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## Stevick Amends Statistics But Venereal Ratio Higher

### Carteret County Health Official Says Higher Percent Infected

#### 2,000 CASES NOW CHANGED TO 4,050

Dr. C. P. Stevick speaking before the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club held Tuesday night at the Inlet Inn explained by statistics his recent statement that over 2,000 cases of venereal diseases existed in Carteret County and added that the figure now is about double.

"Since there are 7 cases of syphilis out of every 100 in population (white), according to Public Health records, this makes a safe estimate that 1,120 cases exist out of the 16,000 white population in the county," Dr. Stevick stated. "Public Health records also show that 25 percent of the negroes have contracted syphilis. Of the 2,000 negro population in the county, 500 are diseased. These two figures added will present the sum of 1,620," he said.

"Since Public Health records show that gonorrhea is three times as prevalent as syphilis, the gonorrhea estimate for Carteret County is 4,860. Add the syphilis and gonorrhea facts together and the sum is 6,480."

Dr. Stevick stated that he is positive from laboratory tests that these statistics on syphilis are correct. Allowing a difference between theory and fact, he said that the figures stating that 6,480 cases of gonorrhea exist in Carteret County may be a little high, but he stood on firm ground that it is more than half right. Even with that allowance in amending the statistics, this would give 2,430 cases on gonorrhea in Carteret County.

Dr. Stevick stated that the Carteret County Health Department has now under its treatment 144 active patients. They also have

## Non-Highway Gas To Be Available For Boats, Engines

Gasoline for non-highway use will be rationed through "E" and "B" cards when the permanent OPA plan begins July 16, State Director Theodore S. Johnson said this week.

"E" books, containing 48 one-gallon tickets, will be issued for small engines, including power motors and outboard motors. "R" books, containing 96 five-gallon tickets, will be issued for larger motor equipment, including farm machines, ditch diggers and large engines.

Bulk purchase coupons of 100-gallon and one-gallon denominations will be issued to users of more than 250 gallons per month. Values of the "E" and "R" books will not correspond necessarily to those of motorists' cards and cannot be used for highway purposes.

Except for the very largest, pleasure boats of outboard and inboard construction will be allowed rations that will permit approximately equal number of hours of pleasure boating regardless of size.

## Eagle Scout



George Caffrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Y. Caffrey of Beaufort, has recently become an Eagle Scout. He became a cub in 1939 and is at present senior patrol leader of his troop at Beaufort.

## NAVY LISTS REVISION OF REGULATIONS

### Now Applicants Do Not Have To Face Such Rigid Physical Tests

RALEIGH, June 18.—The Navy Department notified the Navy Recruiting Service in North Carolina today that physical requirements for enlistment in the U. S. Naval Reserve have been modified.

The modification affect the requirements for teeth, vision, height and weight and are expected to bring about the enlistment of large numbers of applicants who could not qualify for service under former requirements.

Volunteers for enlistment in the Naval Reserve under the new plan must have "sufficient teeth or suitable replacements to supply satisfactory biting and masticatory function. Natural teeth must be serviceable and the gums and supporting structures must be free of disease."

A binocular rating of 15-20 vision with not less than 6-20 in the worst eye will be accepted, provided no organic defect is present.

Recruits must be not less than 62 inches in height nor more than 76 inches tall, while weight must be proportional to the height and build of the applicant, the medical examiner determining that any disproportion is not an evidence of organic disease.

Heretofore, applicants for the Naval Reserve have been required to have 18 sound teeth with two opposing molars without malocclusion and with not more than four incisors missing. They also have been required to have not less than 15-20 vision in either eye, while the minimum required height was 64 inches and the maximum required height was 64 inches and the maximum height 76 inches. The latter figure was not changed by the new modifications adopted by the Navy Department.

With the exception of class V-1, V-5 and V-7, the modifications apply to all classes of enlisted male ratings in the Naval Reserve, as well as the two classes of ratings in the Merchant Marine Reserve. Class V-1, V-5 and V-7 are classes which men enter in enlisted ratings with the opportunity of becoming deck, engineer and aviation officers. There has been no change in the physical requirements for appointment to commission rank in the Naval Reserve.

