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BEAUFORT BOYS In The Service

2nd Lieutenant Norman C. Skarren, son of Mrs. Susan Skarren of Moore Street, was this month promoted to the grade of 1st Lieutenant. Lt. Skarren was commissioned in August after completing the Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning, Ga. He was recently stationed at Camp Wolters, Texas as an instructor in a heavy weapons training battalion.

Robert Rice, Pvt. is beginning a ninety-seven day course in aviation mechanics at Anarillo Field, Texas. Having just received notice of a Christmas subscription to THE BEAUFORT NEWS he writes "I am just marking time until I receive the paper."

Mrs. Lonnie Dill left Monday for Atlanta Ga., to spend Christmas with Lt. Lonnie Dill who is stationed there. Lonnie Jr., is not making the trip but will enjoy Christmas in the arms of his grandmothers.

Earl Ray Willis, U.S.N., was last week promoted from Seaman 2nd Cl. to Seaman 1st Cl. and given leave to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl T. Willis, after a trip to Casablanca, North Africa, aboard one of our transports in the Atlantic Fleet. He returned to duty at Armed Guard Center, Brooklyn, N. Y. on Tuesday. Earl's father, Earl T. Willis, Chief Machinist's Mate, U.S.C.G., is still recuperating at home following an accident in Marthon, Fla., on October 7. He goes to Norfolk periodically for treatment and a check up. The time when he will be able to return to active duty is still uncertain.

Robert Mades, U. S. A. of Macon Georgia, and Otis Mades, Seaman 1st Class, U. S. N. R. Charleston, S. C., sons of Mr. and Mrs. Suthey Mades, Turner Street are in town for the Christmas holidays.

Ernest Davis has been selected for promotion from Lt. Com. to Com., U. S. N., but will not receive his commission until he is detached from the hospital.

Robert Humphrey will arrive from Ft. Bragg Thursday to spend Christmas with his mother.

Mrs. Taylor Passes Last Friday Noon

Mrs. J. B. Taylor died last Friday about noon at her home, corner Ann and Queen streets after a lingering illness. Her death was a loss to the community as well as to her devoted family.

Mrs. Taylor was born in Kingston, Sarah Elizabeth Benton. She married J. B. Taylor, also of Kingston, and later moved to New Bern. He died there about eight years ago. After his death, Mrs. Taylor came to Beaufort and has since been operating the Beaufort Inn here.

Mrs. Taylor is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Eugene Carrow, Mrs. Charles Stuart, both of Beaufort; and Mrs. George D. Lewis, of Durham. She also leaves two sisters and two brothers: Mrs. M. F. Gregory of Portsmouth, Va.; Mrs. J. C. Barber, of New Bern; H. T. and Will Benton of New Bern. There are also six grandchildren and one great grandchild. Mrs. Taylor's sister, Mrs. Gregory, was with her when she died.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m. at the Tabernacle Baptist Church in New Bern, of which Mrs. Taylor was a member, and burial was in Cedar Grove cemetery, New Bern.

1 SHOPPING DAY LEFT! I MADE IT! MERRY CHRISTMAS Buy Christmas Seals

18 MEN LOST IN SHIPWRECK

Steamer Louise Wrecked Off Hatteras

The Dare County Times of last Friday carries the story of the wreck of the steamer Louise, near Salvo, Hatteras Island, in the bitter cold of last Wednesday night, with the loss of 18 lives. The ship was laden in part with automobile tires. The crew consisted of 20 men of which but two were saved.

According to the Times, the tragedy occurred about two miles below Gull Shoal, C. G. Station near the spot where the George Kohler was wrecked in the storm of '33.

Members of the C. G. patrolling the beach Thursday morning found the bodies of the men washed ashore. The two survivors had crawled from the icy waters and were found behind the hills.

Gull Shoal Station was the one from which the lookout spied the burning tanker Miro, torpedoed by the Germans in 1917. The Station was abandoned as an active unit of the Coast Guard several years ago when the retrenchment program was extended to the shore branch of the service. It is now being recommissioned.

