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Things I Never Knew And Still Don't Know

Whether the sugar-rationing here isn't extremely mild compared to Germany, where it's verboten to use any sugar at all for sweetening coffee or tea . . . That the secret of Winston Churchill's amazing energy is the old Edison formula of grabbing quickie snoozes through the day . . . Whether motorists know if they don't wear a hat while driving they suffer greater eyestrain . . . If it wouldn't be a good idea for both Republicans and Democrats to adopt this revised slogan: "Now is the time for all good men to come to!" . . . That Mohammedans begin each meal with salt. (Because they believe it helps prevent most diseases.) . . . That, according to U. S. health authorities, effective bombing of Japan's overcrowded cities would probably touch off an epidemic of the dread Asiatic cholera there . . . That among the Betsileos of Madagascar, when a funeral is held for a woman, the procession, before reaching the cemetery, goes back to her home for an hour. (The theory being that women always forget something when they leave home.) . . . That if you want to get the maximum taste from food, remember these tips: Bitter things taste more strongly on the rear of the tongue, sweet things on the tip, sour things on the sides, and salty things on both the tip and sides . . . That bad tempers are now blamed on a shortage of vitamin B1 in the diet . . . Whether you've heard the one about Count Ciano describing his Berlin visit to his father-in-law, Mussolini. "Hitler gave me a wonderful dinner." Ciano related. "Everything was solid gold—the plates, the knives, forks, spoons—all solid gold" . . . "That's nice," commented Il Duce, holding out his hand. "Let me see!"

—Buy Defense Bonds—
A French underground paper recently related this grand fable. The bishop of Bordeaux handed 50 francs to his secretary to give to a poor woman who had requested alms. The secretary protested, "Monseigneur is perhaps unaware of the fact that the woman is a Jewess . . . "A Jewess!" exclaimed the bishop. "Goodness me, that's altogether different. Give her one hundred francs and thank her for her confidence in Christian charity!"

—Buy Defense Bonds—
Highbrows complain about the way swing music hurts the classics. But it's a matter of record that, because popular bands started to swing Tschakowsky, the sale of that composer's records in the classic manner hit an all-time high . . . We'd like to see a celeb enter a joynt some time without acting as if he were playing the star role at a coronation . . . Our idea of paradise is where everybody feels as good as a headwaiter looks . . . What's become of Technocracy? . . . The ditty, "I Don't Want to Walk Without You, Baby," is a friend of the ears when played in a slow tempo decorated with strings. When it comes dressed in brass it's an enemy.

—Buy Defense Bonds—
The bad news the wireless has been pouring out all week from the South Pacific must put a pain in Goebbels' neck. How can he frighten us with threats of disaster, he must wonder, when our own commentators tell us the raw truth? The more we know the tougher it gets for the Axis liars and scare-mongers . . . The Berlin radio soaped the Yellow Aryans by announcing that Wotan, the Heine god, and the Jap god are practically first cousins. That kind of slights the Italians, who must have become de-Aryanized when the Greeks shot the spots off them . . . The best of Jack Benny's stinkiness gags was his denial that he forced Dennis Day to donate blood for a transfusion. Claimed Benny: "I paid him \$5 a gallon for it" . . . Almost every time you flip on the radio, you're bound to hear some member of the theatrical profession aiding some worthy war cause.

—Buy Defense Bonds—
It actually happened not very long ago in Lindy's when pretty persons invaded the place and peddled defense stamps to the public . . . Seated at a table in the corner, alone, was a fellow the stamp sellers seemed to avoid . . . The customers stole furtive glances at him, but tried not to embarrass him. He was not in the least disturbed . . . Finishing his dinner, he went over to the cashier and paid his \$2 check with a new \$50 bill . . . Sweeping up the \$48 change, he handed it to one of the stamp-selling ladies, tipped his hat and went out . . . Apparently an American-born Japanese.

—Buy Defense Bonds—
Harvard boys say they don't like Betsy, Gracie, Veronica, Lake or Ann. See WINCHELL Page 8.