## 23,600 POUNDS

The rubber salvage drive in Beaufort has netted a total of 23,600 lbs.

The Sinclair station collected 10,000 lbs.; the Gulf station 5,000 lbs.; Hooper's Esso Service 1,000 lbs., and the Texas Blk plant 7,600 lbs.

In President Roosevelt's radio address of June 12, he said:—

"We have an immediate need for huge quantities of rubber. We want every bit of used rubber you can possibly spare. We are setting aside the period from June 15 to June 30 to get the old rubber in. "We have asked the filling station operators to help . . . And they have generously and patriotically agreed to help — they and the oil companies which serve them.

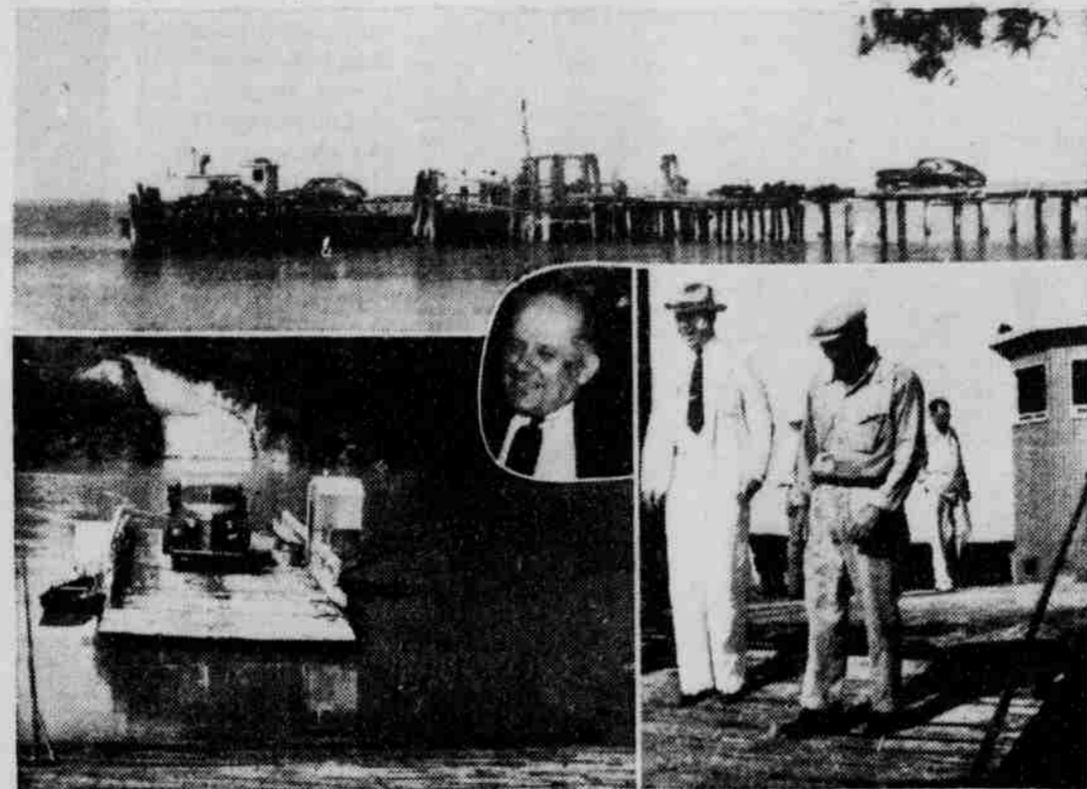
"We want used rubber in every form. Take it to your nearest filling station.

"One thing you can be sure of—we are going to see to it that there is enough rubber to build the planes to bomb Tokyo and Berlin—enough rubber to win this war."

Citizens are requested to search the attic, garage, cellar, yard, farm—for rubber articles like these:

Tires, inner tubes, hard rubber tires, crepe rubber soles, boots, overshoes, hot water bottles, tennis shoes, rubber belting, rubber gloves, rubber sheeting, pads and matting, raincoats, rubber heels, bathing caps, jar rings, plumber's suction caps, rubber ash trays.

