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Looking Backward

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A meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held last Friday at the Court House. All of the members to wit: C. T. Chadwick, J. M. Carraway, H. H. Davis, W. F. Taylor, W. M. Webb, were present. The matter of most interest perhaps was the appointment of County Road Supervisor. M. A. Norris, J. B. Neal, S. J. Scott, and Sol Willis were applicants for the place. Mr. Scott received the appointment at a salary of \$100 a month.

The Beaufort High School boys basketball team played the St. Paul's School team Friday losing by a score of 17 to 18.

Beaufort High School:
Charles Hassell Forward
Dorsey Martin Forward
Clarence Guthrie Center
Ben Jones Guard
Clarence Thomas Guard
Substitutes Lewis, Smith
St. Paul's School
Charles Skarren Forward
Sterling Chadwick Forward
Sammy Way Center
Enall Smith Guard
Clyde Owens Guard

Dabney White, Gerald Hill, Leslie Rice, students at Chapel Hill, and Professor M. A. Hill Jr., arrived home this week to spend the holidays.

The Beaufort High School girls basketball team visited Morehead City Monday night and played the teachers of the Morehead City School at the Atlantic Hotel, winning by the score of 18 to 23. The Beaufort line up was: Ruth Norcum, forward; Bessie Jones, forward; Fannie Yoffee, center; Lydia Parkin, guard; Frances White, guard.

Ration Registration

A total of 3,346,316 persons in North Carolina received War Ration Book 1 (Sugar Book) during the registration last May. W. H. Hoffer, State OPA Ration Officer, has announced. Carteret had a registration of 19,351; Craven 33,652 and Onslow 23,511.

Draft Delinquents

The following names have been added to the list of Delinquents at the Selective Service Board Office. These men have failed to keep the Board advised as to change in address and mail has not been able to reach them.

Floyd Gaskil, Sealevel, N. C., last known address was Norfolk, Va.; Virgie Everett Lupton, Beaufort, N. C., RFD No. 1.

William Thomas Oden, 407 Pollock Street, Beaufort, N. C.
Anyone knowing the whereabouts of any of the above will notify the Selective Service Board, Telephone 486, Morehead City, N. C.

Carteret Has Twenty-Two More Boys In The Army

The following are last week's selectees accepted for service in the U. S. Army:

Beaufort — Ivy B. Merrill, Joseph Y. Allen, Charles Duncan Willis, Roland D. Lawrence, RFD, Lemwood E. Lewis, Alec Erickson, Jr., Tilton Lawrence, RFD.

Morehead City — Abe A. Silverman, Nathaniel M. Willis, George Barfoot, Shade Smith, Chester A. Pittman.

Newport — Ingrave V. Lockey, Owen B. Gould, Oscar B. Arthur, Henry E. Taylor, Bert S. Taylor Jr., Leonard T. Godwin.

Lukens — Ledrew Norman, Ray M. Pittman.

Davis — Paul B. Davis.

Salter Path — Dewitt Salter.

Willman Johnson With U. S. Navy



William L. Johnson, of Harkers Island, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Johnson, was graduated from the Harkers Island High School in 1940, where he made an excellent record. He is now serving with the U.S.N. on a ship attached to the Atlantic Fleet. Willman was a faithful member of the H. I. Methodist Church. Recently the Epworth League decided to send Christmas cards to all the island boys in the service. Willman's appreciative reply will be found elsewhere in the paper.

CHAS. DUDLEY LOST IN AFRICA

Killed Nov. 12th
In French Morocco

Sad news of the first local casualty of the War in Africa has been received here. Charles Wallace Dudley, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Dudley of the Tuttle's Grove section, was killed in action on November 12th in French Morocco, according to a telegram received from the War Department by his parents.

Dudley was 28 years of age, a graduate of the Beaufort High School. He enlisted in the Navy about eight months ago and has been on duty on a transport ship with what is known as the "suicide squad." He was ashore when he was killed.

Dudley is survived by his parents; two sisters, Mrs. Earl Camper and Miss Blanche Dudley; and two brothers, John and Henry Dudley, all of Beaufort RFD.

