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Dry Kiln Destroyed by Fire at Safrit Mill, Beaufort

Merrimon Road Champion Replies To Statement by School Official

A. B. Roberts Gets Pat on Back From Fellow JCs

Morehead City Junior Chamber of Commerce members adopted a resolution at their meeting Monday night at the recreation center commending A. B. (Jack) Roberts, retiring Jaycee, for his excellent service while a member of the organization. Mr. Roberts has reached the retiring age, 35.

It was reported that the total amount received for the Jaycee-Nurses club show, Hollywood Capers, was \$744.05. Expenses totaled \$201.65, leaving a balance of \$542.40 to be divided between the Carteret County Registered Nurses club and the Junior Chamber.

There have been requests that the show be repeated and plans are being made to produce a similar entertainment in the spring.

Bobbie Bell, chairman of the Christmas activities committee reported that toys were distributed to 14 families at Christmas time and that \$30 was awarded to homeowners for outstanding Christmas decorations.

Visitors at the meeting were Lester Lewis and Bill White. Bruce Goodwin, president, was in charge of the meeting.

The group voted to meet this coming Monday night, and hereafter, at the Fort Macon hotel.

Beaufort Receives \$5,936 in Meters

Beaufort has received a total of \$5,936.74 in the parking meters since April 6, 1948, according to a financial statement read at the January meeting of the town board Monday night. December's take in the meters was \$849.91.

The statement covered a period of eight months prior to Dec. 1, 1948. Total receipts in addition to the balance in the bank were \$8,405.85. Total disbursements were \$5,648.49.

Balance in the general fund Jan. 1, 1949 after payment of all debts was \$919.30.

The commissioners decided to put the 1935 Dodge fire truck up for sale because it is no longer of any use to the department. Clyde Peterson, street superintendent, and Gray Hassell, engineer, were requested to make an estimate on the cost to the town of laying a sewer on Hedrick street. One bid, considered too high by the board, was obtained several months ago from T. A. Loving, contractor. This bid was \$1,945.

The board decided to place a meter in front of the S. W. Davis retail fish store and approximately five meters on Craven street.

Mrs. Mildred S. Lawrence, Merrimon, in a letter printed below, replies to the item in Tuesday's NEWS-TIMES which reported that a Carteret county school official felt that the complaints about the Merrimon road were ill-timed and unjust.

Phone calls have come to THE NEWS-TIMES office from persons filled with wrath and indignation, requesting the name of the school official.

Because this person made these remarks merely in conversation and the reporter did not decide to print them until several hours later, the official was not asked if his name could be used in connection with his statements. Neither did he, however, during the conversation, request that what was said should not be made public.

We printed his remarks because they astounded us, but at the same time brought us to the realization again that there are always TWO sides to every problem.—The Editor.

Merrimon, N. C.
January 4, 1948

Mr. Lockwood Phillips
Beaufort, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Phillips:
I have been intending to thank you and Miss Peeling for the build-up and space you gave our road complaint. Contrary to the opinion of the anonymous school official in today's paper, I feel that some good was accomplished by the publicity.

I do wish this school official had given his name. I would very much like to reply to him. At any rate, if he had lived in Merrimon from November 3rd until the middle of December, I'm sure his opinion would be a little different. Or if he had lived here all of his life with road conditions as they have been year in and year out, I believe even he would see reasons for complaint.

Does he know what it's like to stay in mud from one afternoon until the sun appears the next morning? I do! Does he know how it feels to lose a whole truck corp because it can't be carried over the roads? We do! Does he know how it feels to have death lurking near when minutes mean everything? Two Merrimon families experienced that during November and December. Does he know how many men have been employed on this road? Does he know how much money has been spent? Does he know that men were posted at each end for several days to keep traffic off? Does he know that the tractors were out of order a part of the time? Does he know that no drivers were there for said tractors on numerous occasions, and that people were forced to walk through at night?

It's true, the school bus has only missed three days. The fact that the bus was a new one accounts for a part of the success. On some days, the children had to get out and walk while the bus driver took the dangerous chance of getting stuck.

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New Business Section Constructed Near Base

In process of construction on route 101 just outside the main gate, Cherry Point, is Colonial Square. When completed about April 1, this business section will consist of 14 stores.

