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Bell-Wallace of Morehead City Planning Big Expansion Program

\$40,000,000 Base For U. S.

MARINES

Bank To Observe Holiday Saturday

First Citizens Bank and Trust Company here will observe Washington's Birthday on Saturday and be closed for the day.

Rainy Day Alarm

Three blows from the fire alarm siren at 10 minutes till 12 o'clock on rainy days indicates a "Rainy Day Session" at Beaufort Consolidated School.

New Traffic Light

An approved "Caution Light" has been erected at the intersection of Lenoxville Road and U. S. Highway 70 in the vicinity of the Beaufort Consolidated School.



Washington, D. C. ENGLAND'S POSITION IMPROVES

Little by little the British position has improved. Gallant Greek victories, the triumphant march of British forces across North Africa, the daring of the royal navy in the Mediterranean, all have helped to balance the scales of war.

In addition, Admiral Leahy's sea-dog diplomacy in Vichy is reported to have had some effect upon General Weygand, to whom he has promised American gasoline and oil.

Furthermore, preliminary reports indicate that the trip of Wendell Willkie had a stirring effect, not only upon British morale, but upon Germany.

Germany cannot forget that it was America which finally turned the tide and defeated the Kaiser. And that See Merry-Go-Round, Page 2

ALMANAC HISTORICAL EVENTS

- FEBRUARY 22 Florida ceded to U. S., 1819. 23 Battle Buena Vista, 1847. 24 Capture of Vincennes, Ind. 1779. 25 Shrove Tuesday. 26 Ash Wednesday. 27 15th Con. Amendment proposed, 1869.

BIRTHDAYS Of Famous People

- FEBRUARY 21 Cardinal Newman, 1801. 22 Geo. Washington, Pres. 1732. 23 Handel, musician, 1685. 24 Gen. John Burgoyne, 1723. 25 Enrico Caruso, singer, 1873. 26 Buffalo Bill, pioneer, 1846. 27 Henry W. Longfellow, poet, 1807.

To Be Constructed In Eastern North Carolina

In Counties Adjoining The Carteret Coast

Although Carteret was not mentioned in the announcement that sites in Onslow and Pamlico Counties had been selected for creating one of the nation's largest U. S. Marine bases, it seems only logical that the western section of this county will be included eventually in the plans.

From the proposed camp site in the New River section of Onslow to Wilkerson's Point is a distance of 82 miles by established highways. The straight line distance between the two sites is only 40 miles.

An associated press story from Washington on Monday relative to the proposed Marine base led-off as follows:

"Assurance of speedy congressional action on the \$40,000,000 authorization requested by the U. S. Navy for construction of a marine base and air station on the Eastern coast was given today by Chairman Vinson, Democrat Georgia, of the House Naval Affairs Committee."

Legislation carrying the authorization was expected to be called up on Wednesday or today. As the House prepared to debate the Navy bill, its appropriations committee gave consideration to a request for an appropriation of \$1,500,000 to acquire land for the two Marine projects.

BARDEN REVEALED SITE APPROVAL

A comprehensive story, and one of the first to reach the coast relative to the Marine base in printed form, appeared in News and Observer on Sunday under Porter McKeever's by-line. This story follows:

Washington, Feb. 15.—A 100,000-acre site in Onslow County has been selected and approved for one of the largest Marine Corps bases in the country. Representative Graham A. Barden revealed today.

President Roosevelt and Secretary of Navy Frank Knox have given Ee MARINES, Page 8

Roof Collapses At Beaufort Ice Plant

A general alarm was sounded by the Fire Department here on Wednesday when the roof over the cold storage department of the Beaufort Ice Company collapsed. Workmen renovating and installing new equipment at the plant were heating the storage rooms to dry the moisture from the rooms and it was feared that this would cause the structure to catch fire.

Ex-Service Men To Register Saturday

Saturday, February 22, is general registration day for ex-service men all over the United States for the defense program. In Beaufort Carteret Post 99, has the proper blanks for filling out and all ex-service men are urged to register.

