

Capt. Ernest M. Snowden Takes Command of Carrier

Norfolk, U. S. S. Kula Gulf — A famous Navy pilot and former head of the Washington section responsible for developing advanced aircraft carrier design, Capt. Ernest M. Snowden, native of Beaufort, recently assumed his first command at sea, that of the escort carrier U. S. S. Kula Gulf (CVE-108), relieving Captain James G. Lang, who took command of the U. S. S. Saipan.

The formal charge of command ceremony took place Dec. 29 on the hangar deck of the carrier, and a group of distinguished guests included Rear Admiral Wallace M. Beakley, Commander, Antisubmarine Force, Atlantic Fleet, and Rear Admiral H. H. Caldwell, Chief of Staff, Air Forces, U. S. Atlantic Fleet.

Captain Snowden, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Snowden of Beaufort, and the husband of Mrs. Lois Arnold Snowden, daughter of Mrs. H. H. ("Hap") Arnold of Sonoma, Cal. He received his commission from the Naval Academy in 1932, and won his wings as a Naval aviator in 1937.

Flew from Wasp

After serving with various fighting squadrons in the Pacific, and putting in a tour as a flight instructor at Pensacola, Captain Snowden took command of CV-72, a Dive Bombing Squadron flying off the U. S. S. Wasp in the early days of the war in the Pacific.

Returned as a survivor after the sinking of that vessel, he went again to the Pacific as Commander of Bombing Squadron 16, and was soon made Group Commander of Air Group 16. This Group, destined to become one of the most famous to emerge from World War II, operated off the new Lexington.

Shoots Down Japs

With a record of destruction of over 275 Japanese aircraft, 150 in actual air-to-air combat, Air Group 16 under Captain Snowden's skippering carved an unforgettable record during the "hot" part of the war in the Pacific, and climaxed it by their destruction of 45 enemy planes in a single day without the loss of a single American life, during the famed "Marianas Turkey Shoot."

After the war Captain Snowden served in staff functions with a number of Carrier Group and Fleet Admirals, in the Atlantic and the Pacific, and most recently off the Coast of Korea. Also during this time he spent two years in Buenos Aires as Senior U. S. Navy Aviation Advisor for the Argentine Naval War College.

Summoned to Capitol

In 1952, he was summoned to Washington to head the Aviation Section in the Military Requirement and Developments Branch of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations for the initiation of most of the modifications now being installed on our large carriers, among them the "canted deck," the new steam catapult, and the late modifications to the new super-carrier Forrestal, still under construction.

Captain Snowden holds some 19 decorations, among them the Navy Cross, the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross with two gold stars, the Air Medal, and the Presidential Unit Citation, most of them won during air strikes in the campaigns of Guadalcanal through the Marianas.

Mr. and Mrs. Snowden will make their home in Norfolk, home port of the carrier.

Jaycees Set Date For Talent Show

Morehead City's Jaycees will present Bill Norwood and the Cowboy Corral of WNCT-TV, Wednesday night, Feb. 16 at 8 p. m. at Morehead City High School.

Cowboy Corral is conducting a TV talent hunt, and anyone in this area who sings, dances or plays a musical instrument and is interested in a TV audition should contact Walt Hamilton at Hamilton's, Inc. in Morehead City. The phone number is 6-4515.

This will be the first in a series of programs presented by the Jaycees in an effort to raise funds for next year's Christmas decorations.

Three Towns Receive Franchise Tax Rebate

Beaufort, Morehead City and Newport received a total of \$1,090.71 rebate in franchise taxes for the third quarter of 1954. Municipalities receive part of the revenue paid by utilities in franchise taxes. Beaufort's rebate was \$282.70, Morehead City's \$768.41 and Newport's \$39.60.



Capt. Ernest M. Snowden poses with members of his family in his cabin after assuming command of the U.S.S. Kula Gulf, an aircraft carrier, in Norfolk. Captain Snowden relieved Captain James G. Lang in a formal ceremony on the carrier's hangar deck. Left to right are Mrs. M. S. Snowden Jr., wife of the captain's brother, Mrs. Ernest Snowden, Captain Snowden, and Mrs. M. S. Snowden, the captain's mother. (Official U. S. Navy Photograph)

Sleepy Marine Motorist Sure Picked Wrong Spot

A Marine feels today as though he was born under an unlucky star.