A 50,000 gallon water tank will be erected to supply the places of business. Contractor is M. L. Skinner. Architect is B. H. Stephens, Beaufort.

Tony Seamon To Build New Seafood Cafe

Construction began Tuesday on Tony Seamon's new Sanitary Fish market which will be located on the Morehead City waterfront about 150 feet east of the building in which he has operated his famous seafood restaurant for the past 11 years.

The new cafe will seat 300 people, Tony says. "We're going to make it big enough so that people won't have to stand in line any more."

By "we" he means Ed Garner who is his business partner.

The new building will be finished on the outside with white asbestos shingle. Chairs and tables will be arranged so that customers will be provided a view over the water.

"Nothing fancy," reported Tony, "just clean, comfortable, and good seafood."

The building, 42 by 92 feet, will be completed in time for opening the first of April.

The Sanitary Fish market closed for the winter season shortly before Christmas. Tony relinquished management of the Jefferson restaurant Dec. 31.

Symphony to Play In Morehead City Monday, Feb. 14

The North Carolina Symphony orchestra will present two concerts in Morehead City Monday, Feb. 14, Ralph Wade, chairman of the county North Carolina Symphony society, has announced.

A free concert for school children will be given in the afternoon and the concert for adults will be presented in the evening. Both will be in the Morehead City school auditorium.

Mrs. B. F. Royal, chairman of the ticket committee for the symphony, reported that \$750 has not yet been obtained from ticket sales and reported that this amount should be in the committee's hands by the first of February.

Tickets are obtainable from Mrs. Royal in Morehead City or Mrs. C. R. Wheatly, Sr., in Beaufort.

The program for the children's afternoon concert is as follows: Intermezzo, No. 11 from the opera, "The Jewels of the Madonna" by Wolf-Ferrari; excerpts from Symphony No. 40 in G Minor by Mozart.

An original composition by a young North Carolinian; For the Beauty of the Earth (which the audience will sing); a musical quiz based on familiar songs; On the Trail from the "Grand Canyon Suite" by Grofe.

Children's Corner Suite, Golliwog's Cakes and The Little Shepherd by Debussy; Soirees Musicales, March and Tarantella, by Britten; Parade of the Wooden Soldier; Jensei; and Hungarian Dance No. 5 by Brahms.

Loading Begins For Coming USMC Winter Maneuvers

New Marine Wing Service Group 2 to be Tested in Caribbean

Landing craft vessels were being loaded this week at Port Terminal as part of the preliminary transporting of equipment to the Caribbean for winter Marine corps maneuvers.

On these maneuvers which will get under way the latter part of this month the newly-formed Marine Wing Service Group 2 (provisional) will get its first "real test," the Marines report.

According to information on the new Marine Wing Service Group 2, this unit is designed primarily for service and supply for Marine Air groups operating aircraft in the Second Wing.

Under the old system, the Marine Aircraft group carried all of its supply gear with it, thus hampering its movements. With the new group it is believed operating aircraft groups will be able to move more quickly and with more ease.

The group, commissioned Nov. 1, and commanded by Colonel J. C. Munn, is something that has been asked for by Marine pilots and officers since the early stages of the war. The Marine Corps has created this group as an experiment.

The group consists of Headquarters Squadron, commanded by Warrant Officer R. K. Adams; Marine Wing Service Squadron-2, commanded by Captain T. H. Hughes; Air Base Squadron 21, led by Lieutenant Colonel S. B. O'Neill; and Air Base Squadron 22, headed by Lieutenant Colonel A. D. Gould.

State Director Commends Crop Committee on Food Collection

Several days following the dedication of the freight car loaded with food for Europe, which was contributed by Carteret counties, a letter commending the county CROP committee was received by the chairman, B. J. May, from Wayne McLain, state CROP director.

"You will be interested to learn that 40 freight carloads of food have already been delivered at Norfolk as a result of the whole North Carolina drive. On the whole it has been going well throughout the state. No reports have yet come from the 13 counties which were organized, and 20 more counties will hold collections in January.

