? Ninety-eight per cent, we will wager, do not know their blood type — and since there is no concerted effort of the so-called powers that be, the individual makes no effort to have his or her blood typed.

It is well for the preachers to discourse on the history of religion down through the ages, but it would also be well for them to back some movement like the universal typing and recording of individual blood types to aid in saving lives here on earth NOW.

The March of Dimes was unusually successful in Carteret County this year, due to the backing it received from the Business and Professional Women's Club of Carteret County. If this organization would adopt the Carteret County Blood Typing Project and solicit the support of every church, and every other civic and fraternal organization in the county, we are sure that the Blood Typing Project would be just as successful as the March of Dimes was. We believe that Radio Station WMBL will cooperate with this movement and that advertisers would donate their radio time any Sunday afternoon to the furtherance of such a worthy and helpful program — we will start it by offering our Sunday radio spots to the cause.

This project has been unduly delayed already — there has been a need for such Blood Type Records for years — so there is no excuse to delay this project until "next year." Your child, your wife, your husband, your mother, your father . . . who knows which will need the use of these records in order to obtain blood donors IN TIME . . . ? Your failure to back this movement may cost YOU your life . . . so if you won't back this movement for the other fellow's benefit, BACK IT FOR YOUR OWN GOOD . . . !

It has not been officially announced yet, but the Moose Lodge that was organized last fall in Morehead City is definitely buying the Steak House property as a lodge hall, at a reputed price of \$30,000, subject to confirmation of the sovereign grand lodge. Nice going, fellows!

The Lionel Connors, of Harlowe, are getting ZEPHYR Red Wood awnings for their front porch and front windows. We installed similar awnings on the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Raymond Ball and Mr. and Mrs. George Ball, of Harlowe, summer before last.

Only two more weeks before the drawing in our WIN CASH WHEN YOU TRADE WITH WHITEHURST Contest . . . ! Be sure to get your tickets in early.

Clearing up the playground area near the highway bridge in Beaufort has certainly improved the appearance of the approach to Beaufort. And the addition of the playground will give the children a good place to play.

If your awnings need replacing, now is the time to have your windows measured . . . don't wait until the summer sun is baking you before you decide to get awnings.

Hamilton Furniture Company is opening a branch store in Morehead City in the building formerly occupied by the Blake and James Furniture store on Arendell street. This will give the Hamilton's two large outlets here in Carteret.

Now that your income tax period is behind you for another year, you can start thinking about inclosing that porch of yours with Clearview Louver Glass Windows. We'll be glad to give you a free estimate, and the job can be financed through A.B.C.

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3:30—TBA
4:00—Woman With a Past
4:15—Music With a Fashion
4:30—On Your Account, NBC
5:00—Cactus Jim
6:00—News
6:15—Sports
6:20—Weather
6:25—Safety Tips
6:30—Riders of Purple Sage
6:45—Farm Facts
7:00—Kit Carson
7:30—Douglas Edwards, CBS
7:45—Perry Como, CBS
8:00—Paul Winchell Show, NBC
8:30—Ford Theatre
9:00—Badge 714
9:30—The Unexpected
10:00—Pabst Fights, CBS
10:45—Greatest Fights of the Century
11:00—News, Weather and Sports

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1954

2:30—Nancy Carter's Cookbook
3:00—The Big Payoff
3:30—TBA
4:00—Woman With a Past
4:15—Music With a Fashion
4:30—On Your Account, NBC
5:00—Cactus Jim
6:00—News
6:15—Sports
6:20—Weather
6:25—Safety Tips
6:30—Circle C Jamboree
6:45—Farm Facts
7:00—Lone Ranger
7:30—Douglas Edwards, CBS
7:45—Yesterday's News Reel
8:00—You Bet Your Life, NBC
8:30—Four Star Playhouse, CBS
9:00—I Led Three Lives
9:30—Living Book

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 1954

2:00—Afternoon Theatre
3:30—TBA
4:00—Woman With a Past
4:15—Music With a Fashion
4:30—On Your Account, NBC
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7:15—Jewel Box Jamboree
7:30—Doug Edwards, CBS
7:45—Perry Como, CBS
8:00—Boston Blackie
8:30—Pepsi-Cola Playhouse, ABC
9:00—Life with Reilly, NBC
9:30—Cavalcade of America, ABC
10:00—Cavalcade of Sports, NBC
10:45—Beat the Experts
11:00—News, Weather, Sports

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1954

11:00—Winky, Dinky and You, CBS
11:30—Rod Brown Rocket Rangers, CBS
12:00—Big Top, CBS
1:00—Uncle Bimbo
1:30—What in the World, CBS
2:00—East Carolina College
2:30—Melody Matinee
3:00—TBA
3:30—Championship Wrestling
4:30—Horse Racing
5:00—Uncle Marvin
6:00—News
6:15—Sports
6:30—Circle C Jamboree
7:00—Hopalong Cassidy
7:30—Cisco Kid
8:00—Golden Weed Jamboree
8:30—Amateur Hour, NBC
9:00—The Big Picture
9:30—Playhouse of Stars, CBS
10:00—Medallion Theatre, CBS
10:30—Hit Parade, NBC
11:00—News, Weather and Sports

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 1954

1:00—Youth Wants to Know, NBC
1:30—Frontiers of Faith, NBC
2:00—American Inventory, NBC
2:30—Amer. Forum of the Air, NBC
3:00—Youth Takes a Stand, CBS
3:30—Man of the Week, CBS
4:00—Excursion, NBC
4:30—Your Faith Is Power
5:00—Family Theatre
6:00—Carolina Vesper Time
6:30—You Are There, CBS
7:00—Life With Father, CBS
7:30—Private Secretary, CBS
8:00—Toast of the Town, CBS
9:00—Amos and Andy
9:30—Break the Bank, ABC
10:00—The Web, CBS
10:30—Favorite Story
11:00—News
11:05—Beauty Secrets

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