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GOVERNOR BROUGHTON GIVEN LATEST FACTS ON CAMP DAVIS



HERE ARE TOP-ranking State and Army officials. Governor J. Melville Broughton on a visit to Camp Davis recently where he made a radio address is being shown the layout of the new 21,000-man Coast Artillery Anti-Aircraft Firing Center as it looks on a map. From left to right in the picture are: Brigadier General James B. Crawford, commanding officer of Camp Davis, Lt. Col. McCroskey, his executive officer, Capt. Karl M. Patten, Constructing Quartermaster under whose direction on behalf of the Army, the contracting firm built Camp Davis and Governor Broughton. The picture was made in May when Governor Broughton was making his first official visit to the camp. (Photo by Aycock Brown).

Charlotte Firm Have Contractors Contract For Marine Barracks

They Have Colossal Task Of Creating Largest U. S. Marine Base Of Its Kind In The United States

By SAM RAGAN

(Special To The Beaufort News)

Building an efficient and smooth-working organization usually requires time, but officials of the Contractors Contract No. 4750, who are constructing the \$15,000,000 New River Marine Barracks at Jacksonville feel that they have accomplished this fact in unusually short order.

TRAINING SHIP COMING

The U. S. Training Ship "American Seaman" with several hundred Coast Guard cadets and Merchant Marine trainees is expected to arrive in Morehead City on July 4, or if not at that time within the next few days. The cadets and trainees will practice small arms firing at Camp Glenn. Ammunition for the Camp Glenn activities of this group arrived several days ago at Beaufort (Ft. Macon) Station.



Washington, D. C.

NEW LEND-LEASE SUM

The new lend-lease appropriation that has been tentatively agreed on by inner advisers is \$5,000,000,000.

With the \$7,000,000,000 voted by congress several months ago, this would make a total of \$12,000,000,000 for aid to the democracies. Yet this stupendous sum is still considerably short of what was originally proposed, also of what probably will be ultimately required.

It's a White House secret, but the first lend-lease program submitted added up to \$19,000,000,000. This was slashed to \$9,000,000,000 by the army and navy and then still further cut to \$7,000,000,000 by the budget bureau. The last figure was approved by the President and sent to congress.

One reason for the new appropriation is that many of the original price estimates have been found to be far too low, particularly in the case of planes, ships and guns. Rising costs, due to changes in construction, more expensive new models, and increased production charges, made it impossible to contract for these items at the original estimates; and more money is needed to fulfill the program.

Another reason for the lend-lease boost is heavy outlays for repairs on battle-damaged British warships, of which a number are now in U. S. yards. This type of aid is running into big money.

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Personnel for Contractors Contract is made up mainly from key men in the organization of Goode Construction Corporation, Blythe Brothers Co., and Harrison-Wright Company, all of Charlotte. The three companies are associated in this national defense effort as one firm.

However, each of these firms have a specialty and it is along these lines that they will work in building the Marine base. For instance, the Goode Construction Corporation has constructed a number of high priced apartment houses throughout North and South Carolina.

The Harrison-Wright Company specializes in electrical contracting and to this unit of the organization falls the job of providing power facilities and wiring within the huge Marine base reservation, which includes approximately 110,000 acres in Lower Onslow county.

But, as the Contractors Contract organization is set up, Fred J. Blythe, president of Blythe Brothers, is project manager, and Paul N. Howard is project superintendent.

Howard, a native of Kinston, is See Marine Barracks, Pg. 8

Local Man Died In Port Of Spain, Tr., Last Friday Night

News of the death of Roy Hall, chief engineer aboard the former dredge Comstock, (now a supply ship) at her base in Port of Spain, Trinidad, was received here last Saturday night. Cause of the death was not given. Chief Hall was found dead in his stateroom aboard the boat. It is understood that he had only a short time previously been discharged from a government hospital there.

He is survived by his widow Mrs. Pearl White Hall and one daughter, Miss Joyce Hall of Beaufort and one brother G. W. Hall. The body of the deceased is now enroute to New York from which place it will be sent to Beaufort at which time funeral services will be announced. Chief Hall was well known in Beaufort and news of his death was a shock to many friends of the deceased living here.

