

Marine Captain at Airport Helps Keep Airways Safe



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Capt. Ralph Troupe, center, points out military flight lanes to three spotter pilots, R. Andrews, James Page (kneeling) and Charles Glenn. Captain Troupe is the liaison officer between Cherry Point and the spotter pilots.

By ELLEN BORDEAUX

Capt. Ralph J. Troupe, a friendly Marine Corps officer, is keeping flyers of fish-spotting planes and Cherry Point jets apart. Captain Troupe is liaison officer between the two.

It's his job to see that the spotting planes get clearance to fly this area in search of fish. The job came about after a Beaufort flyer, Jesse Taylor, was killed in a collision with a jet in August.

The captain gets up at 4:30 each morning so that he can be at the Beaufort-Morehead airport before the spotter pilots are ready to leave. It gets to be a long day, he said, before the planes return about dark and he checks them in.

Seeing that all the planes return isn't part of his job, but Captain Troupe is a flyer himself and making sure that the same number return as went out is mostly habit.

A simple procedure is used to clear the local pilots. Each morning the pilots report to Captain Troupe where they plan to fly and their anticipated altitude. The captain has a direct line to the air-traffic control tower at Cherry Point and informs them of the pilots' plans.

Military planes have curtailed their air-to-air gunnery activity in this area and Camp Lejeune has limited its seaward firing to five miles to prevent interference with the civilian planes. Cherry Point planes plan no activity at all, the captain said, until the spotter planes are taken care of.

Everything has worked out fine, so far, the officer reports. Everyone has cooperated beautifully. The officer termed the spotter pilots and folks at the airport as "the finest bunch of people I've ever seen." He even said he might consider taking up fish spotting himself when he gets out of the Corps.

This is Captain Troupe's first assignment since he's been at Cherry Point. He checked in about a month ago after a tour of duty in Japan. He is high in his praise of Cherry Point, terming it the Marine Corps' finest station.

The captain has three assistants in his liaison work, who make it possible for him to have a day off occasionally. They are lieutenants R. D. English, F. T. Sullivan and M. D. Reichenthal. Major D. O. Morris, aircraft control officer at Cherry Point, is the captain's superior officer.

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Postmasters Expect Record Mail This Season

Postal authorities in Washington estimate the current Christmas mail on a nationwide basis will be the highest on record both for greeting cards and parcels, postmaster Harold Webb announced today.

These conclusions are based on samplings of postal receipts made in several major cities across the country which show anticipated increases of 2 to 5 per cent over last year.

Postmaster Webb called attention to the recent action of the Civil Aeronautics Board which approved Postmaster General Summerfield's plan to make use of surplus space on commercial planes to speed the movement by air of first-class mailing the Christmas rush.

The postoffice department once again plans to deliver all Christmas mail prior to Christmas day, as it has for the past several seasons, postmaster Webb noted. He urges local mailers to cooperate with the postoffice department by mailing Christmas cards and packages early and often.

The postmaster also suggests that Christmas cards be mailed at the 4-cent first-class rate, or 7 cents if sent via air mail; thus permitting one to include handwritten messages on cards. Also, cards sent by first-class mail are subject to forwarding or return service.

The postmaster states that the present flow of Christmas cards is running about the same as last year, but the mailing of Christmas gifts is lagging. He suggests that all gift parcels to most distant points be sent by air parcel post from now on.

Industrial Moves Develop Rapidly

Announcement of the Morehead City Garment Co. plans to build a new plant, brings to two the major developments in industry in the Morehead City area within a period of a week.

Truman D. Kemp, Morehead City, announced last Friday that a new garment manufacturing company, to be known as Carteret Industries, Inc., would be established in this immediate area.

Plant construction is scheduled to start Feb. 1. An estimated 100 persons will be employed, and the payroll per year will average more than \$250,000, Mr. Kemp said.

He was, until Dec. 1, affiliated with the Morehead City Garment Co.

Details of the Morehead City Garment Co. plans appear elsewhere in today's issue.

Peter Block, Crab Point Road, Morehead City, invites everyone to his Christmas party at 8 p.m. Monday at his home. The party is an annual affair with Mr. and Mrs. Block as host.

Red Cross Final Tally Awaited

With the county Red Cross fund drive over for more than a month, reports from some areas are still not in and final totals have not been tabulated.

James R. Sanders, Morehead City chairman, reports that \$2,013.55 has been turned in to date. No report has been received from White Oak, where Milton Truckner was chairman, or the Smyrna-Marshallberg area, where John Valentine was chairman.

The following is a breakdown of the amount received: Atlantic \$207.94, Beaufort \$1,014.18, Harkers Island \$378.20, Morehead City \$373; Newport \$40.23.

The Rev. W. A. Hales, Beaufort chairman, and his canvassers should be commended for raising more than half the county total in Beaufort. Mr. Hales also reports that a few more checks are expected.

