

Veterans Should File Information With Loan Officer

C. L. Beam, county veterans service officer, announced yesterday that veterans who have obtained loans for homes or farm improvements and who have suffered damage in the recent hurricane, are required to file certain information with the Loan Guaranty Officer, Winston-Salem, if the Veterans Administration is liable for any of the loss they incurred.

Mr. Beam said that veterans should obtain bids from reputable contractors for repair of their damaged property and send those bids to the loan guaranty officer. If the Veterans Administration is required to pay for any of the loss, the claims will be forwarded to the proper insurance agency.

Veterans are asked to furnish Winston-Salem with a description of the type of disaster, geographic area in which the disaster occurred, type property affected (home, farm, business,) whether they will receive any aid from the Red Cross or other source, and specify the extent to which the Veterans Administration would be liable.

Mr. Beam said that such information should be sent directly to the loan guaranty officer, but veterans who wish further information on what is expected of them may contact Mr. Beam at his office in the courthouse annex, Beaufort.

National Guard

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side of the North River bridge, helping families whose homes were flooded by the rising waters. This proved to be a blessing in disguise, however, as the broken bridge prohibited traffic and gave residents and officials on the opposite, or eastern, side a vehicle to operate and use as they saw fit.

Contact was made with Raleigh via the Morehead City police department radio and the State Highway Patrol radio station in New Bern because of disrupted telephone communications between New Bern and Raleigh.

A road block, established by the Atlantic Beach police department, had been thrown up and each auto stopped and searched. The Guardsmen relieved the police officers at this roadblock Sunday night and gave them their first chance for a few hours of much needed sleep, the first they had had since Friday morning.

Guardsmen, armed with carbines and bayonets, patrolled the beach area in an attempt to halt would-be looters bent on sacking wrecked cottages.

Direct Traffic

At 6 o'clock Wednesday afternoon a 24-hour vigil was begun at the temporary bridge as they directed one-way traffic over the narrow spans. These guards were placed at the request of highway officials who were not able to spare a patrolman for such duty.

At the Beaufort bridge the Guardsmen released, for more pressing service, one highway patrolman in checking to insure that no vehicles exceeding the three-ton gross limit would cross the bridge. One highway patrolman remained on duty at the bridge along with the men to guarantee that no vehicles over the limit would cross.

Lieutenant Masters stated that he was extremely grateful for the aid and service given by the unit by the citizens of both Beaufort and Morehead City as well county and town officials. Restaurants in both towns went to extra lengths to serve the men on with adequate meals. Townspeople responded to an appeal for urgently-needed cots and beds, town officials took extra measures to fulfill requests made of them and the general public at the roadblocks and guard posts were eager to comply with requests made of them whether it be to inspect their auto trunks or observe certain traffic regulations, said Lieutenant Masters.

Personnel of the unit will continue to live at the armory, located in the Beaufort High School gymnasium until they are released from active duty by the Guard Bureau in Raleigh.

A total of 34 non-commissioned officers and enlisted men and four officers are on duty with the unit — only one man being unable to attend due to the fact that he works for a power company and has been on full time duty with his company in an effort to repair power lines in hard hit areas of the county.

Organist Started at 9; Also Runs Newspaper

Atlantic, Iowa (AP)—She started at 9 years of age. No one was around to play the church organ for a wedding, so she stepped in. Recently, Mrs. Clara Otto Schein rounded out 50 years as a church organist — without compensation. She plays at the Zion Lutheran Church.

A widow, Mrs. Schein is also a newspaper woman, part owner of the Atlantic News-Tribune, and a linotype operator.

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With the Armed Forces

Charles Willis, Atlantic, Completes Far East Tour

Long Beach, Calif. — Charles A. Willis, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Willis, and husband of the former Miss Ruby Willis all of Atlantic, returned here this week aboard the heavy cruiser USS Bremerton after completing a six month tour of duty in the Far East.

A July highlight of the USS Bremerton's tour was a three day visit to Hakodate, Japan, scene of the recent typhoon disaster.

Other ports visited were Kobe, Sasebo, Yokosuka, Yokohama, Japan and Hong Kong, British Crown Colony. The Hong Kong visit was temporarily interrupted when all ships were ordered to sea to evade an approaching typhoon. This was one of seven typhoons that threatened the Bremerton.

Training and exercises at sea accounted for most of the cruiser's time in the Far East. Now, in Long Beach, she will conduct further training exercises.