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"Best wishes for the new year. Cordially yours, Wayne McLain, N. C. CROP Director"

Carteret county's contribution was six tons of food valued at \$3,000.

Body of Lt. Benjamin Royal, Jr. Interred in Arlington Cemetery

The body of Benjamin F. Royal, Jr., Marine corps first lieutenant who was killed June 21, 1944 at Saipan, was interred yesterday afternoon with full military honors in Arlington National cemetery, Arlington, Va.

Only the immediate family, Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Royal, Sr., Morehead City, and the lieutenant's two sisters, Mrs. Samuel Barnes, Lexington, Va., and Mrs. Vernon Taylor, Boston, Mass., with their husbands, attended the funeral.

The body was returned from Saipan aboard the U. S. Army Transport Dalton Victory early last month.

Prior to entering the Marine corps in October 1941, Lieutenant Royal worked for Becton-Dickinson company, Rutherford, New Jersey. He held a bachelor's degree in commerce received in 1937 from the University of North Carolina. He also attended Morehead high school and Oak Ridge Military institute.

As a Marine he went through boot training at Parris Island, S. C., then was transferred to Camp Lejeune prior to entering officer training school at Quantico, Va. He received his commission as a second lieutenant in the spring of 1943 and was again stationed at Camp Lejeune for a short time.

He left there in August of 1943 and was at Camp Pendleton, Calif., before leaving for combat duty Jan. 1, 1944. He saw action at Kwajalein but was killed in combat on Saipan where his body was interred until returned to this country with 60 other North Carolina servicemen on the Victory.

In addition to his parents and two sisters, Lieutenant Royal is survived by one niece and one nephew.

More than \$50,000 damage was caused at the Scarboro-Safrit lumber mill, Leuxville road, Beaufort, when fire raged through one of the dry kilns Wednesday afternoon. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

The fire broke out in the kiln shortly after noon. The alarm was received at the Beaufort fire station at 12:25 p.m.

During the course of fighting the fire, a colored boy, Henry Turner, Jr., had his leg broken when he got caught in a hose. The hose had a kink in it and when water started flowing through, the hose straightened, breaking the leg of the child who was stepping across it. His condition was reported to be satisfactory at the Morehead City hospital yesterday.

It is not known how the fire started. Although men were working in the kiln with acetylene torches earlier in the morning, a man was put on watch there from 10 until noon as a precaution against fire breaking out and spreading.

Air continued to pass through the kiln, fanning the fire until the steam lines broke. The fire continued to burn all Wednesday night in spite of a heavy rain. Watchmen were also on guard to see that the flames didn't spread from the relatively small area to which firemen had kept it confined.

Water was poured on during the afternoon at the rate of about 900 gallons a minute. Five hundred gallons per minute were pumped from the town supply and 400 per minute from the tank at the lumber mill. The tank at the mill was of 30,000 gallon capacity. When the water got low, firemen stopped use from this source.

Town water supply held steady although the pressure dropped from 61 to 53. Julius Duncan, assistant fire chief, estimated that approximately two-thirds of the storage tank supply was used.

Hose was laid from the hydrant near highway 70 to the mill about half a mile away, total footage being 3,200.

Every member of the Beaufort fire department fought the blaze, staying on the job from 12:25 until 5:55 p.m.

Mr. Duncan commented that water mains in that section of town would make it unnecessary to lay long lengths of hose. A great deal of damage had been done to the kiln and adjoining shed before the hose could be laid.

More than 500 spectators watched the spectacular blaze in which flames roared up more than 100 feet in the air. None of the firemen were injured.

So many colored youngsters flocked to the fire that their principal, Randolph Johnson, went to the fire, rounded them all up and herded them back to their classrooms.

One Morehead City truck stood by in Beaufort. The fire department service truck from Morehead City was also available for use.

The mill is owned and operated by Robert Safrit, Sr., Robert Safrit, Jr., and Leonard Safrit, Beaufort.

Four County Boys Leave For Induction in Army

Graham W. Duncan, chairman of Carteret county's induction board, has announced that the following men left yesterday for service in the Army: Troy D. Moore, Marshallberg, Robert G. Gaskill, Sea Level, and two colored boys from Beaufort, Philip A. Parker and John C. Stanley.

