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Carteret's Natural Resources Can Supply Food For All

Beaufort Rotary Given Indications of County's Resources by Scientist

WEAVER PUSHES FOR NEW HOMES

Land Titles Being Searched This Wk.

The building of fifty modern home in Beaufort came closer to realization this week as lawyers representing the promoter, W. H. Weaver of Greensboro, searched land titles in the Court House.

Reports from reliable sources webe that final negotiations relative to transfer of the land titles from the present owners, C. W. Britton, and B. B. Montague to the \$100,000 Beaufort Housing Corporation of which Mr. Weaver is president, would be consummated next week.

The Britton property involved is that known as the Ocean Breeze Section and the Montague property known as the Montague Development. Both pieces adjoin with a frontage of nearly a quarter of a mile on Front and Ann Streets.

Mr. Weaver has already stated that he will start building as soon as he can. Some of the homes will be rented, others sold with prices ranging around \$6,000.

Farmers Must Use Fertilizer Before End of The Year

The Carteret County AAA offices will be closed from the 23rd to 27th. December inclusive for the Christmas holidays according to B. J. May, Secretary of the County Committee. All farmers who have received lime, phosphate or Austrian winter peas through the AA Program for use in 1944, and who have not used these materials to date should do so at once and report to the AAA office not later than Dec. 22. Proper use of these materials will constitute full payment. If the materials are not used by December 31, 1944 it will be necessary to transfer the material to the 1945 Program and the farm will not be eligible to receive as much material during 1945 as would otherwise be possible Mr. May stated.

All farmers who have not done so should complete all practices for 1944 and report to the County office at once. If the total farm allowance has not been taken up in material the farmer may at this time sign his A. C. P. application for payment on any practices he has carried out without the aid of AAA Conservation materials.

Mrs. G. W. Duncan's Brother Killed

Mrs. Graham W. Duncan received word on Tuesday that her brother, Corporal Charles Lytle, was killed in maneuvers in Oklahoma. Mrs. Duncan left immediately for the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Lytle, in Old Fort.

Four of Mrs. Duncan's brothers were in the Service. One, Brooks Lytle, was recently discharged as the result of physical ailments.

Corporal Charles Lytle is survived by his wife and four small children, the eldest eight years of age.

Annual Farm Meeting Set For Dec. 21

The Annual Farm Bureau meeting will be held at the Beaufort Courthouse, Thursday night, December 21 at 8 o'clock. Mr. Joe Williams, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer of the State Farm Bureau Organization, will be present to deliver the address.

A free barbecue supper with all accessories will be served at the Home Agent's office at 6:45 o'clock. All Farm Bureau and prospective members and their wives are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

BFT. M-C VOTE ON TYPHUS CONTROL

Special Meetings set On Rat Eradication Problems

A large number of interested citizens is expected to attend the special meeting of the Board of Commissioners called by Mayor Bayard Taylor for Monday evening at 7:30 in the Beaufort Town Hall to vote on whether to undertake a State Health Department plan to rid Beaufort of rats, the source of typhus.

Mayor Willis has called a meeting of Morehead City Board of Commissioners for the following Tuesday evening, to take a similar vote.

Atlantic Beach and the Camp Glenn area are expected to follow the lead of Beaufort and Morehead City and give support to the program.

As outlined by E. L. Hinton of the State Health Department the entire program will cost Morehead, Beaufort and the surrounding towns which may join, no more than their pro-rata share of a total monthly cost of \$150, a sum sufficient, according to Hinton, to pay a permanent rat control specialist to continue the work which the State Health Department will start.

The State Health Department rat-eradication program calls for rat poisoning as a secondary measure with rat-proofing of all buildings in the business and wharf sections as the primary measure.

Cost of rat-proofing the affected buildings will, according to the plan, be charged to the owner's of the buildings, such cost Hinton said, ranging from nothing to as much as \$200. Rat-proofing costs in Concord, Wilson, Rocky Mount, where State Health Department programs are now being carried on, are averaging about \$40 a building.

The State Health Department will require that each municipality in the program pass an ordinance permitting the Health Department to take necessary rat-proofing steps with or without the building owner's consent.

The State Department also asks that the municipalities start the program off with the sum of \$4,000 to be used as "working capital" until such time as the entire sum can be repaid to the towns from monies received from building owners.