Christmas Services At Baptist Church

The choir of the Beaufort Baptist Church will give a program of Christmas music Sunday morning at 11 o'clock under the direction of Mrs. James D. Rumley. In the evening at the regular hour, the Whites will have their annual White Gift Service but the offering instead of being devoted to local charities will this year go to the China Relief Fund. Mrs. E. L. Davis and Mrs. James D. Rumley are on the committee making plans for this lovely service of thought for others.

USO Civilian Volunteers Invited To Dance Friday

Friday evening, December 18th, a very special dance will be held at the USO with music by the famous USO Macon orchestra.

The Service Men's Council will be in charge and particularly invites all civilians who are members of USO Committees or who have volunteered to serve through USO in any way be present as their guests. Husbands and wives are both invited.

Officers of all the Services will also be welcomed.

Christmas Service Of The Methodists

Ann Street Methodist Church will have their special Christmas service Sunday morning, December 20th, at 11 o'clock. The choir has devoted considerable time to preparation for the service and has prepared special Christmas music for the occasion. There will also be a short sermon by the pastor.

NEGRO WOMAN KILLS MAN

Irene Debrix Frison
Held In Shooting

About 3:30 Monday afternoon the fire alarm sounded 45 calling officials to an apartment on Marsh street occupied by Irene Debrix Frison. They arrived in time to find the lifeless and badly mutilated body of John Gore, 47, a Southport negro, on the porch of Irene's home where he had been dragged from the house by Montross Debrix, Irene's father, and by Ethel Lee Vann, next door neighbor, after having been shot to death with a single barrel breech loading shotgun in the hands of Irene. Irene fled the scene of the crime. Chief of Police Longest and Deputy Murray Thomas found her in the saw mill section, and she gave herself up without resistance.

At the coroner's inquest on Tuesday, the jury recommended that Irene Frison and Montross Debrix be held without bond for the March term of court. Irene claimed that she shot in self defense. The two are now in the county jail. Ethel Lee Vann claimed her only part in it was to go over to see what was going on when she heard the shot. She helped drag Gore out, according to her statement, to try and get him to a doctor.

Unfortunately the trouble occurred about time school was dismissed and the children tried to press around to view the harrowing spectacle even though every effort was made to discourage it.

Mary Baker Knifes Florida Negro In Morehead City

Mary Baker, 17-year-old colored girl is confined in the County jail at Beaufort following the fatal stabbing of Albert Willis, 24, of Pt. St. Joe, Florida, an employee of the Quinn Wallace Fisheries last Friday night about 10 o'clock. The affair took place in front of Dudley's Kozy Nook Cafe. Willis died an hour later.

Rosetta Fulford of Beaufort and Henry Williams of Florida were also held in the case. Henry was an eye witness. Rosetta was present but claimed she saw nothing.

Mary and Albert had an altercation, he slapped her, she is said to have threatened him if he repeated it, he did, and she went after him with a knife striking in the region of his heart.

At the inquest on Wednesday morning, Mary Baker was placed under \$1500 bond and Rosetta Fulford and Henry Williams summoned for witnesses when the case comes up in Superior Court.

J. E. Rhue Passes

James Edward Rhue, 51, Moore Street, died at his home Wednesday morning at 4 o'clock of apoplexy. The funeral will be held on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 from the home by the Rev. W. Stanley Potter and he will be laid to rest in Ocean View Cemetery.

Mr. Rhue lived all his life in Beaufort. He is survived by his wife, the former Estelle Guthrie, of Beaufort, and two children by a former wife, Mrs. Earl Salter of Bogue and Miss Marian Rhue of Beaufort. He is also survived by a sister and a brother, Mrs. Willie Snooks and Eldridge Rhue both of Beaufort and by a half brother, John Dudley of Swansboro.

Rejectees Fail To Take Treatment

During last Tuesday's session of the Recorders Court two draft rejectees were found guilty of failure to take treatment for a venereal disease.

Health Officials pointed out that when a draft rejectee fails to take treatment when notified to do so prolongs the period of his disability and thereby makes it necessary for additional individuals to be drafted. Very often this means married men.

