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## Beaufort Chamber Undertakes Rural Telephone Survey

### George Eastman Heads Telephone Committee; Farm Bureau to Cooperate

The rural telephone committee of the Beaufort chamber of commerce is undertaking a telephone survey throughout the county, the results of which will be presented to Carolina Telephone and Telegraph co.

George Eastman, chairman of the telephone committee, stated that Carolina Telephone and Telegraph will be given the opportunity to supply the rural service where needed, but the Rural Telephone administration, under the Rural Electrification administration, will render the service should Carolina refuse.

Mr. Eastman was assured, however, by W. C. Darrow, commercial manager for Carolina Telephone and Telegraph, that they will be happy to cooperate in the survey and offer any services that will facilitate an investigation of the needs for phones in the rural sections of the county.

Mr. Eastman and his committee have obtained the cooperation of the Farm Bureau and state that they will welcome assistance from other organizations or individuals.

The survey will be made by community committees working under the direction of the chamber's rural telephone committee. Paul Jernigan, manager of the Carteret-Craven REA, and E. E. Wooten, also with the REA, has supplied the committee with maps to facilitate the survey.

In conjunction with the proposed survey, Dan Walker, manager of the chamber, conferred at Raleigh last week with Gwynne Price, North Carolina director of the REA, A. B. Hurt, jr., senior telephone engineer, and D. D. Barbour, jr., chief engineer.

## County Cancer Fund Drive Lags \$800 Behind Quota

Six days remain in the Carteret County Cancer fund drive. In those six days \$800 must be collected to reach the \$1,000 goal for Carteret county.

An appeal for funds will be made from 10 a. m. until noon today over WMBL, Mrs. George McNeill, county commander of the cancer society, announced.

Contributions to the fund, if made by mail, should be addressed to Cancer, First Citizens Bank and Trust Co. These may be sent to either the Beaufort or Morehead City bank.

## Senate Okays 11 N. C. Rivers, Harbor Projects

Washington — (AP) — Eleven North Carolina projects are included in the \$1,840,000,000 waterways bill passed by the senate this week and sent to the house:

(H denotes projects previously approved by the House)

Rivers and harbors inland waterway in the vicinity of Fairfield, \$112,000 (H); Far Creek, \$80,600 (H); channel from Manteo to Oregon inlet, \$860,500; waterway from Pamlico sound to Beaufort harbor, harbor improvements at Marshallberg, \$19,400 (H).

Taylor's creek, \$82,000 (H); Mas onboro inlet to ocean, \$1,980,000; Cape Fear river at and below Wilmington \$1,331,000 (H).

Rivers and harbors surveys: Top-sail inlet and Middle creek, \$110,000.

Flood control: Pasquotank river, \$110,000.

Flood control surveys: Perquimans river.

The bill only provides authorization for the projects. Money will come from separate legislation.

## 1,071 New Books Put on Library Shelves This Year

During the fiscal year which ends June 30, 1950, the Carteret county public library has put into circulation 1,071 new books.

Mrs. L. A. Oakley, librarian, commented this week that persons are welcome at the library at all times, to browse, borrow books, or read current magazines.

Some of the new book titles are listed below: juvenile, Smart Mr. Tom, A Pet Book for Boys and Girls, The Christ Child, Little Appaloosa, The Little Haymakers, Sudy and Prill, Great Grandfather in the Honey Tree, Mrs. Polly's Party, The Magic Firecrackers, The Child's Book of Folklore.

Mysteries, The Cabinda Affair, The Moving Target, The Disappearing Parson, Unquiet Grave, The Clay Hand, The Unrelenting, The Screaming Mimi, The Angels Fell, The Knife Behind You, Lady, Be Careful.

Westerns, The Hangmen of Sleepy Valley, Outlaw Trail, Cowboys, Buckley O'Neill of Arizona, Ambush, Shane, and Zane Grey.

Teen-age, Cannon Hill, Rider on the Mountains, The Phantom Roan, Party Games, Board School, Miss Behavior, Kathie, The New Teacher, Treasure Mountain, Unexpected Summer.

The First Book of Bugs, Young Razzle, Johnny King, Quarterback, The Story of Phyllis Wheatley, The White Cheyenne, Heidi Grows Up, Midnight Patriot, Snow Dog, Lost Worlds, Amazon Adventure.