WAY TO SECURE CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH STATED

State Health Department Issues Statement

Many persons of Beaufort and Carteret County have of late been visiting the Court House and the Recorder's office in an effort to obtain birth certificates which will enable them to secure employment in one or another of the nearby defense projects, or in some other branch of government service that requires proof of nationality. Those who are twenty-nine years of age or older are finding some difficulty due to the fact that vital statistics were not recorded here until 1913.

Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State Health Officer, has issued the following statement of necessary steps to be taken by those who wish to secure a delayed birth certificate:

"In view of the emergency, the rush for certified delayed birth certificates now is unprecedented. The North Carolina law, as amended in 1941, provides that an application for a delayed birth certificate be made to the register of deeds of the county in which the applicant was born, and not to the State Board of Health. If all applicants would bear this in mind, it would save much time now devoted to unnecessary correspondence and would insure quicker service.

"A delayed certificate is the record of one who was born prior to October, 1913. Please bear this date in mind. If the applicant needs instruction as to what proof See Birth Certificate Page 8

RED CROSS

The War Fund of the Beaufort Chapter ARC has now reached a total of \$965.92. The chairman, E. C. McConnell stated that while the original goal of \$1500.00 for the chapter was a long way off, he felt confident that a minimum goal of \$1000.00 would be reached within a few weeks and that he would be quite pleased with that amount.

Two contributions not acknowledged before are counted in the present total. An additional \$20. from Atlantic (\$50.00 was received from there in January) and \$10.00 from the North River Colored School and Community. The names of those contributing to this sum are as follows:

Mr. Rogers Murray (senior and junior), Mrs. Columbus Murrell, Mr. Elisha Murray (senior and junior), Mr. Robert Murray, Mr. George Taylor, Mr. Malachi Murrell, Mr. Otto Johnson, Mr. Clifton Smith, Mrs. Annie Nolan, Mrs. Delzora Collins, and Mrs. Nettie Tate.

High Wind, Tide Excite Residents On Monday Night

A full moon, high tide and a southeast gale, estimated at 50 miles per hour at times, succeeded in backing the waters of Bogue Sound over the breakwaters along Front street in Beaufort on Monday night.

The scene viewed by daylight early Tuesday morning showed sand, marsh grass, drift wood and other debris littering the street and lawns the length of the street from Duncan's Green to the higher ground east of the city line. The high water line marked by debris indicated that the water reached a depth of 10 or 12 inches at spots. The number of capsized skiffs and fishing craft tied at docks and buoys along the water front evidenced the force of the winds and tide.

Many oldtimers of the town stated that the storm was as fierce as any in their memory with the exception of the hurricane which swept the whole area nine years ago. While the force of the wind did not reach hurricane strength, the steadiness and length of the blow forced the waters from the sound out toward the inlet to meet the incoming tide and cause the water to rush into the streets.

A shift of the wind from the southeast quarter to the southwest during the night was credited with saving the city from further threat of danger at flood tide on Tuesday morning.

Goes With Navy



Miss Mary Bowen Brooks, pictured above has been accepted as a trained nurse with the U. S. Navy. She is the daughter of George J. Brooks, Sr. and the late Mrs. Onnie Brooks. She received her training at Christ Hospital in Jersey City, N. J. having graduated in May, 1941. Miss Brooks makes the fourth Carteret County woman who has joined the U. S. forces recently, the others being Miss Sidney Thomas of Beaufort, Miss Eunice Goodwin of Cedar Island, and Miss Maud Carraway of Merrimon.

COMMISSIONERS HOLD MEETING

C. D. Jones Company Awarded County Home Contract

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Carteret County was held on Monday of this week in the Court House in Beaufort. The contract for supplies for the County Home for the month of March was awarded to C. D. Jones and Co.

D. J. Willis of Davis made a request to the board that his property valuation be adjusted by the Board. On motion the Commissioners ordered that an investigation be made of the property and that a report be made at a later meeting. A motion was also carried that the State Highway and Public Works Commission be requested to make improvements to the road on Cedar Island between W. D. Daniel's residence and T. M. Daniel's store.