Pvt. Curtis Davis, son of Mr. Curtis Davis of 203 N. 13th St., Morehead City, is a radio operator with 319th Airborne Field Artillery Battalion, a unit of the famed 82nd Airborne Division, "America's Guard of Honor."

Long Beach, Calif. — Serving aboard the ice breaker USS Burton Island is Paul M. Smith, metallurgist fireman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Smith of route 1 Newport.

Before entering the Navy, he attended Swansboro High School, Swansboro.

During July, August and September, the Burton Island participated in the Joint Canadian-United States Beaufort Sea Expedition of 1954, in which she explored ice-packed McClure Strait and Viscount Melville Sound in the remote Canadian Arctic.

The icebreaker is at her home port of Long Beach, where she will undergo shipyard overhaul.

Noel Davis, boatswain's mate first class, a Coastguardsman with 14 years service and a resident of Morehead City, is serving aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Cherokee.

Fort Benning, Ga.—Pvt. Matthew L. Godette Jr., 515 Cedar St., Beaufort, was among 26 students who graduated Friday from the cooking

course at the Third Army Food Service School at Fort Benning. The eight-week course, one of three taught at the school, teaches preparation of meals for men in Army mess halls and soldiers in the field.

The other courses taught at the school, one of the oldest institutions at The Infantry Center, are mess administration and mess management.

Fort Campbell, Ky.—Pvt. Larry L. Smith, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Smith of Newport, has just completed the Basic Airborne Course at Fort Campbell's own Airborne School. Private Smith now proudly wears the silver wings of a parachutist.

A veteran of eight months of active military service, Private Smith received his basic training at Camp Gordon, Ga. Upon completion of basic training Private Smith moved to Fort Campbell where he joined his present unit, the 11th Airborne Military Police Company, where he is presently serving as an Airborne Military Policeman.

A graduate of Newport High School, Private Smith worked at farming before entering the service in February 1954.

Coffee Hours Begin at 10 Today

This morning will mark the beginning of a series of daily coffee hours at the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce office. The coffee hours were scheduled to get underway last week, but were delayed, said Ted Davis, manager.

Ten chamber members will be invited each morning until the entire chamber membership has been covered. The coming sales clerk courtesy contest and Christmas promotion program will be discussed at this morning's "coffee klatch."

Invited to the session are Mayor George Dill, Bernard Leary, Carl Southerland, O. J. Morrow, Hugh Page, Walter Morris, E. C. Watson, George Eastman, Frank Cheek and Mrs. Gretchen Brinson.

The coffee hour will begin at 10 in the chamber office in the Recreation Center.

The Passing Scene by Jepper

Concert Board Meets Sunday

The board of directors of the Carteret-Cherry Point Community Concerts Association met Sunday afternoon at the Inlet Inn, Beaufort, to select the three concerts to be given this season.

John Sheldon, Community Concerts representative from New York, met with them. The names of the artists and the dates they will appear will be released as soon as confirmation is received from New York, Mrs. James Rumley, president of the association, said.

The Community Concerts campaign opened Monday, Oct. 11, and was scheduled to close Saturday, Oct. 16, but the hurricane interfered. Therefore, the date to check on membership sales and to select concerts was changed from Oct. 16 to Oct. 24.

The name of the membership solicitor obtaining the highest number of memberships will be announced soon, Mrs. Rumley said.

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"We're going to be kind of a little game with Fred — so far, he's been hit by Connecticut, Vermont, New York and Oklahoma drivers!"

Southern Railway's Application Goes Before ICC, Washington, D.C.

Application of Southern Railway Co. to acquire control of Atlantic and East Carolina Railway Co. and the Camp Lejeune Railroad Co. is on file today with the Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, D. C.

According to Harry A. DeButts, president of Southern, control of the 96-mile "Mullet Line" from Goldsboro to Morehead City and of the 36-mile Lejeune line from Havelock to Jacksonville will open "the rich potential" of Eastern North Carolina.

Anticipated control of Atlantic and East Carolina was achieved by Southern when it acquired an option to purchase all the capital stock of the former company for \$525,000. The Camp Lejeune Railroad Co. is a newly-organized corporation, all of whose stock will be owned by Southern if the application is granted.

Would Develop Town

Southern's control of the A&EC would contribute to the big-money development of Morehead City as a deep-water port — a project on which the state has already spent between two and three million dollars.

