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## SALTER ELECTED AAA CHAIRMAN

### County Committee Meets Tonight To Organize

Roland Salter of Beaufort will be in the chair tonight at the organizational meeting of the County AAA Committee in the AAA offices in the Beaufort postoffice.

He was re-elected chairman of the County Committee at a convention of the Community Committees last Friday morning in the AAA offices. The convention followed on the heels of the Community Committee elections held throughout the county on Nov. 23 and 24.

B. J. May, county head of the AAA, will continue as secretary of the County Committee.

Duties of all committeemen are expected to be heavier during 1945 than in any preceding year due to agricultural changes which the end of the European war will bring about. Farm produce now heavily in demand may become a drug on the market and produce not now encouraged may become the "pressure" item.

Committeemen will be called on as usual to assist in determining acreage allotments, to work out farm plans, to prepare performance reports and to arrange and conduct community meetings.

Members of the County Committee are:

Roland Salter, Beaufort, chairman; D. W. Truckner, Peletier, vice-chairman; Lawrence A. Garner, Newport, regular member; Allen J. Vins, Peletier, first alternate; Archie R. Hardesty, Newport, second alternate.

Members of the Community Committees are:

White Oak: Herman K. Norris, chairman; James W. Young, vice-chairman; Joe G. Taylor, regular member; Herman E. Taylor, first alternate; Carl T. Taylor, second alternate.

Newport: Leon H. Quinn, chairman; Cecil H. Pringle, vice-chairman; Y. Z. Simmons, regular member; John B. Kelly, first alternate. Morehead: William J. Laughton, chairman; Fred L. Bell, vice-chairman; James G. Murdoch, regular member; Robert E. Laughton, first alternate; Thomas C. Oglesby, second alternate.

Beaufort-Harlowe: William J. Hardesty, chairman; Lionel N. Conner, vice-chairman; Manly M. Eubanks, regular member; Raymond Dickinson, first alternate; Leslie D. Springle, second alternate.

East-Merrimon: Gardner Gillikin, chairman; Guion S. Lewis, vice-chairman; Mildred S. Lawrence, regular member; Guy C. Gillikin, first alternate; Hugh G. Pake, second alternate.

### HASSELL IMPROVING

Clerk of Court L. W. Hassell is reported as recovering successfully from three operations which he underwent last week at Fayetteville Veterans' Hospital.

## Merrimon Line Connections For All Assured

With the Merrimon branch of the Carteret Craven Electric Membership Corporation being pushed to early completion, J. W. Lewis, manager, announced today that while only 16 connections have been authorized, the 20, or more potential electric consumers on the line can, most probably, secure authorization for connection under existing WPB regulations.

Mr. Lewis also said that while 1,000 feet is the present, general limit on connections, WPB regulations now cover circumstances—such as exist on the Merrimon branch—under which extensions are justifiable.

Currently right-of-way difficulties have tended to slow down construction of the line but Mr. Lewis said that he hoped the eased WPB regulations would solve all difficulties. This, plus official permission to lay a cable across the inland waterway, should mean early electrification for all along the Merrimon branch.

### Support Seal Drive

With a goal of \$1,800 to reach the Carteret County Tuberculosis Seal Drive got off to a good start on Monday with several thousand letters containing seals placed in the mails for delivery to residents throughout the county.

## Japs Fell Pole To Get Van Austin

The climax of this story is the top of a forty-foot Banyan wood telephone pole close up to the Japs on Bougainville in the broad daylight of March 7 of this year. The anticlimax is the ground.

Van Austin of the First Corps Signal Battalion, First Marine Amphibious Corps, was fastened to the top of the pole by a lineman's belt. His hands were full of the very last stretch of cable. It was the last stretch because another stretch would have placed Marine communications in the Jap commander's headquarters. And Marine linemen don't plug Japs in; they just plug them.

Van Austin was one of the boys then. Now he's a Sergeant and is home with his mother Mrs. M. L. Austin in Beaufort, recuperating from wounds. He arrived on Monday after hospitalization at Sun Valley, Idaho.

Van's group of twelve had been celled to Bougainville on March 1 from Guadalcanal to repair communications lines which the Japs had badly disrupted.

On March 7 Van's group had restretched lines up to the very noses of the Japs when a captain told them to clear out ahead of an expected Jap shelling.

With one more stretch, and the last one, to go, that twelve decided to see the job through rather than have to return it on the following day. Lots were drawn to determine the pole climber. Van won the honor. As it turned out, he was the real winner. Three others drew positions at the bottom of the pole.