The County was ordered by the Board to accept \$15.00 in full settlement of taxes for one-eighth interest of the Nancy Smith land at Salter Path.

On the request of the Civilian See COMMISSIONERS P 8

JOHN AUSTIN HOME

John Floyd Austin, R.C.A.F., is visiting his parents in Beaufort after graduating from the First Bombing and Gunnery School in Canada. Mr. Austin has recently received his wings as pilot in the Canadian Air Force as a result of completing the regular 4 months course in 2 months of intensive training.

When he returns to his school in Canada after his furlough with his parents Austin will take up duties as Instructor for a period of six months.

Indies Naval Chief



Vice Adm. C. E. L. Helfrich, of royal Netherlands navy, now commander of allied naval forces in the ABDA-Orient Pacific Indies. He succeeds Adm. Thomas Hart, U. S. N.

B & M RAILROAD EXTENDS SPUR

Line Being Laid To Van Sant Property

The new spur of the Beaufort and Morehead Railroad which will extend from the present terminus of the road to the property of Van Sant, Inc., has so far been laid to the golf course of the Gulf Stream Golf Club at the Community Center. The track crew has put down ties and rails as far as the fairway of the fourth hole and the work train has used the new track to carry materials for building the road on to the property of the new industrial concern.

The grounds which will soon be the site of the warehouses and plants of Van Sant, Inc., along the Lenoxville road are being cleared of timber and stumps. Although no building has been started for the company, reliable sources stated today that the contract for building the plant will be awarded within a few days and that construction will be started as soon as materials are on hand.

When the new industry is established Beaufort will find itself in a better financial position due to the fact that year round employment will be possible for a number of people. Heretofore, most of the population has been dependent on the seasonal occupation of fishing which yields large returns at certain times of the year, but requires using all that has been put by in between seasons.

R. L. FRITZ JR. SCHOOL BURNS

News was received by Mrs. J. W. Mason in a letter from the Fritz' that the new school building at Hudson, N. C. of which Mr. Fritz was principal had been destroyed by fire early this week. This building was practically completed and was built to replace the old school building that was destroyed by fire just fourteen months ago. Mr. and Mrs. Fritz lived in Beaufort for several years he having been principal of the Beaufort schools from 1925 until 1935 when he left to take charge of the school at Hudson. Mr. and Mrs. Fritz spent part of their vacation in Beaufort each year since leaving.

Bill For Fishermen Reported Favorably

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, a member of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, announced today that the committee has reported favorably a bill which he sponsored providing war risk insurance for fishermen and fishing craft.

The Maritime Commission has the authority under this legislation to issue war risk policies at a nominal rate to all engaged in this industry along the coastal waters of the United States and Alaska. Legislative observers in the capital pointed out the far reaching scope of this legislation stating that this was the first time in the nation's history a war risk insurance program had been established for the fishing industry.

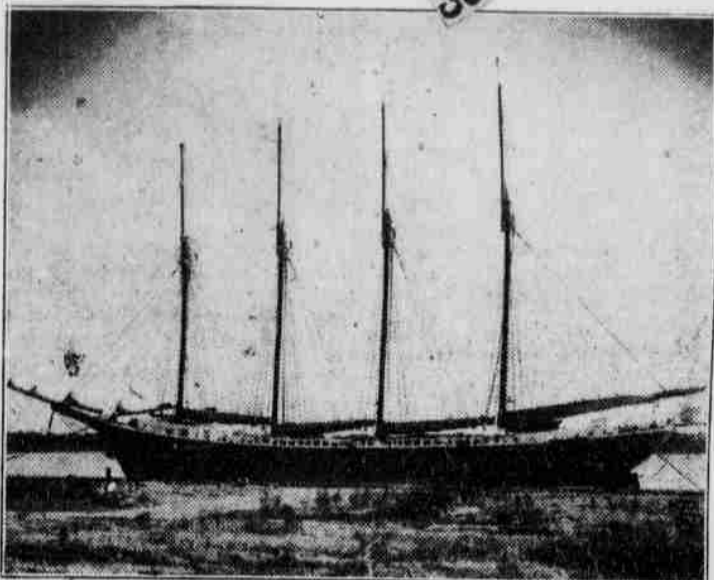
The vital importance of this industry in the war effort was emphasized by Congressman Bonner. Congress has recognized by this bill the extreme risks incurred by the fishermen to keep our armed forces and our allies supplied with this essential food and has in this way attempted to encourage their patriotic efforts.

