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## Prisoner of War



**GEORGE TRUITT GUTHRIE**, Pharmacist Mate, U.S.N., reported unofficially as killed in action, is being held as a prisoner of war in the Philippines. Mrs. W. E. Guthrie of Morehead City, formerly of Ann Street, Beaufort, has just received word from Rear Admiral Randall Jacobs, Bureau of Navy Personnel, Washington that an official cablegram received by the International Red Cross from Tokio by way of Geneva brought the news of his imprisonment.

## SCHOOLS CLOSE MONDAY, MAY 10

### Four Seniors To Give Addresses

### REV. W. Y. STEWART PREACHES SERMON

Beaufort High School pupils are busy with finals all this week. Friday evening at 8 o'clock, closing exercises will be initiated with Class Night in the school auditorium. It always furnishes a rollicking good time for the boys and girls whose night it really is, and always draws a large audience of those who enjoy seeing their fun. The following are those who will take part in the exercises:

- Salutatorian—Jay Ky Beam.
- America—Lou Waters.
- Uncle Sam—Jimmy Jarman.
- Education—Anne Ives.
- Group of Americans—Seniors.
- Captain—Donald Willis.
- Class Prophet—Lucie Bello Rice.
- Testator—Kathryn Sewell.
- Historian—Henry Davis.
- Class Poet—Catherine Lane.
- Class Grumbler—Margaret Rumley.
- Class Song—Words by Catherine Lane.
- Gifforian—Amanda Congleton.
- Valedictorian—Lena Dot Ramsey.

On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock will be the Baccalaureate Sermon by the Rev. W. Y. Stewart, of Core Creek Community Church, also in the school auditorium. There will be special music by the Glee Club.

The Senior Class Graduation exercises will be on Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

Four members of the Senior Class have been selected as speakers on the theme, "What We're Fighting For":

Fighting for the U. S. — Hendricks House.

For Freedom of Worship—Dot Dill.

For Freedom From Want—Bill Lepp.

For Freedom From Fear—Edna Earle Willis.

A special program of music will be given by the School Band and the Glee Club.

After the addresses there will be the annual presentation of the American Legion Award by Raymond Ball and the Awarding of Diplomas by Principal T. G. Leary.

Marshals for all the exercises are chosen on the basis of scholastic attainment. They are:

- Chief: Bobbie Dean Duncan.
- Class 1944: Joyce Springle, Joyce Hall, Gloria Faye Laughton.
- Class 1945: Spicer Norwood, Margaret Manson, Mary Lou Mason.

Seniors of 1943 are:

- Reginald Adams, Hazel Johnson, Floyd Springle, Arthur Barnhill, Catherine Lane, Lucille Springle, Jay Ky Beam, Bill Lepp, James

## STRAWBERRY CROP HURT

NEW BERN—Strawberry crops in Craven county have been cut at 50 per cent because of recent cold weather, it is reported, while the peach crop is reported to be practically ruined.

## 100 YEAR OLD FRONDED PALMS ON WATER FRONT

### Other Improvements To Follow Soon

In the old town of Beaufort, palms a hundred years old lift their fronds stirred by the gentle southwest breezes as they blow across the sound, and on moonlight nights cast magic lacy patterns on the grass. If they could but speak, they would tell stories—not of what they have seen as they look out over the sound at Beaufort, but what they saw at the Lone Star Gardens in Thomasville, Georgia.

Citizens who went back from dinner last Monday along a familiar Front Street, were somewhat shocked, to say the least, as they went home to supper to see three twenty-five foot Sabal Palmettos growing along the walk in front of the Inlet Inn.

Mr. George Willis, of the Lone Star Gardens who is superintending the landscaping at Cherry Point, is the man who was able to make 100 year old palms seem to spring up in so short a time.

Although Mr. Willis knows of no palms of this variety north of the Sprunt place in Wilmington, he thinks there is every reason to See PALMS Page 5

## He Made "Dick" Go



Seth Gibbs, second man to serve as Chief of the old Robert E. Lee Fire Company, and the only man who could make "Dick" go.

