

THE BEAUFORT NEWS

Carteret County's Oldest Newspaper—Established 1912

BEAUFORT, N. C., THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 1941.

HELP CREATE AVIATION INTEREST IN CARTERET

PUBLISHED WEEKLY.

CARTERET SCHOOLS OPEN SEPTEMBER 11

VOLUME XXIX; NO. 33

This Is Another Story About— COUNTY BUDGET

He Loves The Outer Banks Of N. C.



SKIPPER BROUGHTON, Governor of North Carolina, loves the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Last weekend accompanied by Mrs. Broughton and their two fine sons and Mr. and Mrs. Beckwith of Raleigh, the Governor made a cruise to Ocracoke Island. In addition to seeing all the sites there, such as the Coast Guard Station, where Capt. Steve Basnight is in charge; the ancient lighthouse, where Capt. Joe Burrus was his host; and drives around the island in Ocracoke Transportation Company's bus, accompanied by Charles MacWilliams and Walter C. O'Neal, the Governor and his party visited aboard the Elizabeth McCow, auxiliary schooner yacht owned by Dick Reynolds and also the party met the people stopping at Wabab Village Hotel and Pamlico Inn. An extended visit was made to the home of Mrs. Martha Ann Wahab, mother of R. S. Wahab and several other fine citizens living on the island. On the return cruise to Beaufort the Governor's party were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. William Hatsell of the Beaufort. News who spent the weekend on the island. . . . Next weekend (August 25) Governor Broughton returns to the Outer Banks—this time to make a tour of Cape Hatteras National Seashore Park and to visit the people of Hatteras Island. (Aycock Brown Photo).

Tentative Estimate Is Increased \$2,350.00

MORE WILL BE SPENT THAN IS COLLECTED

Instead of saving Carteret \$247 when the tentative budget underwent a number of changes at the July meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the total amount increased from \$199,929.17 to \$202,279.17 or exactly \$2,350.00 more than the original estimate, Dr. K. P. B. Bonner, chairman of the Board told the Beaufort News this week. The \$247 figure published last week was a verbal statement made by Commissioner R. K. Davis to the Editor, shortly after the original story about the juggling of the budget appeared following the July meeting when it all occurred.

Dr. Bonner not only told The Beaufort News about the increased estimate for the budget, he produced a copy of same and showed the figures which had been changed from the original presented at the July meeting. He showed that instead of a saving of \$247 as one member had indicated that in reality there was an increase of \$2,350.

Not Adopted Yet

Irvin W. Davis, Register of Deeds and Clerk to the Board of Commissioners told The Beaufort News in July that should the tentative budget as re-arranged remain unchanged or was not disapproved by any citizen who had the privilege to review same, that it would be according to law, adopted at the end of 30 days. The 30 days have passed, and that being the case, one would assume that since the clerk made the statement that the budget would be approved at the first Monday meeting in August, following the first Monday meeting in July when the tentative budget estimate was first presented—and the several changes were made.

Chairman Bonner told The Beaufort News that the budget could not become official until Charley Johnson of the Local Government Commission approved same. When Clerk Davis was approached again this week and asked why he had given this newspaper the statement that the budget would be adopted within 30 days if See COUNTY BUDGET P 8

STRAIGHT DOPE ON M. L. DAVIS BUILDING HERE

Complete History Of Matter Is Presented

FIREMEN MAY RESIGN

A Beaufort fireman stated today that he was informed that the majority, perhaps the entire Beaufort Fire Department may disband due to the way the M. Leslie Davis building matter was handled by the Commissioners when they over-rode the recommendations of Chief Julius F. Duncan.

Last week The Beaufort News in a two paragraph item buried on the Editorial page promised to give full particulars concerning the "M. Leslie Davis Building" at Front and Craven streets. No one is more able to give the complete particulars than Julius F. Duncan, Chief of The Beaufort Fire Department. Statements from Chief Duncan give full particulars about this matter. His statements follow:

"At the regular meeting of the Fire Department in August, 1940, this building was discussed as a fire hazard and was then called to the attention of the building inspector, Mr. J. D. Brooks. Mr. Brooks presented copy of permit offered Mr. Davis for repairs but he stated at the time that Mr. Davis did not avail himself of the offer. See STRAIGHT Page 8

Soldiers To Dance

As we go to press today City Clerk T. M. Thomas stated that on Friday night there would be another dance at Community Center honoring the 72nd F. A. B. which arrived this afternoon.

Chief Pilot Dave Driskill Of Ocracoke Transportation Company's Air Division Selects Atlantic Landing Field



CHIEF PILOT Dave Driskill of Ocracoke Transportation Co.'s Aviation division was on Carteret Coast this week to look over new landing field sites. With Corp. Gene Brown of the U. S. Army and Capt. James R. Morris of Atlantic the noted Outer Banks pilot selected a potential landing field in Atlantic. In pictures: Driskill with passengers and his plane on Ocracoke Landing Beach. (Photo by Aycock Brown).