To Show Movie Of Sam Farmer's Cotton

A sound moving picture which should be of much interest to all cotton growers in Carteret is "Sam Farmer's Cotton," which will be presented in C. S. Long's Agricultural Department of the Newport school building, Newport, on Friday, March 6, Eastern War Time, at 8:00 P. M., under the supervision of J. Y. Lassiter, County agent, and C. S. Long, Agricultural teacher.

This picture points out certain improved practices necessary for the production of good cotton such as seed selection and treatment, proper planting and cultivation, fertilization, picking, crop rotation and the use of soil building crops See COTTON Page 8

Reported Ashore On Cape Hatteras Shoals



A FOUR MASTED SCHOONER like the one pictured above is reported to have gone ashore south of Cape Hatteras during the southwest gale that swept the coast the first part of the week. Due to the strict censorship of news at this time it could not be learned whether the ship was lost or not. The schooner pictured above is the Edna M. Hoyt of Boston, Mass., which also went ashore in the early 1930s but was pulled off by U. S. C. G. cutters and towed into Norfolk. She later got in a storm in the Bay of Biscay and was so badly damaged that she was sold and the last reports from her was that she was being used as a barge in Portugal.

CARTERET SENDS FIFTEEN TO ARMY

Fifteen young men from Carteret County left this week for Fort Bragg where they will be inducted into military service with the U. S. Army. Those leaving were Robert A. Glover, Reginald B. Moore, Bennie Gillikin, Norman E. Willis, Gherman Garner, James D. Garner, Clifton B. Glover, Guy Gibbs Lewis, Earnest Wm. Quinn, John Lewis Rouse, James Everett Lawrence, John Judson Felton, George W. Murdoch, Agnew J. Gillikin and Hugh Styron.

The local draft board stated that this would probably take care of this month's quota, but that the number to be called for examination and induction in April would be much larger. The board also revealed that under present rules men are inducted immediately upon successfully passing the physical examination.

Beaufort All-Stars To Play Battery 'B'

The Beaufort All-Stars will meet Battery "B", 244 Coast Artillery basketball team tonight in the Beaufort Graded school gymnasium at 8 o'clock. The Beaufort team played Battery "A" last week and defeated them by a score of 29 to 33.

The Army boys have been practicing in the Morehead City gym for some time and are expected to offer stiff competition.

RED CROSS GIVEN DISASTER DUTIES

In event of bombing or other disaster caused by war, responsibility for operations has been divided between the Civilian Defense See RED CROSS Page 8

On Job Soon



The U. S. destroyer, Shaw, which the Japs announced had been destroyed in Pearl Harbor, will soon be back in service. Equipped with an emergency stub bow and a temporary bridge on the after end of the ship, the Shaw arrived in a West coast port for repairs. Within a few weeks, navy officers said, a new bow and bridge will be fitted to the destroyer and she will be in service again.

WASTE PAPER

Scoutmaster C. R. Hassell has requested that citizens who have waste paper to be collected by the Boy Scouts for national defense, aid the boys to the extent of placing the paper on their front porches or steps by 9 o'clock on Saturday mornings. If there are any who have waste paper accumulated and wish it to be collected please call 3036 and leave the name and address.

U.S.O.

Thirty men from the service unit stationed at Fort Macon were entertained by the American Legion Auxiliary of Beaufort at the Community House at Core Creek Church last Thursday night. A delicious dinner was served to the men before the open fireplace of the community building after which the Rev. W. Y. Stewart gave an inspiring talk.

