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Large Scale Inter-Connections Of Electric Power Lines Plan Of Municipalities And Co-ops

DIPHTHERIA PATIENT IS NOW BETTER

Third Case In This County Reported This Week

HEALTH OFFICER URGES VACCINATION

Fred Mason Jr., 14 months old son of Fred Mason of Beaufort, is reported to be somewhat improved today. The child was rushed to a Wilmington hospital several days ago following the sudden onset of Laryngeal Diphtheria. His breathing became so completely obstructed shortly after admission that an operation had to be performed to provide an artificial passage way for air into his bronchial tubes through a silver tube. His condition was extremely critical a few days ago. A third case of Diphtheria has been reported to the Health Department from Marshallberg. The necessity for all children who have not had Diphtheria toxoid to receive it at once is rapidly becoming more acute. An epidemic of Diphtheria in the County must be prevented at all costs.

Gun Firing Warning Now Displayed From Fishery Lab's Mast

As an extra precaution and warning to mariners, the word "FIRING" will be spelled out with International Code flags from the mast of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Station on Piver's Island, when the U. S. Army troops of the temporary defenses of Beaufort Inlet are firing sea-coast guns. Originally the word "FIRING" was spelled out in code flags, only from the mast of Ft. Macon Unit of Beaufort Station. When the "FIRING" signals are displayed, it means that boats are warned to stay clear of the water area extending from Cape Lookout Light, south to Latitude 34 degrees 30 minutes and thence west to Longitude 77 degrees 00 minutes and thence north to Bogue Banks. Weather conditions for several days made it impractical to fire the guns, but these necessary operations for setting the mounts in the soft sand at the various batteries along Bogue Banks got underway on Tuesday.

The Washington MERRY-GO-ROUND

DREW REARDON & ROBERT ALLEN

Washington, D. C. AN INSIDE STORY

Here is the inside story on what happened in all the fuss and furor over the Free French seizure of the two tiny North Atlantic islands of St. Pierre-Miquelon. The story illustrates a very important point: That U. S.-British foreign policy has got to pull closer together in the future, and that state department officials might have thought twice about slapping British policy in the face—especially at a time when Winston Churchill was sitting in the White House working on plans for closer Anglo-American co-ordination. The crux of the situation was that the radio stations on these two French islands long have been suspected of giving information to Vichy—and then to Berlin—on British convoys crossing the North Atlantic also on Britain-bound bombers hopping off from Newfoundland. French fishing vessels from St. Pierre-Miquelon cruise all over the Newfoundland banks and are in an excellent position to observe Allied activity in this vital part of the Atlantic. More recently, Nazi submarines have been prowling closer to U. S. shores and it was suspected they might be getting information—or even supplies—from the fishing vessels. So the British gave the nod to General DeGaulle to move into the islands. In fact they even let his as- See MERRY-GO-ROUND P 7

This Would Assure Military Bases Ample Power

CARTERET-CRAVEN CO-OP IS INCLUDED

Plans are now underway to inter-connect the transmission lines of several municipalities and REA co-operatives in Eastern North Carolina. This would make possible at all times, standby electric power service for the existing and proposed military bases and national defense projects throughout the area, it was stated here this week by C. H. Young, general manager of Carteret-Craven Electric Membership Cooperative, who is a member of the committee to complete plans. "The plan originating with U. S. Naval authorities, has the endorsement of the municipalities of Farmville, Greenville, Kinston, New Bern, Rocky Mount, Tarboro, Washington and Wilmington and the Carteret-Craven, Edgecombe-Martin, Pamlico-Beaufort, Pitt-Greene, Tri-County, and Woodstock Electric Membership Cooperatives," said Mr. Young. The inter-connection of transmission lines would also tie-in facilities of Tide Water, Virginia Power Company, Carolina Power and Light Company and possibly Duke Power Company.

Officials of the Carteret-Craven Electric Membership Cooperative attended a meeting of municipal and electric cooperative officials in Raleigh recently, along with Governor J. M. Broughton, OPM and Naval Authorities. The plan was discussed and approved at the meeting. Later Resolutions of approval were adopted by each of the municipalities and cooperatives to See POWER LINES Page 8

Unlawful To Run Car Without Town Tag After Today

According to Warning Notice published in Beaufort News last week and signed by municipal officials, it will be unlawful for auto owners living in the corporate limits of Beaufort to operate an automobile or truck locally, without a town license plate, after today (Thursday, January 15). Cost of the tags is \$1, and persons who have failed to get same to date may have to pay several times that amount if they are arrested for operating without municipal licenses today.

