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State Health Dept. Suggests Permanent Typhus Control

AAA GROUP READY FOR 1945

Committeemen Zealous to Perform Duties Faithfully

The 1945 reorganization meeting of the County and Community Committeemen of the AAA last Friday evening in the AAA offices in Beaufort postoffice building drew full attendance to discuss and prepare for the radical farm changes expected next year.

With Roland Salter in the chair, B. J. May, county director of the AAA, explained the new rules and duties of the committeemen. Special stress was laid on the committeemen's responsibility to help his neighboring farmers in the filing of applications for gasoline and ditching practice blanks.

Those present at the meeting: County Committee: Roland Salter, D. W. Truckner, Lawrence A. Garner.

White Oak Community: Herman K. Norris, James W. Young, Joe G. Taylor, Herman E. Taylor, Carl T. Taylor.

Morehead Community: William J. Loughton, Fred L. Bell, James G. Murdoch, Robert E. Loughton, Thomas C. Oglesby.

East - Merrimon Community: Gardner Gillikin, Mildred S. Lawrence, Guy C. Gillikin, Hugh C. Pake.

Newport Community: Leon H. Quinn, Cecil H. Pringle, Y. Z. Simmons.

Beaufort - Harlowe Community: William J. Hardesty, Lionel N. Conner, Manly M. Eubanks, Raymond Dickinson, Leslie D. Springle.

Announcement

It has been the practice of The Beaufort News, along with most weeklies in the country, to continue over-due subscriptions of men and women in the armed service—no matter how long over-due.

The practice of continuing unpaid subscriptions is now ruled out by Amended Limitation Order L-240 of the Printing and Publishing Division of the War Production Board.

PAID subscriptions are, however, encouraged as morale builders even to the extent that such subscriptions are not included in the total amount of newspaper tonnage chargeable to weekly newspapers. The Beaufort News will not cancel any over-due "Service" subscription until January 15, 1945 which should permit sufficient time to check on the condition of the subscription. The "Service" subscription rate, as can be noted on the editorial masthead, is specially priced at \$1.50 the year.

TELEPHONE CO. FRANCHISE RENEWED

Routine business was transacted at the regular monthly meeting, Monday night, of the Beaufort Town Commissioners with the lone exception that the Telephone Company franchise was renewed and duly signed by Mayor Taylor and Clerk Thomas.

WAR RATIONING GUIDE

Week ending December 9th

PROCESSED FOODS
Blue A-8 through B-2 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each. Good indefinitely.

MEATS, FATS
Red A-8 through S-5 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each for use with tokens. Good indefinitely.

SUGAR
Sugar stamps 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 good indefinitely for five pounds each. Stamp No. 40 good for five pounds canning sugar until February 28, 1945.

SHOES
Airplane stamps No. 1, 2 and 3 valid indefinitely.

FUEL OIL
Period 4 and 5 coupons from last year and period 1 coupons for this season now valid.

GASOLINE
A-13 coupons valid through December 21. Rationing rules now require that every car owner write his license number and State on all gasoline coupons in his possession.

Special Commission Sessions Called in Beaufort - Morehead

Typhus which has claimed one life and eight living cases in Carteret since July, today nears eradication as the result of activities of Dr. R. K. Oliver, county health officer, supported by Mayor Bayard Taylor of Beaufort and Mayor D. B. Willis of Morehead City.

Source of the dread disease, the multitude of rats that infest the wharves, business sections and large parts of the residential sections of the two towns and their suburbs, will be completely damned for all time if the efforts of the trio meet with success at special meetings of the towns' boards of commissioners called by the mayors.

Beaufort's special meeting has been set by Mayor Taylor for Monday night, Dec. 18 and Morehead City's by Mayor Willis for Tuesday night, Dec. 19. The mayors will lay before their respective boards a detailed plan submitted by the local health department in conjunction with the State Board of Health to both officials by E. L. Hunter of the State Department last Tuesday afternoon in Dr. Oliver's office.

The plan outlined by Hinton has been and is being followed by Wilson, Rocky Mount, Charlotte, Wilmington and Concord and already the results in these five municipalities have proved its worth.

A rat-proofing program — not merely a rat poisoning program — its cost in Concord averaged \$40 per business section building unit. Offsetting the cost, Hinton pointed out that Concord, probably for the first time in its history, is now entirely free of typhus and free of the daily economic toll exacted by rats. Cost of rat control in Miami, Fla., he said is \$1,000,000 a year and also in New Orleans. In Memphis, Tenn., cost runs to \$110,000 a year.