## BEAUFORT BOY LAUDED ABROAD

### Lt. John Morrison Honored For Work With Flying Tigers

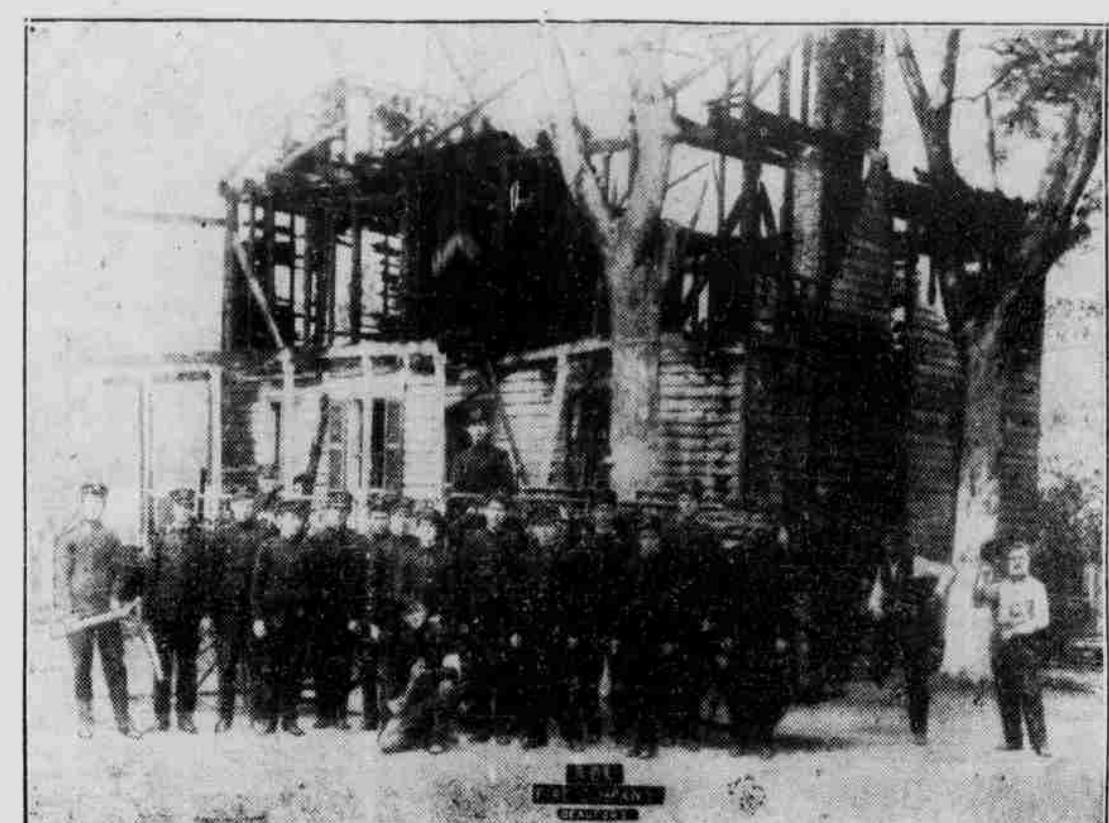
A release brings the news that Lt. John M. Morrison has distinguished himself in China as a member of Gen. C. L. Chenault's famed "Flying Tigers" for which he was commended in an official communique which reads as follows:

"As a participant on two consecutive dive-bombing and strafing missions you caused much destruction to enemy shipping and fuel installations. Your missions were well planned and well executed. This excellent offensive action carried out by you and other pilots of the flight whose extremely accurate dive bombing and shooting caused a maximum of destruction with a minimum of expenditure, reflects great credit on the efficiency of this command as a fighter unit. You are highly commended for this work."

The Morrises came to Carteret from Bluefield, Va., and John entered first year high school in the Morehead City School. Later they moved to Beaufort, and he graduated from our High School in the Class of 1937. He attended Citadel, N. C. State, and Duke University. Morrison entered the Air Service before our entrance into the war graduating at Maxwell Field in September, 1941. He was assigned to duty in the Carribean until last fall at which time he was one of the hand-picked flyers selected for service with the 14th Air Force in China.

Crackers and wafers which are stored in metal containers near the range will keep fresh and crisp all times.

## ROBERT E. LEE FIRE DEPARTMENT



Ruins of the Roberson home destroyed by fire on April 10, 1908. In the foreground are the following members of the company, eight of whom are honorary members of the Fire Company today: Frank Longest, Walter Longest, "B" Robinson, John Skarren, Jake Gible, Will Skarren, Jesse Fulcher, Charles Hatsell, George Brooks, "Lon" Gardner, Harvey Ramsey, Dan Fowle, Wiley Taylor, I. N. Moore, Rudolph Dowdy, Frank Skarren, Jim Fuller, Henry Marshall, Theo. Adair, Dave Jones.