Have You Done Your Part? — Give to the Navy Relief Society.



RALEIGH, June 24.—With the announcement officially made this week by Governor J. Melville Broughton, erasing the toll charge on the Croatan Sound and Alligator River ferries in Dare County, North Carolina, last vestige of the toll system on any bridge, ferry or highway maintained by the State Highway and Public Works Commission disappeared.

Under the agreement drawn up between Captain T. A. Baum, operator of both the Alligator River and Croatan Sound ferries and Highway Chairman Ben Prince, Baum will continue to receive the \$700 per month subsidy now given him by the Highway Commission, but the Commission will from now

pay Baum all tolls otherwise paid by individuals. Both ferries are on an extension of U. S. 64 between Roanoke Island and Columbia, N. C.

A similar arrangement was made with Captain Toby Tillett, operator of the Oregon Inlet ferry, also in Dare County, when Governor Broughton freed that ferry last summer.

Freeing of the Croatan and Alligator ferries brings to a total of 13 ferries now giving free service throughout North Carolina.

Croatan Sound, Alligator River and Oregon Inlet ferries are located in Dare County; Tar Heel and Kelley in Bladen; Holden's Beach, Brunswick; two ferries on the Me-

herin River, Hertford County; Wilcoxon River, Hertford County; Cashie River, Bertie County; Inland Waterway, Onslow; Roanoke River, Warren County and Neuse River, Craven County.

The picture at the top of the photo-montage shows the Croatan Sound ferry at its pier on Roanoke Island; lower right, Governor Broughton with Captain Toby Tillett when Tillett's Oregon Inlet ferry was freed last summer; lower left, typical ferry built by the State Highway Commission, this one located at Tar Heel, Bladen County; insert is Highway Chairman Ben Price.

## FARMERS URGED TO COLLECT ALL SCRAP RUBBER

### Reclaimed Materials May Provide Only Answer To Defense Problem

Every farm family in Carteret County was urged this week by S. D. Edwards, chairman of the County U. S. A. D. War Board to take part in the campaign to collect scrap rubber to replenish the nation's stockpiles.

"President Roosevelt has asked the State and County USDA War Boards to take this campaign to every farmer in the nation," Chairman Edwards said. "The stocks of rubber in this country are being fast used up, and rubber is essential to make machines which will win the war. Reclaimed rubber may provide the only answer to the problem of keeping our planes flying, our ships fighting, and our tanks rolling."

Chairman Edwards pointed out that rubber should be taken to local filling stations where it will be bought for the flat rate of one cent per pound. The filling station, he said, will in turn sell the rubber to an agency of the federal government, and any profit realized in the transaction will go for Army and Navy relief, the U. S. O. and the Red Cross on an equal basis.

He said reclaimable rubber which will be accepted includes all kinds of rubber except battery boxes and parts thereof, and tire beads. He also said that wood, metal and leather should be detached from the articles sold.

"Aside from the obvious purpose of bringing in urgently needed scrap rubber, the drive is designed to provide immediately the exact amount of reclaimable rubber in the nation," Mr. Edwards said.

The campaign, it was pointed out, will extend through midnight June 30.

## Recruiting Officer In Morehead City

J. C. Bartel, Chief Specialist Recruiter, will be at the Post Office in Morehead City today, Friday and Saturday for the purpose of taking applications for enlistment in the U. S. Navy and Naval Reserve. This applies to both white and colored. Applications will also be taken for enlistment in the Headquarters Construction Corps, a branch of the Naval Reserve. There are excellent opportunities in this branch for skilled workmen such as carpenters, electricians, etc., the officer stated.

## RUBBER SALVAGE

The Army rolls on rubber — and fighting men walk on rubber, too—Army shoes have soles and heels made of reclaimed rubber. Reclaimed rubber is made from scrap rubber. It takes about three-quarters of a pound of this rubber to complete a pair of Army shoes. The fighting forces need your scrap rubber. Take it to the nearest filling station—Now!