Typhus deaths in North Carolina run to ten of every 100 persons stricken. All other parts of the United States have four to five deaths per 100 stricken.

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Ayscue, New ABC Officer Achieves New Record

Two illicit stills and five arrests on bootleg whiskey charges are the two-weeks' bag of Carteret County's new ABC law enforcement officer M. M. Ayscue.

Mr. Ayscue, a former member of the Greenville police department, and Mrs. Ayscue expect to be permanently established in a Beaufort residence before Jan. 1.

Mr. Ayscue was one of Greenville's best known and respected police officers and has to his credit a long list of achievements in the line of duty.

Legion Post Playing Santa

Carteret Post 99, American Legion, is cooperating with Eddie Cantor and his "Time to Smile" radio program to give a Christmas gift to every serviceman and woman in a hospital in the United States.

The Post, through Post Commander R. H. Hill and Auxiliary President, Mrs. Raymond Ball, urges civilians to purchase suitable gifts, have them packed at the store where they are purchased, list enclosed contents and turn over to the post of to any of its members or leave at any one of the Beaufort drug stores.

The deadline is Sunday, December 10, if you wish your gift to arrive in time for Christmas Day. Suggested gifts based on a poll taken among patients is:

Hankchiefs, olive drab socks, ties and scarfs; toothbrushes, toothpaste or powder, razors and razor blades, hair tonic, jackknives, cigarettes, pen and pencil sets, checker and cribbage boards, paker chips, stationery, cigarette lighters and casse, soldiers buckles and belts, shaving kits, pipes, zipper bags, shoe shining kits, hair brushes and bill folds. It is very important that each package must have a list of contents listed on the outside, it must be opened and a list attached before presentation. Your personal card may be enclosed if desired.

In West Pacific



By Jimmie Guthrie

Pfc. Mervin N. Hancock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Hancock is now serving with the U. S. Army in the West Pacific.

Two years and three months ago he was inducted in the army and left for Camp Hulon, Texas, from which place he left for overseas duty.

He is a good boy and has always been. He has served his country for a long time with courage and patience. He has never been home since he let two years and three months ago. We hope he discharges his duty well and returns home soon.

BEAUFORT HI-Y CLUB MAKES GOOD START

The Hi-Y Club of Beaufort High School has started on a good beginning this year. The new members have been enlisted in our club and have proved highly energetic in progressing our activities. The new members are: Seniors; Bessie Joyce Norcom, and Betty Ward. Juniors: Edna Rae Leonard, Sallie Louise Mason, and Virginia Jones.

Sophomores: pla Bell Dickinson, Sara Curtis Guthrie, Pauline Mason and Pat Webb.

Regrettably, our former leader, Mrs. McGinnis, has been unable to lead us this year, but Miss Marjorie Humphrey has filled the vacancy and we feel that we will progress under her guidance.

Mary Louise Mason, Club Reporter.

SHORT TERM FOR SUPERIOR COURT

Carteret County's December Term of Superior Court convened and adjourned in record time Monday, December 4th, when Honorable R. Hunt Parker, Presiding Judge, cleared the few cases on the calendar. Divorces were granted in the cases of Mary Frances Taft vs George Leroy Taft; Carrie Wiley vs John E. Wiley; John Cox vs Alverta Cox; and Julia Frost vs Ernest Frost.

A consent judgment was rendered in the cases of Kilburn vs. Williams, and Goldman vs. Loftin Motor Company. All other cases of the calendar were continued for the term.

Mrs. Eva Bravaldo, Assistant to Clerk of Superior Court L. W. Hassell, served in his absence in the Superior Court Room for the first time as Acting Clerk. Mr. Hassell continues to improve at the Fayetteville Veterans Hospital.

DR. BONNER APPOINTED

Dr. K. P. B. Bonner, Chairman of the Carteret County Board of Commissioners, was appointed by the Board at its regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 4, to assist Dr. Robert K. Oliver, County Health Officer, in establishing tuberculosis facilities for Carteret County.

Routine and tax matters were discussed at the meeting, which was attended by all of the commissioners. Settlements were made in the matters of taxes due in the name of B. J. Mann, Newport Township, and J. Kelly Gillikin, Marshallberg Township.