He turned his car over on Highway 70 west of Newport and whose yard does he choose to upset in?

A highway patrolman's. Patrolman R. H. Brown said that at 5:30 last Friday morning he heard a knock on the door. He went to the door and there stood a man he later learned was Ralph G. Hood, Cherry Point.

Hood said, "I've turned over my car."

The patrolman, looking very un-officer-like in his pajamas, yawned "Where?"

"There," Hood said, pointing to

the patrolman's front yard. Sure enough, there it was, a 1954 Ford. Chattering with Hood in his living room, the patrolman learned that Hood had fallen asleep at the wheel. Then the officer said that since he was a highway patrolman, he'd have to investigate and report the accident.

Hood turned six different colors, the patrolman said. It turned out that he had no license because it had been taken from him following a drunk driving conviction in South Carolina three months ago.

So today Hood faces charges of driving without a license and driving after his license was revoked. And he got immediate attention on the whole deal!

Defendant Pays \$50, Costs For Auto Law Violations

A fine of \$50 and costs was levied by Judge George H. McNeill on Harold D. Brannsum after Brannsum pleaded guilty to careless and reckless driving and running through a stop sign, Monday in Morehead City Recorder's Court.

Judge McNeill suspended a 90-day sentence, contingent on Brannsum's paying of the fine and costs, and remaining on good behavior, for a period of 12 months. Neither may Brannsum operate a motor vehicle on the streets and highways of North Carolina for a period of 90 days. The defendant has one week in which to pay the fine and costs or the jail sentence will be invoked.

A sentence of 60 days in county jail was suspended and William Mark Albert, who pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or narcotics, was fined \$100 and costs. Albert has 30 days in which to pay the fine and costs or the jail sentence will be invoked.

Failure to appear in court caused the forfeiture of bonds for the following: Ralph E. Tunnell, \$100, charged with peeping in the window of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aulbert Mason, 414 Bridges St., Frank Gaines, \$25, charged with public drunkenness; Jay Lee Jarrell, \$500, charged with failing to comply with a court judgment of July 6, 1954, and Philemon Davis, \$25, charged with public drunkenness on the streets.

John R. Powers was found guilty on two charges, operating of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or narcotics, and following too closely to another vehicle. He was fined \$100 and costs on the first charge and \$10 and costs on the second.

Costs were assessed in the following cases: Henry George Weber, pleaded guilty to travelling 50 miles per hour in a 35-mile zone; See DEFENDANT, Page 6.

Liquor Sales Total \$64,248

Liquor sales in the county last month totaled \$64,248.80, according to figures released by James D. Potter, county auditor.

Sales in Morehead City totaled \$31,386.60, Beaufort \$23,723.45, and Newport \$9,138.75. Dividends paid are as follows: Morehead City Hospital \$1,436.32, Beaufort \$1,085.74, and Newport \$418.41. State sales tax amounted to \$5,439.24. Operating expenses were \$4,121.90. Sales in December in 1954 topped those of December 1953. Sales for 1953 totaled \$63,593.30. But sales for last six months of 1954 were way below those of the last six months of 1953. The figure for 1953 was \$387,172.40 as compared with \$321,466.15 in 1954.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar

HIGH	LOW
Friday, Jan. 21	
6:31 a.m.	12:12 a.m.
6:57 p.m.	12:56 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 22	
7:11 a.m.	12:58 a.m.
7:28 p.m.	1:40 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 23	
7:50 a.m.	1:41 a.m.
8:16 p.m.	2:20 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 24	
8:26 a.m.	2:22 a.m.
8:53 p.m.	2:58 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 25	
9:03 a.m.	3:01 a.m.
9:30 p.m.	3:33 p.m.

Abe Williams Pays \$10 Fine For Fighting

Charlie Willis to Serve Year; Men Found Guilty Of Stealing

Abraham Williams, who was involved in a fight with the late Albert Fallin on New Year's Eve was fined \$10 and costs Tuesday by Judge L. R. Morris in Carteret County Recorder's Court.

Williams pleaded guilty to engaging in a fight and the fine was levied in lieu of a three-month jail sentence. Williams was given 30 days in which to pay the fine and costs.