## W. Z. McCABE DIES AT DUKE

### Was Member of Carteret Board of Commissioners

W. Z. McCabe, aged 65 years, of Wildwood, died at Duke University Hospital on Wednesday after a long illness, and the body was brought back to Carteret last night for burial.

Mr. McCabe was a member of the Wildwood Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Kenneth C. Seawright will conduct the funeral services. As we go to press, there is uncertainty as to whether the funeral will be held on Saturday or Sunday.

Mr. McCabe was the son of Thomas T. and Mary Elizabeth McCabe. He was a farmer and was born and spent all of his life at Wildwood. Since 1932, he has been an able member of our Board of County Commissioners. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Annie Virginia McCabe two daughters, Mrs. Mary Virginia Davis whose marriage to Robert L. Davis was solemnized last Saturday, Mrs. Dorothy Dubay, Jacksonville, Florida; three sons, Atlee E. McCabe, U. S. A., stationed at New Mexico, Kenneth T. McCabe, Wildwood, and C. Addison McCabe, U. S. N., stationed at the Section Base, Morehead City. There are also two sisters and three brothers surviving.

## CEILINGS

Ceilings announced by A. H. James, Community Service Chairman of the Ration Board follow:

**CABBAGE**  
4.35 per 100 lbs. received at nearest shipping point or picked up in bulk on the farm.  
4.85 in 100 lb. bags or crates.  
5.10 in 50 lb. bags or crates.  
5.10 plus cost of handling if brought to stores for sale.  
Merchants are allowed a profit of 50 per cent for handling cabbages.

**POULTRY**  
Farmers Receive:  
25 cents per lb. hens on foot.  
28 cents per lb. fryers on foot.  
Retailers Receive:  
34 cents per lb. fryers on foot.  
57 cents per lb. fryers dressed and drawn.  
30 1-4 cents per lb. hens on foot.  
49 cents per lb. dressed and drawn.

## Beaufort Rotes Hear Dr. Wright

Rotarians at their regular meeting on Tuesday evening heard Dr. John A. Wright of the U. S. Public Health Department speak on Venereal Diseases. In the course of his remarks, he praised the work being done by Dr. C. P. Stevick, of our County Health Department. He says that two charts, the work of Dr. Stevick, are in use all over the State in health work.

## BEAUFORT BOYS In The Service

Pvt. Lonnie E. Rhue and Claude Glover, U. S. Army, both of Camp Polk, La., are home on a visit to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Rhue of Broad Street and Mr. and Mrs. Jodie Glover, of Pine Street.

Paul Beachem, Jr., Ships Cook, 2nd Cl., U.S.N., arrived on Monday to spend several days leave with his parents. Paul is being transferred from a cruiser to a destroyer. He reports to his new post Sunday. Paul is wearing a bar showing he has seen action in the African theatre.

Walter C. Willis, Charleston, S. C., has been promoted from M.M. 2nd Cl., U.S.C.G. to M.M. 1st Cl.

Word has been received from "Somewhere in Africa" that Preston Mason, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mason, of Ann Street, has been promoted to Technician, 5th grade (tool keeper). The notice of promotion bears a recent date out is "as of June 1942."

On April 28th, Gilbert Potter, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Potter, of Ann Street, was graduated from 6th Class Officer Candidate School No. 1, Army Administration Schools, N. Dak. State College, Fargo, and was commissioned 2nd Lieut., U.S.A. He was sent to a post in Pennsylvania.

Word has been received thru the New York Post Office that Lieut. John Skarren, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. (Bill) Skarren, has arrived overseas.

Mrs. Ann Stout, popular member of our Carteret Health Department, has resigned from her position here to enter the Army Nursing Corps. She left on Monday for her home in Dunn to await orders.

John Vanderver is at Keesler Field, Miss., where he says he often runs into Royal Harbour, another of our boys who is stationed there.

## Attending Meeting In New Bern Today

District Conference of the Methodist Church convenes in all day session in New Bern today. There will also be meetings of the Woman's Society for Christian Service and of the Minister's Wives. Those attending from the Beaufort church are: Rev. and Mrs. W. Stanley Potter, Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Eure, Mrs. E. H. Potter, and Mrs. C. M. Jones.