Fiction, Just for the Bride, From Claudia to David, The Wall, Maine Doings, Each Bright River, The Secret Pilgrim, Mothering Sunday, The Feast, Nineteen Eighty-Four.

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## Scientists Move Adult Shad To Beaufort Laboratory Ponds

Live shad have been brought in to the U. S. Fishery laboratory on Pivers Island by scientists and placed in the large pools for study. C. E. Atkinson, chief of the Middle and South Atlantic investigations said today that as soon as the shad recovered from shock of moving, one-half of them will be marked with a new type of tag developed at the laboratory in order to see how long the tag will stay and what its effect might be on the movement and growth of the fish.

The shad will permit observations on feeding, spawning, and other phases not well known at present, Mr. Atkinson continued. Shad have long been known to be a most difficult fish to handle. Hatcherymen have had little or no success in transplanting shad of any size larger than the fry stage,

## Route 172 Will Be Closed During Marine Exercise

### Assault Forces Will Attack 'San Lejeune Island' Friday

More than 26 miles of route 172 will be closed to the public while operation Crossover, scheduled for this week, is in progress at Camp Lejeune.

Running spans through the middle of mythical San Lejeune Island, target for the Second Marine Division during the operation, route 172 will be closed between Folkstone and Sterling from midnight April 27 to midnight May 1. Traffic normally moving over 172 will be diverted to US 17 or route 24 during this period.

Crossover plans call for landings to be made at Onslow beach on Friday morning, followed by a three-day drive to seize objectives located on the hypothetical "Island." "Aggressor" forces drawn from units of the second Marine division will contest the attack with tanks, aircraft, artillery, and the most modern infantry weapons.

Aircraft from the second Marine air wing at Cherry Point, will support the landings, which will be made from ships of the Navy's Amphibious group two of the Atlantic fleet.

The "Aggressor" in the Navy-Marine corps amphibious operation Crossover consists of the "enemy," a group of specially trained Marines who will attempt to repulse the attacking force.

The primary purpose of the Aggressor is to train the landing force in realistic combat situations by presenting practical military problems and harassing the assault troops with air strikes and strong defensive positions. By these activities, the Aggressor will insure that each individual in the landing force will be required to solve a variety of problems.

Problems Will Arise

Engineers must solve problems of construction and demolition. Communication personnel must face the inevitable difficulties of overcoming controlled interference, both in "jamming" of radio sets and the cutting of newly laid communications wires. No less important are the intelligence units which must obtain and fully interrogate prisoners, secure documents and data from which to draw further conclusions or inferences.

The mission of the assault force is to attack and capture the area which is designated as enemy territory, while the Empire forces must assure that, during the attack every unit of the landing force is thoroughly exercised in its own particular specialty.

Experience Gained

During these maneuvers and exercises, much valuable experience is gained by the Marines who represent the enemy forces of the Aggressor. In this manner, each unit gains the practical experience in coping with situations which will arise in combat.

Fictitious as the Aggressor may be the name carries a definite note of realism which lends to the participating troops the needed impetus for engaging the enemy.

Background

For the purpose of this operation it is assumed that another nation, through fear and hatred of the United States, led the Aggressor Nation to seize the island of the Caribbean, the Panama canal and to further open an attack on the California coast.

The Aggressor nation's armed forces are vigorously trained and exceptionally high standards of discipline and morale exist in its ranks.

The main Aggressor force is comprised of two Army groups. A third Army group controls the training and replacement of personnel through national conscription.

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## County's Dollar Trade Volume Makes Vast Gain from '39 to '48

## Countians Buy \$36,956 in Bonds During March

Victor Weickier, savings bonds chairman, for Bonds sales in the county for the month of March amounted to \$36,956.75. Of this total \$35,746.75 were in series E bonds, \$1,110.00 series F bonds and \$100.00 in series G bonds.

Total savings bonds sales in the 100 counties in North Carolina were as follows: series E, \$3,215,143.75; series F, \$197,820.50; series G, \$1,128,800.00 — total \$4,541,764.25.

In connection with the spring U. S. savings bonds campaign — the Independence Drive — May 15 through July 4 — the county chairman said that preparations are going forward both nationally and locally for a short concerted drive.

