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Work Has Started on \$13,000,000— MARINE BASE

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Construction of the Marine Barracks in Onslow County, to be the largest Marine base in the United States, was started just off U. S. Highway 17 about three miles south of Jacksonville today.

Simultaneously, it was disclosed that the base had been named "Marine Barracks, New River, N. C."

First construction by the contractors—Blythe Brothers, Goode Construction Company and Harrison and Wright, all of Charlotte—will be offices for the contractors, Navy Department and Architect-Engineers. Then will follow floors and sides for tents to house Marines who have just returned from maneuvers in Cuba.

The contract was let for \$13,000,000 on a cost plus basis, and contractors said at Charlotte that approximately 10,000 persons would be employed at the peak of construction.

Many Jobs Next Week

The State Employment Service will handle labor for the project and will be under the supervision of Bob Wadsworth. A full-time office will be set up in Jacksonville and Morehead City, and the main call office will be located at New Bern.

Effects of the Marine base contract announcement were very visible in Jacksonville Wednesday. Hundreds of persons were in town, all seeking employment, but hiring on a large scale will not get under way until next week.

Meanwhile, E. B. Smith, Marines community leader who has long maintained that the Navy Department contemplated paying a price "too low" for condemned land in the base area has called a mass meeting at Jacksonville court house next Wednesday night to discuss "important matters relative to your having to move out of the Marine base area."

First construction will be on the J. V. Gurganus property. Mr. and Mrs. Gurganus already have moved across the road on property and in a home they already owned. In that vicinity also will be located the tents.

FSA On Job

Meantime, the Farm Security Administration has set up offices in the Masonic lodge rooms here to assist farmers who wish to locate on new farms.

Major Walker, assistant Federal administrator of the FSA was here Wednesday conferring with T. Newton Cook, Onslow supervisor or about two temporary housing projects the FSA will operate for people who have to move out of the base area.

One will be on the Cavenaugh farm at Haw Branch and the other at Hawkside. Prefabricated homes will be erected. When the emergency is over or persons residing in them temporarily find a new farm or another home, the temporary dwellings will be removed and the property converted into farms which private individuals may purchase.

Air Wing Base

Federal Land Bank appraisers who have been working here moved to Pamlico County this week to begin appraising land in the Minnessott beach section for the proposed \$25,000,000 air base, which will be in conjunction with the main base in Onslow.

Already Jacksonville is crowded. Hundreds more people are expected tomorrow and the day after. Automobiles are more numerous, so are Marine station wagons and big trucks. Rooms are at a premium, but new buildings and additions to homes are contemplated.

