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Salvage Efforts Fail—

## Denver Sinks

He Represents Army  
At Huge Camp Davis  
Anti-Aircraft Base



AN IMPORTANT JOB is that of Capt. Karl M. Patte, Constructing Quartermaster, at Camp Davis, the Coast Artillery Anti Aircraft Firing Center project in the Holly Ridge section of Onslow County 70 miles from Beaufort. Prior to his tour of duty at Camp Davis, where he represents the U. S. Army's interests in the gigantic housing project now nearing completion, Captain Patte was Constructing Quartermaster at Camp Edwards in Massachusetts, a similar project to house 30,000 troops. Before that he was in charge of construction and maintenance of CCC camps throughout the New England States. It is under Captain Patte's CQM division at Camp Davis, that Editor Aycock Brown serves as press relations officer. (Photo by Aycock Brown).

C. G. McLane Reports  
That Oil Carrier  
Goes To Bottom

### EXPLOSION ABOARD KILLED 20 SEAMEN

By Aycock Brown  
Chief Boatswain John L. Olsen, commanding officer of the C. G. Patrol Vessel "McLane" which returned to her station at Advance Base "A" in Morehead City early last night from the scene of the S. S. Cities Service "Denver" reported to The Beaufort News that a radio message received later was to the effect that the oil laden vessel sank about 10:45 o'clock. The McLane had saidel at 1 o'clock Tuesday morning immediately after receiving the report that an explosion had occurred aboard the Denver while she was bound north from Port Arthur, Texas at a position approximately 80 miles south east of Beaufort Inlet.

The explosion was one of the worst of recent year tank explosions. Nineteen members of the crew were killed almost instantly in the crews quarters up forward on the vessel. Oscar Degerstedt and Winfield Campbell, both severely burned, in some way made their way out of the inferno. Degerstedt's escape was in vain. He died at Morehead City hospital Tuesday night, where Campbell is now receiving treatment. Attached at the hospital expressed the opinion that Campbell, who was much bandaged around the face and hands, when a Beaufort Newsman called there just before we go to press today and sitting in a wheel chair, had a good chance to see S. S. DENVER, Page 8

Salvation Army To  
Have United Home  
League Meet Here

There will be a United Home League Meeting of The Salvation Army (New Bern Corps) here at the new Beaufort Outpost Salvation Army Headquarters located at 130 Ann Street on Thursday night, March 27. Mrs. Colonel Alfred Tyler will be the guest of honor and preside.

The Corps representatives will be the New Bern, Washington and Beaufort Outpost with the possibility of another Corps coming here for the meeting. Capt. Farmer of New Bern Corps stated that the ladies of the Christian organizations of Beaufort are cordially extended an invitation to attend this meeting.

### Covering The Waterfront By AYCOCK BROWN

OF THE TWO, I would have judged that Winfield Campbell was the most seriously injured from burns received in the S. S. Cities Service Denver explosion. We had transferred the two injured men aboard the large Beaufort Station lifeboat with Capt. Damon Meekins commanding, and Campbell was up in the fore-peak apparently in much agony. Oscar Degerstedt was in the wire stretcher between the fore-peak and engine room out on deck. Surfman Connie Daniels, of Beaufort Station was standing along side of him holding a piece of canvas to keep the wind and salt spray from the injured man's face. Once when I passed along the crowded deck toward the fore-peak, Degerstedt wise-cracked: "What is this, a game? You are getting around over this boat like a monkey in a cage."

DR. ROYAL, U. S. Public Health surgeon was aboard. He had told me that the most critically injured was Degerstedt, but the poor man was talking and smoking cigarettes and trying not to show the agony he was in. Campbell seemed to be in still greater pain. Tuesday night while I was in Campbell's hospital room getting his version of the tragedy which had occurred about 23 hours previously, in Latitude 33.16° N and Longitude 76.38° W, described as being a spot on the ocean 80 miles due south of Cape Lookout, about 90 miles slightly southeast of Beaufort Inlet, Degerstedt died. See Waterfront, Page 8

Heavy Docket In  
Recorder's Court  
Here On Tuesday

Ten cases were tried in Recorder's Court on Tuesday, most of them being minor offences.

Prayer for judgment and continued upon condition of non-violation of the prohibition law for two years and payment of one half the costs was ordered in the case of William E. White, charged with violating the prohibition law.