All personnel, machinery and other equipment required to do the full-time job will be supplied by the State Health Department, the Typhus Control Unit of the Division of Sanitary Engineering and the Typhus Control Unit of the U. S. Public Health Service.

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CARTERET BOYS IN THE SERVICE

Robert L. Dennis, HA 1c, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Dennis, Sr., has been transferred from Camp Allen, Norfolk, Va., to Port Huene, Calif.

William Earl Guthrie USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Guthrie, was here for the week-end from Bainbridge, Md.

Charles Robinson, SC 3c, USN, has arrived for a leave of several weeks, after spending two years away from home on a tour of duty that has taken him very actively into the Pacific War Theatre.

Arthur Barnhill, USN, returned last week to Bainbridge, Md., where he is in Radio School, after a visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Barnhill.

James Britton Cuthrell, WT 1c, U. S. Navy, arrived Thursday to spend a leave of several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Cuthrells in Highland Park.

Pfc Robert (Bobby) Hudgins, U. S. Army Air Force, arrived Tuesday from Williams Field, Chandler, Arizona, for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hudgins of Ann Street.

George Junior Collins, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Collins of Wildwood, is home on furlough visiting his parents and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Willis, Beaufort, RFD.

Pfc Derwood Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Derwood Lewis of Live Oak Street, Beaufort, arrived this week from England on a thirty day furlough.

Charles Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson of Gordon Street, Beaufort, arrived home this week from Alaska on his first furlough in more than two years.

Royce Vincent Emory, Cox., USNR, son of Mrs. Della Emory of Roe, has been cited for bravery while taking part as an LST crew member in the Philippine invasion by Commanding Officer John T. Barnett. Emory entered service in Nov. 1943.

Citation: "My wholehearted congratulations are extended to you for the splendid manner in which you fulfilled your duties during the subject mentioned invasion. You truly lived up to the American spirit in coming 'back with Mac.'"

"You, as an individual member of the Crew of the LST deserve all the praise that goes in the Navy's phrase 'Well Done.'"

John T. Barnett, C. O.

Ens. L. Bryan Springle, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Springle, has been promoted to Lieut. (jg). Lt. and Mrs. Springle are making their home in Washington, D. C.

GRAY HASSELL ENTERS SERVICE; MRS. HASSELL RETURNS TO BEAUFORT

Gray Hassell, son-in-law of Graham W. Duncan, will leave on December 20 for army duty. Mr. Hassell is employed in the engineering department at Cherry Point.

Mrs. Hassell, the former Evelyn Duncan, will move from Cherry Point to Beaufort after Christmas with her two small children, Ray Frances and Bryan King.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS VACATION PERIOD

Carteret County school girls and boys are looking forward to a school Christmas vacation which will start at noon on Friday, Dec. 22 and last until the morning of Thursday, January 1.

ON NEW ORLEANS BUSINESS TRIP

Judge Julius F. Duncan, C. R. Wheatly and A. T. Leary left Tuesday for New Orleans on business. They are expected to return early next week.

LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS

The Carteret County Public Library in Beaufort will be closed all day on Saturday, Dec. 23, on Christmas Day and on Tuesday, Dec. 26 and on New Year's Day. The Bookmobile will not run on those days.

J C'S SPONSOR FLIGHT SCHOOL

Beaufort Group Undertakes Preflight School and a County Advertising Program

If you want to fly your own plane the Beaufort Jaycees will do everything to help you except pay for the plane.

A complete Civil Air Patrol program will get under way after the first of the year under Junior Chamber of Commerce sponsorship unanimously voted Monday night in regular dinner session at the Inlet Inn.

Participation in the program is open to all Carteret County residents, juniors aged fifteen to eighteen, and seniors aged eighteen to seventy. And if grandpa is an octogenarian the Jaycees may be prevailed upon to make an exception.

The free program sessions are planned for Monday evenings in the Beaufort high school gymnasium. The sessions will total forty. During the first two months sessions probably will be held but once a week but thereafter twice a week.

Lt. Herman M. Reid of Cherry Point, an Acting Commander of the Civil Air Patrol, will be in active charge of the program supported by Lt. Col. Frank E. Dawson.