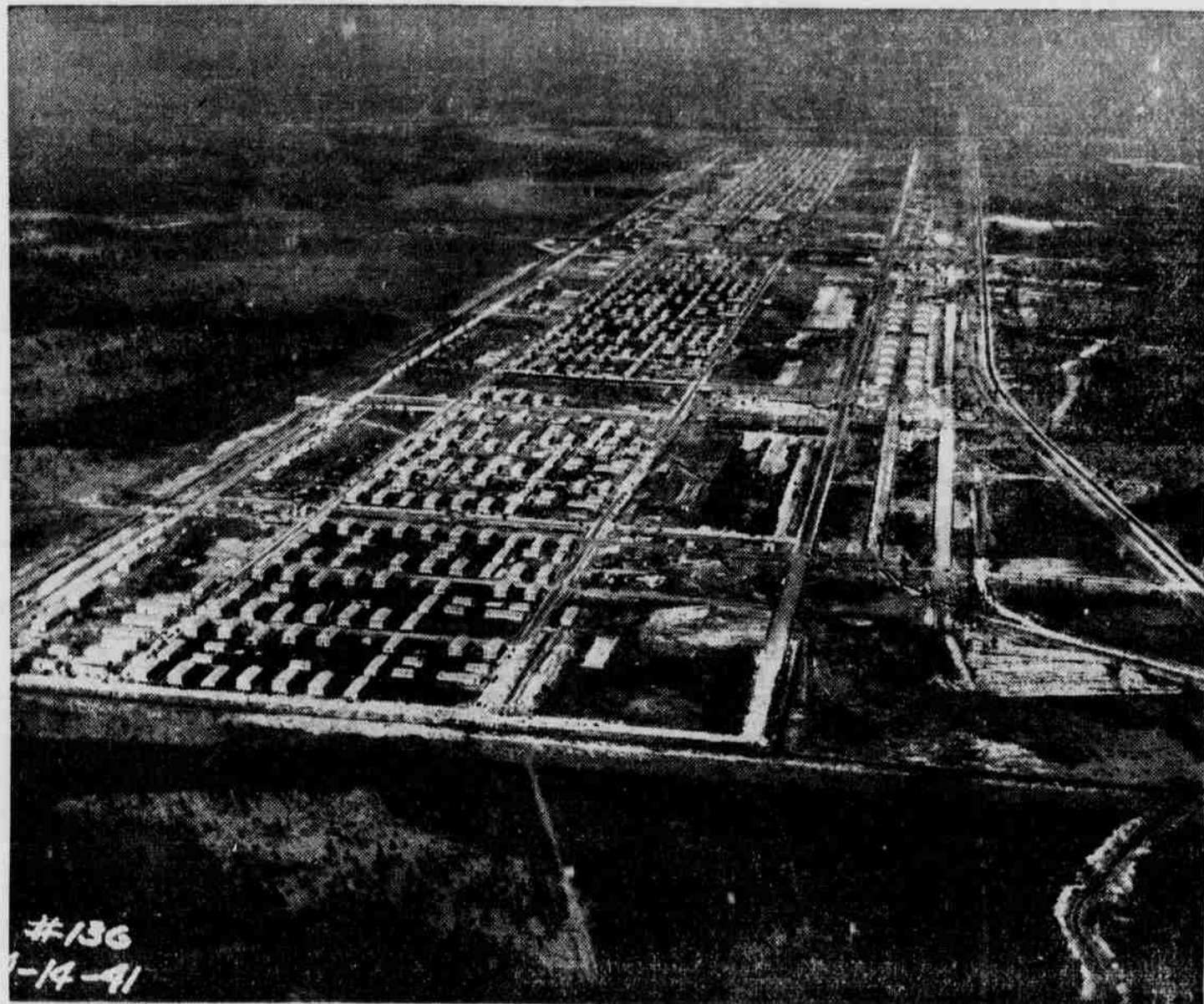
More than likely, the barracks are for main base will be located between Paradise Point and Wallace's creek, with the supply section and officers quarters located closer to Jacksonville in vicinity of Montfort Point. The Atlantic Coast Line railroad is expected to begin immediately building a spur line into the first area, and from Bell Fork into the Paradise Point section.

State Highway and Public Works Commission forces and the WPA are rushing work on U. S. 17 widening project between Jacksonville and the Jones County line.

TO ACADEMY MEET

Dr. H. F. Prytherch, Director U. S. Fish and Wildlife Laboratory leaves today for Chapel Hill where he will address Academy of Science on "Marine Cutthroats" Friday. He is taking a number of mounted fish to exhibit.

This Defense Project Helps Close Open Doorway For Enemy Invasion— CAMP DAVIS IN LOWER ONSLOW WILL HAVE MANY FIRING POINTS