If the application is approved, said DeButts, the Camp Lejeune Railroad will operate under a lease from the federal government. The 36-mile line, linking Jacksonville, N. C., with the A&EC at Havelock, N. C., is a recently built line now owned by the government. It serves the Marine Corps bases of Camp Lejeune and Cherry Point Air Station.

100-Year Dream

Southern's acquisition of the facilities would bring realization

a 100-year-old dream of connecting the coast and the mountains with a trunk line railroad.

In the middle of the last century, Gov. John Motley Morehead spearheaded a railroad movement that finally resulted in the state's construction of the Atlantic and East Carolina line.

The aim, then as now, was to expedite passenger and freight operations between the mountains and the coast. Morehead's vision in 1850 was that good railroad facilities would prod the development of ports — an idea that is foremost in the current proposed changeover.

The state has expended several millions in the past five years at Wilmington and Morehead City to enlarge and encourage shipping activity.

With a primary link to the inland, the ports will be in position to siphon cargoes from the Middle West, as well as from major eastern markets. An industrial objection now to using state ports has been inadequate rail transportation.

Deserters

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In addition, most private employers are reluctant to hire men with such discharges.

Probably no other armed force in the world goes to such lengths to combat desertion, especially among troops overseas. One whole section—the special services branch is set up to keep the troops happy. There is also troop information and education section, which tries to combat desertion by explaining that the Army really isn't oppressive.

Even with all this, said one Pentagon colonel, "They still take off. We do everything we can. We'll hold their hands if they want and nurse maid 'em generally, but once you say 'no' to some of these guys, they think you're riding them."

The first British coffee house opened in 1652.

Farms

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(this subject we will be glad to pass it on to you.)

A good many of our permanent pastures received quite a bit of damage by salt water too. Over on Crab Point, Bayside Dairy farm had pastures covered with deep salt water. No doubt other pastures in that community were damaged also. The grasses and clovers have already died and turned brown. I travelled down to the North River bridge and saw the pasture belonging to Hugh Swan. You will remember that this pasture has been one of the prettiest and most productive in the county. Today it is dried up and as brown as your hat.

Right now we can't tell how long the effects of the salt water will be felt. It wouldn't be so bad if we could plow these damaged pastures up and re-seed. But with the land as dry as it was and with a lot of the salt water soaking into the soil it could be sometime before you can grow anything on these soils.

About the only thing a person can do to help nature take its course is to plow, disc and turn the soil as much as possible between now and the time to plant another crop. With a lot of rain, probably the most of the salt will wash out or leach from the soil in a few months. Soils high in organic matter will lose the salt quicker than other soils. Also light sandy soils will leach faster and the salt should be removed soon.

In some cases it would be advisable to spread 600-700 pounds of land plaster per acre. Land plaster is calcium sulfate and doesn't cost very much per ton. Also you may add 40 pounds of nitrogen per acre in the nitrate form. This means about 250 pounds of nitrate of soda per acre or 200 pounds of cal-nitro. However, before you use any of these chemicals and go to too much expense I would recommend you look into this further.

The Merrimon section reports very little damage in that community. The winds were in the direction to favor that area. The Newport area was damaged only slightly with winds accounting for the majority of the damage. The Swansboro area seems to have been hit quite hard, especially along the water front. Farm buildings and homes were damaged also.

Phones

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to most areas beyond the Carolina territory.

"The company particularly appreciates the patience of our subscribers during this emergency. The public has apparently understood the tremendous damage done to our plant and has been most cooperative," Mr. Dallow said.

"We have also been most gratified by the wonderful spirit of cooperation shown by the Southern Bell and the various independent telephone companies who have offered their assistance during the emergency. The men and materials they sent us have unquestionably helped us carry through this restoration program so quickly and successfully. We are also thankful that the company plant was in such good condition. Had this not been the case, damage would have been even more extensive," the manager concluded.

Bands Go to Raleigh

The Beaufort and Morehead City High School bands played in the Shriners' Parade at Raleigh Thursday. They marched as a county band.

Loss of Handcuff Key

Hopkinsville, Ky. (AP)—Sheriff Dick Cowherd handcuffed himself to the prisoner, and gave the handcuff key to a deputy, who put it in a shirt pocket. Then the three left for a corn field to search for a missing murder weapon.

When they returned to jail, the deputy discovered the key was missing. He had dropped it while bending over to search the field. The cuffs had to be cut off.

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