The state has adequate laws to cover this situation. Selective Service Officials have requested that all Health Departments supervise the enforcement of these laws to make sure continuous treatment is received by rejectees. Tuesday's trial was in accord with this policy.

Briefs From The Rationing Board

SUGAR

Stamp No. 10 is good for three pounds until January 31.

COFFEE

Stamp No. 27 from Ration Book is good for one pound until January 3 for consumers 15 years of age or older.

GASOLINE

No 3. coupon in A Books good for 3 gallons of gas.

Customers should fill in the license number and state of registration on the back of all coupons. This must be done, and it saves time for both customers and station operators to do it before purchasing.

TIRES

The local board will take applications for needed recaps or replacement of tires. Passenger car tire inspection has begun. It is illegal for motorists to drive if they have not registered tires and received tire inspection records.

KEROSENE & FUEL OIL

The Board Office is working day and night on this. Hundreds of cards are being mailed out daily in response to applications. Consumers should present cards to the Board for coupons before 2 p. m. each day.

"ALL PURPOSE BOOKS"

Holders of Book 1 (Sugar Books) will be eligible to receive the big No. 2 "all purpose" ration book, which will be distributed soon after the first of the year. Persons who do not have Book 1 should make application to the Board for one at once.

Swansboro USO Burns Sunday

Last Sunday evening between midnight and one o'clock the USO building at Swansboro, erected at a cost of an estimated \$25,000.00, was burned to the ground.

The watchman had just made his rounds and was in the kitchen making coffee when he heard the crackling of the blaze which presumably started in the boiler room. By the time help could be summoned, the building was doomed. When Eugene Eddy, USO director arrived from his home half block away, there was practically nothing that could be saved. Two rifles and some clothing that could be reached through a window was rescued but nothing else of value. Fourteen men sleeping in the building were lucky to get away alive with their clothes.

Director Eddy could not be interviewed, but it is said that the Y.M.C.A. carried insurance on the equipment and the U. S. Government on the building.

ROSE STORES HAVE PARTY

Tomorrow evening the Main office of the Rose chain of 5 and 10 cent stores will give a Christmas dinner and party for the employees of the stores in Morehead City and Beaufort and their husbands and friends at the Morehead Villa. Because of limitations on travel neither Supt. Neal nor Gen Supt. Butcher, of Henderson will be able to attend and Mr. John Haynes, Manager of the Beaufort Store and Mr. Bowman, Manager of the Morehead City store will represent the main office as well as their local organizations. Mayor and Mrs. Graydon Paul are to be special guests of the organization.

A turkey dinner will be served banquet style to the 115 invited guests in the big dining room at the Villa. Buses have been chartered to take the guests from Beaufort and Morehead City. The Program Committee from the staff of Rose's stores has arranged:

Welcome by John Haynes.

Response.

Grace by Mr. Bowman.

White Christmas and I Heard The Bells on Christmas Day, trio Annie D. Foreman, Mae Merrill, Edith Stevens with Carol Bessent at the piano.

"Silent Night," and "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition", group singing led by Mayor Paul.

This is the first Christmas that employees of the store have been feted and the first get together of the employees of the two stores. Everything possible is being planned to make it an historic occasion.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14. — Draft boards across the nation had a new Selective Service classification—4-H—in which to place registrants from 38 to 45 years of age today. Name of the new group was announced during the weekend by the Office of War Information.

GOLDEN KEY TO CHAS. HASSELL

J.C. Citizenship
Award For 1942
Announced Mon.

Each year the Junior Chamber of Commerce presents a golden key to a citizen of Beaufort for outstanding civic service. The recipient last year was James Potter III, and although it does not necessarily go to a member of the organization, the nominating committee, composed of Rufus Sewell, Dr. W. L. Woodard, and Halsey Paul, at the meeting on Monday of this week presented the name of Charles Hassell, Jaycee, Scout Master, Member of Local Air Port Commission, Chairman of the Scrap Drive, Instructor Red Cross First Aid Class, organizer and Chairman of the Red Cross Rescue Squad.