Rotarians Have Party

Tuesday evening Beaufort Rotarians and Rotary Ann had their Christmas dinner and party at the Inlet Inn. Mrs. L. A. Oakley and Mrs. Dave Merrill in charge of decorations were responsible for a table beautiful and gay with greens and lights. A large reflector with a small Christmas Tree decorated with miniature silver ornaments centered a large round table from which a long table extended. On it were two string reflectors with white candles and silver berries on each, and down the length between the reflectors were bands of red berryed yaupon. Silver scallop shells were used as ash trays and at each place were little buttonnieres of silver berries and yaupon.

A delicious dinner was served with broiled chicken the piece de resistance topped off with fresh strawberry shortcake.

Mrs. W. L. Woodard and Mrs. W. Stanley Potter in charge of the program planned various informal stunts and games for the entertainment of the group and the evening ended with the singing of Christmas carols.

Guests of the club for the evening were Mrs. Jack Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. George Stovall of Morehead City.

P.T.A. EDITION PROVES SUCCESS

2000 Copies Circulated Nets Club Approx. \$65.

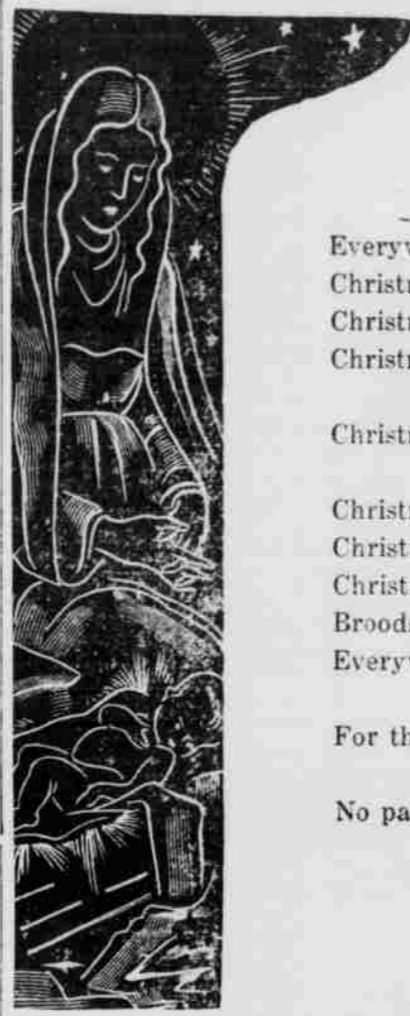
The P.T.A. Edition of the Beaufort News which came off the press on the 10th was another fine piece of cooperative work on the part of Beaufort people for a good cause.

Two thousand copies of the paper went out and the Circulation Committee, of which Miss Lena Duncan was Chairman, could have handled another five hundred.

The idea had its inception with Mrs. Dave Merrill, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. She and other members of the Committee presented their plan to Mr. William Hattell, of the Beaufort News who agreed to work with them and act as advisor.

Committee Chairmen were then named and wheels began moving. Miss Gladys Chadwick, Editor-in-Chief of the Special Edition, appointed each teacher as a sub-editor and throughout the schools the paper was used to motivate work in English. More than a hundred children's contributions made up the news section of the paper. Merchants approached by Mrs. Lewis and her Committee responded generously and advertisements and sales netted the organization something like \$65.

The P.T.A. here dates back even before the old Court House was torn down—probably 30 years ago See EDITION Page 8



Christmas Everywhere

Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight! Christmas in lands of the fir-tree and pine, Christmas in lands of the palm-tree and vine, Christmas where snow peaks stand solemn and white, Christmas where cornfields stand sunny and bright. Christmas where children are hopeful and gay, Christmas where old men are patient and gray, Christmas where peace, like a dove in his flight, Broods o'er brave men in the thick of the fight; Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!

For the Christ-child who comes is the Master of all; No palace too great, no cottage too small.

Phillips Brooks.

MRS. PATRICK'S FUNERAL SUN.

Death Came Friday After Long Illness

A simple and beautiful funeral service was held for Mrs. Bessie Taylor Patrick at St. Paul's Episcopal Church last Sunday afternoon at 3:30 with the Rev. E. C. McConnell officiating. After the service she was laid to rest in the Episcopal cemetery.

Mrs. Patrick died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Taylor, last Friday evening at 6:30 after a lingering illness. A vital personality with unusual charm and interest in people, her loss will not only be keenly felt by her large family connection but by a community which has always regarded her with deep affection.