Charlie Willis, who lives west of Morehead City, pleaded guilty to failure to pay court costs and was sentenced to two years in jail assigned to the roads; one year of the sentence to run concurrently with a sentence imposed in Craven County. The court recommended that Willis be given medical attention after being committed.

Three boys found guilty of petty larceny, larceny, and aiding and abetting in larceny, were assessed costs and given suspended six-month jail sentences with the proviso that they be on their best behavior for a period of five years.

The three, William Brown, 24, found guilty of larceny; James W. Green, 24, found guilty of petty larceny, and A. J. Green, 21, found guilty of aiding and abetting in larceny, are from Swansboro. The case against a fourth boy, Thurman Smith, 16, also of Swansboro, was not prosecuted.

According to evidence, the boys stole boat propellers at Swinsboro and sold them to the Twin City Metal Parts Co., Beaufort.

Found Guilty Carl C. Goodwin found guilty of passing a bad check was assessed costs and the making good of the check.

Five motorists forfeited bonds when they failed to appear in court on charges of speeding 65 miles per hour. They were James F. Settle Jr., John Augustus Roberson Jr., Onsolee Frazier, Michael James Callinan, and Charles C. Williamson.

Others who forfeited bonds for failure to appear for motor vehicle offenses were Fred Lee Johnson, charged with insufficient brakes and no operator's license; Robert Roy Mitchell, charged with improper passing; Clemmie Dodson, charged with passing on a curve; Emerson Glenn Worthington, charged with failing to stop at a stop sign, and Clarence Smith, charged with driving without an operator's license.

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Cold Winds, Snow Hit County

High northeast winds brought rain with a mixture of snow this week. Temperatures went down to freezing last night and E. Stamey Davis, weather observer, also reported a low of 32 degrees Wednesday night.

The middle part of the state struggled out of a Wednesday snowfall of 6 to 11 inches. But Mr. Davis said the snow storm veered northward at New Bern and went off the coast at Elizabeth City, Continued Cold

Predictions for the weekend are cold and clear. Temperatures and wind directions since last Thursday are as follows:

	Max	Min	Wind
Thursday	49	39	NW
Friday	44	28.5	NNW
Saturday	51	36	WSW
Sunday	50	39	NNE
Monday	50	33	SW
Tuesday	50	34	E

Rain fell Sunday afternoon and all day Wednesday. Wednesday's precipitation included snow.

250 Hear Becker Ensemble

Two hundred fifty Community Concert members braved icy winds Wednesday night to hear the Becker Ensemble present the first concert of this season. The four artists, Mary Becker, violinist, Marcia Barbour, cellist, Lili Miki, pianist, and Ramona Dahlborg, flutist, appeared in the Beaufort School auditorium.

The first and last numbers on the program, La Folia by Corelli and Romanian Rhapsody No. 1 in A major by Enesco-Jaffe, were ensemble numbers and the remainder were solos. The fourth number, however, featured three of the artists, the violinist, cellist and pianist.

Tug Rushes Food, Water To Disabled SS Steelore

Prowler Steals Money From Prytherch House

A prowler entered the home of Mrs. Herbert Prytherch, 610 Ann St., Beaufort, shortly before 4 o'clock Wednesday morning and made off with a wallet, a carton of cigarettes and a shoulder strap handbag.

Mrs. Prytherch told Assistant Chief of Police Carlton Garner that she apparently forgot to lock the front door because the officer could find no window pried open or any other means of forcible entry.

Mrs. Prytherch said she awakened early in the morning and saw a man in her bedroom. She thought at first that the person was her mother, Mrs. Tele Arrington who lives with them, but she soon realized it was a stranger and yelled to her 16-year-old daughter, Kay, who was sleeping in the same room, "There's a man in the room!"

Both Scream Kay screamed as loud as she could and the prowler took off through another bedroom, a bathroom, and out the front door. Kay jumped up and locked the bathroom door between the man and her and mother.

"I didn't know whether he was armed or what he might do if he was cornered," Kay said. Then she and her mother got a gun and rushed out front, but the burglar was nowhere to be found. Mrs. Prytherch phoned the police and Officer Garner answered the call.

Loss Discovered After the policeman arrived, Mrs. Prytherch discovered that her wallet containing about \$5, her license, car registration card and other papers, was missing, also a carton of cigarettes and a shoulder strap handbag which had been hanging on the door knob in the bedroom.