THIS AERIAL VIEW of Camp Davis, the new U. S. Army reservation located in lower Onslow county was made exactly four months and four days from the time the War Department let the contract for the engineering work. In Washington on December 10, 1940, the W. S. Lee Engineering Corporation of Charlotte and William M. Piatt, of Durham were named Architect Engineer for Camp Davis. Nine days later the contract for building the defense project was awarded to Grannis, Higgins, Thompson and McDevitt, a partnership of outstanding North Carolina building contractors. The above photo was made on April 14. In four months contractors and engineers working under the direct supervision of the U. S. Army Constructing Quartermaster had created this vast Army reservation. The facilities for 900 officers and 20,000 men had been almost (approximately 80 per cent) completed. A number of firing points to be used by Camp Davis will be constructed. First of these (now under way) will be located at Fort Fisher. Camp Davis' construction has not only relieved the economic conditions of Eastern North Carolina more than any other project in history—but it's construction is the first effort to close what Lt. Colonel George W. Gillette, former U. S. District Engineer and The Beaufort News termed only three years ago, as an open doorway for enemy invasion from the eastward—namely our State's 300-mile coastline. — (Official U. S. Army Photo.)

BRITAIN BOUND PT BOATS PASS THROUGH HERE

Several of the new Patrol Torpedo type vessels, popularly called "mosquito boats" have passed through the Inland Waterway here recently. Four of these vessels stopped over in Morehead City at the Port Terminal early this week to refuel before continuing northward through the Inland Waterway—their eventual destination being Great Britain, judging from an AP dispatch out of Washington this week which quoted Navy Secretary Knox as stating 20 of the vessels would be shipped immediately to the aid of England.

HUMBER TALKS AT BOOK CLUB BANQUET HERE

Subject Of Talk At Final Meeting Of Year "France"

Highlights of the final meeting of the Tuesday Afternoon Book Club held at the Inlet Inn on April 21, was a scholarly address by Robert Lee Humber, Jr., noted student of international affairs who until recently was a resident of Paris, France, but now making his home at Greenville and at his lodge on Davis Island. The meeting, in form of a banquet, had as special guests husbands and friends of members.

For over an hour Mr. Humber held the close attention of his hearers as he spoke of the real cause for the victory over France. He also gave his audience many personal incidents of a timely nature. His message seemed to be highly appreciated by those present.

Mrs. J. G. Allen, chairman, presided over the meeting. She presented the program, the toasts, appropriate for the occasion, papers on the past year's work of the Book Club, chorus singing, solos and readings. Special guests at the banquet were: Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Humber of Greenville; Mrs. See BOOK CLUB, Page 8

First Firing Point For Camp Davis Underway

First of several firing points to be used by Camp Davis is getting under way at Fort Fisher, famed as a blockade port and fort during the War between the States. Fort Fisher is located south of Wilmington, about 25 miles, near the point where the Cape Fear river empties into the Atlantic Ocean. It is approximately 50 miles from Camp Davis.

A tent camp will be constructed large enough to house two battalions. Mess halls, storage buildings, and other necessary utilities will be built along the cantonment type of building, the same as Camp Davis proper.

The officers and men will spend two weeks at the firing point and will not only take care of all firing assignments but will have the benefit of convoy exercises as well as general maneuver practices, as battalions.

Three-inch antiaircraft firing and 37 mm. firing will be conducted at this location, Brigadier General James S. Crawford, commanding officer announced.

Prior to the announcement that work was now underway at Fort Fisher, Colonel Sam McCroskey, Capt. A. M. Lazar, Capt. F. Bogart of General Crawford's staff and Capt. Karl M. Pattee, Constructing Quartermaster and Capt. Victor C. Donati along with J. A. Steward, Jr., resident engineer for Camp Davis, Architect-Engineer and others visited Fort Fisher and selected site for the new battalion sections of this first Camp Davis firing point.

Fisheries Law Violators Tried

Fisheries law violations held the spotlight in Recorder's Court on Tuesday. Zennie Merrill and Phillip Fulcher were found guilty, ordered to pay the J. P. Costs and were released. Lige Fulcher and Frederick Fulford were also found guilty, given 60-day suspended sentences and ordered to pay the officers costs.

These defendants arrested by Fishery Deputies Davis, and Charles Nelson, were charged with clamming and gathering shellfish in restricted areas.