This announcement was but a part of a very interesting meeting with James Potter III and J. Y. Lassiter hosts. James Davis Potter, County Auditor, very graciously turned his oyster house over to the group and first of all they enjoyed an especially fine oyster roast. Afterwards they adjourned to the home of James Potter III for other affairs.

In addition to discussion of the key award, W. A. Mace, Chairman of a committee to stimulate interest in an eating place here gave his report and it was discussed. Afterwards J. Y. Lassiter showed two excellent films from the War Department in technicolor with sound that proved both interesting and informative. They were Tanks Are Coming and Safeguarding Military Information.

Christmas Tree For Soldiers At The Legion Hut

Mrs. Vera Hil Stubbs, Supervisor of the Defense Recreational Program for the County, announces that there will be a Christmas Tree at the Legion Hut for soldiers unable to get home for the holidays. Those in charge hope to have on the tree a gift for all the boys visiting the Hut from Christmas Eve through Sunday. To this end, Mrs. Stubbs is asking everyone in Beaufort and throughout the County wishing for the opportunity to do something to add to a Service Boy's Christmas to send in a suitable package for the tree. It should have no name on the outside but inside the name of the giver should be written and should be at the Hut by Christmas Eve. She says the gift need not be elaborate — cigarettes, toothpaste, shaving cream, cookies, candy, fruitcake, handkerchiefs and so on. See CHRISTMAS TREE Back P.

Methodists Honor Men In The Service

Ann Street Methodists Sunday had special services dedicated to the boys of the church who are serving with the armed forces. The framed honor roll inscribed on a specially designed poster was placed within the chancel rail. Members of the Baptist Church, with a minister for the morning service, very graciously joined with the Methodists in the service. The American Legion attended the service in a body.

The exercises opened with the dedication of the honor roll in which responses were given by the congregation. Mayor Paul spoke fittingly for the town. Raymond Ball brought a message from the Legion, and a short sermon by the pastor followed. The choir gave an appropriate anthem which added to the beauty of the service.

The service was characterized by affection for the boys who are away, prayers for their safe return, and for guidance in a war that seems necessary if we are to have a better world.

ROTARY PARTY

Next Tuesday at 7 p. m. Rotarians and Rotary Anns will make merry at a Christmas party and dinner at the Inlet Inn. The ladies are in charge of plans which are supposed to be a surprise to the Rotarians accustomed to have to agitate themselves over the weekly programs. The idea is to put away heavy matters for one evening and have a good time together.

Clarence Guthrie Receives Promotion



Clarence H. Guthrie, of Guthrie-Jones Drug Co., has recently been promoted from Pharmacist's Mate 2nd Class to Pharmacist's Mate 1st Class. Guthrie entered the U. S. N. R. last February and was sent to the Naval Hospital at Portsmouth. In April he was transferred to Parris Island, S. C., where he is stationed at present. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Guthrie, of 910 Ann street.

A & P STORE ROBBED LAST SAT. NIGHT

Considerable Sum
Of Money Stolen

Presumably early Sunday morning between one and daylight, someone broke in the local A & P Store on the south side of Front Street and robbed it of a very considerable sum of money in cash and checks.

Manager James Cannady says he stopped in the store on Sunday, but did not go out back so noticed nothing amiss. On Monday morning, however, when he went to work, he stepped in the rear to hang up his overcoat and saw the back door broken in. His first thought was of the money that he had carried in the store over the week-end. He investigated and found it cleaned out. Chief of Police Longest has been notified and working on the case but there has been no solution to date.

Yesterday a check was made to determine the amount taken. Man- See A AND P Back Page

Davis Boy Writes Of Experiences

Theodore R. Willis, B.M. 1st Class, of Davis, has written in the following story of his recent trip to North Africa:

My ship, a Navy Transport, left port in the world's largest convoy bound for North Africa. We landed safely after 17 days' journey covering 3700 miles. The transport area lay 12 miles from the beach, here the fleet divided making ready to land at different points. We encountered quite a battle before taking the point. Our battle wagons, heavy and light cruisers, and destroyers, with several aircraft carriers, opened fire. The combat started in early morning and lasted until late afternoon. When firing finally subsided our convoy moved in to the beach and began unloading.