## Town Board

The Town Commissioners met in a short session on Monday evening. There were but few matters taken up. John Pake was appointed "Marker" for the municipal election to be held on Tuesday, and the Clerk, Murray Thomas, was instructed to see about a patrol wagon for the Police Department.

## COMMISSIONERS DRAW JURORS FOR JUNE COURT

### City Grocery Has Co. Home Contract

The Carteret County Board of Commissioners in their monthly meeting last Monday drew the following jury for the June term of Superior Court: H. L. Joslyn, Morehead City; Frank Taylor, Sea Level; Alva Fullcher, Stacy; Howard Fulcher, Sea Level; Walter E. Lewis, Morehead City; I. W. Russell, Beaufort; George R. Lewis, Morehead City; R. B. King, Beaufort; H. C. Whitehurst, Straits; W. R. Howard, Newport; I. F. Moore, Marshallberg; Dannie Willis, Harkers Island; Robert E. King, Beaufort; Otis Fulcher, Stacy; Charles G. Nelson, Gloucester; W. B. Allen, Newport; Samuel Salter, Davis; Luther Lewis, Davis; J. C. Mundine, Newport; Ed Simpson, Bennet; Joe Davis, Harkers Island; Monroe Gaskill, Roe; Will F. West, Wildwood; R. E. L. Davis, Smyrna; D. M. Webb, Morehead City; Charles Webb, Morehead City; Kirby Salter, Sea Level; Charles Nelson, Harkers Island; Arthur Lewis, Harkers Island; George W. Gillikin, Beaufort, RFD; Fred Lewis, Morehead City, Charlie Robinson, Atlantic; Sam W. Salter, Harkers Island; John A. Hill, Davis; Gordie Styron, Sea Level; Mark T. Royall, Marshallberg; Melvin Morris, Atlantic; Willard Piner, Marshallberg; A. R. Hartsfield, Bogue, Theodore Willis, Beaufort; R. F. D. William Tyler, Beaufort; Delton Davis, Beaufort.

In addition to drawing the jury the monthly award of contract for supplies for the County Home was made to the City Grocery and 2 or 4 tax matters were taken up.

## WAACS

A WAAC Recruiting unit will be at the Beaufort Post Office on May 20th, 21st, and 22nd, to receive applications and to interview women interested in joining the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. Applications may be obtained at the local Post Office or by writing the WAAC Enrollment Station, Fort Bragg, N. C.

## Mr. Boggs To Be U. S. A. Chaplain

Rev. Clyde S. Boggs has resigned from his pastorate at Aurora to enter the U.S.A. as Chaplain. Mr. Boggs came to the N. C. Conference from Kentucky and was assigned to Newport. After serving the Methodist Church there for four years, he was appointed to the Church at Aurora which he is serving for the second year.

Mr. Boggs is an A.B. graduate of Kentucky Wesleyan College and a B. D. graduate of Duke University. He will enter the Chaplain's School at Harvard University.

## Beaufort Fire Department 36 Years Old Monday

### FIREMEN'S BANQUET

Sherwood Brockwell, of Raleigh, Deputy Insurance Commissioner and Chief Fire Marshall for North Carolina will visit Beaufort next Monday and be the principal speaker at the Firemen's Birthday Banquet in the evening. The Committee on Arrangements for the Banquet have been busy all week. Approximately a hundred members of the Department, their ladies, and invited guests will meet at the Fire House for the barbecue supper and addresses.

### Hook and Ladder Constructed Under His Leadership



Julius Duncan, elected Fire Chief January, 1940, resigned August, 1942, made more improvements in the Department for the length of his service than any Chief the Department ever had. The fine Aerial Truck (Hook and Ladder) was constructed under his leadership.

## GRAYDON PAUL ELECTED MAYOR

### D. B. Willis Wins Over Dr. Ferebee

A Mayor, Chief of Police, and five Commissioners were elected to office on Tuesday without opposition. Graydon Paul, Mayor by appointment since the resignation of Mayor Huntley, November, 1941, is our elected Mayor for the next two years; Walter Longest, our Chief of Police, and the following are our Commissioners: C. M. Jones, G. W. Huntley, Bayard Taylor, John White, Clarence Guthrie. Votes cast for the several candidates are:

- Graydon Paul—83.
- Walter Longest—82.
- G. W. Huntley—80.
- C. M. Jones—80.
- Bayard Taylor—79.
- John White—79.
- Clarence Guthrie—79.