ATTENTION Legionnaires

The Barbecue which was to be held at Kid Hill's ranch at Newport Friday night, Jan. 9, will be held tomorrow (Friday) night, Jan. 16. T. E. KELLY, Adjutant.

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 meallowances 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	LOW
Friday, Jan. 16	
7:39 AM	1:11 AM
7:53 PM	1:59 PM
Saturday, Jan. 17	
8:30 AM	2:03 AM
8:50 PM	2:46 PM
Sunday, Jan. 18	
9:20 AM	2:53 AM
9:41 PM	3:31 PM
Monday, Jan. 19	
10:07 AM	3:41 AM
10:30 PM	4:15 PM
Tuesday, Jan. 20	
10:53 AM	4:29 AM
	5:01 PM
Wednesday, Jan. 21	
11:18 AM	5:18 AM
11:37 PM	5:48 PM
Thursday, Jan. 22	
12:05 AM	6:13 AM
12:21 PM	6:39 PM

ZONING BOARD MEETING HERE MONDAY NIGHT

Criticized Certain Ordinances Now In Effect

OFFER COOPERATION IN COMMUNITY EFFORT

Beaufort's recently appointed Zoning Board met on Monday night and after some discussion relative to the proposed benefits that may be derived from such a group, addressed a letter to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. Copy of the letter signed by members of the Board, namely William H. Potter, F. R. Bell, C. R. Wheatly and B. H. Stephens, seemed to express criticism towards similar zoning or building ordinances which already exist, but which are apparently not carried out.

Reading between the lines it could be readily seen that one of the objects of criticism by the Zoning Board was a condition which exists in the business district of Beaufort at the present time. One would judge, after reading the letter that the Zoning Board believes it useless to try and carry out a zoning program, when there is laxity shown at present in building laws.

The letter to the Board of Commissioners and Mayor follows:

To the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Beaufort, N. C.

Gentlemen:

Your committee met on this date and proceeded to discuss the purpose for which it had been appointed. It was not clear as to just what our duties were or the extent See ZONING Page 8

Gahagan Dredging Corporation Gets Silver Lake Work

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner advised the Beaufort News this week that the Gahagan Dredging Corporation of Brooklyn had been awarded the contract to dredge Silver Lake Harbor at Ocracoke to a depth of eleven and half feet with connecting channel to Pamlico Sound. The original project called for an expenditure of approximately \$60,000.

With this depth of water for Silver Lake, the Outer Banks will have its first important harbor, and will provide facilities for hundreds of yachts which want to go there annually but cannot due to depth of water plus facilities for deep draught commercial and fishing vessels. It is understood that at an early date the U. S. Navy will create a base in the vicinity of Ocracoke.

Having roles in getting initial approval by the U. S. Government See DREDGING Page 8

FEDERAL AUTO LICENSE SALE BEGINS JAN. 27

Auto and truck owners have by this time bought their State and Municipal licenses, but the new Federal Licenses which were scheduled to go on sale today (January 15) will not be available until January 27, it was announced in Washington on Wednesday. Reason for the delay is that the new Federal Licenses which will cost all car and truck owners a flat rate of \$5.00 annually will be small printed stickers, and the

FEDERAL STICKERS DUE HERE ANY DAY

After the accompanying story was written on Wednesday another report out of Washington indicated that the stickers would go on sale today (January 15) as first announced, however no stickers had been received at local postoffice until noon today when Beaufort News men applied for same.

first batch prepared were glued on the wrong side.

The glue side on the corrected stickers will be the same side bearing number. Error was made by placing the glue on the white side. The stickers are required of all auto and truck owners by Federal Law. They will be on sale at Postoffices, and a cheery note will be that the initial stickers good until the end of fiscal year July 1, will cost \$2.09.

Bread Cooked In This Oven Probably Hastened Downfall Of Ft. Macon—1862



—Photo By Aycock Brown

ON APRIL 26, 1862, Colonel Moses T. White, who had been placed in command of the Confederate States troops at Fort Macon, met General Burnside's of the U. S. Army at 7 o'clock in the morning and a surrender was agreed upon. The Southern flag was hauled down at 12 noon and the troops stationed there (three companies) left the fort as soon as means could be furnished. The preceding day had seen the only real battle to ever take place at Fort Macon. The Confederates lost seven men and 18 were wounded during the battle. Built for protection from sea attack, the troops stationed there did not figure on the strategy which would be used by General Burnside's troops, an attack from the west or landward direction. No guns protected this approach.