Governor Broughton Going To Visit Cape Hatteras Island And National Seashore Park

Covering The Waterfront

By AYCOCK BROWN

He Will Be First Governor Going To Island

OCRACOKERS PLAN TO ATTEND MEETING

I MUST HAVE the appearance of being a damned crook. Wednesday afternoon a person came to the office to take out a three month subscription to The Beaufort News. I told her the advantage of taking out a six month subscription, thus saving 25 cents. She accepted the proposition. Then she said someone, (I was so mad I did not bother to remember the name) who had been to the Beaufort Theatre during the afternoon had sent word that she would give me \$20 to pull her name out of the Jack Pot. In the first place I only officiate over the drawing, someone in the audience actually pulls the ticket; in the second place, those tickets are turned a thousand different ways in the wire drum before it is opened and it is absolutely impossible for a person picked at random to reach in and grab a certain name; and, in the third place I ain't interested in no such dishonest proposition; in the fourth place regardless of what I may look like—I ain't no damned crook—and in the fifth place, I make no apologies for my bad English.—A.B.

ON TUESDAY morning at Ocracoke it was necessary to get up at 5 o'clock to start making arrangements for departure on the mailboat which leaves the island at 7 o'clock. We left the island in the face of a southwest and were delayed at Portsmouth waiting for Mrs. Abner Dixon (who had sprained or broken her arm in See WATERFRONT, Page 8

Capt. Oscar Noe Arranges Shower Baths At Center

Capt. Oscar Noe, champion square dancer of Eastern North Carolina, superintendent of Beaufort Fisheries and an active worker in every civic enterprise undertaken in Beaufort, has arranged to place two shower baths at Community Center for the use of visiting soldiers from Fort Bragg, Camp Davis and other Army posts who will be camping there on training marches. This was announced this morning by Mrs. Martha L. Loftin, treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce.

72nd F. A. Battalion From Fort Bragg In Beaufort This Week

From Fort Bragg on Monday came the 72nd Field Artillery Battalion under the command of Major Otto Ellis for a three day training encampment at Beaufort Community Center. The Battalion left on Wednesday and another Battalion from Fort Bragg is expected to arrive in Beaufort today. There were about 500 men, mostly Sergeants in the group here early this week.

In the meantime Aycock Brown, Editor of The Beaufort News has been informed by Capt. R. H. Matern, (CAC) Aide de Campe at Camp Davis Headquarters that soon troops from that Coast Artillery Anti-Aircraft Training Center would avail themselves of the opportunity to bring groups of trainees in and around Beaufort and to Fort Macon State Park on similar details of short duration. Contrary to the belief of some persons locally, the troops are not coming here for recreation, but instead for the hard training of convoy marching and field camping. The Camp Davis outfits will bring their mobile gun units when they start arriving.

Landing Field For Planes To Be Built In Atlantic

Pilot Driskill And Capt. Morris Talk About Site

ATLANTIC IN LINE FOR AIR MAIL ROUTE

The community of Atlantic, located at the end of the pavement of U. S. Route 70, about 30 miles east of Beaufort, will soon have a landing field for airplanes if present plans of the Carteret County Aviation Commission and the Ocracoke Transportation Company's Aviation Division carry through. When completed for reception of planes, Atlantic will be in line to be placed on the proposed air mail route which will eventually operate between Norfolk, Manteo, Hatteras, Ocracoke and into the Beaufort-Morehead City area.

On Wednesday, Chief Pilot Dave Driskill of the Ocracoke Transportation Company, with Corporal Gene Brown of the U. S. Army's First Observation Battalion drove down to Atlantic from Beaufort's Landing Field and looked over several sites in that section with

200 Persons Now Employed At— U. S. MARINE AIRWING

REPUBLICANS ON OCRACOKE HAD BIG TIME

Biggest Event Of Its Kind Ever Held There

JOHN WILKINSON HAD CHARGE CONVENTION

To John Wilkinson of Washington, president of the N. C. Young Republican Federation goes the credit for arranging the biggest and most enjoyed Invitation Meetings of the organization ever held in North Carolina. Last weekend with prominent guests from all parts of the United States many members of the state organization convened for the weekend on Ocracoke Island. About 75 persons made the cruise over from Beaufort to the island and there they were joined by other Republicans and a number of Democrats from other sections and from Ocracoke itself.

The cruise got off to a bad See REPUBLICANS Page 8

Movie Stars Drop Down On Ocracoke For Flying Visit

Brian Aherne and Joan Fontaine (his charming wife) dropped down on Ocracoke Island aboard their fine Fairchild Cabin plane on Tuesday after being urged to make the trip down the Outer Banks via Cape Hatteras from "Lost Colony" in Manteo where they spent the weekend. Both Aherne and Fontaine are very popular movie stars.

Of Ocracoke Island they said: "It is one of the most attractive spots we have ever visited together." They did not merely land on the beach and then take off again. They stayed for quite awhile and visited the spots of interest from the ancient lighthouse to the Howard graveyard and from "Blackbeard's Castle" at Springers Point to the Pamlico Inn and Wabab Village.