This Christmas Brings Warmer Season Than '58

The mild weather experienced in the county this week is a marked contrast to that of exactly one year ago, according to weather observer Stamey Davis.

On Wednesday a high of 62 was recorded with the low mark only 43 during the night. One year ago, the high recorded was 45 and the low was a cold 21 degrees. Mr. Davis recorded the following temperatures for the period Monday through Wednesday.

	High	Low	Wind
Monday	49	38	NE
Tuesday	58	39	ENE
Wednesday	62	43	SW

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Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar

HIGH	Friday, Dec. 18	LOW
9:58 a.m.		3:52 a.m.
10:43 p.m.		4:32 p.m.
HIGH	Saturday, Dec. 19	LOW
10:34 a.m.		4:19 a.m.
11:23 p.m.		5:02 p.m.
HIGH	Sunday, Dec. 20	LOW
11:14 a.m.		4:49 a.m.
		5:33 p.m.
HIGH	Monday, Dec. 21	LOW
12:06 a.m.		5:28 a.m.
12:02 p.m.		6:13 p.m.
HIGH	Tuesday, Dec. 22	LOW
12:50 a.m.		6:25 a.m.
12:52 p.m.		7:13 p.m.

No Prospects Of Shipbuilding Firm Reopening

● Hearing Held This Week at Raleigh

● Numerous Suits Filed Against Company

There are no prospects of the Morehead City Shipbuilding Corp. opening any time soon, according to information at another hearing in Raleigh this week relative to the affairs of the bankrupt Kirchofer and Arnold Investment Co. The shipbuilding firm, which ceased operations almost a year ago, was owned and operated by K&A, of Raleigh.

Civil suits are pending against the firm and a criminal suit has been filed against the president, R. C. Kirchofer.

Plaintiffs filing suits in this county against Morehead City Shipbuilding, in the hope of collecting money or protecting financial interests are Rosa M. Adair, Ocean Oil Co., Earl E. Arquette, Morehead Motor Parts, Lillian Stempler and Ethel Popiek, trading as Carolina Overall Co., and Woolsey Paint Co.

W. H. Hoffer, named trustee at a creditors' hearing last month, said he had received two offers relative to reopening the shipbuilding corporation. They came from Morris and Brass Co. of Canada and Inter-American Trust Co. of Colombia.

Both were verbal and it was requested that offers be made in writing. Only Morris and Brass replied, according to Hoffer.

The trustee said it would cost several thousand dollars to repair the boatyard so that vessels could get into drydock. He added, "There's no tangible evidence that the boat repair business would pay off." Hoffer said. "You may have men sitting around doing nothing." Assets of the firm now are listed at about \$50,000.

Algernon Butler, federal judge presiding at the hearing, was told that the federal government is interested in collecting back taxes from K&A and Morehead Shipbuilding. Hoffer contended that claims for back taxes were based on "inflated stock values" on K&A's books. He feels the government may end up giving the firm a refund.

C. R. Wheatly, Beaufort attorney, representing Rosa M. Adair, Beaufort, attended the hearing.

Pastor Lists Week's Services

Christmas services and programs for Wildwood Presbyterian church were announced this week by the Rev. Alvis M. Daniel, pastor.

The Christmas sermon at the 11 a.m. Sunday service will be No Time for Stars with the text based on Matthew 2:1-10.

The choir will present the cantata, The Light of the World, at 7 p.m. Sunday. The music will be accompanied by Christmas scenes portrayed by the Junior High Fellowship.

Sen. Everett Jordan Visits County Wednesday

United States Sen. Everett Jordan and two of his staff members visited the county Wednesday. With the senator were Bill Whitely and Joe Crawford.

The senator called on Malthy Taylor of Sea Level and visited several business places at Atlantic. Sheriff Hugh Salter had lunch with Senator Jordan in Beaufort.

The senator also called on C. G. Holland, state commercial fisheries commissioner and other local dignitaries.

No Garbage to be Picked Up in Beaufort Dec. 25-26

No garbage will be collected in Beaufort Dec. 24 or Dec. 25, Ronald Earl Mason, town clerk, announced this week.

The garbage crew will try to make up the lost time Saturday, but probably will not catch up until Monday or Tuesday, Mr. Mason said.

The crew is being held to five men in an effort to stay within the budget and it is felt that they deserve at least two days off for Christmas, the clerk observed.

Gloucester Club Invites Communities to Sing

The Gloucester Community Club invites residents of neighboring communities to the Christmas sing at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the community park.

The community tree will be lighted and coffee and doughnuts served.

The club will also sponsor a turkey shoot at 2 p.m. Christmas day at Pigott's store.

