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Instructions In First Aid To Be Given Monday Feb. 16

WAR IN BRIEF

WASHINGTON—Supreme command of the combined allied fleets in Far East switched from American to Dutch hands today—a surprise move that gives the Dutch a powerful voice in strategy for the impending Japanese blow against rich Netherlands East Indies.

LONDON—Singapore's defenders ignored a Japanese demand for unconditional surrender tonight and held on grimly under an incessant rain of bombs and shells, it was announced in a communique from the embattled city.

NEW YORK — The American tanker W. L. Steed was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine in a sudden daylight attack on Feb. 2 about 130 miles off the New Jersey coast, the Third Naval District disclosed today.

BATAVIA — Dutch forces defending Amboina sank five Jap warships before the strategic air and sea base in the Molucca Islands was lost to the Japanese, it was announced today. They were three cruisers, a destroyer and a submarine, the report said.

VICHY — Three Frenchmen were shot in Paris today on the order of the German commander after a new outbreak of bombing directed at conqueror and collaborator alike.

MOSCOW—Russian ski troops, gliding nine miles behind the German lines under cover of a swirling snowstorm, have captured Maklachi, 25 miles north of Bryansk, and thus hurled another barrier in the pinchers drive on See WAR Page 8

MARTHUR HONORED

WASHINGTON—Unanimously the House voted this week to change the name of Conduit road in the nation's capital to MacArthur Boulevard "in honor of the gallant defense of the Philippines by General MacArthur and his men."

FIRING NOTICE

The following notice has been received by The Beaufort News from the commanding officer at Camp Davis. It reads as follows: Place: Sers Landing Point. Danger Zone: Water area known as Sector No. 2 to include a distance offshore of 10,000 yards. Dates: From February 9, 1942 to February 13, 1942 inclusive. Time: Daily from 8 A. M. to 4 P. M.

The Washington Merry-go-round  
DREW PEARSON  
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WASHINGTON, D. C. WARY GRAY-TRAINER You can write it down that Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard is going to be very chary about using that gray-train veto power the farm lobby voted him in the price control bill.

He knows that the White House is still sputtering over his unauthorized endorsement of this lobby scheme at a crucial moment in the senate fight over the legislation. Also, that if he attempts to exercise the power he is liable to be slapped down even harder than when he fronted for the lobby.

Actually, under cover, Wickard has promised in effect to be a good boy.

It didn't leak out at the time, but during the secret deliberations of the joint senate-house conference committee on the bill, he wrote the committee a letter repudiating his previous endorsement and saying he didn't want the veto power over farm prices.

Wickard wrote this letter under White House pressure. He knew he was in bad and he tried to square himself.

But for the administration, the backdown was too late. The damage had been done, for the amendment was in the bill and the lobby's See MERRY-GO-ROUND P 7

Local Jeweler Laid To Rest



B. A. Bell, local jeweler and one of Carteret County's oldest citizens, died at his home here on Monday. He had been in the jewelry business in Beaufort for 31 years.

B. A. BELL RITES HELD ON TUESDAY

He Died Monday After Short Illness

Final rites were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home on Pollock street for B. A. Bell, prominent business man of Beaufort and oldest jeweler in the county. He died early Monday morning. Rev. W. S. Potter, pastor of the Ann Street Methodist church, officiated, assisted by Rev. E. C. McConnell, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church. Interment was in Ocean View cemetery. Rev. McConnell read Tennyson's poem, "Crossing the Bar", at the graveside.

The deceased, who moved to Beaufort from Washington 31 years ago was a native of Hamlet, N. C. On arrival in this city he opened a jewelry store which business, with the assistance of Mrs. Bell, he successfully operated un-

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SWEET POTATO IMPROVEMENT MEET JAN. 17

Since the sweet potatoes produced in the 13 eastern counties of North Carolina have not been bringing a price comparable to sweet potatoes produced in neighboring states, the producers of these counties have requested assistance. Therefore, a meeting is planned in the Carteret County Court House for Tuesday, January 17, 7:30 P. M. Daylight Saving Time, in cooperation with Don Matheson, Division of Markets of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture; L. P. Watson, Extension Horticulturist; and C. M. Brickhouse, District Agent, and local farm agents, for the purpose of discussing improved seed stock, proper seed treatment, fertilization, cultivation, grading and digging, storage, and most important of all a uniform grade and pack and label for the North Carolina producers. Sweet potato seed will be on display, which will show correct type, size, color and uniformity which potato producers should use in order to improve the potatoes grown on his farm.