Pfc. Joe Moore and Pvt. Ireland both sang solos for the group and Mr. L. B. Avison, director of the USO for the county, and special guest for the evening, sang a Korean song and spoke briefly to the assembly.

The Auxiliary committee in charge of the dinner consisted of Mrs. Ethel Davis, Mrs. Julian Hamilton, Mrs. James Caffrey, Mrs. George Brooks, Mrs. Vance Fulford, Mrs. R. H. Hill and Mrs. D. V. Merrill.

A group of twenty men from the Infantry unit stationed in this area were guests of the congregation of the North River Methodist See U. S. O. Page 8

Information Bureau Established By The War and Navy Depts.

The War and Navy Departments announced jointly today that a Prisoners of War Information Bureau and an Alien Enemy Information Bureau have been established in the offices of the Provost Marshal General in the War Department.

Among their duties will be the collection and dissemination of information from enemy nations concerning Americans, either of military or civilian status, who have been captured or interned by the enemy.

All requests for information and correspondence relative to Americans who have been captured or interned by the enemy should be addressed to: Information Bureau, American Section, Office of the Provost Marshal General, War Department, Washington, D. C.

The two bureaus expect to exchange information with enemy countries through the International Red Cross committee at Geneva, in accordance with the Geneva Prisoners of War Convention of 1929.

To date, very little information is available on members of the United States armed forces taken prisoner or on civilians in the hands of the enemy. However, the machinery is in operation, and it is hoped that information channels will be opened up in satisfactory fashion.

MARCH TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT BEGINS MONDAY

The Hon. J. J. Burney Of Wilmington To Preside

Judge J. J. Burney of Wilmington will preside over the March term of Superior Court starting Monday, March 9 in the county court house in Beaufort. The first days of the week will be given over to hearing a light docket of criminal cases. The outstanding criminal action of the court will be that of the State vs Alton B. Willis on a charge of manslaughter. This action grew out of the highway accident of last month on the New Bern road just west of Morehead City which cost the life of J. C. Bost, public health official of Onslow County.

There are 14 divorce actions to be acted on by the court at this term. This large number of divorce cases to be tried has caused quite a lot of comment throughout the county.

The latter part of the term will be taken up with the several civil cases listed below:

- Hill vs Nelson.
- Willis vs New Bern Oil and Fertilizer Co.
- Mason vs Lawrence.
- Tosto vs Wright.
- Stroud vs Felton.
- Willis Kate vs Willis J.

- Motions**
Beam vs Wright.
Piner vs Solomon.

- Divorces**
Lewis vs Lewis.
Parker vs Parker.
Stanley vs Stanley.
Garner vs Garner.
Taylor vs Taylor.
Lanier vs Lanier.
Salter vs Salter.
Brinson vs Brinson.
Nassef vs Nassef.
Lewis vs Lewis.
Merrill vs Merrill.
Fraser vs Fraser.
Wilson vs Wilson.
Ward vs Ward.

Recorders Court Acts On Two Violations

Two cases involving traffic violations were tried in Recorders Court on Tuesday this week. The first was that of William Montique who was charged with driving without a chauffeur's license. Prayer for judgment was granted and Montique was taxed with one-half cost of the trial.

The second case, that of the State vs Robert J. Queen, resulted from an accident last Tuesday night during the snow storm that covered the coastal section. Queen was charged with reckless driving and damage to property of James D. Rumley. Prayer for judgment was continued on payment of the cost of repairs to the Rumley car, and on payment of the court costs.

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, March 6
11:36 AM 5:25 AM
12:04 PM 5:40 PM
Saturday, March 7
12:23 PM 6:16 AM
6:30 PM
Sunday, March 8
12:57 AM 7:14 AM
1:14 PM 7:27 PM
Monday, March 9
1:52 AM 8:21 AM
2:10 PM 8:33 PM
Tuesday, March 10
2:56 AM 9:30 AM
3:17 PM 9:43 PM
Wednesday, March 11
4:09 AM 10:37 AM
4:35 PM 10:52 PM
Thursday, March 12
5:22 AM 11:41 AM
5:46 PM 11:57 PM