They Will Be Directors Of Seaside Summer Schools— Three WCUNC Units Coming To Beaufort In June



DR. SHAFTESBURY



MISS BROWNLEE



PROFESSOR IVY

ANNOUNCEMENT WAS made in Greensboro on Saturday by Dr. W. C. Jackson, dean of administration of Womans College, U. N. C., that three summer school units will come to Beaufort in June.

CARTERET IS GETTING BIG PAYROLL NOW

Camp Davis Project Is Bringing New Money To Town

1,000 MEN FROM COUNTY AT WORK

Approximately 1,000 persons from Carteret County are now employed on the Camp Davis project at Holly Ridge and there are still jobs available for those who can qualify for certain specialized forms of employment according to W. C. Carleton, manager of the N. C. Employment Bureau at New Bern.

With salaries ranging from \$28 per week to upwards of \$50 and even \$100 to some, the weekly payroll to Carteret citizens is over \$30,000. Merchants in Beaufort and Morehead City are making preparations to cash all checks of workers when pay day comes each week-end.

Until today, however, no definite announcement of this effect had been made. Wise merchants will have plenty of cash on hand this week-end however, because there will be thousands of dollars in checks to cash, it was indicated.

North River Home Demonstration Club

The North River Home Demonstration Club held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Jessie Wade, Thursday afternoon, February 13, with twenty members present.

The following leaders reported: Mrs. Bessie King, who told us where and how to select baby chicks for 1941; Mrs. Julian Fulcher, food conservation leader, who guided each member in making their family canning budget to be filled this year; Mrs. R. W. Safrin, Sr., who assisted Mrs. Fulcher in giving a report of Dr. Ernest Branch's lecture on "Health of Our Children" and, too, led a discussion of how North River Club might be made stronger.

During the business session the club made definite plans to raise money to help construct the Curry Market building. The major lesson demonstration was Bedroom Arrangement and the Home Medicine Cabinet. Edna Beachem led the group in See H. D. CLUB, Page 8

CHRISTENING

The 105-foot menhaden vessel "Dewey" constructed by Bell-Wallace Shipyard in Morehead City for W. M. Webb was christened by little 9-year old Patricia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Webb at a colorful launching at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Covering The Waterfront By AYCOCK BROWN

IT HAS BEEN estimated conservatively that more than \$100,000,000 is spent annually by the shipping interests of the United States alone because of fouling growth which attaches itself to the bottoms of ships.

THE FOULING OF ship's bottoms is an accumulation of plant and animal organisms which attach and grow on both wooden and metal vessels. This accumulation of material consists of many species of animals and plants, which find the bottom of a ship or boat a favorable place to live.

These same barnacles, however, if placed in boiling water change to beautiful colors of various hues. Offshore vessels, such as Diamond Lightship, are bothered by another species known as the goose-neck barnacle, a member of the family which is very colorful in its live state, like every form of sea-life which the Gulf Stream as its habitat.

FOR A NUMBER of years in Beaufort at the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Biological Laboratory a series of tests to determine the value of different types of paint coatings for steel plate and sheet aluminum used in ship and airplane construction and also wood, have been made.

ENGINEER HAS BEGUN STAKING FOR REA LINES

Home Wiring Loans Available For Members

Approved Contractor Must Do The Wiring

Actual staking of the distribution lines of Carteret-Craven Electric Membership Corporation lines was begun by the engineers this week and will proceed steadily in those areas in which all easements to place poles on the landing - owner's property have been secured.

Construction of the lines will begin within ten days after the contract has been signed by the REA Administrator. The contract is to be let to the low bidder after a public letting, which will be announced in a few days.

G. W. Huntley, president of the Cooperative, has received word from Washington that \$5000 additional has been allotted to this project and will be available to members for loans with which to finance the wiring of their houses.

The Cooperative, however, insists on having only a wiring contractor approved by them doing this type of work. Money is available from this fund with which to make plumbing installations.

Library Debt Fund Increases Slowly During Past Week

Contributions to the debt-liquidating fund being raised by the Woman's Club in behalf of the Carteret County Library, increased slightly during the past week. It was erroneously reported last week that Beaufort Hardware Company contributed only \$5.