The shell that hit the bottom of the pole killed two of the trio there and broke both legs of the third. Fastened to the top by his belt Van has a slight remembrance of feeling like the man on the flying trapeze.

He woke up three days later on Guadalcanal.

Since then he has been a patient at several hospitals. He has confidence that his twisted foot and misplaced stomach will heal themselves. He is still his handsome six-foot one inch self. He says he has quit trying to reason out how he escaped with his life.

Van first saw combat when he hit the Bougainville beach with the first wave of 800 on Nov. 1, 1942. He was on Bougainville until Dec. 17 when he was returned with his crew to Guadalcanal for rest.

During that first Bougainville experience he learned to sleep in foxholes with water lizards that range in size from eight inches to three feet. The water lizard isn't nice to look at and can scare a fellow like to death, that is, a fellow who doesn't know about them.

But they are not only safe but man's best friend. Van says they climb into a foxhole, make friends with the Marine there (what they do when they don't find a Marine, he didn't say) and keep insects off the Marine through the night by eating them.

### LOCAL RATION BOARD HAS HIGH RATING

Carteret County Ration Board is one of the best in the whole district according to William F. Nufer of Goldsboro, board supervisor of the Goldsboro District O.P.A.

Mr. Nufer was a visitor in Beaufort last week on a regular inspection trip.

S. Sgt. Walter C. Cuthrell, son of Mrs. Mattie C. Cuthrell, Belhaven, has been awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in action against the Japs at Peleliu. He is a member of the 81st Wildcat Infantry Division which recently invaded the Southern Islands off he Jap held Palau group, 500 miles east of the Philippines.

### BACK THE DRIVE

Sale of Class E bonds is moving slowly in Carteret's Sixth War Loan Drive. I. E. Pittman, county drive chairman, reported this morning. The county's Class E quota is \$187,000, with the overall quota \$317,000.

Miss Cora Joslyn reported that all schools in the county were doing a good job with the Hi-Y girls in Morehead setting a record at their War Bond Booth.

The drive ends on Dec. 16. Thus there is little time left in which to make your War Bond purchase. Do it today.

## URGES JAYCEES TO BE LEADERS

### Beaufort Jaycees Host to Morehead And New Bern

"You've got to make your city better, otherwise we Jaycees are not justified in being members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce," Raymond Pollock, president of the New Bern Junior Chamber of Commerce, said at a dinner Monday night at the Inlet Inn given by the Beaufort Jaycees for the Morehead and New Bern Jaycees.

"The leadership you show now, is the leadership which your city can expect in the future," Pollock declared.

The New Bern chapter of the Junior Chamber of Commerce is only four years of age, Pollock said, and yet it is now functioning as a veteran organization. Its waste paper drive nets a carload a week. The New Bern chapter has established a blood plasma bank; it has given the New Bern police department a finger printing outfit. Recently it erected and dedicated a monument to New Bern servicemen who have made the supreme sacrifice.

Captain W. H. Potter, former Beaufort Jaycee home on leave, said that Carteret men and women in service are depending largely on Jaycees at home to pave the way not only for cases needing rehabilitation but for all toward better living at good jobs.

"It has been my good fortune to see a large part of the United States," Capt. Potter said, "and I have seen that people in large sections of the States have to scratch for a living. Right here we have everything and the thought has often been forced on me that we do not avail ourselves of the opportunities on our own doorstep."

Lt. (jg) F. Borden Mace, photo officer aboard an Essex class carrier also home on leave, pled for cooperation of all county residents in developing the port facilities of the Old Topsail Inlet.

"Forget the silly fueds of the past," he said, "get together and work for the good of all. We have the stuff here if we'll only use it."

Bob Hicks, president of the Morehead Junior Chamber of Commerce, in thanking the host club, suggested a monthly meeting of the New Bern, Beaufort and Morehead Clubs to discuss and carry out plans for projects of mutual benefit.

Pollock invited both Beaufort and Morehead Jaycees to meet with New Bern Jaycees tomorrow night at Tony's in Morehead.

Charles Hassell, president of the Beaufort Jaycees, welcomed the guests and introduced James Wheatly who had charge of the evening's program. Wheatly introduced the New Bern speaker, Halsey Paul said grace.

The songs of Miss Betty Lou Merrill, accompanied by Miss Ruth Lewis were enthusiastically received.

Present from New Bern: Richard A. Neely, Obed Pate, Edmond Nelson, Gus Mann and Raymond Pollock.