In North Carolina 27 leading civic, fraternal, veterans' and women's organizations recently met at Raleigh at a planning conference for spearheading the drive.

Letters from the presidents or commanders of these organizations are currently being sent to local organizational heads urging that each group cooperate with County Savings Bonds Chairmen.

A series E bond quota for the Independence Drive will be assigned to each county at an early date.

## Two Cars Collide On Highway 70

Two cars collided at 5:30 p. m. Saturday on highway 70, eight-tenths of a mile west of the highway 24 and 70 intersection. No one was injured.

Leonard C. Amos, a Marine stationed at Cherry Point, and driver of one of the cars, a '47 Pontiac is being charged with driving drunk, according to R. H. Brown, highway patrolman who investigated.

According to Mr. Brown, Amos smashed into the rear of a '47 Buick being driven by John F. Sullivan of Lockport, N. Y. Both cars were going toward Morehead City. The driver of the Buick was going at slow speed because of two boys on a motor scooter ahead of him.

Amos, according to Patrolman Brown, approached at a high rate of speed and failed to stop in time to avoid an accident.

The boys on the motor scooter were not involved in the collision. Damage to the Buick is estimated at \$50, to the Pontiac \$350.

## 35 Women Attend District Meeting

Thirty-five women from Carteret county attended the 20th district meeting of Home Demonstration clubs Thursday at Camp Sea Gull, Arapahoe. Mrs. Rufus Oglesby of the Crab Point club was installed as chairman of the 20th district, advancing from her position as first vice-chairman.

Mrs. Billie Smith, president of the county council of Home Demonstration clubs, gave the progress report from Carteret county. The gavel for the largest attendance went to Jones county and Mrs. J. I. Ipeck of Craven county was named winner of the contest, "Twelve Reasons Why I Am a Home Demonstration Club Member."

Principal speaker at the all-day session was Miss Iris Davenport, woman's editor of the Southern Agriculturist. A barbecue lunch was served by the Pamlico county club.

Carteret clubs represented at the meeting were Camp Glenn, Russell's Creek, Wire Grass, Bettie, Williston, Atlantic, North River, Core Creek-Harlowe, and Crab Point.

Sharks Harass Fishermen In California Waters  
SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — (AP)—Local fishermen have had one of the poorest seasons in years, and recently they're troubled by being doubled by huge basking sharks which move in close to shore and interfere with dragnet operations.

Retail, wholesale, and service establishments in Carteret county showed a substantial expansion in dollar volume of trade from 1939 to 1948, according to preliminary figures from the 1948 Census of Business released today by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce.

Retail sales in the county during 1948 aggregated \$9.7 million, an increase of 223 per cent over the \$3 million in 1939 when the preceding census of business was taken. According to the report from the Census of Business, Beaufort's 1948 sales and receipts totaled \$3,542,000 and Morehead City's, \$4,470,000. (These figures represent sales of merchandise and receipts from repairs and other services to customers. The figures reflect deductions for returned goods and allowances, but not for trade-in allowances; they exclude sales and excise taxes collected from customers and paid directly to a taxing agency.)

Sales and receipts for the remainder of Carteret county amounted to \$2,175,000.

Wholesale sales in the county reached a total of \$8.6 million in 1948 as compared with \$1.5 million in 1939. The service trades included in the Census of Business recorded receipts totaling \$520,000 in 1948, compared with \$132,000 in 1939.

(Service trades include personal services, business services, automobile repairs and services, hotels, tourist courts and camps, and amusements, including movies. Not covered are radio broadcasting, television, medical and health services, legal, educational, nonprofit, accounting and domestic services.)

Employment in the county rose over the nine-year period between 1939 and 1948. Establishments reported a combined total of 819 paid employees for the workweek ended Nov. 15, 1948. This compares with a total of 558 employees reported for the week of Nov. 15, 1939.

The trade groups and total number of establishments in 1948 are as follows: retail trade 249; wholesale trade 32; selected service trades 41; hotels 6; amusements 8. Total receipts in these categories, in the order listed above, amounted to \$9,667,000; \$8,612,000; \$520,000; \$233,000 and \$257,000.

Breakdown of the various enterprises in each group, their number and the total number of employees in each as of Nov. 15, 1948, follows: retail trade, food groups 102; employees 505; eating and drinking places 102; employees 117; apparel group 13; 39 employees.