— Rubber —

Our Armed Forces have had to cut down on their use of rubber. There is a point beyond which further cuts cannot be made. You can help make certain that there is enough rubber to meet minimum requirements. Scrap rubber makes reclaimed rubber. The reclaiming plants can get about 16 pounds of good rubber out of one old auto tire, two and a half pounds out of a tube, 20 pounds out of a 50-foot length of garden hose, three pounds from an old pair of four-buckle arctics, a pound out of a hot water bottle. Do your part. Take your collection of scrap rubber to the nearest filling station—Now!

Because the Japs over-ran the See RUBBER Back Page

## 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, June 26	
6:50 AM	12:55 AM
7:24 PM	12:59 PM
Saturday, June 27	
7:47 AM	1:52 AM
8:18 PM	1:55 PM
Sunday, June 28	
8:43 AM	2:45 AM
9:13 PM	2:50 PM
Monday, June 29	
9:40 AM	3:36 AM
10:07 PM	3:42 PM
Tuesday, June 30	
10:36 AM	4:26 AM
11:01 PM	4:35 PM
Wednesday, July 1	
11:30 AM	5:16 AM
11:54 PM	5:29 PM
Thursday, July 2	
12:25 PM	6:07 AM
	6:27 PM

## WOMENS HEALTH LEAGUE STUDIES LOCAL PROBLEMS

### New Organization Begins Immunization Survey In Carteret County

During the past six months in several of the defense areas of North Carolina a womens group organized for the purpose of studying health and other defense problems has been attracting increasing attention. In Fayetteville this organization recently conducted a clean-up campaign of vice conditions that attracted national comment.

A similar group has now been organized in Carteret County. A group of interested women met recently at the County Health Department and decided to sponsor a program of health education to study health and defense problems. A chairman was appointed for each community taking part in the program. Beaufort and Morehead City were the first to participate. Mrs. J. G. Allen was appointed community chairman for Beaufort and Mrs. D. Cordova for Morehead City.

The community chairmen have appointed a zone chairman for each air raid wardens district or group of districts. Each zone chairman has been asked to appoint a sector chairman for each block or group of blocks in her area. Each sector chairman will lead a study group of individuals from her neighborhood.

The community chairmen and See PROBLEMS Back Page

## Tomato Prices Are Holding Good

Carteret's tomato crop which is short this year due to the dry weather, is still bringing a good price at The Beaufort Auction Market. Since the market opened last week approximately 4,000 bushels have been sold through this medium. The prices have ranged from \$1.95 to \$3.70 per bushel basket. The crop will probably all be harvested this week.

## Attention Civilian Defense Workers

Tomorrow night (Friday) all Civilian Defense Volunteers will report to their posts at the sound of the siren which will go off at 7:30. After you report to your post then report to the City Hall. Plans for the big Fourth of July Parade will be formed at this time. G. M. Paul, Mayor.

## Duke University Marine Lab. Opens Summer Session Here

### CITIZENS ARE INSTRUCTED ON TNT DRIFTWOOD

### Officials Give Instructions When Seeing Washed Up Mines, Torpedoes

The Navy today issued a warning to coastal residents of the Beaufort, N. C. area to give a wide berth to any torpedoes, mines, aerial bombs, depth charges or other objects suspected of being explosive, which may wash up on the beach.

Such explosives — of enemy or Allied origin—may be expected to wash ashore, particularly after rough weather.

Some of the mines now being used are so sensitive that the mere footsteps of a person approaching too close may set them off. Under no circumstances should they be touched or moved, except by a disposal expert of the Navy.

When in doubt as to whether an object on the beach is an explosive the safest procedure is to keep as far away from it as possible, until an expert arrives at the scene, officials of the Sixth Naval District said.

The area should be cleared immediately and then roped off so that no one can come closer than 1,000 yards. Guards should be posted, and the Inshore Patrol, Section Base, Charleston, S. C., should be notified. The telephone number is 20525, extension 24, and the charges of long distance calls may be reversed.

Persons who find objects suspected of being explosives also may notify the nearest Navy, Coast Guard, Marine or Army office, with instructions that the information be relayed to the Inshore Patrol.