Potato producers who have seed for sale in the county should also bring in a sample for display. Each sweet potato producer in the county is invited to attend this meeting.

To Aid In Filing U. S. Tax Returns

A representative of the Internal Revenue Service will be here for three days in March to assist taxpayers in filing their income tax returns. He will be in Beaufort on March 2, 3 and 4 at the Post Office, according to announcement from C. H. Robertson, collector of internal revenue. "We are giving February 16 through March 16 for filing period to assist the taxpayers," Mr. Robertson said.

WM. A. PIERCE PASSES MONDAY

Funeral Held Wednesday From The Home

Funeral services for William Adair Pierce, 72, were conducted at the home on Turner street Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock by the Rev. Stanley Potter, assisted by the Rev. E. C. McConnell.

The pallbearers were Robert E. King, Doc Thomas, Marion Noe, Charlie Hattell, James D. Rumley and Ed Martin. Interment took place in St. Paul's cemetery.

The Masonic Lodge of Beaufort had charge of the rites at the grave. Mr. Potter read "Crossing The Bar" and Mr. McConnell pronounced the benediction.

Mr. Pierce died at his home here about noon Monday. He suffered a stroke of paralysis a month ago from which he never recovered. He was born in Beaufort Feb. 19, 1870, the son of the late Margaret and David Pierce. On Sept. 29, 1903, he was married to Blanche Fulcher.

Mr. Pierce was a retired rural mail carrier, having finished his 30 years' service eight years ago. He was a charter member of the Masonic Lodge. He was known and loved by many people who mourn his passing.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Blanche Fulcher Pierce; two daughters, Mrs. H. L. Brown of High Point and Mrs. F. L. Stroupe of Charlotte; two sisters, Mrs. J. J. Whitehurst of Beaufort, and Mrs. Edward Morse of Washington, D. C.; and two grandchildren.

LOCAL PEOPLE ON USO PROGRAM

Rev. E. C. McConnell And G. M. Paul To Take Part

A dedication service for citizens of Carteret County who are taking part in the program of the United States Service Organization will be held



REV. E. C. MCCONNELL

in the USO building in Morehead City Sunday, Feb. 15 at 3 o'clock. All committee chairmen, committee members, and all people who have entertained Service Men in their homes for meals or overnight lodging, and all who have taken part in the activities at the USO center See LOCAL PEOPLE Page 8

All Patrol Cars Be Painted Black

State highway patrol cars will all be painted black to give better efficiency in working on sabotage and espionage cases, it has been announced. The cars will also have plain orange and black state license tags instead of the special patrol tags formerly used on patrol cars.

The "silver bullets" are being painted black and will soon be in use throughout the state. The local division already has several of the state cars painted and are in use on the highways.

It is said that the painting of the cars will aid tremendously in the efficiency of investigating espionage and sabotage cases. It will also aid in the patrolling of the state highways. Previously the silver bullet could be detected by motorists a long distance away.

Local Boy In Philippines



GEORGE T. GUTHRIE, pictured above, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie E. Guthrie of Beaufort and Morehead City was stationed in the Philippines the last time his parents heard from him which was a week after the Japs attacked Pearl Harbor. Guthrie is a Pharmacist Mate 3rd Class and has been in the Navy about three years. About a year ago he volunteered for foreign service and was sent to the Philippines.

HOURS CHANGED FOR SCHOOLS

New Time Upsets The Schedule In County Schools

The County Board of Education gave further consideration last Friday to the opening hour for the schools of the county and Supt. Allen announced its revised decision to the principals and teachers in a meeting at Beaufort on Saturday morning, Feb. 9.