List Takers for the January 1945 Tax Listing Period were appointed for the various townships as follows: Mrs. Eunice Paul, Atlantic and Sea Level; John D. Brooks, Beaufort; Mrs. Dora Day, Cedar Island; Miss Libbie Pond, Davis and Stacy; Mabel Davis, Harkers Island; J. Raymond Ball, Harlowe; Irvin Moore, Marshallberg; Peter Carraway, Merrimon and Lukens; Charles V. Webb, Morehead; Prentice Garner, Newport; George W. Davis, Smyrna and Williston; Gerald Whitenurst, Straits; and Sam B. Meadows, White Oak.

MERCHANTS GIVING FULL COOPERATION

All merchants in Carteret County are displaying the colorful merchant consumer posters in their stores according to reports reaching Miss Elsie Nelson, ration card price clerk.

CARTERET BOYS IN THE SERVICE

Earl C. Day, 1st class Boatswain Mate USCG, of Lola, who has been stationed at Thimble Shoal Light Station has been transferred to Capt Lookout Light Station.

Mrs. Madora Day of Lola, received word last week that her son Preston Day, 2nd class Boatswain Mate of the USN, who has been in a hospital in the Pacific since August with bad nerves, has arrived in the states, and his condition has improved very much.

Pvt. Charles E. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Moore of Beaufort, has been transferred from Ft. Bragg to Camp Blanding, Fla.

Billy Arrington S 1c, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Arrington, Beaufort, has been transferred from Little Creek, Va., to Solomon Naval Station, Md.

Thomas Beachem S 1c of the Merchant Marine, stationed at Norfolk returned to his post of duty Wednesday after spending 30 days furlough home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Beacham, RFD.

Lt. Allen O'Bryan has notified his grand parents, the N. W. Taylors of his arrival somewhere in Hawaii.

Lt. and Mrs. David Mosier and children left this week to visit relatives in Greenville before returning to his post of duty.

Pfc. Ossie Ashman USA, stationed at Fort Monroe, Va., is spending several days here with his fiancée, Miss Gwendolyn Whitehurst. He will return this week to await his new assignment.

Lt. J. M. Larrick flew from Newport, Arkansas to Cherry Point and spent last Thursday and Friday with the W. A. Smith's of North River Road.

Lt. Sidney Thomas Richmond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Thomas of Ann Street, who was injured in India while she was serving with the U. S. Army Nursing Corps is considerably improved.

She has been transferred from an army hospital at Coral Gables, Fla., to another at Tuscaloosa, Ala. Her sister, Mrs. Joseph Sebes is now with her and will accompany her soon to Beaufort where Lt. Richmond will pass a convalescent month.

For rescuing an injured pilot trapped in his burning plane, Sergeant Reuben R. Garvin of Beaufort has been awarded the Soldier's Medal, according to a dispatch to The Beaufort News from a command unit of the Ninth Air Force Defense in France.

The award, presented by Brigadier General William L. Richardson, commanding the Ninth Air Defense Command, cited Garvin, who despite flames and danger of explosion, helped remove the pilot from the crashed plane to safety.

Pfc. Roy C. Merrill, U. S. Army, stationed at Camp Wolters, Texas, arrived Friday night to spend furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Merrill, of Moore Street.

MM 3c and Mrs. Charles Eldad Moore of Beaufort Rt. 1, announce the birth of a son James Walker, on December 1, at Morehead City Hospital. Mrs. Moore is the former Charlotte M. Czaja of Chicago, Ill.

Pvt. Arnold W. Salter has returned to his service post at Camp Polk, La., after a visit here with his wife and children and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Salter of Broad Creek.

James C. Steed, son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Steed, 120 Queen St., recently graduated from the Aviation Radio school at U. S. Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla., and was promoted to Seaman First Class in the U. S. Navy.

Entering the Navy April 26, 1944, he received his recruit training at Jacksonville, Fla., before being transferred to the Naval Air Technical Training Center here.

Steed is now a qualified Aviation Radioman and is scheduled for Operational Training. He will probably see future service as a Naval Aircrewman.

In South Pacific



David Woodrow Nelson, S 1c USN, is now serving with the Amphibious Operating Unit in the South Pacific war zone. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy in May of 1940. He is the son of Mrs. Callie N. Willis and the late Paul E. Nelson of Beaufort, N. C., Route 1. His wife is, Mrs. Marie Nelson of Beaufort.

