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Past Commander To Attend Meeting



PAST COMMANDER June Rose of Greenville will attend the Third District Meeting of the American Legion at Carteret Post 99 Hut here on Friday. He will be one of the speakers on the program along with other State, District and local Legion officials.

Local Merchants Are Planning Half Holiday For Summer

Manager James Canady of the local A. & P. Store stated today that he had contacted several of the local merchants relative to closing each Wednesday afternoon during the summer months and also in observing the new store hours which the local A. & P. Stores beginning on June 2, which is to open at 7:30 A. M. and close at 6 P. M. except Saturdays when the store will open at 7:30 A. M. and close at 9:30 P. M. He stated that the ones he had talked with were in favor of the new hours if enough merchants can be secured the Wednesday afternoon closing will go into effect. The new store hours for opening and closing will be observed by the A. & P. whether any of the other stores cooperate or not.

Three U. S. Marine Generals Inspect Lower Onslow Base

It is seldom that three U. S. Marine Generals can be found together on one inspection trip, but that was the case over in Onslow County last week-end. Major General Holland M. Smith, commanding 1st Division F. M. C., who will be in charge of the New River Barracks; Brigadier General Phillip M. Terry, commanding Infantry of the First Division and Brigadier General Archibald A. Vandergrift, assistant to Major General Holcomb, Marine commandant, along with Lt. Col. George E. Monson, Operations Officer for General Torrey, were in the party which inspected Marine Barracks, New River, area.

With Major Arthur D. Challacombe, commanding the Advance Detachment of Marines encamped at Paradise Point, the group toured many miles of country roads in lower Onslow, getting a first hand glimpse of what will eventually be America's largest U. S. Marine base. General Smith stated that approximately 6,000 Marines, until recently stationed at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, would arrive in Onslow within the next few weeks. They will live temporarily, in tents, south of Jacksonville about two miles.

Miss Sydney Thomas To Be Lt. Thomas In USA Nursing Corps

Miss Sydney Thomas leaves on Sunday for Fort Bragg where she is reporting for duty in the U. S. Army Nursing Corps. She enters the nursing corps with the rank of Second Lieutenant. Lieutenant Thomas is the first nurse from Carteret County to enlist in the Army Nursing Corps during the present National emergency. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam A. Thomas, of West Ann St., for the past several years she has been assistant to Dr. L. W. Moore here. She is a graduate of James Walker Memorial Hospital, Wilmington, with the Class of 1935. She is enlisting for one year of service and her station during this period, unless plans are changed, will be in the Army Hospital at Fort Bragg.

One Third Of Crew On U. S. S. Lydonia Are From Carteret

Fifteen out of 45 crew members aboard the U. S. S. Lydonia, a Coast and Geodetic Survey vessel which recently returned from Antigua, Trinidad and other islands of the West Indies, are from East Carteret County communities, it was stated here today by Charles L. Pake, one of the crew members. Mr. Pake who lives in Lenoxville, and is home on 30 days leave stated that the Lydonia is now enroute to Newport, R. I., for summer work.

Names of the Carteret crew members of the Lydonia are: Leon Lewis, Grant Lewis, Roy Willis, Henry Hill and Grayden Moore, of Marshallberg; Neal Willis, and Eugene R. Willis, of Smyrna; J. A. Guthrie, Harkers Island; and Claud Willis, W. P. Willis, LeRoy Lynch, Reuben George, Lester Hill and Virgil George from other communities.

PONY PENNING

Charlie Hancock, of Harkers Island, announced today that there would be a Banker Pony Penning at Diamond Pen, Cape Lookout on June 2, and another penning at West Pen on June 10. The public especially those interested in buying ponies, are urged to attend.

HASKETT GIVEN 15 DAYS TO GET OUT OF COUNTY

His Was One Of 12 Cases On Docket Of Recorder

Vaughan Haskett of Newport faces a sentence of six months on the roads unless he gets out of Carteret County and stays out for a couple of years from Wednesday, May 21, 1941, according to order of Judge Paul Webb of Recorders Court. Haskett was tried on charges of resisting an officer a few days ago when Manley Garner was arrested at Newport on drunkenness charges, which developed into Army or AWOL or desertion charges.

Garner told arresting officers that he had rather be in jail for 90 days than go back to the Army, which was the first time that arresting officers knew he was even in the army. So he was turned over to the Provost Marshall at Camp Davis on the following day, being carried there by Sheriff Holland and Deputy T. Murray Thomas.