Furniture — home furnishings-appliance groups 9; 19 employees; automotive 10; employees 61; gasoline service stations 29; employees 33; lumber-building hardware group 6; 21 employees; drug and proprietary stores 5; employees 38; all other retail stores 28; employees 89.

Wholesale trade, merchant wholesalers 14 employees 29; other types 25; employees 175; selected service trades, personal services 28; employees 96; all other service trades 13; employees 14.

Final figures, superseding the preliminary data above will be included in a bulletin for North Carolina to be issued in several months. Similar data will be made available this year in preliminary and final form for each of the counties and states, the Bureau of Census reports. A single copy of the preliminary release for Carteret county, as well as an order blank for other area releases may be obtained by writing to the Bureau of the Census, Washington 25, D. C.

## Peat Sample Sent To Raleigh Office

A sample of the peat obtainable in Carteret county has been delivered to the Board of Conservation and Development in Raleigh. Also obtainable from that office recently was data on the dehydration of sweet potatoes. These are two of the projects being investigated by the industrial committee of the Beaufort chamber of commerce.

Recently uncovered here was a study of peat formations, most of which are in Open Grounds. This study was made in 1929. It is believed that the peat may have a commercial value in types of fertilizer.

Tests are also being made now on sweet potato dehydration. Both projects are part of a long range program to make use of the county's natural resources.

Dan Walker, manager of the chamber, stated that 2,000 or more brochures on Beaufort have been delivered to the advertising division of the State Board of Conservation and Development. These are the last of 25,000 which were printed last year, Mr. Walker reported.

## Eastman Furniture Co. To Hold Open House

Eastman Furniture co. store on Front St., Beaufort, will hold open house Saturday to display its new interior.

The remodeling, now in its final stages, embraces every part of the store. Modern flush-type lighting has been installed, new display arrangements affected and furniture beautifully arranged.

Every woman visiting the store on Saturday will be given a souvenir.

Miss Pauline Gordon, extension specialist in home management and house furnishings, State College station, Raleigh, will conduct a school for house furnishing project leaders of home demonstration clubs at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the home agent's office, Beaufort.

Home demonstration clubs which will meet this week are the following: Russell's Creek, 7:30 to 9:00 p. m. with Mrs. A. H. Tallman; Camp Glenn, 2:30 tomorrow afternoon with Mrs. Cicero Guthrie; Williston, 7:30 tomorrow night with Mrs. Pauline Wade; Wildwood, 2:30 Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Joe Barnes.

## Farm Bureau To Give Prizes For Corn Yields

To increase interest in corn growing in the county, four prizes will be given by the Farm Bureau to farmers having the highest corn yields this year, it was announced today.

As evidence of its faith in county 4-H and FFA members the Farm Bureau will give to any interested member enough seed corn to raise one acre of corn, provided the recipient follows five rules for raising the corn laid down by the bureau.

Next Fall judging will be made of the highest corn yield per acre among all growers in the county 4-H and FFA members and adult farmers alike. First and second prizes for the highest yield will be one pure bred gilt pig. Third prizes will be \$15 in cash and fourth prize will be \$10.

Four meetings designed to increase interest in corn production in the county will be held this week. County Agent R. M. Williams announced today.

Discussion of means of increasing production will take place, the county agent said. In addition, colored slides will be shown to illustrate corn production methods. The first meeting was held last night at Harlowe.

The second will be held tonight at 8 o'clock at Cleve Galkin's store, Bettie. Tomorrow night's meeting will be in the community building at Merrimon at 7:30. Thursday night's will be in the Newport Vocational Agriculture department at Newport school at 7:30 and the final meeting will take place Friday night in the Pelletier community building at 7:30.

All farmers are urged to request to attend, Mr. Williams said.

## C. M. Krouse Runs For Re-Election

(This is the third in a series of articles on candidates who are running for election in the May 27 primary).

Charlie M. Krouse, Morehead City, is running for the office of constable of Morehead City township.

Mr. Krouse, who says he likes to be known as Charlie to distinguish him from his son, Charles, has served as Morehead township constable for several years and is seeking re-election.

He was born in Hickory but has lived in Carteret county 27 years. He married the former Carroll Beeton of Morehead City. Their home is at 1401 Evans st., Morehead. His son, Charles W. Krouse, works with the Western Auto Associates store, Beaufort.