Theodore Phillips, Wade Bell, Gordon Laughton, George R. Wallace, Bob Hicks, Jack Roberts, Charles C. Willis, Edgar Bell, Sam Guthrie, Jack Styron, Bill Cherry and William Willis.

C. H. Hassell, W. A. Mace, C. M. Jones, Capt. W. H. Potter, Lockwood Phillips, Lt. (sg) F. Borden Mace, R. L. Davis, H. D. Paul, Henry Hassell, David Windley, Rufus Sewell, James Wheatly, Charles Cheek and R. S. Eudy.

### RESTRICTIONS OFF FARM MACHINERY

Restrictions on the purchase of all farm machinery except crawler type tractors and corn pickers, two types of farm machinery little used in Carteret, have been lifted, according to an announcement reaching B. J. May, secretary of the AAA from Raleigh headquarters.

As a result the Farm Rationing Committee in Carteret is dissolved as of this date and the few remaining details will be handled by the AAA.

### Arrives Overseas



S/Sgt. Lester E. Haskett, attached to an anti-aircraft artillery unit, has arrived in the European theatre according to word received by Mrs. Haskett, the former Edna Small, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Small, Rt. 2, Newport.

Sgt. Haskett is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Haskett, also of Rt. 2, Newport. Sgt. Haskett, a graduate of Newport high school class of 1942, has been in service since April 1943.

Ralph T. Haskett, brother of Sgt. Haskett, was recently assigned to the Coast Guard Training Station at Curtis Bay, Baltimore, Md.

### CARTERET BOYS IN THE SERVICE

Wiley H. Taylor Jr., USCG who has been home for the past ten days returned to U. S. Recruiting Station in Berkeley, Va., today. He has been recuperating from a recent illness at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor, Sr., of Marsh St.

Durwood Gillikin, Sc 2, USNR, son of Mrs. Mamie Gillikin of Highland Park, was released from Norfolk Naval Hospital and returned to his unit after treatment for a skin disease contracted in the Canal Zone.

Optimistic reports are reaching Mrs. Gillikin about the condition of her other boy in the service, William C. Gillikin who suffered wounds while attached to an engineering regiment in the invasion of southern France. Gillikin is now in a U. S. Army hospital in Italy.

Pfc Ethel Sawyer, signal corps, USA, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Conway of Highland Park, is home on an eleven day furlough from Washington, D. C. Her brother, Joseph Allen Conway, F 1c, USNR, is stationed at Camp Wallace, Texas.

A medical technician serving with the Italy based 455th Bombardment Group, Corporal Joseph L. Salter, formerly of Rt. 1, Beaufort, was recently authorized to wear the Distinguished Unit Badge when his veteran group was cited "for outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy."

The Liberator group, although handicapped by personal shortages and operating with only 40 per cent of its maintenance equipment, took off on a vital mission to attack the Daimler Puch Aircraft Factory at Steyr, Austria. Intense cloud cover obscured the target. Using rockets, aerial flak, cannon and machine guns in an effort to scatter the American planes, approximately 75 German fighters attacked the formation.

Despite severe opposition, the group maintained its formation, shifted its bombing objective to the Steyr Walzgerwerke, and inflicted "tremendous material damage." During the battle, the unit destroyed 27 fighters, probably destroyed 17 more and damaged three, balance by a minimum loss of four bombers.

Cpl. Virgil H. Day, son of Mrs. Olivia Day of Lola, N. C., has returned to Tampa, Fla., for further air crew training as a radio operator mechanic gunner on a B-17. He took basic training at Greensboro, N. C., and was then sent to Pittsburgh, Pa., for training as an aviation cadet. Because the cadet program was eliminated he was sent to Scott Field, Ill. to receive training as a radio operator mechanic. He finished there and was sent to Yuma, Ariz., to train as a gunner. He received his wings and was promoted to the rank of corporal. He expects to be sent overseas shortly.

William B. Norris, Jr., who was graduated from the Beaufort high school in 1940 has been promoted to sergeant. He is an armorergunner with a B-24 Liberator

## MULLET LINE CEREMONIES DRAW NOTABLES

### Gov. Broughton Principal Guest Of Line

It was a proud day for the Old Mullet Line yesterday.

After a breakfast given by the Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce in Goldsboro a notable group of state officials headed by Gov. Broughton, army and navy officers, railroad executives and plain citizens climbed aboard a special train replete with an old fashioned private car to travel the entire 95 miles of the rehabilitated railway to Morehead City.

The train stopped at Cherry Point where the group was guided about a short tour of inspection but of sufficient scope to impress everyone with the magnitude of the new, national Marine base.