Prayer for judgment and continued upon surrender of his drivers' license was ordered, plus payment of the costs was the judgment in case of George W. Wells, charged with driving drunk.

After hearing the evidence in the case of Randolph Becton, charged with operating an auto in a reckless and wanton manner, the Court agreed to hold judgment to see if parties involved could not make satisfactory adjustment of the damage incurred.

Prayer for judgment, payment of one half costs of court and surrender of drivers' license was ordered in case of Norvel Kirk, charged with driving an automobile while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

If Fred Smith leaves the county and remains out for two years, he will not have to pay court costs or serve a six-months sentence on charges of assault with deadly weapon, growing out of an argument of the ownership of a fish. The case occurred up in the Stella section. Should said Fred Smith not leave county a capias will be issued and he will be arrested.

H. F. Howell plead guilty of violating the prohibition law. Judgment was continued upon payment of costs upon condition of non-violation of the law for two years, and payment of one-half costs.

If Cecil Guthrie will go to Florida with his father and remain there until after the menhaden fishing season in October, he will not have to serve a 6-months jail. See Heavy Dicket, Page 8

Gun-Flashing John  
B. Congleton Given  
Suspended Sentence

John Bunyon Congleton, who had some of the boys around Loftin Motor Company scattering, and Ira Thomas Willis jumping over a Super DeLuxe, the other day when he flashed a realistic looking toy gun in their general direction, was tried on Tuesday in Recorder's Court on charges of public drunkenness and disorderly conduct. The court order was that he be assigned to the county jail for 30 days, however, this sentence was suspended upon condition that John Bunyon remain of good behavior for a period of six months.

It was stated here this week that while J. B. C. admits that he has been arrested 56 times, that court officials and others contend that the exact number of times he has been up in court exceeds 100—which is a record for Carteret County and perhaps the State.

British War Relief  
Group Is Organized

On March 24, a group of women interested in British War Relief, met at the Community Church, Core Creek, and organized a "British War Relief Group."

The object of the organization is to furnish articles of clothing and sweaters, socks, baby layettes, etc., to our Cousins Across the Sea.

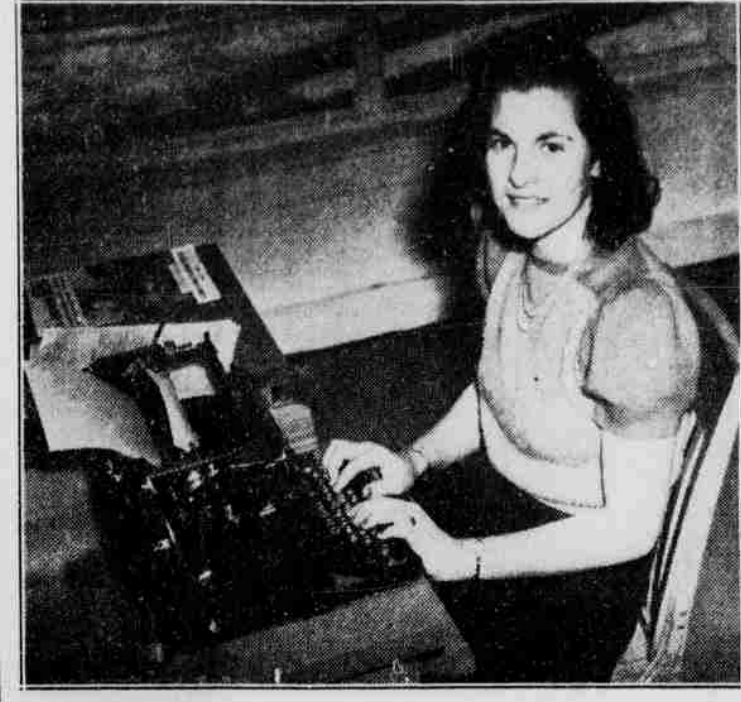
The organization got off to a good start with eight in attendance. The work was entered into enthusiastically, some forty-five baby garments being cut out and distributed in addition to wool for the knitting of sweaters and socks. Anyone in Carteret County wishing to contribute to this cause which lies so close to our hearts, is invited to meet with us on Tuesday April 1st, at 2:00 P. M., at the Community House, Core Creek. Contributions of time or money will be deeply appreciated.

Mrs. Wm. Y. Stewart.  
Mrs. D. F. Merrill.