The famous movie stars were not only impressed with the island and its people but also with the vast hard packed beach, which at the time their plane was there also was providing a temporary stopping place for Dave Driskill's "Taxi Plane," and Dick Reynolds' large 3-motored Stinson. Of the "Lost Colony" which the movie stars told people in Manteo: "Your production is truly magnificent and we enjoyed it more than any play we've seen in recent years. Hollywood has nothing on your Lost Colony in scope and brilliance," the noted actor said. The Ahernes flew here from Baltimore in their plane and saw the various historic sites of Roanoke Island before leaving the following day.

Cherry Point Base To Give Work To 800 Very Soon

WORK ON R. R. SPUR STARTED TUESDAY

Approximately 200 persons were engaged in preliminary work at the U. S. Marine Airwing site at Cherry Point on Wednesday morning and a force of 600 to 800 are expected to be employed there at a very early date, it was indicated in New Bern on Wednesday by officials connected with the gigantic project. Commander E. W. C. Nice, Resident Naval Officer in charge of construction was reported to have told the press that progress so far has unquestionably justified the selection of the Cherry Point site for the base. Excerpts from a story in The New Bern Sun-Journal, close to the officials in charge of construction follows:

Work on the link of railroad connecting the camp site with the Atlantic and East Carolina railroad just beyond Havelock was begun Tuesday, says H. P. Edwards, president of the railroad. The location of the road has been selected with the aid of marine authorities. Construction, said Mr. Edwards, will require about two weeks. When it is completed materials for the marine base will be hauled to the camp site by the Atlantic and East Carolina railroad.

That work which is under way at the present time is more or less preliminary. A construction headquarters is being established, says the commander. It includes offices for all the staff of naval officers and contractors, a restaurant, first aid station and all similar establishments. It will be "quite an establishment," said Commander Nice, and will remain throughout the period of the base construction.

See AIRWING Page 8

U. S. Engineers Not In Favor Of Bogue Inlet Improvements

Despite the fact that navigation interests in the vicinity of Swansboro, Morehead City and Beaufort believe it would prove of great benefit, U. S. Army Engineers have advised Congress against undertaking the improvement of Bogue Inlet at this time, it was announced this week. In the original U. S. E. D. Hearings for improvements (which would have provided a depth of 12 feet) held at Swansboro several months ago the Beaufort and Morehead City Chambers of Commerce representatives and navigation interests in Carteret were present to offer testimony relative to the proposed improvements.



Notes of a New Yorker:

After all of George Jean Nathan's work and struggle for recognition, his home burg, Fort Wayne, Ind., erected a plaque to a movie gal named Jane Peters (Carole Lombard). Gary Cooper stands a fine chance of epping the Academy Award this time for his tip-top performance in "Sgt. York". . . . When Gary was a student at Grinnell College, Iowa, he applied for membership in the dramatic society there and was spurned because, they said, he couldn't act. . . . Back from vacationing in the Catskills, a Broadwayite enthused about the rural sector. . . . "So peaceful!" he raved. "Every night you're lulled to sleep by the chirping of crickets, the croaking of frogs, and the ripple of the borscht!" . . . New York is like this: In the office building at 515 Madison Avenue the tenants include the America First Committee and the R.A.F. Benevolent Society.

Louis Fischer in his book recalls one of Goebbels' quotes which is probably choking Berlin's lyingest midget by now: "Whoever treats with Bolshevism will end by being devoured by it". . . . The gag in Rumania, they tell you, goes this way: "Ever since we joined the Axis we are getting food like Germany's—earthquakes like Japan's, and an army like Italy's!"

Comforting Thought for the Drafted: The Commander-in-Chief wants them to stay in an army camp. See WINCHELL—Page 2

TOWN OFFICIAL THANKS LADIES

T. Murray Thomas, City Clerk, who made arrangements on behalf of the Town of Beaufort to entertain the visiting soldiers at the Community Center Square Dance on Tuesday night stated today that he is very grateful to the ladies of Beaufort and Morehead City who acted as hostesses, thus making the event possible. Several hundred soldiers and young ladies of the twin-cities enjoyed dancing to the tunes of the Newport Square Dance band.



FOOD FOR BRITAIN

In the headlines, lend-lease aid to Britain is chiefly a story of planes, tanks, ships, guns and munitions. But these dramatic war supplies are only one part of the picture.

An equally vital, though little known, phase of this gigantic program is food.

Today, practically every ship leaving U. S. shores for embattled England carries stocks of food as part of its cargo. Also significant is the fact that this steady flow of food shipments differs markedly from those of World war days.

Then the foodstuffs were in bulk form—boatloads of grain and fresh meats. But now, with British and Allied shipping suffering terrible destruction, there aren't enough bottoms to transport both bulky armaments and bulky food across the hazardous Atlantic.

Since the cargo space for bulky armaments cannot be reduced, and with the British food situation becoming acute, food is being shipped in concentrated and dehydrated form. Thus it is carried in the same ships with arms and munitions, taking up relatively little space.

The extent of these shipments and what they meant to the American farmer is shown graphically by the following list of lend-lease food items. See Merry-Go-Round Page 2