OVERHEAD LINE WILL BE BUILT FOR REA CO-OP

To Be Used Instead Of Under Water Cables

REA-officials in Washington have approved overhead crossings connecting transmission lines of Carteret-Craven Electric Membership Cooperative at Steel Bridge on the Inland Waterway and at Cedar Island. Engineers have made a survey of the crossings and although no definite date for the connection of lines have been made, it should be a matter of only a few weeks, it was stated here today by C. H. Young, general manager of the local Co-op.

Originally it was planned to connect approximately 150 miles of line in the Carteret-Craven project at canal crossings with canal, but it is impossible to get cable at this time due to the priorities governing some. The overhead crossings will serve the same purpose and meet with U. S. Army Engineers' restrictions.

The overhead line at Steel Bridge will have to be 100 feet above the surface of the water. At Cedar Island Throughfare the lines must be 75 feet above water. To erect the high-wires, series of poles will be spliced together.

Erection of the overhead crossing wires will mean that Cedar Island can be served with electric energy immediately after crossing has been completed. Patrons of the Co-op living on Route 101 into Beaufort will also be served as soon as the overhead line is completed at Steel Bridge.

COVERING THE WATERFRONT

By AYCOCK BROWN

SEACOAST GUNS of the Temporary Harbor Defenses of Beaufort Inlet, fired for the first time on Tuesday and again on Wednesday could be heard for many miles. George Stovall of Tide Water, who happened to be at Davis said the reports of the guns could be heard very plainly. I wonder how his ears would feel if he had been standing within 30 feet of the guns as they were fired. He probably knows how a person feels to be that close to big guns when they are fired, having once been a staff sergeant in a coast artillery unit of the National Guard.

A PERSON STANDING close to big guns as they are fired are instructed to stand on their toes, face the gun (never stand side to it) and hold their mouth open as the Ready! Fire! orders are shouted. See WATERFRONT, Page 8

Bread That Almost Caused A Mutiny

The Confederate troops within Fort Macon had been supplied with an unusually large quantity of flour, and Colonel White learning that there was a soldier-baker in the troops, resolved to issue

FORTY-FOUR GUNS AT FORT IN 1862

Of the 44-guns comprising the entire armament at Fort Macon back in 1862, when the Yankees captured it from the Rebels nearly one-half were entirely disabled during the battle of April 25. None on the parapets facing the entrance to the harbor could be brought to bear on the land batteries, nor could those facing Beaufort. When firing ceased at 5:30 P. M. not 10 guns in serviceable condition could have been used to prolong the fight, and these were all old 24 or 32-pounders, except two Columbiads and one rifled 24-pounder on the sea-face of the upper parapet. One single shot from a 32-pounder Parrott totally disabled an 8-inch and a 10-inch Columbiad in Capt. Pool's Battery, mortally wounding three men and severely wounding five others. No single shot fired during the war probably did greater damage. It was the first battle of the men in the fort, and in view of all circumstances they fought well; veterans of many battles could not have done better, and not a man sought his bunk on the night of the 25th who did not expect to renew the fight the next day, and who was not ready to do so—according to a historical record found by Editor Brown this week.

baked bread in lieu of flour. This was done to economize, give a change of diet and relieve the company cooks, so it was stated. The fort oven (see photo) was cleaned out and the baker and his assistants were detailed, and the troops awaited results with curiosity. Historical records reveal that not one-tenth of the loaves baked in the oven were fit to be eaten. The second bake was no better, and some wag in the group suggested that the loaves be turned over to the ordinance department to augment the supply of shot. Soon the situation became serious. The garrison surgeon selected three of the best loaves that had been baked and showed them to Colonel White, stating that such bread was not fit for man or beast. Colonel White ordered that the men eat bakers bread or no bread.

The situation became more serious. The soldiers began to offer See FORT MACON Page 8

Service Men Will Stage Variety Show For Citizens Of Coastland In USO Building On January 23rd.

C. G. REPORTS TWO VESSELS IN DISTRESS

Flamingo Is Total Loss Near Cape Lookout

Lillian Anne Aground Near Adams Creek Canal

The fishing smack "Flamingo" of Brooklyn which was outfitted locally and in Morehead City recently for sea-bass fishing off shore on the coral reefs, is a total loss today in the surf about two miles west of Barden's Inlet. The North Carolina Line freighter "Lillian Anne" which operates between Baltimore and Wilmington on the Inland Waterway was reported aground near the mouth of Adams Creek Canal about 12 miles north of Beaufort.