NO CMTC CAMPS  
DURING SUMMER

Although The Beaufort News has previously run an item relative to the fact that there will be no CMTC Camps in the State during the coming summer, we are pleased to report the fact again. Principal H. L. Joslyn, who has been active in receiving CMTC applications in the past has been advised by Colonel Harrison of the S. F. Reserve State Civilian Aide, officially that there would be no camps.

She Is Stenographer For Carteret  
Craven Electric Membership Corp.



ATTRACTIVE MISS Esther Dickinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dickinson of Core Creek community has been employed as stenographer-clerk of the Carteret Craven Electric Membership Cooperative which has just moved into its headquarters on Ann Street in the Noe Building. Miss Dickinson is proving to be a very efficient clerk at the local REA office. She stated, as we go to press today that Engineer Kerr of the C. E. Wooten Company and his assistant have completed staking lines from Newport to Stella and are now staking the line-route from Newport into the Core Creek-Harlowe sections via Mill Creek. (Photo by Aycock Brown.)

## First Camp Davis Cadre To Arrive On April 10

Home Eco. Expert  
To Hold Cooking  
School In County

MISS CAMILLE BEAUCHAMP Home Economist with the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, will be here to conduct a cooking school on April 8-4, in Morehead City. The demonstration is sponsored by Tide Water Power Company local Westing-

The first major contingent of soldiers to occupy Camp Davis—a cadre of 750 troops from Fort Bragg, Fayetteville—will arrive in Holly Ridge on April 10, a spokesman for Davis staff headquarters announced last night.

The cadre—in military parlance a unit around which a battery or regiment is formed—will be composed of seasoned regular Army veterans who have been initiating selective service draftees into the arts of soldiery at Fort Bragg during the past several months.

DIRECTS COOKING  
SCHOOL



MISS CAMILLE BEAUCHAMP District Home Economist for Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company.

Reach Capacity In June  
Their arrival will boost to well over the 1,500 mark the number of officers and men who will occupy the anti-aircraft firing center by mid-April, inasmuch as by that date there will be some 500 commissioned officers and more than 250 non-commissioned officers on duty with the temporary headquarters in Wilmington. By mid-June it was indicated, the camp's strength will be close to its capacity of 20,000 men and officers.

Barracks and other facilities to accommodate well over twice 1,500 men and officers are already completed at the camp, and by April 10, the constructing quartermaster said, the facilities will be even greater.

There was no immediate word from the War Department in Washington as to whether the 750 men being assigned from Fort Bragg compose a regular military unit, or are individuals selected from various batteries. Details of their assignment at Camp Davis will be worked out by the staff of Col. James B. Crawford within a few days.

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Army engineers disclosed plans in Washington Wednesday, to spend \$105,000 on improving two North Carolina projects—Silver Lake at Ocracoke, and the channel from Manteo to Oregon Inlet—primarily for use of Coast Guard. Representative Herbert Bonner of the First District appeared before the appropriations committee urging immediate improvement for the two projects. Beaufort and Morehead City and other projects are included in Army's plan for waterway improvement but it is not new projects, instead maintenance work.

Silver Lake And  
Oregon Inlet To  
Get Improvements

Loans  
A total of more than \$6, 870,000 has been loaned by credit institutions operating under the supervision of the Farm Credit Administration since the FCA was organized in May, 1833.

## Colonel S. Dickinson Is Chairman Of An Important National Defense Committee

Played Prominent  
Similar Role  
In 1917

### HE ORGANIZED AND HEADS COMMITTEE

How surgical manufacturers are helping to speed the wheels of U. S. defense was revealed to the American Surgical Trade Association Journal in exclusive interviews recently. Playing the most important role in the organization is Colonel Fairleigh S. Dickinson, of Rutherford, New Jersey, a native of the Core Creek section of Carteret County. Colonel Dickinson was here recently and he usually makes about six visits to Beaufort each year, usually accompanied by Mrs. Dickinson, his wife, and during the summer months, his son Dick Dickinson.

He Is Scheduled To  
Speak At Banquet  
Here Friday Night



REPRESENTATIVE Graham A. Barden by long distance telephone notified Aycock Brown, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, that he was making every effort to be present on Friday night for the annual membership meeting of the civic organization. Also scheduled to be present and speak is Colonel Eairl I. Brown, U. S. District Engineer of Wilmington who will be accompanied to Beaufort by Engineer Hewitt. The banquet will be held at the Inlet Inn and all chamber of commerce members and others are urged to attend. Mrs. Martha L. Loftin is in charge of the banquet arrangements. It will begin at 7 o'clock.