BILLY KNAUFF TO PLAY FOR SENIOR PROM

Manager Willis Is Confident Band Will Be Good

Billy Knauff and his Deans of Music, popular 12-piece orchestra of East Carolina Teachers College, will be in the orchestra stand when the Sixth All-County Class dance begins in the Atlantic Beach Casino Friday evening, May 2, according to an announcement by Supt. Allen upon authorization of Newman Willis, manager of Atlantic Beach. In conveying this information to Supt. Allen, Mr. Willis said in part: "They certainly ought to be good—they're costing us plenty."

The annual routine of getting the casino and environs in shipshape for the opening is well under way, and everything will be in readiness well in advance of the opening of the gates at 8:00 P. M. on that date toward which the juniors and seniors of the county have been looking. The grand march will start as usual at 8:45 sharp, and will again be under the direction of Mrs. Grayden Paul who has directed previous grand marches with such satisfactory results and who has already begun the training of leaders in an effort to make this year's grand march really click. Decorations will again be under the direction of J. I. Mason, teacher at Morehead High, who gave the juniors and seniors of last year an entrancing setting for this annual classic and who this year is bent upon "something different" for the enjoyment of the students. Principal H. L. Joslyn will be in charge of the distribution of favors.

Realizing that the merchants and business houses of Beaufort and Morehead City are solicited almost daily for contributions or donations for some cause, Supt. Allen said today that they would not be called upon this year for the donations of "Certificates of Trade" to be used as balloon prizes and that some other equally desirable plan would be substituted, Supt. See Senior Prom, Page 8

MANY STUDENTS ON PROGRAM OF MUSIC TONIGHT

It was erroneously reported in last week's edition of this newspaper that the Music Festival which will present more than 200 students in roles, would be held on Friday night. Miss Helen Barney, head of the music department at Beaufort School announced today that the Music Festival (a forerunner to National Music Week) would be held tonight (Thursday, April 24) at 7:30 o'clock in the High School Auditorium.

In addition to the Glee Club and students under the direction of Miss Barney, there will be on the program the voice and piano students of Mrs. Charles Hassell and the splendidly trained band (a WPA project) under the direction of Fred King. Everyone is urged to attend.

Defense Bonds

Part Of National Effort To Make U. S. Safe

The United States Defense Savings Bonds and Postal Savings Stamps will be placed on sale in the main Post Office at the opening of business on Thursday, May 1, as part of the national effort to make America impregnable.

Postmaster W. H. Faylor announced today that plans are nearly completed for this community, along with thousands of others from coast to coast, to do its full part at the opening of the savings program. It is expected that the Mayor and other civic leaders will be among the first purchasers of savings bonds and stamps here.

Postmaster General Frank C. Walker, in a letter to Postmasters throughout the country, said that the help of local postmasters would be "a real service to the country". He thanked the Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau for the help that local postmasters had already given in the sale of United States securities, See Defense Bonds, Page 8

CLOSING DATES OF SCHOOLS IN COUNTY GIVEN

Beaufort To Close For Session On May 12th

Plans for the next school year are rapidly taking shape while pupils, teachers and school officials are working intensively toward the satisfactory completion of the present session, the dates for the rapidly approaching closings of the schools being as follows:

- April 29—White Oak.
 - May 8—Morehead City, Col.
 - May 9, white—Atlantic, Bettie, Camp Glenn, Davis, Lukens, Marsh allberg, Newport, Otway, Portsmouth, Smyrna and Wilston.
 - May 9, col—Bogue, Mansfield, Merrimon, Newport, North River, Stella and Wildwood.
 - May 12—Beaufort Morehead City and Straits.
 - May 14—Cedar Island, Harkers Island and South River.
 - May 16—Beaufort (Col.) and Stacy.
 - May 19—Sea level.
 - May 23—Salter Path.
- Any announcements as to the details for the closing exercises of the schools will be handed the press by the respective principals desiring same for the information of their public.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marion Noe, Harry Parkin, A. T. Gardner, H. W. Peterson, and John E. Noe announce as candidates for Beaufort Commissioners subject to voters in May election, just as we go to press today.