There were a number of cases on the Recorders Court docket Wednesday, court being held on that day instead of Tuesday because the latter was a State Holiday, being the anniversary of the Signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

Prayer for judgment and continued was the order in the case of William Gillikin who pleaded guilty to charges of operating an automobile while drunk. Bennie Gillikin was placed on two years probation on charges of assault and violating the prohibition laws. Bertie Gillikin was placed on two years probation on assault charges. Both were ordered to pay the costs.

Dewey Willis was ordered to pay the officers costs on charges of stealing and carrying away. The object alleged to have been stolen was a pocket book. For driving drunk and without a drivers' license, Cecil Skarren was found guilty. His licenses will not be issued for twelve months, and See HASKETT, Page 8

Major Challacombe Given New Rank Of Lieutenant Colonel

Major Arthur D. Challacombe is slated to change the gold leaf from his collar this week and replace it with a silver leaf. It will mean that he has been given a raise in rank to Lieutenant-Colonel. Major Challacombe is in charge of the advance detail of U. S. Marines stationed in the tent camp at Paradise Point of Marine Barracks, New River.

While this may not sound like news to the average Carteret Coast reader of The Beaufort News, it is really a historical making event, because Marine Barracks, New River, is right-net door to Carteret being about 45 minutes drive from Beaufort. Marine Barracks will be the largest U. S. Marine base in America and the \$15,000,000 initial expenditure there will increase eventually to \$80,000,000, those in the "know" are saying.

Histories of the future will list this Barracks as an important item, because new history for American is on the brink of making. At some future date when Major Challacombe is a Brigadier-General, a Major General or a Lieutenant General, Carteret Coast history students will read about how he brought the first detail of U. S. Marines to America's largest U. S. Marine base, back in 1941.

Recover Body Of U. S. Marine Lost At Paradise Pt.

Coastguardsmen from Swansboro Life Boat Station recovered the body of Corporal William G. Holmes, chief radio operator with the Advance Detachment of U. S. Marines encamped at Paradise Point in the Marine Barracks Area of New River, last Sunday afternoon. Corporal Holmes missing since the previous Thursday night when he went out alone in a small row boat during recreation repaid, failed to return.

The empty boat was found, but Major Arthur D. Challacombe in charge of the detail of leather-necks, told a Beaufort News-man last Sunday afternoon who was there shortly afterwards to get the news first.

First Channel Bass of The Season From Ocracoke Inlet



FORTY-POUND CATCH—Here is the record first of season 40-pound channel bass caught by A. Cooke Cecil, of High Point, shown at right, and F. R. Stedman, second from left, at Ocracoke. Mrs. Cecil is shown seated, and their guide is at left.

A Cooke Cecil, High Point druggist, has done quite a bit of fishing during his extensive travels, but he declared upon his return trip to High Point that it remained for his home state of North Carolina to give him the thrill of a lifetime.

He and Mrs. Cecil were on a trip to the island home of F. R. Stedman at Ocracoke on the Outer Banks. A few days ago the party went surf-casting with the nationally known guide Sommers Spencer. Location selected was the beach at Ocracoke Inlet, where the open ocean meets Pamlico Sound and within a few hundred feet of where the famous pirate Backbeard was finally run down and killed early in 1700.

Cecil was telling one of the stories for which he is famous when he was interrupted by a tug on his line and he went into action in a hurry. In a few minutes it was ample apparent that this was

Covering The Waterfront By AYCOCK BROWN

EVERY ONE and a while some one will say to me: "You surely do make good pictures." It is easy for one to say that about my pictures because only a few people, usually Roy Eubanks and myself, are the only persons who see my pictures which are definitely not good. Some of the recent pictures I have shot which were definitely not good, was those I made of the three Marine generals last Friday at Paradise Point.

SAM RAGAN, EDITOR of the Jacksonville Record, called me at Camp Davis to come up and make the picture. I was working under a strain that morning, having my weekly news letter to get out for the Quartermaster General's office, and also with a Fox Movie-tone man to show around. Nevertheless I hurriedly slipped away for the hour and a half it would take me to run up and get the shots. Hurrying is what cost me a good picture story. Upon my arrival at Paradise Point, I found my subjects in the shade and discovered that I had no flashlight equipment with me. I literally burned See WATERFRONT, Page 8

Iredell Salter Appointed Chief Of M. City Police

Morehead City's board of commissioner's on Tuesday night appointed Iredell Salter, chief of police. He had been serving in this capacity since the death of the late Chief Jimmie Willis, but his appointment did not become final until Tuesday night. Morehead City through legislative enactment no longer elects her chief of police but instead the town board appoints him.

