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For the Duration—Government Adopts New WEATHER WARNINGS

Most important news for coastal residents and navigation interests generally, was the announcement this week by the Navy Department that for the duration of War there would be a drastic change in giving out weather reports and also the display of signals at the local and other weather towers on the coast. Capt. Norman Etheridge, officer in charge of Beaufort Station, U.S. Navy's Coast Guard unit transmitted the announcement to The Beaufort News.

Carteret County's New Home Agent



MISS EVELYN HORNE, pictured above, is Carteret County's new home agent. She was employed by the Carteret Board of Commissioners on Monday, December 1, and succeeded Miss Margaret Clark who held the post, doing a splendid job for a number of years. Miss Clark accepted a position as home agent of Sampson County.

Miss Horne has already proven herself a worthy successor to Miss Clark. She is a graduate of Woman's College, U. N. C., in Greensboro, and a native of New Hanover County where she was an outstanding member of the 4-H Clubs of that county. Before coming to Beaufort and Carteret County she was employed with the Home Agent's department of Cumberland County at Fayetteville.

REPORTED THAT OLD CIVIL WAR BOMB EXPLODED

It was reported here this week that when a fire was built at a nearby military encampment in the vicinity of an old Civil War base, that a bomb-shell, probably found during the past summer by WPA workers, exploded. Details of the incident which reached The Beaufort News through a member of the U.S. Naval service could not be learned as we go to press.



Portrait of a Hero:
One of the unsolved mysteries of history is how Custer hurled the military promotion system and overnight rose from a mere lieutenant to a general. . . . All anyone knows is that he returned to headquarters the day after being out on a mission, and chums greeted him as "General". . . . Custer thought they were kidding, because he always boasted that he'd be a general before the war was over, and he was all set to start punching. One of his friends grabbed him by the arm and took him to his tent where he found an envelope containing his commission addressed to "Brigadier General George Armstrong Custer". . . . Custer, who was only 22 years old, turned pale and passed out cold.

Buy Defense Bonds—
Custer is the man who turned the tide of the Civil war by saving the Union army from defeat at Gettysburg. At the time of the Battle of Gettysburg he was about 15 miles away. His brigade had been ordered (along with the rest of the cavalry) to wait at Big Roundtop, where Jeb Stuart and his Confederates were expected to attack. . . . Stuart fooled the Yankees by attacking from the opposite direction instead. . . . Hearing Stuart's gunfire, Custer disobeyed the orders he had received, headed straight toward the sound of the guns and, charging four times, stopped the See WINCHELL Page 7

RED CROSS People Cooperating In Drive For War Fund

The first report on the Red Cross Emergency War Fund was made today by the chairman, Rev. E. C. McConnell. The total received to date is \$269.00 which includes a gift of \$100.00 from the Scarborough-Safrin Lumber Co., of Beaufort.

Due to the nearness of the holiday season only a few workers have been able to make much progress with the campaign. The chairman feels, however, that all workers on the committee will begin immediately after Christmas and that the citizens of the Beaufort Chapter area will respond generously to the Emergency War Fund.

St. Paul's Church Midnight Service On Christmas Eve

The Rector and congregation of St. Paul's Episcopal Church extend their annual invitation to the people of Beaufort and Carteret County to attend the Christmas Eve celebration of the Holy Communion.

The service will begin at 11:30 p. m. and will include many of the Christmas hymns and carols. The "midnight service," as this traditional hour of worship has come to be known, seems a most appropriate time for all men to gather in God's House and hear again of the things that begin to God and the birth of God's Son. Through the days and perhaps years of warfare ahead of the American people it will be good to look back at this Christmas and remember its universal message "Peace on Earth can be only as Men are of Good Will."

Forty-Seven Car Train Arrives In Morehead City

The longest freight train ever seen on the coast came in over the A. & E. C. Railroad last Friday. It carried 47 freight and tank cars. From six to a dozen cars constitute the usual train.

The wreck between Croatan and Havelock was responsible for the long freight. Cars piled up at one point for nearly two days and finally

Son Of Carteret Native Disappeared After Raid Signals

When the air raid signals sounded in Brooklyn, N. Y., a few days ago, 10-year-old Albert C. Mason Jr. marched out of P. S. 102 in Brooklyn, visited a friend of his family and announced he was going home. He did not get there, nor did he return to school. Mr. Mason, his father, is a native of Beaufort. His grandfather is Alan Mason, retired Coastguardsman, here.

New York papers reporting the disappearance, said he was the son of Albert C. Mason, a marine engineer living at 49 Mackay Place, Brooklyn, he lived until three months ago with his grandparents in Apalachicola, Fla., and police were watching the roads, believing he might be headed that direction.

Air Raid Spotters

Air Raid Observation posts in Carteret were ordered manned beginning on Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock and continuing throughout the night and until 7 A. M. the following morning. The night schedule will be effective until further notice.

COVERING THE WATERFRONT

OF COURSE this is unofficial, but our opinion is that the troops of Coast Artillerymen now encamped at Fort Macon and vicinity are not there on a holiday outing. Do not be surprised if restrictions are soon enforced prohibiting civilian visits to the historic Fort. Troops stationed there are just a beginning. We predicted that eventually the Outer Banks would be the scene of much military activity. It had to come. The bases near the coast, but inland, cannot give the proper reception to enemy planes flying in through the "open doorway for enemy invasion from the East"—our Carolina coast.