The first half of the round trip ended at 1:45 p. m. before the Gulf Stream Club, just beyond Morehead City, where luncheon was served.

Gov. Broughton was the only speaker and his words were those of commendation for E. R. Bucan, president of the Atlantic & North Carolina Railway, a rather onerous, polysyllabic, corporate name for the Old Mullet Line, for Harry Edwards, chairman of the board, J. A. Bolich, Jr., vice-president and the host of others who, in the words of Bill Sharpe, state publicist, rejuvenated The Old Mullet Line on the theme of "From Mulets to Marines."

The Old Mullet Line was authorized in 1852, completed in 1858, financed by both private and state capital. Today the state owns the majority of stock and appoints officers and directors.

Rejuvenation of the line cost \$1,500,000 but, in performing a near miracle in transportation in serving the huge Cherry Point Marine base, jumped the annual gross revenue of approximately \$300,000 in 1939 to approximately \$1,500,000 in 1944. In the same period the new operators paid the state approximately \$500,000 in rent and repayment on debts.

Yesterday's "to do" was reminiscent of others in the line's history. Time was when all stockholders (who got free passes) made the trip to Morehead City for the annual meeting at the Atlantic Hotel, long since gone. Stockholders also got passes for their families, and it is on record that one lady who owned one-half a share of stock applied for 32 passes for the event.

All of those from Beaufort and Morehead City aboard the train were made honorary vice-presidents of The Old Mullet Line—vice presidents in charge of icing fish. They are Judge Luther See MULLET LINE Page 8

bomber group attached to the 15th AAF in Italy. He has flown on many bomber missions against the enemy in southern Europe. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Norris of Beaufort.

Ensign L. Bryan Springle, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie D. Springle of Beaufort RFD, flew from Washington Tuesday to spend several hours with his mother who suffered a heart attack on Saturday. A telegram from his father requesting him to come home reached Ensign Springle just as he took off from Washington on Saturday to pilot an Assistant Secretary of the Navy to California. Ensign Springle returned from California on Monday and the next day flew to Beaufort.

Pfc Billy Wells passed a day this week in Beaufort visiting Mrs. Wells and his six months old daughter Billy Jean whom he had never seen. Wells returned to the army hospital at Augusta, Ga., expecting to return here for the Christmas holidays.

Dick Ingram, E 2c, USNR, returned from overseas on Tuesday with his English bride.

Glenn H. Adair, flying corps cadet, has been transferred from Cochrane Field, to Spence Field, Ga., for single engine flight training.

Benjamin B. Arrington, AMM-1c, USNR, son of Mrs. Theresa Arrington, Beaufort, has been transferred from Pensacola, Fla., to Alameda, California.

## Thirty Awards Presented At Court of Honor

By Charles Hassell

At a Court of Honor held Sunday night at 7:30 in the First Baptist Church, Beaufort, the Rev. M. O. Alexander opened the program with the Benediction after which he introduced Stanley Woodland, chairman of Advancement in Carteret Scouting.

After an inspiring introductory talk by Mr. Woodland other members of the Carteret Council were introduced by him including Dr. W. L. Woodard, vice-president of Eastern Carolina Council and Boone B. Owen, field executive of the council.

Dr. Woodard was called upon first to present advancement awards to second class scouts as follows: Ray Willis, Billie Crawford, Otis Jefferson, Ernest Toler, Edgar Cole, Paul Arthur, Cedric Beachem, Jimmy Fodrie, Howard Fodrie, Hubert Smith, David Davis, Alton Willis.

Mr. Woodland followed by making presentation of awards to Life Star and First Class: Billie Lewis, Life: Tommy Eure, Jimmy Piner, Alton Willis, Robert Thompson, Delmas Lewis, Star: Robert Simpson, Lloyd Barnhill and Pete Skinner, First Class.

This was followed by a very interesting and inspiring talk by Executive Boone Owen and presentation by him of Merit Badge awards to Billy Lewis, Robert Thompson, Tommy Eure, Jimmy Piner, Alton Willis, Delmas Lewis, Lloyd Barnhill.

Several hymns were sung during the program.

Due to an unavoidable delay in receiving their advancement material the Morehead City Troops were unable to receive their awards at this time. Capt. D. Walter Dunkle, S. M. Troop 39 Morehead City was a guest of Troop 51 of Beaufort. He had several of his boys with him. Capt. Dunkle as a representative of the Compass Club of America, presented a Silver Compass to the outstanding Patrol of Troop 51, the Flying Eagle Patrol under the leadership of Star Scout Jimmy Piner.