OFF TO FORT BRAGG

Seven Carteret County youths left last Friday for Fort Bragg from Selective Service headquarters in Morehead City. They are:

Harry Quinton Simmons, Newport; Otis Kittrell, Beaufort Rt. 1; Ralph Leo Dudley, Beaufort, Rt. 1; Stuart McGuar Morse, Stella; Charles Eric Moore, Beaufort; Robert E. Lee Rhue, Pelletier; Cecil Ray Powers, Morehead City.

HERMAN HOWLAND BURIED

Funeral services for Herman Howland, of Craven street, were held from Ann Street Methodist church Wednesday afternoon. The Beaufort Masonic Lodge had charge of the commitment rites.

The seventy-three year old citizen died suddenly of a heart attack at his home Monday afternoon, after having spent one of the brightest days of a period of failing health.

Prior to retirement he was a tinner.

Surviving are one daughter, Miss Marybelle Howland and two sisters: Miss Liza Howland and Mrs. J. T. Beveridge.

POACHERS, OYSTERS, AGAR KEEP DR. PRYTHERCH BUSY

Besides trying to protect his half-tame mallards from poachers, Dr. H. F. Prytherch had a busy several days this week.

Monday he addressed the State Council of War Agencies at Raleigh on the diverse, yet related, subjects of oyster biology, oyster post-war plans, the Agar industry, the menhaden industry and recent mullet growing experiments.

Tuesday Dr. Prytherch attended a conference at Washington, N. C. called by Capt. John Nelson to discuss oyster shell planting.

Clyde P. Willis, AHH 3c and Miss Marilyn Bevan of Lake City, Florida, were married on Nov. 23, in the Baptist Church at Lake City.

Mr. Willis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Willis of Marshallberg, and is stationed at the N. A. S. at Lake City as instructor.

Marine Sergeant George H. Herbert, whose wife lives in Beaufort, recently was graduated from rifleman class in the Fleet Marine Force at Camp Lejeune.

Sgt. Herbert was thoroughly schooled in infantry tactics and weapons and is now qualified as a rifle platoon non-commissioned officer.

IN PHILIPPINE INVASION

Royce Vincent Emory, Cox USNR has been awarded a citation for taking part during the Philippine invasion. Emory's citation reads in part: From: The Commanding officer To: Royce Vincent Emory, Cox USNR. Subject: Leyte Invasion, 20 Oct. 1944, Philippines Islands.

1. My wholehearted congratulations are extended to you for the splendid manner in which you fulfilled your duties during the subject mentioned invasion. You truly lived up to the American spirit in coming "Back With Mac".

2. You, as an individual member of the crew of LST 738, deserve all the praise that goes into the navy's phrase "Well Done."

John T. Barnett, Commanding Officer. Emory is the son of Mrs. Della Emory of Roe. He entered the service in November 1943, and received his LST training at Camp Bradford, Va.

Fire Sweeps Loftin Motor Co. Endangers All Of Beaufort

POLITICS OR DOLE NO PART OF AAA

The Agricultural Adjustment Administration, commonly known as the AAA, it not a political organization nor subject to any sort of political control, it does not tell farmers what they can and cannot plant, nor does it give farmers money for nothing as commonly supposed, B. J. May, head of the Carteret County AAA told fellow members of Beaufort Rotary Club in regular weekly dinner session Tuesday evening at the Inlet Inn.

The AAA, functioning since 1933, has helped farmers get rid of surpluses, assisted farmers in improving their soils. In the latter matter, Mr. May said, that the AAA has given farmers soil improvers not as gift or dole but on loan.

Since 1937 average production on all crops has increased 21 percent while farm income has gone up 50 percent.

Functions of the AAA have touched and influenced every phase of community life. Mr. May said, pointing out that over \$260,000 in payments and salaries have come into Carteret during the eleven years of the program, that the payroll of those, including the elected committeemen, who have had the administrative responsibility has amounted to more than \$60,000 and that A. C. P. and Parity payments to farmers in the county has amounted to more than \$180,000, Mr. May said.

A round table discussion on the current Tuberculosis Seal drive revealed that 250 letters addressed to Morehead City residents, sealed and stamped in Beaufort and turned in at the Morehead City Postoffice with the thought of saving time and labor on the part of both the Beaufort and Morehead Postoffices, were refused by the Morehead office on the grounds, said to be legal, that the stamps had not been purchased there.