Judging from report given Coast Guard, Capt. Richard Capsey, master of Flamingo, she was lost in rather rough weather near the Cape last night. He misjudged his course, resulting in the vessel, of about 55 feet in length, going into the breakers. Coastguardsmen from the Ft. Macon and Cape Lookout units of Beaufort Station went to the rescue and experienced difficulty in removing Capt. Capsey and his crew of three men due to the fact that the water was very rough and shallow at that point. They were removed safely, however, and spent the night at Cape Lookout Station. This morning See SHIPWRECK Page 8

BIRTHDAY BALL TO BE JAN. 29TH IN USO BLDG.

Beaufort's Chamber (Sr) of Commerce and the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Morehead City will be co-sponsors of the annual President's Birthday Ball, this year, it was announced today by Mrs. W. I. Loftin, treasurer of the local civic organization who is co-chairman of the event with G. E. Sanderson of Morehead City. The dance this year will be held at the USO building in Morehead City on Thursday night, January 29, from 9 until 1 o'clock. Tickets will be on sale within the next few days at Morehead City Drug Company, Hufham Drug Store, Dowdy Furniture Company in Morehead City, and at Guthrie-Jones, Bell's Drug Store and House Drug Store, and at Miller Furniture Company in Beaufort.

This will be the first year that a President's Birthday Ball has been presented in Morehead City. Proceeds (after expenses have been deducted) will be used in the fight to stamp out Infantile Paralysis. Further announcements about the event will be made in The Beaufort News next week. Although the dance is being presented in the USO Building, the general public along with soldiers and members of military service will be urged to attend.

RED CROSS

WAR FUND—

The Emergency War Fund being raised by the Beaufort Chapter of the American Red Cross has passed the \$500.00 mark during the past week. The receipt of a \$100 check from Miss Yeatman of the Open Grounds helped swell the fund. Many other contributions ranging from 50 cents to \$10.00 have also been received. Carteret Hardware and the Lumber and Building Supply Corp. have both sent \$10.00 checks.

SWEEPERS FOR SOLDIERS—

Many of the men of the U. S. Army quartered in Carteret County for various duties in defense of the coast have been given good wool sweaters during the past week. These sweaters were received by the Beaufort Chapter from headquarters of the American Red Cross. The sweaters have been issued to the men at Davis and Camp Glenn. As soon as the rest See RED CROSS Page 8

Many Professional Actors Will Be In Cast

SERVICE MAN'S COUNCIL PLANS ENTERTAINMENT

To show their appreciation for the hospitality that residents of the coast have shown them, members of military units, Army, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard, plan to present a variety show, using talent (much of it professional) which is available from various nearby units at the USO Headquarters in Morehead City on January 23. Although the date is tentative, the enthusiasm which is involved among the military units is not and unless present plans are changed, the show will See SHOW Page 8

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Sheriff Urges That Serial Numbers On Tires Be Recorded

Sheriff C. G. Holland urges all auto and truck owners to make a record of the serial number appearing on their tires. Since tire rationing began a few days ago there have been reports throughout the country of thievery. In some localities autos or trucks parked on the roads or streets and left unattended have been jacked up and the tires have been removed. It is liable to happen here and for that reason Sheriff Holland urges owners of cars and trucks, especially the latter, to make a note of the serial numbers (which appear on all new tires) so that same may be traced when and if stolen. While there have been no cases of tires being stolen reaching the courts of the county to date, Sheriff Holland is anxious that this precautionary measure be taken by owners.



Man About Town:

The following is the last paragraph of an address made by the late William B. Bankhead, speaker of the house of representatives. . . Thanks to his daughter, Tallulah, who reminded us of it. . . "Allow me to make this final observation: Until the one-man nations of the world can produce greater military leaders and strategists than Joshua; until they can point within the circle of their own men who have stood closer to God than Moses; until some Aryan is wiser than Solomon or a sweeter singer of lyrics than David; until they can produce a greater moral philosopher than Jesus of Nazareth—let them beware of asserting that no good can come out of Palestine, that there is no heroism or genius among the fellow citizens of Isaiah, no heritage of character left to the descendants of the Maccabees."

—Buy Defense Bonds—

"Dear Walter: I see you now have three jobs instead of two and I thought some of this might help. . . Hitler claims he's obeying an 'inner call' to take over the army. What Schickelgruber heard was not an inner voice. It was probably indignation brought on by biting off more than he can chew. . . In this war we're all in the same boat. If labor doesn't co-operate the boat won't be ready. . . Things are so tough in vaudeville that acts which used to open with the straightman dropping his handkerchief (as the pretty girl passed by) are no more. The See WINCHELL Page 7