1776 -- July Fourth -- 1941

American Citizens Urged To Take Part In Rededication Ceremony of Declaration Of Independence To Be Led By President Of The United States 4:00 P. M., Friday, July 4th

Mayor George W. Huntley and every other municipal leader throughout the nation has received a request from F. H. LaGuardia, U. S. Director of Civilian Defense to issue a proclamation or call attention to citizens of this section to take part in a rededication ceremony of the Declaration of Independence, upon which the Democratic Principles of this Nation was founded. All citizens, regardless of where they are, are urged to be near a radio, at 4 P. M. on Friday (Tomorrow), July 4 and take part in the largest patriotic program of its kind ever attempted in the Western Hemisphere.

The Rededication will begin with a five minute radio speech by President Roosevelt. This will be followed by the playing of the National Anthem started by the U. S. Marine Band in Washington and picked up by bands all over the country. Following the national anthem, all citizens led by the President will repeat the Oath of Allegiance to the United States. The total time for the rededication ceremony will be about 10 minutes. IF YOU ARE AN AMERICAN WHO LOVES YOUR COUNTRY, TUNE IN AND TAKE PART IN THIS PROGRAM.

NEWSMAN AND CONGRESSMAN CHAT DOWN IN ONSLOW WHERE TWO BIG DEFENSE PROJECTS ARE LOCATED



HERE ARE TWO persons who have played an important role in the defense projects that are located down in Onslow. They are: Congressman Graham A. Barden (right) in whose district Camp Davis and Marine Barracks, (along with several other defense projects) are located. At his left is Billy Arthur, owner and editor of The Jacksonville Record, Weekly newspaper published in the Onslow County seat who has done a good job of telling the world in general through news stories to the State press, about the defense projects in his section of the North Carolina coast. In the photo (made during early March) the Congressman and Editor were sitting on the curb stone in front of the courthouse in Jacksonville looking at a progress picture of Camp Davis, the nearby anti-aircraft and barrage balloon training center then nearing completion. The government defense agencies and contractors building projects find in Congressman Barden, a State District Representative who gives them every cooperation.—(Photo by Aycock Brown).

Big Fourth Of July Weekend Planned For Atlantic Beach

FIREWORKS

There will be a gorgeous display of fireworks on Atlantic Beach Friday night at 9 o'clock in celebration of July 4th, it was announced today by General Manager Newman Willis of the resort. He urges everyone to visit the resort and witness the colorful display which is presented with the compliments of the Beach management.

Eighth Annual July 4th Boat Race Will Be Held In M. City

Sponsored by the Morehead City Boat Club, the eighth annual boat races will be held on July 4th, starting at 10 o'clock. The races will feature four classes and trophies will be awarded in each class. The classes are Comet, Snipe, Deadrise Skiffs, Class A (boats over 16 feet) and Class B, (boats under 16 feet). Registration opened on Wednesday at Dee Gee's Shop in Morehead City and the Registration fee is \$1.00.