There is also a call for 15 men for physical exams Wednesday, Jan. 19. Mr. Duncan added that men coming out of service and all 18-year-olds must register with the induction board.

There has been a very small registration of 18-year-olds. No colored boys have registered for two months.

Eubanks Boy Injured In Bike-Auto Accident

The condition of Donnie Eubanks, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Eubanks, Bay street, Morehead City, who was injured in a bicycle accident Wednesday, was reported as satisfactory at Morehead City hospital yesterday. The child ran into the car driven by Rudolph Lucas Wednesday morning at 7:55, according to Chief of Police E. J. Willis. Lucas was proceeding on Bridges street when the boy on the bicycle emerged from 8th, the chief said.

The youngster's right leg was broken and his bicycle was extensively damaged.



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Officials to Tell Of XRay Program

The mobile X-ray unit which will be used to take chest X-rays of each resident of the county is due here Feb. 15, Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, health officer, announced today. It is expected to be here for six weeks, spending one week in Beaufort, one in Morehead City, and the remainder of the time throughout the county.

Leaders in every community will attend a meeting at 7 o'clock this evening in the courthouse. There the purpose of the mass X-ray program will be explained and further information on the tuberculosis control program given.

Dr. Ennett will preside and introduce Miss Lulabelle Hightsmith, of the State Board of Health's division of TB control, and Miss Sarah Peatross, field worker from the State Tuberculosis association.

Stanley Woodland, chairman of the county tuberculosis association, will give a short talk.

Also in connection with tuberculosis control work in the county Dr. W. A. Smith, director of the tuberculosis division, State Board of Health, will address the Carteret County Medical society Monday night in Morehead City hospital.

Tide Table

HIGH	Friday, Jan. 7	LOW
1:38 AM		7:48 AM
1:46 PM		8:05 PM
2:30 AM	Saturday, Jan. 8	
2:39 AM		8:47 AM
		8:55 PM
3:24 AM	Sunday, Jan. 9	
3:35 PM		9:48 AM
		9:49 PM
4:18 AM	Monday, Jan. 10	
4:30 PM		10:46 AM
		10:39 PM
5:10 AM	Tuesday, Jan. 11	
5:25 PM		11:41 AM
		11:31 PM

Rough Sea Causes Boats To Return to Port

A rough sea caused menhaden boats to return to port early Wednesday morning. The first fishing days in the new year, Monday and Tuesday, resulted in good catches. Many of the boats from Virginia returned home before Christmas.

Covering the Waterfront

By Aycock Brown
MOREHEAD CITY, N. C. — The surf boat crew members at Fort Macon Coast Guard Station are ready for the Josephus Daniels Memorial Trophy. As matter of fact they have been ready for the trophy since last August 4, the day they rowed to victory at the annual Coast Guard Anniversary celebration held at Cape Hatteras.

After winning the rowing event it was necessary to send the cup or trophy off to the engravers in order that the name of the winning station could be engraved upon it. The trophy will be presented to the winning crew members by one of the sons of the late Josephus Daniels, and shortly after it had been won at Cape Hatteras local civic leaders headed by Robert G. Lowe of the Chamber of Commerce gave assurance that an appropriate banquet for the trophy presentation would be sponsored locally.

In the meantime, Captain George Harrison Meekins, who was chief warrant officer in charge of the Fort Macon group of stations has been transferred from his former headquarters station on Beaufort Inlet. He is now in charge of the group of coast guard stations on Hatteras Island.

Being placed in charge of the Hatteras group puts him right back where he had command during the exciting part of the war (insofar as the North Carolina coast was concerned.) In 1942, when he held the temporary rank of Lieutenant, George Meekins was right on the edge of an American coast battlefield. Later he was transferred to the communication division of the district coast guard headquarters in Norfolk.

A few days ago I received a note from Capt. Meekins stating that if and when the Daniels Trophy was awarded to his winning crew, he would return to the Carteret coast here for the presentation. In winning the trophy, the crew also received the honor of having the next annual race scheduled.

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Legislator Goes to Raleigh

Carteret county's representative in the general assembly, H. S. Gibbs, Sr., left Monday afternoon for Raleigh.