Subjects to be taught include navigation, meteorology, radio and theory of flight. Toward the end of the course planes will be flown to Beaufort Airfield for preliminary flight instruction.

The Jaycee committee in charge of the program comprises Rufus Sewell, Halsey Paul, David Windley and W. A. Mace.

Jaycees to advertise Beaufort

Preliminary plans were made to publish an illustrated brochure describing Beaufort. The Junior Chamber of Commerce has received approximately 1,000 queries on Beaufort and Carteret County within 1944 and believes a brochure will save time and enhance the value of replies to queries which come from a wide variety of sources, from schools and colleges, from business concerns either desiring to do business in Carteret or to establish a business in Carteret, from sportsmen and from vacationers.

James Wheatly, W. A. Mace, Rufus Sewell and Lockwood Phillips were appointed a committee to prepare a rough draft of the proposed pamphlet.

Pave Broad Street

James Wheatly suggested that the group back a proposal to pave Broad Street and thus permit diversion of truck traffic off Ann Street. President Charles Hassell appointed himself, Halsey Paul and Calvin Jones, Jaycee members of the Rotary Club, to enlist Rotary's aid in the project.

Social Aspect of the Jaycees

The Jaycee meeting for January 22 was set aside, during a discussion of the 1945 program, as Ladies' Night. The next meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce will be on Jan. 8 at the Inlet Inn.

President Hassell congratulated James Wheatly on behalf of the membership for his management of the Nov. 27 dinner meeting when the Beaufort Jaycees were host to the Morehead City and New Bern Jaycees.

Announcement was made that the Beaufort Jaycees have been invited by the Kinston Jaycees to a Christmas party on Dec 13.

REV. W. STANLEY POTTER NEW HEAD OF MINISTER'S ASSOCIATION

The Rev. W. Stanley Potter, pastor of Ann Street Methodist Church, Beaufort, will preside as President at the first 1945 meeting of the Coastal Ministers' Association at the Morehead City Civic Center on Monday, Jan. 8.

Mr. Potter was elected to head the group during the next year at the final 1944 meeting of the Association.

The Rev. G. C. Cuthrell of Marshallberg was elected vice-president; the Rev. G. C. Hedgepeth, secretary-treasurer.

The Rev. John H. Bunn, D. D., the Rev. Luther R. Bridges, D. D. and the Rev. M. O. Alexander were appointed members of the 1945 program committee.

The Association plans to undertake a program of vesper services for the Morehead City USO.

Al Skarren Saw this Tokyo Bombing Business Started

Now Wallace Storekeeper He Was Aboard "Hornet" When Doolittle Left for Japan

CARTERET LAGS IN SALE OF CLASS E BONDS

Only \$66,000 of \$189,000 Quota Purchased

Carteret County's Sixth War Loan Drive under the direction of L. E. Pittman is showing great gains in all classes of bond sales but class E bonds.

The Class E bond quota of \$189,000 is reported to be slow with only \$66,000 purchased while sale of other bond classifications is reported well over the top.

Carteret's total quota is \$317,000.

Harkers Island will hold a bond rally in the Harker's Island school auditorium featured by a "bidding" contest for service men stationed on the Island, a bingo party and a song fest.

Mrs. Numa Eure reported today that sale of bonds and stamps to Beaufort school children totalled \$1370.40 for this week's sale. The eighth grade class of Miss Owens bought \$1,000 of the amount.

School children in all county schools have compiled a record of sales proportionately better than that compiled by groups of their elders. Newport, Atlantic, Harkers Island, Morehead City—all are doing excellent sales job according to reports.

Several thousands in Class E bonds were sold last night at the Morehead USO where Mrs. John Nelson's eighth grade pupils presented a pageant "A Last Message from Bataan."

Miss Cora Josly reports that every member of her Women's Division Committee is performing admirably.

Tuberculosis Seal Drive Making Headway

Checks, money orders and cash are flowing into the coffers of the Tuberculosis Seal headquarters in Carteret Welfare Department, Mrs. Martha Loftin, chairman of the drive, reported today. Response to the annual appeal is better this year than ever before.

Booths for sale of seals are set up in the following places: Mrs. Rudolph F. Dowdy, chairman, Morehead City, booths at Hufham's Pharmacy, Morehead Pharmacy and Morehead Post Office.