(1) All schools are to move their clocks forward one hour Monday morning, Feb. 9.

(2) All schools of the same school district are to have a uniform hour of opening.

(3) The district principal, with the advice and approval of his district school board or committee and subject to the approval of the superintendent, is authorized to See HOURS Page 8

UNKNOWN SEAS PRESENTATION NEXT THURSDAY

The cast for the play "Unknown Seas," by Mrs. G. M. Paul, which will be given in the Beaufort school auditorium for the benefit of the Red Cross War Fund Thursday, Feb. 19, has been selected. The characters and players follow:

Dr. Manney—Rev. W. Y. Stewart, Mrs. Manney—Mrs. E. C. McConnell, Nancy Manney—Maude Elwoodgood Chadwick, James Manney—Bobby Stevens, Julia Manney—Mary Frazier Paul, Elizabeth Manney—Janet D. Davis, Charles French—Dr. D. J. Eure, Capt. Gooding—Graydon Paul, Chloe—Mrs. Chas. Hassell, Timothy—Jack Allen, Mrs. Rumley—Mrs. Mattie King Davis, Mrs. Piver—Mrs. Marion Cowper, Mrs. Duncan—Mrs. J. G. Allen, Mr. Josiah Bell—Mr. Graham Duncan.

Mrs. Bell—Mrs. W. H. Potter, Mr. Otway Burns—Mr. M. L. Davis, Mrs. Burns—Mrs. N. F. Eure, Capt. and Mrs. Dill—Mr. and Mrs. Holland, Rev. Boatwright—Rev. E. C. McConnell, Mrs. Boatwright—Mrs. Graham Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson—Dr. and Mrs. Woodard, Mr. and Mrs. Potter—Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Potter, Mrs. Whitehurst—Mrs. C. D. Jones, Mrs. Chadwick, Mrs. Bayard Taylor, Mrs. Leecraft—Mrs. O. S. Clawson, Emma Manson—Lucille Rice, Rose Stanton—Ruth Webb, Federal Soldier—Dr. C. P. Stevick, Joe Mason—Billie King See UNKNOWN SEAS P 8

Bus To Harkers Is Put On Today

Seashore Transportation Company announced that beginning today they would operate a bus to Harkers Island. The bus will connect with the Atlantic bus, thus making three round trips a day. This will be a great help to the island people who do not have cars.

1400 Expected To Register Under New Draft Order

RED CROSS

The War Fund of the Beaufort Chapter American Red Cross was boosted this week by reports from Marshallberg, Beaufort, Atlantic, Harkers Island and Williston. Marshallberg reported \$45.00, Williston \$10.00, Beaufort \$14.00, Atlantic \$20.00, and Harkers Island \$6.00. These sums added to that already reported makes the total for this week \$788.31.

Supt. J. G. Allen To Lead Discussion

Shall the Beaufort school have a 12th year during 1942-43?

This is not "as easy said as done," or nor as simple as it sounds. The parents of the seventh grade and the present eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh grades will have a part in answering this question.

Supt. J. G. Allen will lead this discussion at the next meeting of the Beaufort Parent-Teachers Association which will be held next Tuesday night, Feb. 17, at the usual hour, 7:30. This discussion will sooner or later be of concern to all patrons but the parents of the above mentioned grades and Board of Trustees are urged to attend.

Beaufort Boy O. K. In Hawaii Sector

Mr. W. D. Gatlin, of Beaufort, has received word from his son, Edwin Gatlin, who is serving with the United States Navy in Hawaii that he is in good health and enjoying life there. Mr. Gatlin's son stated in his letter that he had made a visit to Pearl Harbor and that he had seen some good shows. (Whether movies or hula-hula shows was not made clear). He is anxiously waiting for his mail and back copies of the Beaufort News so that he can keep up with the news at home.

