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Scouts try out sailor's life

by Tim Bradshaw

Seven Boy Scouts from Troop 50 of Black Mountain visited the USS YORKTOWN in Charleston, S.C. recently. The USS YORKTOWN, nicknamed "The Fighting Lady" is a famous World War II aircraft carrier which also saw combat during the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War. Since being decommissioned after 1970, she has become a museum herself at Patriots Point Maritime Museum in Charleston.

The first YORKTOWN CV-5 was sunk during the battle of Midway by the Japanese. The YORKTOWN CV-10 the Scouts toured was commissioned in 1943. It was given the same name as the first because the Japanese dreaded the original YORKTOWN so much that the US Navy thought that it would play a large role psychologically in defeating the Imperial Fleet of Japan.

The Scouts were treated to a special tour of the famous carrier as they camped out in the berthing area for two nights. Not only did they sleep in real Navy bunks but also got to taste some real Navy food in the Chief Petty Officer's Mess Hall.

Dick Condon, director of the museum, guided the Scouts on a flashlight tour of the historic chambers of the vessel which are not open to the general public. On this part of the tour, they visited the "ice cream parlor," engineering department and the printing shop.

On the first morning the troop got a sneak preview of the destroyer USS LAFFEY and submarine USS CLAMAGORE, two of the newest additions to the museum which are now being prepared for the public. In the future there will be at least three more ships added to the museum including the USS SAVANNAH.

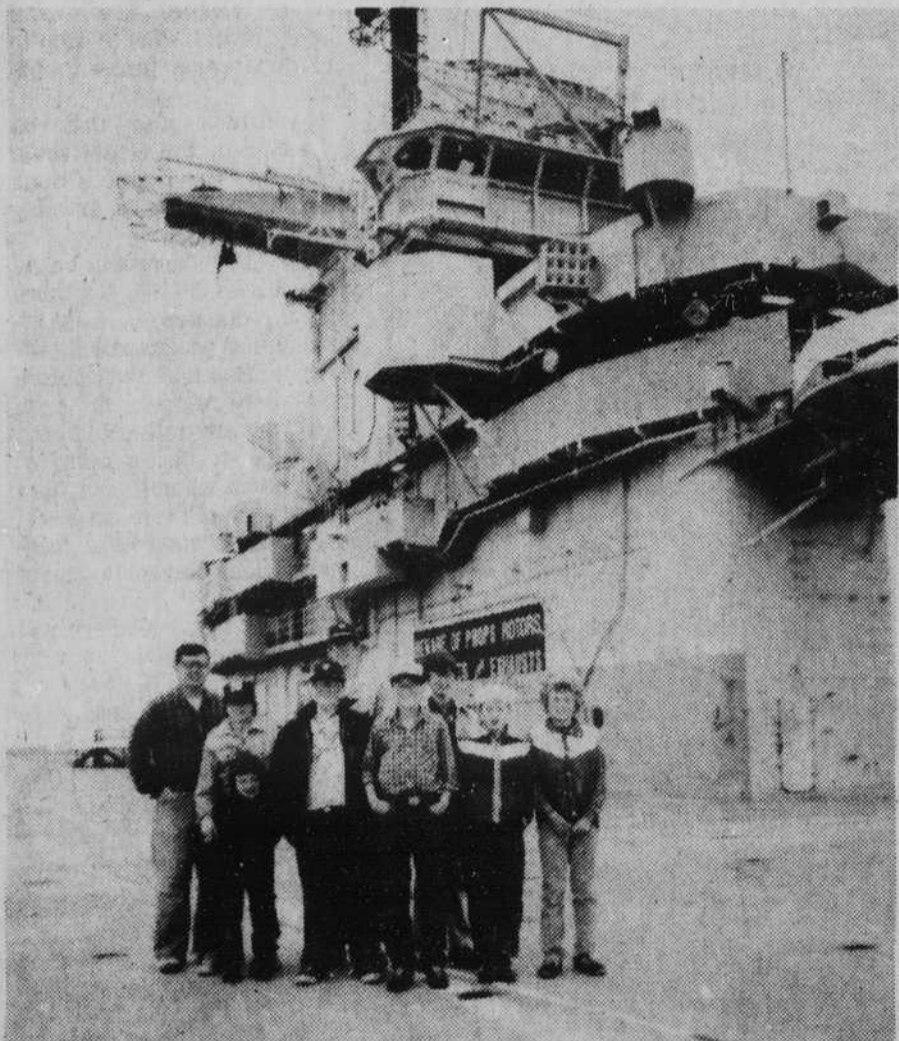
Later in the morning the scouts were given liberty to go ashore and visited historic Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie in Charleston Harbor. There the boys were educated on the defense of Charleston Harbor all the way back to the Revolutionary War and told how the old forts are used today.

In the afternoon, the Scouts returned to the YORKTOWN to explore the ship's flight deck. Below the deck, a tour of the hanger deck revealed aircraft as well as anti-aircraft guns in mothballs. Later in the evening, the "Fighting Lady" came alive to the Scouts as they saw Navy documentary films featuring the ship.

According to the Scouts, the trip to the ship is unforgettable. They will be able to tell their own "war stories" about actually being there in the ready room where pilots were briefed before a battle.