In addition to his duties as constable, Mr. Krouse is a painting contractor, a member of Woodmen of the World and belongs to the Baptist church.

He has served as an officer of the law at Cherry Point and was a deputy sheriff under Sheriffs T. C. Wade and Elbert Chadwick.

The constable stated that he is seeking re-election in order to provide the western part of Carteret county with an efficient law enforcement officer. He stated that there is no officer west of Beaufort who can be reached at all times and for that reason he feels it is his duty to run and if elected, serve the people at all times.

## Beaufort School Teacher Escapes Injury in Wreck

Frank Hawkins, 29, a member of the Beaufort high school faculty, escaped injury Sunday when the car he was driving collided with a truck on highway 17 near little Washington.

Driver of the truck was John Franklin Fornes, 31, of route 1, Grimesland. He, too, was uninjured.

According to State Highway Patrolman T. M. Martin, who investigated, the accident was unavoidable and no arrests were made. Mr. Hawkins, according to the patrolman, was traveling north and the truck was proceeding south. The left front of each vehicle was damaged. Estimated cost of repair to both is \$300.

The accident occurred near King Carl cabins 10 miles from Washington.

## Work On Bridge Will Be Complete In November

### Widening of Railroad Draw At Morehead Bridge to Cost \$327,000

Widening of the railroad draw at the Morehead City drawbridge across Newport river will not be finished until November.

C. W. Smiley of Tidewater Construction Co., Norfolk, which is doing the work, said the total cost will be \$327,000 and the railroad draw, when completed, will be 80 feet wide. Its present width is 32.

Strike Delayed Work

The machinery and men came here last fall to do the work, but the steel strike made it impossible to obtain the necessary pilings. They were called off the job until the middle of last month when work proceeded because material was available.

The bridge is used by the Beaufort and Morehead City railroad. Trains continue to travel back and forth to Morehead City and Beaufort once a day. To permit passage, a movable bridge lying on a dredge is placed in the open span and the train passes over that.

Pilings Driven

Driving of pilings, 75-foot hollow steel tubes which will be filled with concrete, was completed Saturday. The new bridge will be a one-half "bascule" type, opening inward from the east, similar to the present Beaufort railroad draw.

Thirteen men are now at work on the job. The cost is being borne by both the Beaufort and Morehead railroad and the federal government.

## Experts to Study Traffic Potential On Proposed Road

Nags Head — Proponents of the ocean side toll highway connecting Nags Head with Virginia Beach and a bridge which would span Croatan Sound connecting U. S. 136 on Roanoke Island with U. S. 264 at Manns Harbor have entered into a contract with a nationally known firm of traffic survey experts to determine amount of traffic that could be expected over the projects.

Guy H. Lennon, secretary-treasurer of Carolina Virginia Coastal Highway authority, made the announcement.

The contract was between the legislative created authority with which Lennon is associated and a similar group, the Virginia Carolina Highway authority in Virginia and DeLeuw, Cather and Company of Chicago.

This firm is the same which recently made a survey of estimated traffic through a proposed Elizabeth River Norfolk-Farmington tunnel project.

The report will be ready within 45 days or so or about June 1 and the results will be available for the State Highway and Public Works Commission which recently announced that it proposed a two-weeks spot check of traffic from July 14 through July 28 over Wright Memorial bridge during the height of the Lost Colony and Dare Coast resort season.

## Defense Department Approves Marine Housing

Washington — (AP)— Senator Graham (D-NC) and Rep. G. A. Barden (D-NC) have announced that the defense department has approved construction of nearly 2,500 housing units at Camp Lejeune and Cherry Point in North Carolina.

The housing will be for families of Marine personnel stationed at the two bases.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Koehler in a letter made public by Graham's office said that on April 17 he approved a 1,054-unit project for Camp Lejeune and on April 20 cleared a proposal for 1,421 units at Cherry Point.

This housing, the joint statement by the Congressmen said, will be built and operated by private industry under the so-called Wheeler Housing Act, which provides for Federal housing insurance of such projects.

Graham and Barden both personally had been pushing the housing proposal with the Defense Department and Koehler thanked them for their efforts. He said he expected the proposal to "move ahead immediately."