New Schedule At Beaufort School

Mr. T. G. Leary, principal of the Beaufort school, announced the following schedule for classes and lunch hour for pupils of the school. Parents who have been somewhat confused by the change in time will find this schedule helpful: 8:55, outside bell; 9 to 9:10, chapel; 9:12 to 10:07, first period; 10:09 to 10:54, second period; 10:56 to 11:41, third period; 10:45 to 11:15, elementary recess; 11:43 to 12:30, fourth period; 12:30 to 12:40, supervised lunch; 12:40 to 1:25, lunch; 1:28 to 2:23, fifth period; 2:25 to 3:10, sixth period; 3:12 to 3:50, activity period.

There will be no One Session signal for rainy days for the time being due to the fact that the Fire Department is unable to give signals that might confuse the public with air raid warnings. On rainy days parents should call the school office at 12:15 or later. Do not call before 12:15 as the decision for one session is not made until that time.

In case of one session the schedule is 12:30 to 12:55; lunch 12:55 to 1:33 fifth period class; 1:33 to 2:00 sixth period class. If the one session day comes on a Wednesday, chapel period will be from 1:33 to 2:00.

To Make Payments

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11. — Within a short time the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation is expected to begin payments to depositors of the Bank of Draper, N. C., which closed on February 6, 1942.

The bank held total deposits of approximately \$93,000 at the time of suspension and practically the entire amount is estimated as being insured. The bank had about 1,016 depositors at the time of its suspension.

This is the first closing of an insured bank in the State of North Carolina since the beginning of deposit insurance on January 1, 1934.

Registration Places To Be Open From 7 A.M. to 9 P.M.

Mrs. Floyd Chadwick, clerk of the Carteret County Draft Board, announced this week that on February 16th the registration of men between the ages of 20 and 44 inclusive will be accomplished at three registration places in the County. Registration places will be set up at Beaufort, Morehead City and Portsmouth. It is estimated by the local board that approximately 1400 persons will be required to register in Carteret County on February 16. Those who fall within this registration group are men who were 20 years of age on or before December 31, 1941, and who have not passed their 45th birthday on February 16.

At the Beaufort and Morehead City registration places the registering will be in charge of the Junior Chamber of Commerce members of each town who will be assisted by the ladies of the local women's organizations, such as members of the Woman's Club and American Legion Auxiliary. There will be 20 workers on duty all day.

The registration place in Beaufort will be in the Court House Annex and in Morehead City in the City Hall. The registration hours will be from 7 a. m. to 9:00 p. m. and this will be the only day allowed for registration in North Carolina.

The Local Board wishes to call to the attention of all men between the ages of 20 and 45 the fact that they are required to register on February 16 if they have not previously registered, regardless of whether they would have been included in one of the age groups. Men who are already registered will not be required to do so again.

Mrs. Chadwick said that any man who is a resident of Carteret County and who will be away from home on registration day should go to the nearest registration place and be registered and that care should be taken that the permanent addresses given be in Carteret County if the resident See REGISTRATION P 8

Attention Red Cross Knitters

All people working on sweaters for the Beaufort Chapter of the Red Cross please return all finished garments to Mrs. E. C. McConnell this week. All work that is not yet ready should be handed in before February 15. This is the deadline for shipping the present quota.

Walter Winchell

New York Heartbeat

It costs a lot to win a war, but it costs more to lose one. Traditionally, an American balks more at inconvenience than he does at sacrifice. But let's not fool ourselves. There is a difference between civilian discomfort and military sacrifice.

An empty sugar bowl is one thing, and an empty ammunition belt is another. An old second-hand car is a nuisance, but there is no such thing as a second-hand navy. Priorities are harsh, but remember that the marines ask only that they be the first to fight. Living quarters may be cramped, but American sailors are living in submarines.

Men who fly in high altitude bombers are giving more to their country than those who pay high income taxes.

You can't buy Liberty in a bargain basement, and the theater of war has no reserved seats. Peace will restore sugar and tires. But not even Victory can bring back the Colin Kellys.

—Buy Defense Bonds— Typewriter Ribbons: Joe Louis: Now that I've finished cleaning up all the Baers, I'm going after the Snakes... The Bangor News: Men are about the only people on earth See WINCHELL Page 7