Garment Company Will Build New Plant in Morehead City

The Time Draws Near



Second graders at Queen Street school in Beaufort, Denise Harker, Kerry Godette and Shelton Ellison place straws in the Advent Crib in their room. The students place a straw in the crib for each good deed they do, to make a soft bed for the Christ Child.

JC's Consider Variety Show

Members of the Morehead City Jaycees discussed the possibility of the club's sponsoring a variety show in February, at their meeting Monday night. A committee composed of Cliff Lynch, P. H. Geer Jr., Tommy Ballou and Charles Willis was appointed to make the preliminary investigation.

Another committee of Marion Mills, Mr. Lynch and L. E. Kelly was named to make arrangements for the club to have a ladies night sometime in January.

A report was heard on the football banquet sponsored recently by the club in conjunction with the Touchdown Club.

Herbert O. Phillips III thanked the club for helping to make the Christmas float which the Jaycees entered in both the Morehead City and Beaufort Christmas parades.

Members were reminded of the district workshop to be held in Richlands Dec. 16 and of the district meeting in Jacksonville Jan. 5.

Two Cars Upset In Saturday Rain

Two cars turned over in the western part of the county Saturday during heavy downpours of rain.

At 11:45 a.m. a 1953 Pontiac driven by Lowell Campbell, Camp Lejeune, turned over seven miles south of Newport on the Nine-Foot Road.

The car was headed north, passed another car and went into a skid. The car was a total loss. Campbell was not injured, nor were charges preferred. Patrolman W. J. Smith investigated.

At 2:30 p.m. just east of the Carteret-Craven county line, a 1951 Plymouth, headed west, upset. The driver was Robert K. Wadlington, Camp Lejeune. That car, too, was demolished, according to the investigating officer, patrolman Smith.

JC's to Raise Funds for Party By Selling Bread

Beaufort Jaycees will have a Christmas party for worthy children Monday night at the Scout hall. The club will raise money for the party by selling bread, house-to-house, in Beaufort tonight.

The party will be for children in the first, second and third grade age group and will start at 7 p.m. The club will also help a needy Negro family in the community during the holidays. Clyde Owens Jr. will furnish fruit for the Christmas party.

After their regular meeting Monday night, club members moved some railroad ties, donated by the B&M Railroad, from the Beaufort-Morehead bridge to the site of the marine museum to be erected in Beaufort.

Schools to Close At Noon Today

Schools will close at noon today for the Christmas holiday. They will not reopen until Monday, Jan. 4.

The Christmas holiday was originally scheduled to end Dec. 29, but has been changed. The holiday is starting earlier than usual to permit high school students to earn extra money by working in the stores prior to Christmas.

Changing of the Christmas holiday will mean later closing of school in May, than had been originally announced by the board of education.

Engineers Near Study Completion

Final results are being tabulated on the study of Army engineers on bridge clearance requirements on the inland waterway.

Col. Paul D. Troxler, district engineer, Jacksonville, says that a committee is expected to make its report to the chief of engineers by Feb. 1, 1960.

Anyone who wants to submit any supplementary data may do so, however, by Jan. 15.

Present standard clearance of bridges on the waterway is 80 feet. Engineers are trying to determine whether this clearance should be increased. A part of their study includes actual use of the waterway by tall vessels for a period of a year.

That study was started in the fall of 1958.

County Collects 94.5 Per Cent of Tax Levy for 1958

The county collected 94.5 per cent of the 1958 tax levy, according to the audit report of the 1958-59 fiscal year, which was presented to county commissioners this month. This was a slight improvement over the 1957 percentage of collection, 93.92.

The 1958 levy was \$335,961.73 as compared with the 1957 levy of \$518,413.34.

Bonds retired during the past fiscal year amounted to \$210,000 plus \$27,000 in school bonds. Bonds outstanding as of June 30, 1959, totaled \$869,412.81. Since then, the debt has been reduced further.

For the fiscal year 1958-59, pre-paid taxes were up \$32,066.61 over the prior year, current levy collections were up \$14,246.15 and prior levy collections were up \$17,359.73.

Cash on deposit at the end of the year was as follows: in the general fund \$45,892.92, in the debt service fund \$104,803.80, school appropriation fund \$104,574.89, welfare fund \$53,789.25, and for retirement of called bonds \$167,412.81, making a total of \$495,799.08. The fund for retirement of bonds is on deposit in the Hanover bank, New York.

Morehead City Garment Co., manufacturer of men's sportswear, announced yesterday plans to build a new plant in Morehead City. Mrs. J. W. Jackson, president of the Morehead City Garment Co., said the building will be located, according to present plans, on property just west of the present factory on Bridges Street.

The major portion of the site is owned by Mrs. Jackson and a small wedge lot by the garment company.

Contracts for the new plant, to be modern in every aspect, will be let after the first of the year. It is hoped that all present operations will be moved into the new building by June 1.

Plans are being developed in cooperation with citizens of the community, to build a new building. There will probably be investments from local businessmen, Mrs. Jackson remarked.