Scouts attending the tour were Howie Hall, Eric Hyatt, Bobby Addams, Robert Burke, Jeff Jones, Ron Baker and Tommy Bruin. Leaders were committee chairman Jack Jones, assistant scoutmaster Tim Bradshaw, and David Jordan. The Scouts express gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hyatt who helped with transportation.

In the early spring the troop plans to spend the night in the Lost Sea Caverns in Tennessee. Boys between 11 and 18 are invited to join the troop. Call Tim Bradshaw at 669-9225 after 6:30 p.m. on Fridays or Rex Coult at 669-4385 after 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Troop 50 meets each Monday night at the United Methodist Church at 7 p.m.



Scouts Howie Hall, Eric Hyatt, Bobby Addams, Robert Burke, Jeff Jones, Ron Baker and Tommy Bruin were accompanied by Jack Jones, Tim Bradshaw and David Jordan on a tour of the USS YORKTOWN in Charleston.

50th Thanksgiving display



This is the 50th year for the Thanksgiving display in the Warren Wilson College Presbyterian Church. The tradition was started by Bernhard Laursen, father of Ernst Laursen, current farm manager of the college. Mr. Laursen's display was the focal point of a special Thanksgiving service

Sunday, graced with clowns, balloons and special music for the occasion. Warren Wilson students on the farm crew gathered the shucks, convinced a calf to come up the aisle, herded piglets who kept escaping during the service and offered bounty from the earth for their contribution.

Rescue tool

Restrictions sour county offer

by Cynthia Reimer

"Very unfair" is what Black Mountain Mayor Tom Sobol called an offer by Buncombe County Commissioners to provide up to \$2,500 toward the purchase of a power rescue tool for the East Buncombe Fire District. A Nov. 17 letter from Chairman Curtis Ratcliff to Mayor Sobol laid out restrictions on the offered grant.

"Buncombe County is willing to allocate this balance of \$2,245 should you decide to purchase the Hurst tool," the letter states. A second restriction is that bids be processed through the Buncombe County Purchasing Office.

"We appreciate the donation," Sobol said, but added that he did not believe fire department volunteers would accept the restrictions.

The volunteers raised \$2,150 toward the purchase of a Lucas tool, which they believe to be superior to the Hurst tool.

The remainder of the purchase price, \$3,200, is to be given by the McDonald's Corporation.

Steve King, member of the Black Mountain Fire Department and sales

representative for Slagle Fire Equipment, said, "I can justify the difference in prices," which is about \$550. The Lucas tool has several features the Hurst tool does not have, King said.

County Emergency Services Director Jerry VeHaun advised the Board of Commissioners several weeks ago that he believed the Hurst tool to be superior

and recommended it also for uniformity in county fire departments.

King met with VeHaun on Monday. The result of that meeting, King said, was that VeHaun agreed to talk to the Board of Commissioners about removing restrictions on the grant money.

The difference in cost would not be borne by the county, but rather by the

fire department volunteers. The county is putting up only 25 percent of the money, Mayor Sobol pointed out, and wanting to dictate the terms.

Whether or not the county removes the restrictions, the offer will be on the December agenda for Black Mountain Town Council to decide to accept or refuse.

Phone customers may save money

Effective last week, the North Carolina Utilities Commission allows Southern Bell to sell directly to customers the wire, hardware and accessories used in wiring homes and businesses for telephone service.

This action by the Commission will make it possible for customers who wish to do the job themselves to save money on installing wire and outlets for telephone service.

R.W. Fleming, Southern Bell district manager in Asheville said that this significant change in the Company's service procedures comes as a logical follow-up to action taken in May to allow customers to own and maintain their telephone wiring and jacks. "Although many customers did have the know-how to install the wiring and jacks themselves, obtaining the necessary materials and hardware was sometimes difficult or inconvenient," he said.

Offering these Customer Convenience Products (CCP) for sale directly to individual customers will permit them to wire homes or business and provide telephone locations that better suit their needs. And, at the same time, they will save themselves the money that would have been spent to have Southern Bell or other contractors to do the job.

Fleming emphasized that Southern Bell is not the only source for these materials and hardware. Such items are available from other vendors around the state. "These CCP items are being

made available through PhoneCenter and Bell Customer Service Centers

strictly as convenience to our customers," he said.



The controversial McDonald's sign was raised Monday at the new restaurant on Highway 9.

No more tv listings

Area television listing will no longer be carried by The Black Mountain News. The decision is a financial one, according to News publisher James Aycock. "We regret it, but advertising has just not supported this expensive

service," Aycock explained.

Listings in this issue are the final ones subscribers will receive. Real estate listings will be incorporated in the classified section of the paper.



Nov. 16--high 58, low 36 degrees; .08 inches precipitation.
Nov. 17--high 52, low 43 degrees; .05 inches precipitation.
Nov. 18--high 61, low 41 degrees.
Nov. 19--high 74, low 25 degrees.
Nov. 20--high 60 degrees at 5 a.m., low 34; .07 inches precipitation.
Nov. 21--high 33, low 25 degrees; .01 inches snow flurries.
Nov. 22--high 44, low 23 degrees; trace precipitation.