## Rotarians Fete Their Ladies

The Beaufort Rotary Club entertained their ladies on Tuesday evening at the Inlet Inn. A combination Thanksgiving and Christmas party, it was the largest such affair ever held by the club.

Each of the ladies was given a present, the presents having been donated by the merchants of Beaufort.

The Rev. W. O. S. Potter, father of the Rev. W. Stanley Potter said grace.

Dr. W. L. Woodard, secretary, reported that flowers had been sent to Mrs. James Canady, wife of the club president, who is reported as improving at Morehead City Hospital from an illness of several weeks' duration. Dr. Woodard also announced that club member Dave Merrill has returned to his home from Morehead Hospital.

The beautiful table decorations were the work of Mrs. Jack Oakley and Mrs. William Willis.

The evening was largely devoted to songs and entertainment under the guidance of Impresario Grayden Paul with Mrs. Paul at the piano. Sammy Guthrie and his orchestra played, two of its members being Rotarians, Sammy Guthrie and William Willis. Sgt. R. S. Frizzibon sang several baritone solos.

### BEAUFORT COAST GUARDS- MAN IN PHILIPPINE INVASION

A veteran invader is Coast Guardsman Paul Gillikin, Seaman second class, who has added the eighth star to the ribbon-bedecked chest—for the invasion of the Philippines. Serving aboard a Coast Guard manned Invasion Transport, Gillikin took part in the assault on Leyte. He previously had struck at the enemy in North Africa, Sicily, Makin, Kwajalein, Eniwetok, Saipan and Angaur.

### SMOKE BUT NO FIRE

A defective wick in a kerosene stove in the home of Miss Annie Rumley, Ann St., at Marsh, caused great clouds of smoke but little damage on Monday afternoon. The Beaufort Fire Department responded to an alarm.

## MERCHANTS SET TO FIGHT INFLATION

### Stanley Woodland Commends Their Patriotic Co- operation

The Beaufort War Price and Rationing Board signaled enthusiastic cooperation with the nation-wide campaign to keep prices down at a merchants' meeting on Tuesday night in the Court-house attended by merchants from all parts of the county as well as by County War Price executives and office workers.

"Never in the history of this country," Chairman Stanley Woodland pointed out, "has there been such a magnificent attempt on the part of business, the consumer, and government, or one with loftier purpose, to hold the line of economic defense against inflation."

"Working together all through these war months," Mr. Woodland told the large audience, "both the merchants of Carteret and the Carteret consumers have held prices in line and maintained all ceiling prices."

Mr. Woodland cited the inflation figure of 68 per cent in the first 54 months of World War I and compared it with the inflation figure of only 27 per cent for the first 54 months of this war to prove his contention of current merchant-consumer cooperation.

Colorful posters were distributed to the merchants. Pledging the merchant's cooperation to maintain all ceiling prices, they will be prominently displayed in all Carteret stores.

On the platform with Mr. Woodland were Miss Alma Davis, chief clerk of the board, and Miss Elsie Nelson, price clerk. John Crump, chairman of the Price Panel, was unable to be present due to illness.

### TIRE SERVICE COMPANY ANNOUNCES NEW SERVICE

A complete truck tire recapping service has been installed by Tire Service Company, 1300 Arendell St., Morehead City, according to an announcement by J. R. Morrill, president of the company.

"No longer will truckers have to take their work outside Carteret County and no longer will they have to suffer the delays and extra tire wear in travelling 40 to 60 miles for work which can now be done here," Mr. Morrill said.

Tire Service Company has installed Firestone factory controlled, tested, approved and standardized Lodi molds capable of taking all tire jobs.

Tire Service Company, the only firm of its kind in Carteret, was established December 1943. Some of the company's auto tire recap jobs have done better than 24,000 miles which, while perhaps not a record, has established high regard for the company's work.

### 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. Some allowances must be made for variations in the wind and also with respect to the locality, that is, 1/2 mile or near the inlet or at the head of the estuaries.

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5:32 A.M.	3:30 A.M.	10:10 P.M.	4:20 P.M.	10:38 A.M.	4:15 A.M.	11:23 A.M.	5:02 A.M.	12:09 P.M.	6:39 P.M.	12:36 A.M.	6:40 A.M.	1:29 A.M.	7:34 A.M.
10:10 P.M.	4:20 P.M.	10:57 P.M.	5:06 P.M.	11:45 P.M.	5:58 P.M.	12:25 A.M.	8:34 A.M.	1:46 P.M.	8:19 P.M.	2:25 A.M.	9:10 P.M.	2:37 P.M.	9:10 P.M.