Flames shot more than 100 feet into the air and sparks floated southward over house tops, even to Front Street. Chief Hardy's thoughts were equally divided between fighting the Loftin fire and protecting the neighboring residences and the Ann Street Methodist Church. Had the fire occurred on either last Saturday or Sunday evening the entire Town of Beaufort might have been swept, according to firemen.

Sgt. Thomas P. O'Neill with his crash truck crew from Beaufort Marine flying field and a pumper with a full complement headed by Chief Warren Guthrie of Morehead City were simultaneously on the job fifteen minutes after the general alarm.

Both crews pitched into the nip and tuck battle and time after time a Marine, a member of the Beaufort department or a member of the Morehead department took his life in hand to dash into one or another of the flaming buildings with hose and axe.

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MRS. JAMES CANADY SERIOUSLY ILL

Mrs. James Canady, wife of the manager of the Beaufort A & P store and president of the Beaufort Rotary Club, is seriously ill at a Kinston Hospital where she was removed from Morehead City Hospital last when efforts there failed to achieve desired results. Mrs. Canady will be given another blood transfusion tomorrow.

CARTERET'S FIRST GIRL DRUGGIST.

When Miss Evelyn Salter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Salter of Stacy is graduated from the University of North Carolina pharmacy school on Dec. 17, she will become the first Carteret girl to have achieved the right to handle the druggist's pestle and mortar. After a year's apprenticeship in a drug store, probably in one of Carteret's drug stores, she will become a full fledged pharmacist.

SGT. PRESTON MASON MISSING MAY BE WAR PRISONER

Sgt. Preston Mason, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mason of Ann Street, Beaufort, may be a prisoner of war according to information reaching the Masons from the War Department. The Department reported Sgt. Mason missing as of Nov. 6. The Masons are in receipt of a letter from their son dated Nov. 6.

P. T. A. MEETS TUESDAY

The December meeting of the Beaufort Parent-Teachers Association meeting will be held on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium. An interesting program awaits.

Volunteer Firemen of Beaufort, Morehead And Marine Field Endanger Lives Fighting Blaze

Fire of undetermined origin totally destroyed the extensive buildings of the quarter-century old Loftin Motor Company last night.

A general alarm was sounded at 8:45 p. m. and the all-out blasts at 12:30 a. m. but until late this morning smoke still curled angrily from the charred debris and members of the volunteer Beaufort Fire Department were maintaining alert watch.

Horace G. Loftin, president of the company which has made Ford automobile history in Carteret County, estimated damage this morning at more than \$20,000.

Besides the buildings, flames consumed eight automobiles, a wrecker, a stock of new tires, a great quantity of paint, irreplaceable tools.

The Loftin Motor Company will continue, Mr. Loftin said but ruefully added that the repair department of the concern, the life-saver for many a Carteret automobile, is necessarily out of business for a long time to come, certainly until War Production Board, restrictions on purchase of new tools is lifted.

More than half the membership of the Beaufort Fire Department were on the job within five minutes after the fear-raising general alarm "33" was sounded. Hose from two pumpers were thrown on the building, back and front, and Chief Hardy Lewis, Jr., disposed his men at all danger points.

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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. Some allowances must be made for variations in the wind and also with respect to the locality, that is whether near the inlet or head of the estuary.

HIGH	Friday, Dec. 8	LOW
	8:22 AM.	9:34 AM.
	3:32 PM.	10:00 PM.
	4:19 AM.	10:32 AM.
	Saturday, Dec. 9	
	4:26 PM.	10:48 PM.
	4:26 PM.	10:48 PM.
	Sunday, Dec. 10	
	5:09 AM.	11:27 AM.
	5:17 PM.	11:35 PM.
	Monday, Dec. 11	
	5:55 AM.	12:16 PM.
	6:07 PM.	12:16 PM.
	Tuesday, Dec. 12	
	6:38 AM.	12:16 AM.
	6:51 PM.	1:03 PM.
	Wednesday, Dec. 13	
	7:21 AM.	1:00 AM.
	7:36 PM.	1:47 PM.
	Thursday, Dec. 14	
	8:01 AM.	1:40 AM.
	8:18 PM.	2:30 PM.