Beaufort Station Aids Scow Towing Tug In Distress

The tug Belford sprang a leak and sank in upper Newport River last Thursday night when rammed by one of two scows it had in tow bound from Norfolk to New Orleans. Distress signals from the craft were sighted by the lookout on duty in the Navy's Beaufort Station of Coast Guard, a crew under the command of Capt. Norman Etheridge, proceeded to the scene and removed the crew of five.

The two barges of steel were light. The tug's hauling port was New Orleans. It is understood that the same salvage crew which recently floated the Wallace M. Quinn, a menhaden vessel which was beached in Lookout Bight after springing a leak off shore, salvaged the tug Belford. This was only one of several assistance to vessels made by the crew of Beaufort Station recently. About two weeks ago, crews from Fort Macon and Cape Lookout units of this Station aided in rescuing the crews of two out of three barges in tow by a seagoing tug about 25 miles northeast of Cape Lookout in the ocean.

RECORD MAILS

An average of 10,000 letters daily, a new record, have left the postoffice during the past several days, it was stated today by W. H. Taylor, postmaster. Highest day was Monday when 10,717 letters were cancelled by the automatic machine and approximately 1,500 by hand. Approximately 50,000 cent and half stamps have been sold during the Christmas rush at the local postoffice—it was stated.

FOR CHRISTMAS GIVE THE BEAUFORT NEWS

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A Poem Without A Title

Bursting bombs and shrieks of pain,
Speed and glitter and cellophane
Cover the earth—can angels sing
Above such din—will the old refrain
Of "Peace, Good Will", sound clear again?

O, yes! no uproar made by men
Can silence the song from Bethlehem—
Softly, and pure as a mother's tears
It falls on our hearts through all the years.

Together we sing the old refrain,
With peace in our hearts we kneel to Him,
And we burn a candle for each good friend
We've met on our way to Bethlehem.

—Vernie Goodman—In The Uplift.

Christmas Greetings

Little cottages with coal stoves and roasting spits at the hearth have given way to handsome homes, electrically equipped, functionally furnished. Housewives once drudging from dawn to night, have leisure, have careers, aid in defense. These are modern times in which we play an active part. But now—when the holly hangs bright green and red—we revert to an old-fashioned sentiment and say, "A very merry Christmas—one and all!"

The Beaufort News AND ITS PERSONNEL

- William Hatsell Elva Hatsell
- Aycock Brown Earl Mades
- Jack Williams Mathias Skarren

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Government officials have requested Mayor Graydon M. Paul here to urge citizens to save their waste paper and card board which accumulates this Christmas-time and at all times in the future. Paper and cardboard is needed badly for national defense purposes.

URGENT SAVING WASTE PAPER FOR DEFENSE

Boy Scouts of Troop 51 will salvage the waste paper and cardboard, wrapping it in bundles to be collected by the Town's Trash Trucks. It will be stored locally until government officials are ready to send here for it. The saving of wastepaper and cardboard is just another way of helping the United States of America in this emergency and all citizens are urged to cooperate.

Dr. Luther Fulcher Hurt In Car Wreck

Dr. Luther Fulcher was seriously injured Sunday night in an automobile accident near Harlowe. He was rushed to James Walker Memorial hospital at Wilmington by ambulance. Dr. W. S. Chadwick accompanied him there.

Reports are that he suffered a broken leg and crushed hip, several broken ribs and chest injuries. His car was damaged to almost beyond repair.

BUY U. S. DEFENSE BONDS AND STAMPS

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First Casualty

Mr. and Mrs. W. Z. McCabe, prominent residents of Wildwood section of Carteret were advised by the Navy Department on Tuesday that their son Edwin Bonner McCabe, Water Tender 1st Class, U.S. Navy, attached to U.S.S. Oklahoma, has not been located since the Pearl Harbor combat on Sunday, December 7. The McCabes have many, many friends who share their sadness at this Christmas-time. This young man, born October 29, 1914, who chose service in his Country's military service as a career, and was making good, graduated from Newport High School in 1933. He enlisted in the Navy in October of that year. He is the first native of Carteret County reported missing in the present War. . . . W. Z. McCabe is a member of the Carteret Board of Commissioners.

TRAFFIC OVER INLET DECREASES

Compared with November 1940, a decrease of 200 cars is reported as having crossed the Oregon Inlet ferry during November, 1941. The decrease may be ascribed to several causes. The work camps of the National Park Service located at Ocracoke, Frisco and Rodanthe have been discontinued, as well as the CCC camp at Cape Hatteras. There is a comparative decline in Coast Guard activities and warm weather kept away many sportsmen. A great many citizens are also working in defense centers.

Tax Listers In Carteret Begins During January

Tax listing in the various townships of Carteret County will take place during the month of January, according to plans announced by the Board of Commissioners. The list takers were appointed in early December.

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Following the Christmas Carol singing, special services for the carolers and the public will be conducted at Ann Street Methodist Church by the pastor, the Rev. Stanley Potter.

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