The goal for \$200 which was needed to liquidate the debt incurred for materials purchased by the Woman's Club to be used in renovating the library is still not realized. This does not speak well for the interest the citizens who should have contributed freely and wiped out the debt within an hour or two after the canvas for funds began.

Bidding For Construction Of Two U. S. Mine Sweepers

Employment Would Be Given Many Carpenters

VESSELS WOULD BE 136 FEET IN LENGTH

Bell-Wallace Shipyard in Morehead City has submitted bids for the construction of two U. S. Navy mine-sweepers and if the contract is awarded this plant, one of the most important marine railways and boat building firms in North Carolina already, will begin a gigantic expansion program immediately.

Bids for small boat construction in the government's fleet expansion program have also gone in from Barbour and Meadows of New Bern and the Elizabeth City Iron Works, another marine construction firm on the Pasquotank River.

The mine sweepers which the Morehead City firm would build would be 136 feet in length, or 31 feet longer than the beautiful new menhaden vessel now under construction at Bell-Wallace Shipyards for W. M. Webb.

Should the contract be awarded Bell-Wallace for the construction of the mine sweepers or mine layers the present facilities will be increased by the construction of additional and larger railways, new sheds and the installation of new equipment. At present 32 persons are employed at the shipyards.

The mine-sweepers would be of wood construction. This means that right here in Carteret county and in nearby counties skilled boat builders would be given an opportunity to work. The time limit for construction of this type vessel See Mine Sweepers, Page 8

Adj. Sadye Brewer And Her Band Here Today and Tonight

Adjutant Sadye Brewer of the Greenville, N. C., Corps with her band, will be visitors in Beaufort this afternoon and have charge of the Services at the Hall (American Legion Hut) tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

Rotary Entertains Dr. Ralph MacDonald

The Beaufort Rotary Club entertained Dr. Ralph MacDonald, former candidate for governor of North Carolina, Tuesday night at its regular meeting. The meeting was held at the studios of Roy Eubanks, the Rotarians being entertained by Mr. Eubanks, Aycock Brown, Jake Miller, and Dr. J. O. Baxter, Jr., at an oyster roast.

Last week at the meeting of the club, the members were entertained with very interesting talks on Lincoln by Harry Paul and Miss Mary Johnson, students of Beaufort School. Mr. Paul emphasized the life and times of Lincoln, while Miss Johnson referred in particular to the personality and characteristics of the great humanitarian.

Pilot Saves Self And Champagne As His Plane Crashes

Although his Fairchild monocoque seaplane was almost demolished, Pilot Robert Love, of Boston, Mass., escaped without a scratch in a crash on the waterfront at the foot of Marsh Street last Friday afternoon.

A pick-up truck from Inter City Air Service of Boston came down on Monday to carry the wrecked plane back to Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Bemis of Boston, traveling companions of Love were in a similar seaplane, but they landed safely. It was stated that damage occurred only to the plane, and not only did the pilot escape without a scratch, but that also four bottles of champagne aboard were unbroken.

At the beginning of 1941, there were two bales of cotton in the world for every bale likely to be used during the year, estimates the U. S. Department of Agriculture.



Man About Town! New Yorkers Are Talking About:

The hush-hush divorce of Seth Parker (Phil Lord) and his current blaze, Bonnie Doone, former "Hon-eye-chill" on the Bob Hope stanzas... The witness in the Hauptmann case who brought "new evidence" on the Lindbergh snatch to Wilson's office... President Wilsey's daughter, once active in N. Y. literary circles, who has joined a Brahman nunnery in Pondichery, Indo-China... Quentin Reynolds' standing order of posies to Betsy Cushing Roosevelt every day. He calls her "the ideal woman."

The \$40,000 a month it costs to keep the Normandie and its crew docked in N.Y. The coin comes from the frozen French funds here... Capt. Patterson's plan to erect the biggest independent radio station within six months... The so-called consummation of the merger of two newspapers (B'klyn and Manhattan)—now that they've applied to the RFC for a \$2,000,000 touch.

Erskine Gwynne's escape from a See Winchell— Page 2

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. So 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.

Table with tide times for Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Columns show times for high and low tide.