Chief Salter is well liked in Morehead City. A member of the Morehead City Police Department for the past 12 years, he has proven himself a very efficient officer. On his force will be Hubert Fulcher and serving as motorcycle officer will be Walter Hancock, who has had much experience as a traffic officer. Chief Salter is a native of Bettie, moving from there first to Beaufort where he lived for eight years before moving to Morehead City. His tenure of office as Chief will continue for two years.

Thousands of Acres Burned Over As FOREST FIRES RAGE

ATTENTION Timberland Owners!

Forest fires have destroyed or burned over hundreds of thousands of acres of woodlands in Eastern North Carolina during the past few weeks. In many cases the fires, according to news stories, were deliberately set by people The Beaufort News would term as "pyromaniacs". This has been especially true in the lower Onslow County region where at least two persons have been caught firing timberlands by officers.

Billy Arthur, widely known young newspaper owner of Jacksonville recently told the editor of The Beaufort News that members of the small detachment of Marines who have arrived at Paradise Point to perform forest fire duties have orders to shoot anyone they catch setting fire to the woods unless said "pyromaniacs" submit to arrest. That is how serious the situation has gotten.

This newspaper has long favored a Forest Fire Control system for Carteret County, but due to certain obligations which the county owes this matter has never been given serious thought by those in authority. This week came an open letter to the Chairman of the Carteret Board of Commissioners from the N. C. Forestry Association urging that a system to be worked on a 50-50 basis with the Department of Conservation be adopted. The letter which is self-explanatory, and has considerable merits follows.

Dr. K. P. B. Bonner, Chairman, Carteret County Commissioners, Morehead City, N. C.

Realizing the urgent need for fire control in Carteret and at least seven other counties, our organization is contacting each of the county commissioners in these counties to ascertain their willingness to inaugurate forest fire control on the State-County cooperative basis.

On Friday, May 9, I appeared before the Board of Conservation and Development and secured from that esteemed body a resolution to the Governor requesting that he draw upon the Emergency Fund in an amount sufficient to match county cooperating money on a 50-50 basis to finance fire control in those counties desiring protection for each of the next two fiscal years, beginning July 1, 1941.

The Governor is aware of the resolution and has indicated his desire to cooperate with the request provided the county commissioners are willing to put up their share which in Carteret's case would be \$1,000 annually.

Fifty-eight counties now have cooperative fire control and they are unanimous in acclaiming that money spent for this purpose is the county's best investment.

There is no doubt of Carteret's need for fire control—we have but to recall the fires of this spring to freshen our memory on that point. According to the official estimate, which is unusually conservative, Carteret suffered, for the year 1940, 45 fires, burning over 31,000 acres and doing damage in excess of \$46,000. The least that can be done for three-fourths of Carteret County which is forest land is to give it the benefit of protection from fire.

Please confer with your fellow commissioners and advise me at your earliest convenience of the action which you propose to take in order that a date may be arranged with the Governor for a joint meeting of representatives from the interested counties, the State Forest Service, and this organization.

Very sincerely yours, William L. Beasley, Sec'y-Treas.

In a letter to the Editor of The Beaufort News Mr. Beasley stated that if Carteret is to share in the forest fire control system immediate action is necessary as budget for fiscal year will be drawn up the first Monday in June. An interesting excerpt from the letter to the Editor relative to how the system works follows:

"The fifty-eight cooperating counties have proven beyond a doubt that fire control pays both See TIMBER, Page 8

Newport In Danger Of Flames Last Saturday

BELIEVE BLAZE UNDER CONTROL EARLY TODAY

Forest fires which were started carelessly along the railroad tracks about three miles north of Newport were still burning Thursday morning, and despite efforts on the part of CCC units, State Forest fire fighting forces, pulp mill employees and civilian workers, the only solution for complete extinguishing of the flames is rain and plenty of it, according to F. M. Simmons, local fire warden at Newport.

The flames in the forests were brought somewhat under control Wednesday, but the danger is not past and with abnormally dry weather, heavy winds before the much needed rain would probably rekindle the entire area, yet unburned and as dry as can be.