She told that officer that she doubted if any money were in the bag. The burglar made off with that. Later searching for the bag in the neighborhood by Officer Garner brought no results. "I thought he might have thrown it away somewhere near the house," the officer said.

The night was wet and stormy and the rug in front of the front door where the man apparently entered was wet.

Mrs. Arrington, who was sleeping in another room, did not waken until she heard her daughter and granddaughter scream.

This entry was another in a series that has been going on in Beaufort all winter. Chief of Police M. E. Guy said that officers "believe they know who's doing it" and are continuing investigation.

Park Service Seeks \$214,280

Washington (AP) — The National Park Service has asked \$214,280 for the Cape Hatteras Seashore Recreation Area on the North Carolina coast for the fiscal year starting July 1.

The park service said the amount was in its over-all budget recommendation submitted to Congress to President Eisenhower yesterday. Congress must approve the expenditure.

The service is asking \$42,300 for construction, of which \$15,600 would go to roads and trails and \$26,700 to buildings and utilities. Other proposed expenditures: \$59,200 for management, \$5,000 for forestry and fire control, \$8,900 for soil and moisture conservation; \$4,900 for maintenance and rehabilitation of roads and trails; \$89,880 for buildings and utilities.

The Rev. J. Herbert Waldrop, Methodist minister in Newport, and a member of the Rotary Club, was in charge of the program. He spoke on the functions of the members as Rotarians, and what Rotary meant to the members and to the community. Walter D. Heath gave the invocation at the meeting. Following the regular meeting, presided over by Nathan Garner, the board of directors met to discuss prospective members. Walter Edwards of Morehead City was the only visiting Rotarian.

Board to Meet The Board of Conservation and Development will meet at Raleigh Monday through Wednesday, C. G. Holland, acting fisheries commissioner, and Dr. A. F. Chestnut of the Institute of Fisheries Research will present reports.

Salvage Company Tug, Coast Guard Stands By

The tug, Margaret Moran, yesterday rushed food and water to the disabled freighter, SS Steelore, cargo-laden vessel which was anchored several miles off the sea buoy at Morehead City Wednesday, riding out a northeast gale.

The Steelore, carrying ore from Venezuela to New York, sent out a distress call Friday, 300 miles off Charleston, S. C., when she started to ship water.

Taken in Tow After the distress call, she was taken in tow by the Merritt-Chapman, Scott tug, Curb, Merritt-Chapman, Scott is a salvage company.

It was first thought that the Steelore might come into Morehead City for temporary repairs, but the ship draws 40 feet of water and the harbor depth here is 30. So the ship got in as far as she could in Cape Lookout Bight and rode out Wednesday's storm with the Curb and the Coast Guard cutter Cherokee, out of Norfolk, standing by.

Pumps Working It was reported that she was in about 50 feet of water. Pumps were going to keep her afloat.

Robert L. Hicks, agent for the ship, Morehead City, said the crew had provisions to last them only through Wednesday night supper. Groceries and water could not be gotten to them Wednesday because of high seas.

Sinking Feared Sunday night the Steelore was reported to have only four feet of (treboard and Tuesday the towing tug took off 19 of the 41 crewmen when it appeared that the ship was sinking. But the remaining crew members kept the pumps going. Water was pouring in through cracks in the ballast tanks.

The Steelore, under contract to the Bethlehem Steel Co., flies the American flag and has an American crew. She will be towed to Norfolk for repairs.

Even if the loaded ship had been able to get into Morehead City, there are no ore unloading facilities and the cost of shipping ore out from here, by rail, would be prohibitive, Mr. Hicks said.

Farm Bureau Leader Speaks

A. W. Solomon, Greensboro, state representative for the Negro Farm Bureau, gave the "clearest, most practical talk outlining the Farm Bureau program of any speaker we've ever had in the county," R. M. Williams, county agent, said yesterday.

Mr. Solomon spoke at the Negro Farm Bureau meeting Wednesday night at the Masonic Lodge, Morehead City. He pointed out that farming was one of the first professions and that as it grew, rules concerning it and organizations to stand by it came into being.

The farmer has received many benefits since 1930 and the speaker said that those benefits didn't just happen by themselves — they were the outgrowth of organized work by farm organizations, including the Farm Bureau.