Mrs. Patrick was married the first time to Allan Darling O'Bryan, A. & N. C. Railroad official. Of this union four children survive: Miss Helen O'Bryan, of Burlington; Miss Catherine O'Bryan, of Beaufort; Lt. Allen O'Bryan, Charleston, W. Va.; and Cadet Taylor O'Bryan, Pre-Flight School, U.N.C.

Mrs. Patrick was married a second time to Mr. J. Hill Patrick, of Rutherford, N. J. He died two years ago at which time she returned to Beaufort to make her home with her parents.

In addition to her children, Mrs. Patrick is also survived by her parents: one sister, Mrs. Nannie Taylor Hinnant, of Beaufort; and four brothers, Bayard Taylor, of Beaufort; Lt. George Taylor, Arlington, Va.; Cecil Taylor, Boston; and N. W. Taylor Jr., California.

Negro Has Throat Slashed Mon. Night

Monday night following an altercation in the Mess Hall of the Wallace Quinn Fisheries, West Beaufort, James Williams, of St. Louis, slashed the throat of Joe Nettles, of Monroe, Alabama, with a knife. Joe, although seriously injured is expected to live. Chief Longest and the Deputy Sheriff arrested Williams. He is in jail now but there can be no hearing until Nettles is discharged from the hospital. Both men are here for the fishing season only.

Christmas Services At St. Paul's Church

The Christmas Eve Holy Communion services will be held in St. Paul's Episcopal church beginning at 11:30 Thursday evening.

Many of the Christmas carols and hymns will be used throughout the services. The Offertory will be "Ava Maria" sung by Mr. Shutt, guest soloist, of Morehead City.

ATTENTION

The attention of our readers is called to the many fine Christmas Greeting ads placed in this issue by business firms of Beaufort and Morehead City. These firms realize that it is impossible to see each of their friends and customers to extend them personal greetings so they are using the Beaufort News as a medium to get their message across to them. Read these ads as they have a personal message for each of you.

USO Christmas Invitations

CHRISTMAS EVE G. S. O. Girls have the privilege of attending the USO Camp Show and the USO Birthday Party on Christmas Eve. We only wish we could invite all our friends but seat capacity denies the privilege.

CHRISTMAS NIGHT All our friends however are welcome to come to the USO on Christmas Night. Hot Russian Christmas Wassail with home-made cookies will be served.

A Christmas story will be read in the firelight by Mr. Avison. There will be much singing around the piano.

FIRST

Norman E. Willis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Willis of Cedar Street who has been serving with the U. S. Army in Hawaii, has received a medical discharge from the Army and is again in Beaufort. Willis has the distinction of being the first service man of World War II to join Carter Post 99 of the American Legion.

BEAUFORT BOYS ON SAME SHIP



CHARLES G. MADES.



GUION J. GARNER.

Charles Gerald Mades, Boatswain's Mate 1st Cl., U.S.C.G., son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mades, has been in the service 13 years and in the Pacific War Zone for 8 months. Guion J. Garner Boatswain's Mate 1st Cl., U.S.C.G., son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Holmes Garner, of Turner street, enlisted at the same time as Mades. These two men are now together on one of our ships in the War Zone.

Major Fishing Disaster Early Friday Morning

Survivors Tell Of Friday's Tragedy

Of the seven living men closest to the tragedy of last Friday morning, six were in Potters Emergency Hospital until the first of this week.

Herbert Davis, brother of Capt. Dave, talked to us about the disaster. Davis says he is 36 years old and has been fishing since he was 14, yet never has he been on such seas. "Dave," he said, "kept his head. The boys were hollering, but he told them to be quiet, that the Coast Guard would pick us up." About the men still missing, Davis says he thinks they must be caught beneath the sunken purse boat, and will be found when it is raised. "How are you going to feel about fishing again?" "Well, I certainly hope to go out again."