Camp Davis Building  
Makes Fast Progress

Camp Davis, March 26—Buildings were completed here last week at the rate of one every 33.8 minutes, according to compilations of R. H. Wattinger, general superintendent for contractors, who reported his compilations to the office of the constructing quartermaster.

Superintendent Wattinger based his figures on eight-hour days of 480 minutes, with a total of 26,402 carpenter days during the third week in February the peak building was reached when a house was completed every fifteen and half minutes.

During the peak week the operations were based on 35,000 carpenter days, Superintendent Wattinger's report revealed.

ANOTHER FIRST  
FOR BEAUFORT

For first time in history of Carteret Coast portable AP wire photo equipment was flown here Tuesday to send out Aycock Brown an Roy Eubank's pictures of survivors of Denver explosion. The equipment was flown here in chartered Air Service, Inc., plane piloted by D. E. Ervin from Washington. H. K. White, photographer and E. L. Abbott, wire-photo technician of Associated Press and U. H. Santone, Paramount newsreel man of New York were aboard plane. Wire photo equipment was set up in Eubank's Foto Shop.

Mrs. Lillian M. Taylor  
Dies At Duke Hospital

News was received here this morning of the death of Mrs. Lillian Martin Taylor who died last night in Duke Hospital, Durham. She had been a patient there for the past several weeks where she was undergoing treatment. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Martin of Beaufort where she has lived all of her life. She is the wife of West Taylor of Beaufort and since her husband's affliction about fifteen years ago she has been in the employ of the Davis Bros. Dry Goods store here in Beaufort where she was working when taken with her last illness.

Her friendly nature was responsible for her many friends in Beaufort who will miss her. She was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal church.

She is survived by her husband and four sons, Robert, Billie King and West Taylor of Beaufort and Thomas Taylor of New York City. Two granddaughters also survive. Funeral services will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal church at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Six Selectees Leave  
Here For Fort Bragg

Six Selectees left here Wednesday morning for Fort Bragg where they will be inducted in the U. S. Army for a one year tour of duty. On April 7, 14 more Selectees from Carteret are scheduled to leave for camp. In the group leaving on Wednesday were Gerald Leffers Chadwick, Gloucester; Furnie Christopher Jones, Pelletier; Preston Loftin Mason, and James W. Atkinson, Beaufort; Leslie Earl Davis, Morehead City, and Claude Julius Garner, Newport R. F. D. No. 2.

George Woolard  
Ordered To Bed

George Woolard, Beaufort News carrier and local circulation representative of several newspapers and operator of the Woolard News stand was ordered to bed early this afternoon due to illness. He was reported as having influenza. His son, Virgil W. Woolard, is taking care of Beaufort News deliveries this week.

### 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.

Friday, March 28	
8:39 A. M.	2:35 A. M.
8:50 P. M.	2:45 P. M.
Saturday, March 29	
9:15 A. M.	3:08 A. M.
9:26 P. M.	3:18 P. M.
Sunday, March 30	
9:49 A. M.	3:43 A. M.
10:01 P. M.	3:50 P. M.
Monday, March 31	
10:24 A. M.	4:17 A. M.
10:37 P. M.	4:24 P. M.
Tuesday, April 1	
10:59 A. M.	4:54 A. M.
	5:00 P. M.
Wednesday, April 2	
11:14 A. M.	5:36 A. M.
11:37 P. M.	5:43 P. M.
Thursday, April 3	
11:55 A. M.	6:25 A. M.
12:22 P. M.	6:34 P. M.

## ALMANAC HISTORICAL EVENTS

- March
- 29. First settlement on Delaware, 1638.
- 30. Ether first used, 1842.
- April
- 1. Battle of Five Forks, 1865.
- 2. U. S. Mint established, 1792.
- 3. Richmond evacuated.

## BIRTHDAYS Of Famous People

- March
- 28. Aristide Briand, French statesman, 1862.
- 29. John Tyler, Pres. 1790.
- 30. John B. Stanfield, statesman, 1855.
- 31. Franz Joseph Hayden, composer, 1732.
- April
- 1. Mary Miles Minter, actress, 1902.
- 2. Rachmaninoff, composer 1873
- 3. Reg. De Koven, "Robin Hood" 1861.