The building will be of concrete block, brick veneered and similar to the building pictured in the Morehead City Garment Co. Christmas greeting on page 8 of this section.

Morehead City Garment Co. started operations in Morehead City in June 1936 and is renting part of its present quarters, a large rambling frame building, from the town of Morehead City.

The firm employs 250 people. Its payroll last year and other local expenditures amounted to over a million dollars.

"We manufacture shirts entirely for the Beaver Shirt Co., whose president, Jules Peters, is an equal partner in the three plants located at Morehead City, Lillington and Abbeville," Mrs. Jackson said.

Mr. Peters is vice-president of the three plants. The Abbeville firm, in South Carolina, was acquired in November 1958. Mrs. Jackson, with the assistance of Abe Silverman, secretary of the Morehead City Garment Co., directs operations of the three plants.

Joe Taylor, superintendent of plant operations at Lillington, is at present assisting in operations at Morehead City. Peter Hooper, who was with the Morehead City operation for nine years, 1946-55, is now manager at Lillington.

Because of the excellent quality men's shirts produced at the Morehead City Garment Co., Morehead City has become known nationwide, for its sportswear, Mrs. Jackson observed.

Buyers from throughout the country visit Morehead City regularly. The shirt is known as the best in the popular-price range.

It was also announced yesterday that the garment company will close Wednesday for the Christmas holidays and reopen Jan. 4. Taking of inventory, however, will start Jan. 1. The holidays are a paid vacation period.

Employees will attend their Christmas dinner, an annual event, at noon Wednesday at the Rex Restaurant, as guests of the garment company.

For persons who have missed, recently, the plant's morning whistle, Mrs. Jackson explains that work has been starting at 7 a.m., earlier than usual. The whistle blows now only at noon and at 4:30 p.m.

In October it was announced that the Morehead City Garment Co. was contemplating a move to another city due to the dire need for new quarters. This week's announcement means that the garment company, one of the earliest full-fledged industries in the county, will continue its long-time association with Morehead City and Carteret.

County Cotton Farmers Approve Bale Assessment

Thirty-two of Carteret's 34 cotton growers went to the polls Tuesday. Thirty voted in favor of assessing themselves 10 cents a bale in the next three years to continue a program to push the use of cotton. Thirty-two approved cotton acreage and marketing quotas.

Statewide, cotton farmers voted overwhelmingly in favor of the assessment and quotas. Funds will be used to continue the work of the North Carolina Cotton Promotion Association.

Peanut farmers also went to the polls, but there are no peanut farmers in this county, according to the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation office. Statewide, peanut quotas were approved.

B. J. May, ASC manager, reminds cotton farmers that to continue receiving their allotments, they must plant at least a part of the allotment each year. If they don't intend to plant, they should notify the ASC office so that the allotment might be released.

If such notification is not given, and the cotton farmer does not plant cotton, he loses a portion of his allotment each year until the entire allotment is gone.

Mr. May points out that under a previous set-up, if the farmer released his allotment and it was not assigned to someone else, he was penalized. This is no longer applicable under the new arrangement, the ASC manager said.

Farmers who do not plan to plant cotton in 1960 may register now with the ASC office. They have until Feb. 10 to do so.

Cotton farmers vote annually on quotas.

Christmas Issue To Appear Dec. 24

THE NEWS-TIMES Christmas issue will be out Thursday, Dec. 24. This means that all news deadlines will be 24 hours earlier than usual. County news reaching the paper Wednesday probably will not make the paper. It should be in the newspaper office Tuesday morning, Dec. 22.

Deadline for church news for the Christmas weekend will be noon Tuesday, Dec. 22. Deadline for classified ads for the Christmas issue will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23.

The newspaper office will be closed Christmas Day and the day following.

The two issues immediately following Christmas will appear on the regular publication dates, Dec. 29 and Jan. 1. The newspaper office will be closed Friday, Jan. 1, but open as usual Saturday morning, Jan. 2.

In the clerk of superior court office, where a separate audit is made, total cash receipts for the year ending June 30, 1959, were \$209,209.17. Total receipts and balance amounted to \$233,790.92. Total disbursements from the office were \$123,299.99.

Disbursements include money paid, by court order, to dependent children, cash bonds returned and similar items attendant to court operation which cannot be considered "income" in the same sense one considers income in business.

Trust funds invested amount to \$91,551.16. Trust fund total was \$108,514.88.

Costs uncollected in recorder's court amounted to \$20,094.91, superior court (civil) \$4,080.52, and criminal, \$6,605.44.

A. H. James, clerk of superior court, said that following the 1957-58 audit, his office concentrated on whittling down the recorder's court costs owed, and under the present system, costs are not being permitted to pile up, uncollected.

Making the county audit was Williams and Wall, Raleigh.