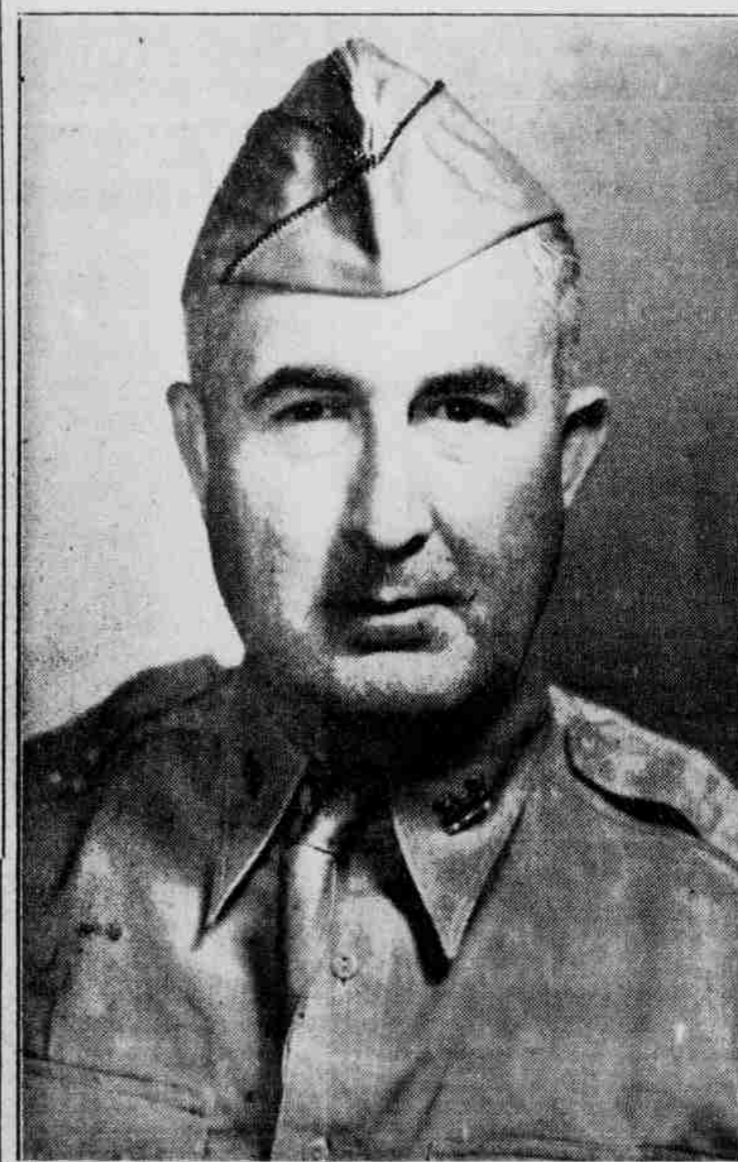
Free Fireworks And Freddy Johnson Featured

Independence Day holiday and weekend, expected to draw large throngs of visitors to this section, will be celebrated gaily in special programs planned for the week by Manager Newman Willis at Atlantic Beach.

Music throughout the period is being furnished by Freddy Johnson and his University of North Carolina orchestra, one of the favorite dance bands in the section. Gala dances were scheduled for Friday and Saturday nights in the ocean-cooled casino. Free concerts will be held every afternoon.

Free fireworks will be featured on the beach at 9 o'clock Friday night in celebration of the Fourth of July. A patriotic ball will follow. Prize fights, usually held on Friday nights, will be held this week on Thursday night. New midway attractions just installed at the resort are drawing heavy patronage. These include a

One Of First To See North Carolina Coast As Weak Link In Defense Chain



ONE OF THE first to see North Carolina's coastal area as a "weak link in the chain" of National Defense system was Lieutenant Colonel George W. Gillette, native of Onslow County. That was two or three years ago when the Nation at large was thinking mostly in the terms of neutrality. At the time Colonel Gillette was U. S. District Engineer for North Carolina with headquarters in Wilmington. He played an important role in laying the groundwork for the present defense projects already constructed or now being built in Eastern North Carolina. With his tour of duty completed in North Carolina he was transferred to Headquarters of the First Training Group, Engineer Replacement Training Center at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

North Carolina felt keenly the loss of Colonel Gillette when he was transferred. As District Engineer he had gotten more needed waterway projects started and approved for North Carolina than any other person to occupy the same position. He had an intimate knowledge of the North Carolina coast and its needs, more so, perhaps than any living person. He was needed for a bigger job, however, and to Fort Belvoir he was transferred where he is training thousands of young U. S. Army Engineers. In time because of his ability as an officer, that silver leaf he wears on his shoulder will be changed to an eagle, and then into a star. Mark these words. (A.B.).

NORTH CAROLINA COAST DEFENSE

Editor's Note: Because the letter has to do with the very thing, around which this Carolina Coast Edition is built, we reprint a personal letter received a few days ago from Lt. Col. George W. Gillette of Ft. Belvoir, Va., formerly U. S. Army Dist. Eng. in N.C. (AB) To The Editor:—

Sometimes the best doctors fail to properly diagnose the most common and simple disease. So it is in the military profession. Military strategists might establish their lines of defense and by not being thoroughly familiar with the entire territory bounding the area to be defended, they may leave an opening in their defense lines. Later, when someone makes a closer study on the ground, or is thoroughly familiar with the minute details, the opening is discovered and blocked. Unquestionably, one of the weak links in our national defense was the coastline of the Carolinas. That was discovered and it has been or is being blocked.