Miss Carolyn Wheatly, chairman, Beaufort, booths at Seabreeze Theatre, Beaufort Theatre and Beaufort Postoffice.

Mrs. Clayton Fulcher, chairman, Atlantic, booth at Atlantic Theatre.

Mrs. Earl Davis, chairman, Harker's Island, booth at Harkers Island Theatre.

Mrs. E. M. Hummell, chairman, booth at Morehead Villa.

Cold Weather Brrrrrr!

If the wind continues out of the northwest red flannels, bed warmers, ear muffs and whatever your own ingenuity can concoct will come in mighty hand tonight, tomorrow and perhaps over the week end.

The Red Man in the epheromometer at the United States Laboratory on Piver's Island squatted down to 28 degrees early this morning and if he stays in that position much longer water pipes, radiators and noses in Carteret are in for trouble.

Low temperatures since Saturday, Dec. 9, were: Saturday 38 degrees; Sunday 36; Monday 42; Tuesday 34; Wednesday 31; Thursday 28.

CLERK HASSELL HOME

County Clerk L. W. Hassell, who underwent a major operation at Veterans' Hospital, Fayetteville, is expected to return home today.

Albert Royal Skarren, SK 2c, USNR, returned last week to Camp Wallace, Texas, after spending nine days with his mother, Mrs. Nina Skarren of Broad St., Beaufort.

Ed. Note: The following story was published in the Square Knot, the Camp Wallace weekly publication.

By C. R. McNally
Down in Warehouse No. 905 there works a very quiet young man named Albert Skarren, SK 2c, who hails from Beaufort, N. C. If it were up to 'Al,' no one would know anything more than that he works in the warehouse at Wallace.

Our fighting forces are plastering Tokyo for all they are worth nowadays but Al shall never forget that surprise attack on Japan that Jimmy Doolittle and his men made. The B-25's that hit Tokyo on that day came from the decks of the USS Hornet. Al Skarren was a member of the Hornet's crew then.

Japs Came Out In 3 Separate Waves That Day

During the 13 months aboard the famous carrier, Al served as Storekeeper and had his Battle Station on a 1.1 Anti-Aircraft gun position. The Hornet's menu consisted of the Battle of Midway, the Coral Sea Battle, the Tokyo raid and the final and disastrous fight at Santa Cruz.

"The Japs came at us in three separate waves on that last day. The 26th day of October, 1943. I don't know how many planes there were for they came at us from everywhere and we wasn't allowed to count them. Our ship was on condition by a first attack."

ond attack came somewhere near noon, we were being towed at about four knots and we just stood there and took it. All in all, the Japs put seven 'tin fish' in us before we heard the 'abandon ship' call."

Flames Shoot Over Guns

We asked Al if there were any particular incidents that were more exciting than others. It seems that he was on a gun just forward of the bridge when one of the two Jap planes to crash on the boat hit the bridge. "The flames and the fumes shot right over our guns, and we had a hard time getting our breath."

An interesting note about the aftermath of this great sea battle is the fact that our destroyers, late on the night of the 26th, fired five hundred rounds into the Hornet but were unable to sink her. A PBV craft bombed the ship the following morning in order to sink her.

Plans Take Shape School Cafeteria

Plans for a cafeteria in the Beaufort high school took definite shape at the Beaufort Parent-Teacher Association meeting Tuesday evening in the high school auditorium.

After hearing a report from Dr. H. F. Prytherch on his recent inspection of the cafeteria of the cafeteria of the New Hope school near Goldsboro, Dr. W. L. Woodward, president of the Association, appointed a committee to appear before the County Board of Commissioners to discuss financing the project.

Current plans call for a cafeteria large enough to feed 85 at one seating. Cost of a building with complete equipment is estimated at under \$2500.

A report was made that school rooms with north exposure have been cold during the recent cold spells. Dr. Woodward appointed a committee to investigate.

Attendance prizes were won by Miss Piver's First Grade, Miss Styron's Seventh Grade and by Miss Way's Ninth Grade.

The Beaufort high school Glee Club under the direction of Mrs. Graydon Paul gave a program of Christmas music.

DAVE MERRILL SHOWING PROGRESS

Mr. Dave Merrill is reported as improving at James Walker Hospital, Wilmington.

