

CARTERET COUNTY NEWS-TIMES 10c

Astronomical Data

Sun Sets Tonight 6:32 p.m.
Sun Rises Tomorrow 5:43 a.m.
Moon Sets Tonight 6:51 p.m.
Moon Rises Tomorrow 6:48 a.m.

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Aycock Brown Calls Hurricane 'Corn'Y'

Crowds Expected For Labor Day

Drug, Grocery Stores to Remain Open, Banks Will Close

Sailboat racing, the dog track, and many vacation attractions of the Carteret coast, including surf bathing at Atlantic Beach, will lure Labor Day tourist crowds here this weekend.

Although many vacationists left the coastal area last Sunday and Monday when the hurricane was scheduled to strike, it is believed that this Labor Day weekend will be one of the biggest and most enjoyable early September holidays ever experienced here.

Sailing races will be one of the top attractions. Sponsored by the Morehead City Sailing club, of which D. G. Bell is commodore, the races will begin Saturday, and continue Sunday and Monday. Handicaps will be awarded and on Monday the racing regatta finale will be the Gib Arthur Memorial handicap.

Each evening except Sunday there will be nine races at the dog track and in addition to bathing at Atlantic Beach, there are the usual boardwalk attractions. Record crowds are expected also at Fort Macon.

"Labor Day does not end the season here on the Carteret coast," declared Robert G. Lowe, secretary of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce. "Our season extends through this month and into October," he emphasized.

Atlantic Beach, there are the usual banks and postoffices on Labor Day will close—with one exception. The Morehead City post office will be open from noon until 1 p.m. when parcel post and general delivery mail may be called for. Postmaster Harold Webb announced today.

Drug and grocery stores in both Beaufort and Morehead City will be open, but for the most part, other stores will close. Closed also will be the Carteret County Public library.

District Head Writes Rotarians

A letter of thanks and appreciation from Jean Patrick Booth, governor of the 188th District Rotary International, was read to the Beaufort Rotary Club at its weekly meeting Tuesday night at the Inlet Inn, Beaufort. Mr. Booth recently visited one of the local club's meetings and in his letter expressed appreciation for the hospitality he received.

Booth also commended the local group for its interest in Rotary affairs and stated that he noticed Beaufort was well up on Rotary matters in general. He suggested that Beaufort put out a monthly bulletin to let outsiders know what the local group is accomplishing.

The Rev. T. R. Jenkins, in charge of the evening's program, spoke to the group of the things that are necessary for men to live in peace with one another. He described the church as the "tap root" of our life.

Bill Griffin, visiting Rotarian from Durham, was welcomed by Beaufort Rotary president B. J. May.

Telephone Company Distributes New Directory

Evidently Carteret county has come of age. It now has its very own telephone directory uncluttered with Craven county and Pamlico county phone numbers. The new books were distributed by Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company this week. In it are listed the phones in Beaufort, Atlantic, Marshallberg, Morehead City, and Newport.

A 38-page yellow classified section carries the listing of all places of business, doctor's offices, schools, etc., in Beaufort and Morehead City.

None from the new book are the advertisements scattered throughout the directory at the top and bottom of the directory pages.

The 1947 books carried listings for Bayboro, Pollocksville, Oriental, Vanceboro, Beaufort and Morehead City. Until the new director came out, no printed change in listings had been made since March 26, 1947.

By Aycock Brown

Morehead City, Sept. 1.—The Jefferson's lobby was packed with evacuees that had left the beach on Monday afternoon when it looked like the hurricane might strike. There was the tenseness in the air which only a well publicized advance storm can bring about.

"This is the corniest hurricane I have ever seen," remarked a freckled-faced eight-year-old. A little blond curly-haired boy holding the leash that had a spaniel at its other end paid no attention to the remark. He only tugged at the leash and looked sleepy.

Bridge players in the lobby seemed to be more interested in cards than hurricanes. Newspapermen, newsmen, and photographers were milling around in the group. They had been working hard to get pictures that would fit into the situation while the coast was being swept away later by the hurricane tides and a big blow.

Up in room 48 the AP had set up a transmitter. A picture of an Atlantic Beach merchant named Barefoot boarding up his windows in anticipation of a mighty breeze was being rolled off by wire to Atlanta. There it would be retransmitted by wire to newspapers that had the equipment to receive same. The Barefoot photo would be in New York and other metropolitan newspapers by Tuesday morning and the North Carolina dailies had started thinking about Esther and the two small children in Manito. Maybe there would be a storm.