Mrs. D. W. Morton Died Wednesday In Wilmington

Funeral services for Mrs. Minnie Stanton Morton will be conducted at the Morton home on Orange Street, Friday morning at 11 o'clock with the Rev. Stanley Potter, pastor of Ann Street Methodist Church officiating. She died at James Walker Memorial Hospital on Wednesday morning. She had been taken to the hospital several days ago, following a severe illness here.

Mrs. Morton was the widow of the late D. W. Morton, prominent citizen of Beaufort and important in the official life of this county, who died last August 17. In June, 1940, the Mortons had celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary. She was a native of this County.

She is survived by one daughter, Miss Annie L. Morton, dean of women at Eastern Carolina Teachers College. One brother, Joe L. Stanton also survives.

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While broad military principles have changed but little over the centuries, the conduct of wars has undergone a revolutionary change in the past few years as the result of advancement in technology. It is obvious to all of us that wars cannot be successfully prosecuted by sticking to the means we had during the horse-and-buggy days. On the other hand, the means of prosecuting wars will unquestionably vary in different countries and localities, depending upon the modern conditions existing in those places. It has been only a few years since it was deemed uneconomical to defend our coastline at places very far removed from the large industrial sections. Those who fail to understand military tactics and science are usually the first to condemn and criticize. Unfortunately, there is no way to thoroughly test new machines of war except in a war. Those charged with the defense of a nation have a grave responsibility resting upon their shoulders. They have to approach new methods of warfare with great care. We can test a boat or an engine and if it fails, we can apply the remedy casually, calmly and at will, and no damage is done.

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107 YOUNG MEN SIGNED ON TUESDAY

Number In Carteret More Than First Estimated

They Will Probably Be Inducted Quickly

One hundred and seven young residents of Carteret County who have become 21 years of age since last October 16, registered at the Selective Service Headquarters in Morehead City on Tuesday. The exact number of Carteret citizens who have registered until the names of those living away from their homes and registered elsewhere is received.

Mrs. Floyd Chadwick, clerk at Selective Service headquarters stated that about 20 persons registering in Carteret were from other sections of the county. Chairman Carl Gaskill of the Draft Board estimated a few days ago that the number of new registrants in Carteret would probably not exceed 40, however, as stated there were 107 instead.

In the state at large approximately 25,000 young men were registered and in the Nation at large approximately three quarters of a million. It is understood that the youngsters who can pass the physical and entrance examinations will be inducted swiftly into America's Selective Service Army. It was announced in Washington this week that plans were underway to defer induction of all persons registered for Selective Service if they are 28 years of age or over.

General Holiday To Be Observed Friday

A general holiday will be observed on the Carteret Coast Friday, and as a result it is expected that record crowds will visit Atlantic Beach or go fishing. The First Citizens Bank and Trust Company branches in Beaufort and Morehead City will be closed on both Friday and Saturday. Local hardware, furniture, grocery and practically all firms (with possible exception of drug stores) will observe this July 4th by closing for the day. The Beaufort News office also expects to be closed for the day.



Notes of an Innocent Bystander:

William L. Shirer's Book, "Berlin Diary," is now out. Shirer was CBS correspondent in Berlin for years. He tells of the German mother of an airman who was notified by the Luftwaffe that her son was dead. A few days later, BBC in London (which weekly broadcasts a list of Nazi prisoners) announced that her boy had been captured. Next day she got eight letters from neighbors telling her they had heard by short-wave that her son was alive in England. . . . It is against the law in Germany to listen to foreign broadcasts. . . . The mother had all eight arrested for "breaking the law" . . . When Shirer wanted to use the story on his broadcast the Nazi censor deleted it on the ground "that Americans would not understand the heroism of the airman's mother!"

The way the foreign correspondents now use the phrases "informed sources" and "according to reliable information" because stories in Europe are difficult to confirm, recalls this classic about the cub reporter . . . He was on a small town newspaper and was assigned to cover a bridge party. He was told never to write anything as a fact that he was not absolutely sure about. . . . His story came out in the paper this way: "It is rumored that a bridge party was given yesterday by a number of reputed ladies. Mrs. . . . See WINCHELL, Page 2