In case you don't know what torpedoes, mines and depth charges look like, here's a brief description of each, as furnished by the Navy:

Mines — Some are spherical, some are cylindrical or torpedo-shaped. The spherical ones have a diameter of about three feet, and sometimes have horn-shaped protrusions. The cylindrical or torpedo-shaped mines are five to eight feet in diameter; one end is rounded like a bullet, and the other end may have fins.

Torpedoes—These are cylindrical, with double propeller and rudders at tail. The usual size is about 16 feet long and 18 to 21 inches in diameter.

Depth charges—These are cylindrical, shaped like small kegs or ash cans. They usually are two to three feet long and 15 to 18 inches in diameter.

## Distress Call

A washed-up bottle found here this week revealed an attempt by someone in the armed forces to solve the bottle-neck of loneliness.

Low in mental spirits, he scribbled the message on a laundry ticket: "Please write to a lonely sailor." He gave his name and address: Albert M. Ottesen, St. Helena Barracks, Portsmouth, Va.

## Twenty Ships Lost To Subs Since Sunday

Axis submarines moving south toward the Caribbean in an intensified campaign against United Nations' shipping were reported this week to have sunk 20 vessels in the Atlantic waters.

Although 37 seamen and passengers were known to have lost their lives and 145 are reported missing, more than 850 others survived the axis U-boat attacks announced since Sunday. Of the total rescued, 532 were saved in the destruction of 13 allied and neutral vessels in the Caribbean over a 12-day period.

Meanwhile, the submarine-sinking of a small Yugoslavian merchant vessel in the Gulf of Mexico, the 22nd ship sunk in that area, was announced by the navy yesterday. The rescue of 37 of her crew after eight hours' rowing "toward port" marked the 309th sinking in the western Atlantic since December 7.

### Students And Professor From 12 Colleges Here For Scientific Study

### SEAWEED EXPERIMENTS PRODUCE MEDICAL AID

On the scientific front, Pivers Island, with the opening of the Duke University Marine Laboratory for the summer session, is becoming an island fortress of biological research. Armed with microscopes, nets, scalpels and other laboratory equipment, the students and professors representing 12 colleges are busy investigating the flora and fauna worlds unknown to the average layman.

The only class in session this first six weeks is Dr. C. G. Bookout's invertebrate zoology, a graduate course. The seven students registered for the course are Mary Ellington of Raleigh and State Teachers College of Farmville, Va.; Steve Pardilla of Puerto Rico, Duke University; Bettie Prosser of Greensboro and Greensboro College; Walter Gible of Lancaster, Penn. and Penn State; Bill Dennis of Henderson and Duke University; Dorothy Lexau of Beaufort and George Peabody College; and Miss Lena Petree Bullard of Lumberton and Salem College.

All other students at the station this term are engaged in research work. They and their work include Martha Clark — a study of the polychaete marine worms of the Beaufort region. This will constitute a dissertation for the Ph.D. degree. She is from Lynchburg, Va., at present attends Duke University, formerly taught at Sweet Briar College where she did undergraduate work.

Hulda Magalhaes — a study of the molluscs of the Beaufort region. This work will go towards a Ph.D. degree. Her home town is Hopewell, N. J. She at present attends Duke University, formerly taught at the Woman's Medical See DUKE Back Page

## Proclamation

BY THE GOVERNOR

FIFTH REGISTRATION DAY TUES., JUNE 30, 1942

7:00 A. M. TO 9:00 P. M.

WHEREAS, the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended, authorizes the President of the United States to designate the times and places for the registration of the persons required to register by the provisions of said Act; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States duly designated October 16, 1940, as the First Registration day; July 1, 1941, as the Second Registration day; February 16, 1942, as the Third Registration day; April 27, 1942, as the Fourth Registration day; and has now, by proclamation dated May 22, 1942, designated Tuesday, June 30, 1942 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. as the Fifth Registration Day.

J. Melville Broughton, Governor.



MEET IN JULY — N. H. G. Balfour of Hoke county, pictured above, is president of the State Association of County Commissioners which will hold its annual convention in Asheville July 13-15. The association at its last convention adopted a resolution commending the "clean up or close up" campaign of the North Carolina committee of the Brewing Industry Foundation.