Washington, D. C.

NAZI LAKE

Tell-tale signs accumulate that the next big Hitler drive is to make the Mediterranean an Axis lake. The most obvious, of course, is Hitler's unannounced plan to launch submarine and bombing raids against Suez from his new base at Salonika and from the Greek islands.

Secret plans for closing the other end of the Mediterranean have been evident for some time along the Spanish border, where big guns are ready to be rushed against Gibraltar.

Most significant of these preparations, however, has not leaked out. It shows how extensive are Hitler's ambitions around the Mediterranean. For some weeks now, Nazis have been busy dismantling the airplanes of General Weygand in North Africa. Every morning the French wake up to find a magnet missing from one machine, a carburetor from another. Gradually, the essential parts of this air fleet have evaporated.

Hitler is taking no chances on letting what remains of the French air force get into British hands. There now seems to be little question—See Merry-Go-Round, 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.

Friday, April 25	
7:34 A. M.	1:35 A. M.
7:45 P. M.	1:38 P. M.
Saturday, April 26	
8:09 A. M.	2:11 A. M.
8:21 P. M.	2:13 P. M.
Sunday, April 27	
8:45 A. M.	2:46 A. M.
8:56 P. M.	2:47 P. M.
Monday, April 28	
9:21 A. M.	3:20 A. M.
9:31 P. M.	3:19 P. M.
Tuesday, April 29	
9:58 A. M.	3:54 A. M.
10:07 P. M.	3:53 P. M.
Wednesday, April 30	
10:35 A. M.	4:30 A. M.
10:47 P. M.	4:30 P. M.
Thursday, May 1	
11:16 P. M.	5:10 A. M.
	5:12 P. M.

Queen Of The May At Atlantic High



MISS GEORGIA GOLDEN, Atlantic High School senior, who has been chosen Queen of the May by popular vote and will reign over the May Court on April 30, is pictured above. The entire Atlantic School student body will participate in the exercises. Miss Golden is the daughter of Mrs. Effie Golden.—(Eubanks Photo.)

ELECTION NOTICE

Saturday, April 26, is last day one can register to vote in Election on May 6.



New York Newsreel:

Joe, the monkey matinee idol of Central Park. Every afternoon his trainer trots him out on the green where his humanites draw a Standing Room Only crowd. The warped walk along the Brooklyn Bridge worn by the tread of age old Hope, Dreams and bitter Tragedy. . . . The set faces of the homeward bound business men that seem to have in them some of the granite of which the city is made. . . . The Western Union messenger boys, holding down the most overworked job in the city. Walking Madam's dog around the block.

The mounted policemen in the W. 40's making the traffic behave. Modern knights without armor. . . . The wisps of femininity that enrich the decor of the plush supper clubs as they enter on the arms of middle-aged men. Between canapes they enjoy a little flirting—as they pull the silk over their escorts' eyes. . . . Those yellow carts in Central Park loaded with colored balloons, candies and all kinds of goodies—a little piece of Heaven for tots. See WINCHELL, Page 3

ALMANAC HISTORICAL EVENTS

APRIL

- 25. J. Wilkes Booth captured 1865
- 26. Last Confederate Army, surrenders, 1865.
- 28. Rogation Sunday.
- 30. Geo. Washington inaugurated 1789.

MAY

- 1. Dewey's victory at Manila, 1898.

BIRTHDAYS Of Famous People

APRIL

- 25. Marconi, wireless, 1874.
- 26. B. F. Tracy, statesman, 1830.
- 27. Gen. U. S. Grant, Pres., 1758.
- 29. Duke of Wellington, 1769.
- 30. F. H. Yost, coach, 1871.

MAY

- 1. Harry Leon Wilson, author, 1867.