In Morehead City there was a close contest between D. B. Willis, the present Mayor, and D. C. G. Ferebee for the office of Mayor, with Willis winning by but 19 votes. The new Board of Aldermen selected from 10 candidates contesting are: David Battle Webb, W. P. Freeman, D. W. Freshwater, S. C. Holloway, John L. Crump.

- Following are votes cast for each candidate in the running:
- D. B. Willis—418.
- C. G. Ferebee—399.
- David Battle Webb—589.
- W. P. Freeman—510.
- S. C. Holloway—441.
- D. W. Freshwater—433.
- John L. Crump—411.
- Walter M. Lewis—381.
- E. C. Willis—375.
- John Baker—319.
- T. D. Lewis—274.
- J. B. Long—199.

## Dance

The American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring a dance to be given tonight at the Recreation Center. Admission will be 25 cents.

## 12 Of Original Co. Honorary Members

### OLD MEMBERS REMINISCENT

The Beaufort Fire Department will celebrate its 36th birthday on May 10th. A number of the present-day firemen were not even born when in 1907 it was organized as the Robert E. Lee Fire Department, yet 12 of the original members are today honorary members of the present company; Walter Longest, Jesse Fulcher, Hugh Jones, Charlie Hatsell, George Brooks, "Lon" Gardner, Wiley Taylor, I. N. Moore, Dave Jones, Seth Gibbs, Herman Howland, and Hugh Longest. Members who have since died or moved away were: Frank Longest, the first chief; "B" Robinson, John Skarren, Jack Gible, Will Skarren, Harvey Ramsey, Dan Fowle, Rudolph Dowdy, Frank Skarren, Jim Fuller, Henry Marshall, Charles Skarren, Theo. Adair, Jack Mades.

The Fire Department came into being before we had the present Town Hall in the west end of which the Fire Company is comfortably housed today. In those days the Town Hall was in Winfield Chadwick's building on the east side of Craven Street—the "lockup" below and town offices above, and across the street on the Howland property was the frame building that housed the fire engine.

When a fire broke out, everybody ran about frantically yelling "Fire!" Then to further spread alarm the school bell and church bells rang.

A few days before the new company was 11 months old, the call of "Fire!" at three o'clock in the morning brought the company to what the old "Lookout" described as "the most horrible fire in Beaufort's history—the Roberson house on the northwest corner of Ann and Turner Streets in which Miss Henrietta Roberson was burned to death. Quoting further from the old Lookout, "The Robert E. Lee Fire Company and the Colored Fire Department arrived on the scene in short order. The new fire engine was connected to the fire plug on the corner, but as the water did not come promptly, the engine was taken to the water front at the end of Turner Street, and the hose thrown overboard."

Editorial comment in the same paper "Before this town had a fire engine, it had a bucket brigade which rendered efficient and valiant service. Since the purchase of the engine, the brigade has been discontinued. Result: The spectators who arrive at the scene of a conflagration before the engine, stand idly around waiting for it to come. If the brigade was reorganized in many cases the fire could be extinguished during the brief space of time thus lost."

The bucket brigade the passing of which the editor of the Lookout was regretting was the first fire See FIRE DEPT. Page 10

## COURT OF HONOR SUNDAY EVENING

### Norman Scrivener Of Wilson to Open Boys Scout Court

The Carteret District of the Boy Scouts will hold their Court of Honor Sunday evening at 8 p. m. at Ann Street Methodist Church. Assistant Scout Executive Norman Scrivener, of Wilson, will be present and formally open the Court. Local Chairmen: Stanley Wood and will preside.

One hundred and ninety presentations and promotional awards are scheduled—the largest ever made in the Carteret District.

The public is invited to be present as evidence of their interest in and willingness to support the fine work of the Scouts. Mr. Woodland says that in the Carteret District, there is today a larger percentage of boys over twelve years of age enlisted in the Boy Scouts than in any district in the Wilson Area.

The French are said to add a pinch of salt to their coffee. Such a pinch should be added just before the coffee is served, and does add the last flavor touch to coffee-making in the taste of many people.