Asked to tell his version of the fatal night he said, "We had a big set of fish two or three miles off Ft. Macon, and it took a right good time to get them because there were so many. We asked Captain Dawson of the Brewster to help. He came with his crew and lent a hand. They left before we got into trouble, but four of their men stayed with us. It was breezing, but not so rough when we finished, but when we got underway and started the sea came up faster all the time. We would have made it though if she had not sprung a leak, and the pumps couldn't keep her afloat. We knew she was gone unless we could get the water out. We had men go with buckets, but we could not get it out. Then we threw the anchor overboard and brought her head to keep water from washing on her. We thought this might give the pumps a chance, but the water continued to rise until we cut the pump engines in the cabin. Then we lowered the purse boat and the mate boat and got in. The purse boat broke down, the engine wouldn't run. We started the motor in the mate boat and towed the purse boat. The Coast Guard from Fort Macon came to pick us up. They towed the mate boat to the end of Capt Lookout breakwater where she sank. Then they turned loose the boat and 7 of the men who had been in it got in the purse boat. The purse boat drifted about for an hour or an hour and a half leeward until she hit the breakers of Shackleford then it overturned. The Coast Guard in the meantime had circled leeward to try to rescue the men in the water."

John Henry Pritchette, from up on Bogue Sound, says he has been fishing five years. He was in the first boat when it overturned and caught the second. Somewhere along the way, he was struck on the head and says he was unconscious most of the time. He says the water "was smooth when we made the set, it began breezing, and the storm came on while we were loading the big boat from the purse boats." Asked about fishing again, Pritchette merely laughed uncertainly without committing himself.

Isaac Simmons, also of Beaufort has been fishing since 1924. He also says he has never been out in such weather. Clarence McCoy of Virginia has fished "ever since I was big enough to work, and five years for Mr. Smith." He's never seen anything like it. Says all the men had life preservers on, but there wasn't much could be done in such a fast sea.

In talking with Mr. Smith, he paid high tribute to all of his men, and in talking with the survivors it was interesting to see that each of them took every possible opportunity to speak of him with great respect and appreciation.

Stores And Offices Give 2-Day Holiday

The First Citizens Bank and Trust Company, Court House Offices and City Offices will all be closed both Friday and Saturday of this week in observance of Christmas. Most of the local stores have also arranged to close in order to give their employees a rest after one of the most strenuous Christmas Seasons merchants and clerks have ever experienced.

A 60-year old blind woman of Owasso, Okla., collected 180 pounds of scrap metal in her back yard without assistance.

Menhaden Boat Parkins Founders In Storm, 18 Men Lose Their Lives

In the storm of last Thursday night the heavily loaded 120-foot Menhaden boat Parkins, owned by J. Harvey Smith, of West Beaufort, foundered and sank two or three miles off Ft. Macon with a loss of 18 lives. The most of the sunken ship can be seen from here.

David Davis, Captain of the Parkins, had considerable reputation as a fisherman which he wished to maintain. It is said that it was apparent that a storm was approaching but he wanted to land a last catch. The Brewster, also fishing for the Smith factory, came in, but four members of her crew stayed behind to help the men on the Parkins. The Parkins was caught in the heavy sea that proved too much for it, and she foundered and sank. Immediately upon receipt of the distress signal, the Coast Guard at Ft. Macon sent out a motor lift boat. The Coast Guards men found the entire crew of the Parkins and the four Brewster men in the two purse boats. They took them both in tow, but one was overturned by the waves. The Coast Guardsmen cut the line of the second boat to look after the men in the water, and that, too, overturned.

When the Parkins left the Sinclair Dock on Thursday morning she carried her normal crew except that instead of a captain, engineer, and mate, she had two engineers. Of the twenty-one men involved, 18 were drowned, the bodies of 16 of these have been recovered. There were seven survivors, George Garner was able to go home; six fishermen were sent to the local hospital for treatment for shock and exposure. Of these two were discharged on Monday, and the rest have gone to their homes since then.

The recovered bodies were taken to Morehead City for identification, and then divided between Bell and James and Adair's Funeral Homes where they were prepared for burial. Bodies of all the men from out of town have been shipped out as fast as shipping instructions have been received.

Funeral services were held at North River Monday afternoon for Alexander Merrill; Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock services were held for William T. Davis at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Beaufort; as we go to press services are being held at the same church for Earl Henry; and on Sunday afternoon at 2, also at Mt. Zion, there will be a service for Capt. David Davis.

In discussing the situation, Mr. See DISASTER Page 8

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 allowances 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.

Table with columns for HIGH and LOW tide times for Friday, Dec. 25, Saturday, Dec. 26, Sunday, Dec. 27, Monday, Dec. 28, Tuesday, Dec. 29, Wednesday, Dec. 30, and Thursday, Dec. 31.