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As matter of fact I had not even taken the hurricane seriously. Brantley and I had left Manito at 6 o'clock. Esther, Billy and Stormy Gale were alone at the apartment on Roanoke Island. We picked up Jerry Anderson at The Carolinian on Nags Head and then moved up the beach towards Currituck Sound. The ocean to our starboard seemed peaceful and slick. It had calmed down considerably since the previous afternoon—or that is the way it appeared at 7 o'clock on Monday morning as we headed north to Elizabeth City where Brantley was to visit for a day or two and Jerry and myself were to tour south.

No storm signals were displayed in the Pasquotank town. There were no storm flags displayed in Edenton. The muddy water flowing beneath the Chowan Bridge as we rolled across the wooden structure towards Edenhouse Point and the peanut plantations beyond seemed to be undisturbed in a pre-hurricane way. No one in Washington or at Bell's Fork in Pitt County mentioned a storm in the offing. But when I pulled into New Bern there was plenty of hurricane excitement. Just about everyone I saw talked about the approaching

hurricane. They had been listening to the radio reports.

No one but a fool or a guy named Aycock Brown would be deliberately heading into the Morehead City area, into the teeth of a hurricane, some of my New Bern friends were saying. So, I continued eastward and found upon my arrival here that the hotels were crowded—with evacuees. The Al Dewey's at the Jefferson had looked out for me though. They saved me a room and the hotel's main office in which to work. On the spur of the moment it looked like I would be using the office more than the bed on Monday night. Telephone calls going to the westward were delayed for two and three hours.

The girls at the telephone were being overworked with what everyone was trying to identify as "emergency calls."

After a while I was able to follow through on the calls that had come in for me before arrival. I could not reach Manteo over the commercial lines so that is where I enlisted the aid of Capt. Meekins at the Coast Guard station. Fort Macon and Nags Head Coast Guard helped me get my messages through to Manteo. You see, by this time, after having made photographs of the local signal tower with its two black-centered red flags waving in the light breeze, I had started thinking about Esther and the two small children in Manito. Maybe there would be a storm.

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I will not go into details here about Esther's opinion of a bus band, who would have home when the hurricane was moving in towards the coast. It would make the column to lengthy, but I might add that some of the remarks were not very complimentary to Broadwater Brown whose daily chores may include such things as covering hurricanes with typewriter and camera, when and if the hurricanes start heading towards the North Carolina coast.

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In another case, William Adrian Guthrie was found guilty of driving drunk and was fined \$100 and court expenses.

Garland Grey Gillikin, found guilty of recklessness and carelessness driving, was ordered to pay \$10 and costs. Gillikin gave notice of appeal to Superior Court, and bond for his appearance was set at \$100.

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William Haskell Rains, charged with speeding over 80 miles per hour, was found guilty of speeding at 70 and was fined \$50 and costs. Conviction at 80 miles would have deprived Rains of his license.

The names of various members were taken who volunteered to assist with selective service registration in Morehead City. Other civic clubs and organizations have also been asked to cooperate.

The meeting ended with showing of the film, "Meet North Carolina."

The Jaycees will meet Monday, Labor Day evening, at the Fort Macon hotel and a week from this Monday at the recreation center, Shepard street, when it will be a ladies' night.

Monday night's meeting was under the direction of Bill Chalk, who presided in the absence of president Bruce Goodwin. Mr. Goodwin was in Norfolk attending a funeral.

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William Cuthrell, 24, son of Mrs. G. C. Cuthrell, RFD No. 1, Beaufort, is now serving as an aviation machinist mate third class in the Coast Guard.

Cuthrell's present duty is with the Coast Guard aircraft repair and supply base, Elizabeth City.

After graduating from Beaufort high school in 1939, Cuthrell served five years in the Navy. Just before enlisting in the Coast Guard he was employed at the U. S. Marine Corps Air station, Cherry Point.

For failing to appear, bonds were forfeited by David Phillip Sellers, speeding; Wiley Thomas Rose, driving license plates improperly displayed; Robert L. Rose, speeding; Frank B. Holding, speeding; Harold L. Pitser, speeding; James Louis Kilpatrick, speeding; Keith Hoyt Durham, passing on a curve; and Harold Kenneth Cohn, speeding, \$10 and costs.

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Other cases disposed of by the court Tuesday included: Roy C. Merrell, public drunkenness, costs; Milton Selby Brown, speeding, costs; Edward L. Poettgen, speeding, costs; Robert Lee Gaskin, speeding, \$10 and costs.

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