On Sunday night the largest fires were raging in the vicinity of Masontown about three miles from Newport, another to the northward and still another out

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Man About Town

New Yorkers Are Talking About: The 400 per cent law biz tilt for Wilkie after his Collier's piece (answering Lindbergh) . . . The trouble Hatie Selassie's daughter is having getting a visa to come here . . . Adolf Hitler's nephew, Wm. Patrick Hitler, being summoned by the N. Y. draft board, and his plans to enlist in Canada, instead . . . The muffled groans over at the State-ep because one year ago it paid St. Ethical McElwaly a big advance fee (for a series of South American pieces) and not one word has been submitted yet.

Pegler's terrific mad-on with Liberty mag. He sold it a yarn on unions, guilds, etc., but it'll run side by side with a yarn debunking his piece. The debunking smarticle is bylined by J. Woll, of the American Fed. of Labor . . . Shep Fields' definition of an isolationist: A guy who sits on a fence long after a normal man feels splinters.

FDR being fed up with the Axis propaganda and his belief that a counter-offensive of free ideas should be sent abroad. He thinks it is Hitler's weak point—because in Europe—any man who believes what he sees—is a Fifth Columnist against Hitler! . . . The "beat" of the week: That the administration has been sounded out by influential Italian exiles for permission to set up in 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.

HIGH	Friday, May 23	LOW
6:23 A. M.		12:26 A. M.
6:38 P. M.		12:25 P. M.
	Saturday, May 24	
7:01 A. M.		1:08 A. M.
7:15 P. M.		1:05 P. M.
	Sunday, May 25	
7:39 A. M.		1:46 A. M.
7:52 P. M.		1:41 P. M.
	Monday, May 26	
7:17 A. M.		2:23 A. M.
8:29 P. M.		2:17 P. M.
	Tuesday, May 27	
8:57 A. M.		2:58 A. M.
9:06 P. M.		2:53 P. M.
	Wednesday, May 28	
9:36 A. M.		3:33 A. M.
9:43 P. M.		3:28 P. M.
	Thursday, May 29	
10:14 A. M.		4:08 A. M.
10:23 P. M.		4:07 P. M.

CABBAGE CROP ALMOST FAILS

Carteret's large cabbage crop this year was almost a failure. First it was cold weather in March which caused many acres of cabbage to go to seed prematurely and before cutting. Recently it has been dry weather that is ruining the crop. Farmers were saying today that as a whole, it was likely that only about one-third of all of the many hundreds of acres of cabbage in Carteret would be worth cutting. The prices have been ranging from \$15 to \$20 per ton, depending on the quality of the cabbage.



Washington, D. C.

SHIP PREMIUMS TO JAPAN It is hard to believe, but the government of the United States actually is paying war risk insurance to the Japanese for helping to insure the S. S. America, pride of the U. S. merchant marine.

This is just part of the revelations over re-insurance which are breaking this week at the justice department. These probes also show that when a vessel is injured, Axis insurance companies get all the data regarding its cargo, time of departure, destination, and the interior plan of the ship.

Thus, despite all the censorship of Secretary of the Navy Knox, Germany has had an easy means of knowing all about every ship that leaves the United States.

This is accomplished when American insurance companies, because of the heavy risk involved in insuring a cargo in wartime, reinsure with various foreign companies. In other words, they sell part of the policy abroad, thus distribute the risk. That is how Japan makes a lush profit on insuring American vessels, even vessels owned by the U. S. A.

Last year congress passed a law providing war risk insurance for U. S. shipping, but the maritime commission, for reasons best known to itself, has declined to take. See Merry-go-Round, Page 3

ALMANAC HISTORICAL EVENTS

- MAY
- 24 First Steamship crossed the Atlantic 1819.
- 25 Call 80,000 vol. for Spanish-American war 1898.
- 27 Morse telegraph first used 1844.
- 28 Noah Webster died, 1843.
- 29 Wisconsin became state, 1848.

BIRTHDAYS Of Famous People

- MAY
- 23 Douglas Fairbanks, actor 1883.
- 24 Rev. H. E. Fosdick, 1878.
- 25 Ralph Emerson, essayist, 1803.
- 26 Al Jolson, actor, 1886.
- 27 John K. Bangs, humorist, 1862.
- 28 Dionne quintuplets, 1934.
- 29 Patrick Henry, statesman 1736