Ninety-five per cent of the legislation offered to benefit the farmer has been supported by the Farm Bureau, he declared. He struck out at the charges of "doles to farmers," saying that billions are doled out annually to industry but no publicity is ever given to those hand-outs which take various forms.

Twenty-five persons attended. Milton Trucker, Pelletier, Farm Bureau president, C. N. Stroud, membership chairman, Mr. Williams, and Al Newsome, assistant county agent were present.

The speaker was introduced by Mr. Williams. A barbecue supper preceded the address.

Chairman Lists Names Of Conservation Officers

R. Neal Campen, chairman, 1954 board of supervisors for Carteret County, has announced County Soil Conservation Supervisor officers for 1955. Mr. Campen was re-elected chairman; John Young, Stella, was elected vice-chairman; and Floyd Garner, Newport, was elected secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Garner was re-elected by the people of Carteret County in December 1954, to an additional three-year term as county supervisor. Mr. Campen, as chairman of the county board, will serve on the Lower Neuse Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors. The Lower Neuse District consist of five counties, Carteret, Onslow, Pamlico, Craven, and Jones.

All-Seashore Group to Elect Officers Tuesday

The annual election of officers of the All-Seashore Highway Association, Inc., will take place at 12:30 Tuesday at the Sanitary Restaurant in Morehead City.

Successors to the following officers will be elected: president, Alvah Hamilton, Morehead City; vice-president, first division, Aycock Brown, Manteo; vice-president, second division, Norwood Young, Beaufort; vice-president, third division, Glenn Tucker, Carolina Beach, and secretary-treasurer, Joe DuBois, Sea Level.

In addition to the above listed offices, five directors will be elected from each of the three divisions. According to Mr. DuBois, the pertinent matters to be discussed at the meeting will include the all-seashore highway, mosquito control, and beach erosion.

Says Mr. DuBois, "Hazel greatly helped our cause by focusing nationwide attention upon the value and needs of our priceless outer banks. Federal aid has been granted in many instances to repair hurricane damage."

"It is one of the duties of our Department of Conservation and Development as well as of the federal government to combat all beach erosion. It is up to us to act before a catastrophe. We can and should."

Emeritus Club To Attend Play

Members of the Emeritus Club and their wives will have dinner at the Inlet Inn Friday night, Feb. 18, and then attend, in a group, the performance of "Arsenic and Old Lace" at the Beaufort School.

The Emeritus Club planned the February meeting at their Monday night session at the Recreation Center, Morehead City.

George W. Huntley, Beaufort, explained his program for preservation of beach property and the president, W. S. Kidd, appointed Mr. Huntley, N. F. Eure and R. H. Dowdy as a committee to see what could be done to create a park commission which would promote establishment of a park between the highwater mark and a highway on the oceanfront.

Dr. G. C. Cooke, head of the committee for mosquito control, reported that no progress had been made. Dr. Cooke, N. L. Walker and J. W. Kellogg were appointed as a committee to continue publicity on the project.

The secretary, T. B. Sage, was requested to write a letter to Horace Loftin Jr., Beaufort, thanking him for his efforts in helping to organize the Carteret Community Theatre. The theatre group is staging the play the Emeritus Club will see Feb. 18.

The president named Dr. Cooke and Mr. Dowdy to serve with him on the nominating committee. Officers will be elected at the March meeting. C. A. Stone and W. L. Brady, Morehead City, were elected to Emeritus Club membership. Mr. Walker was appointed to make arrangements for the February meeting.

Agassiz Returns Home Saturday

The Coast Guard Cutter Agassiz returned to Morehead City Saturday after a two and a half month absence in a Norfolk shipyard, where she underwent annual overhaul and repair of hurricane Hazel damage.

New personnel now stationed aboard the Agassiz are as follows: Robert M. Campbell SA, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Campbell of Hubert, Gary P. Day SO2, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Day of Lola, Charlie N. Dudley RD2, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Dudley of Davis, Gilbert M. Slaughter SN, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Slaughter of Newport, and Gerald S. Smith SN, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith of Morehead City.

A main line fuse blew Monday night putting parts of Newport in darkness for about 45 minutes. Lights went out on the Mill Creek Road and in the northern part of town.