My mind was on the landing boats, watching as each left the ship with troops. I had the sad experience of seeing planes riddle men and boats, even shooting coxswains from the boats, seeing them crawl back, and shot from the boats a second time. On one occasion one wave of four boats landing early one morning mistook an enemy ship for ours and went alongside to get directions for landing. This proved fatal for them for the ship was an enemy destroyer and mowed the men and boats down except one which returned to our ship for orders.

While unloading the second day about sunset, we got the signal that an enemy submarine had gotten inside our screen and was about to attack. Before our destroyers could approach, she had torpedoed three ships and sunk one. All boats go to the rescue of a torpedoed ship and we succeeded in landing all troops from these ships with few if any casualties. Next afternoon the same operation

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BEAUFORT BOYS In The Service

Lt. William S. Wilkins, son of Mrs. Eva Jurney Wilkins of Beaufort and Mr. Olive, is with the Army Air Corps Fixed Gunnery Field, Eglin Fla.

Lt. Eric Wilson Hill, son of Rev. E. L. Hill of the Methodist Conference, formerly of Beaufort, is with the Army Air Corps, Bowling Field, Washington. He is a navigator in Bomber Service.

Denard McDonald, Pft, son of Mrs. Harry Gillikin, Beaufort RFD has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He is stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss. Harry, second son of the Gillikin's is Electrician's Mate 1st Class, U. S. N. R. stationed at the Section Base, Morehead City.

Odell Merrill, son of Mr. and Mrs. David F. Merrill, Beaufort R. F. D., recently inducted into the Army at Ft. Bragg has been sent to Ft. Slocum, N. Y., Casual Detachment, for basic training.

Roy Eubanks, also inducted at Fort Bragg, is with the Signal Corps at Atlantic City. Mrs. Eubanks will continue to make her home in Beaufort and carry on the work of Mr. Eubanks' Photograph Studio.

Braxton Harvey, U. S. N., back from Africa on furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Harvey, Tuttle's Grove, leaves tomorrow for Norfolk to take up his duties again.

George Bailey, Aviation Metal-smith, 3rd Class, U. S. N. Air Force, has been transferred from Coe Fla., to Corpus Christi Texas.

Lt. Com. W. S. Chadwick is stationed at Camp Allen, Va., as surgeon for the Naval Construction Training Center. He and Mrs. Chadwick are at the Powers Cottage, Virginia Beach, and Miss Mary Sue Rudder is spending some time with them.

Donald Williams and George Bridges have been promoted to Sea 1st Cl. Donald is in Brooklyn at the Naval Armed Guard Center. He is studying to be a machine gunner.

Lucian R. Whitmore, just commissioned 1st Lt. Army Air Corps, Kelly Field, is a boy in whom we feel we have some stakes. He is the son of W. L. Whitmore, for four years manager of Rose's 5 & 10 cent store here preceding Joseph Hines. While here Mr. Whit- See SERVICE Back Page

NOTICE TO OUR READERS

Due to transportation difficulties our feature pages did not arrive in time for this week's issue. If it had arrived we would have had 12 pages instead we are only running 8. The four pages which would have been the second section had to be inserted in the first section.

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 misallowances 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, Dec. 18

6:15 AM. 12:33 PM.

6:33 PM. Saturday, Dec. 19

7:02 AM. 12:31 AM.

7:17 PM. 1:21 PM.

Sunday, Dec. 20

7:43 AM. 1:16 AM.

7:58 PM. 2:05 PM.

Monday, Dec. 21

8:22 AM. 1:57 AM.

8:37 PM. 2:45 PM.

Tuesday, Dec. 22

8:58 AM. 2:37 AM.

9:16 PM. 3:22 PM.

Wednesday, Dec. 23

9:34 AM. 3:13 AM.

9:55 PM. 3:57 PM.

Thursday, Dec. 24

10:10 AM. 3:49 AM.

10:33 PM. 4:31 PM.

