

## August 2019 Beaufort District Collection

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### No Strings Attached To Celebration Of V-J Day In War-Weary Beaufort

Jubilance, celebration and rejoicing were words that did not apply to Beaufort's grim acceptance of V-E Day, but are words that cannot be omitted in describing the holiday and festive mood of joviality in our little city Tuesday at the official announcement of the war's end.

The spirit of Beaufort was that of any other city in the nation—her heart was glad and thankful for the glorious day.

Football championship games, Navy day celebrations, boat race excitement, New Year's Eves. All those rolled into one—and much more was the spirit of the occasion. And as one wide-eyed high school boy remarked Wednesday morning, "Why, I'd never seen anything like it in Beaufort!"

This spirit of overwhelming joy was personified:

In the way Mrs. Jim Gill, Mrs. John Morrall, Mrs. Roscoe Mitchell and Benny Chambers were pulling the rope that rang the fire bell dozens and dozens of times. They pulled with so much vigor that the rope finally popped and their hands were practically raw!

In the little sailor who climbed to the top of the tower to con-

tinue the clanging of the bell.

In the huge flag waving across the upstairs front porch of the Luther home—and in Mills Black who stood outside of his home waving two small flags.

In the group hanging onto the fire engine as it raced down the streets of Beaufort—and in Calhoun Thomas holding onto the side of the truck and forcefully turning the engine's siren.

In the cars of happy screaming people—in the war wives who were celebrating with double meanings. In the tears and laughter in the faces of Mrs. Sam Levin and Mrs. W. W. Aimar, both with sons in the Pacific.

In paper torn, in joyful service men crowding the streets in parties given throughout the town—in cheering happy hilarious sounds. And then in reverence and solemnity Beaufort fell upon her knees to join in the worship of God—to express praise and thanksgiving for the coming of this peace on earth—for the return of our loved ones. And in her heart was a special prayer for those who would not return, who had made the supreme sacrifice that we might have this day.

#### August 14, 1945 - VJ Day

The then weekly *Beaufort Gazette* reports on how Beaufort celebrated the end of World War II in its 17 August 1945 issue. It was Beaufort County's only newspaper at the time.

### Looking Ahead:

**Library closed on Monday, September 2, 2019 for Labor Day.**

**Beaufort History Museum /Beaufort County Library Lecture Series returns Sept. 17th.**

#### Beaufort District Collection Hours

**Mondays** 9:00am-5:00pm

**Tuesdays** 9:00am-5:00pm

**Wednesdays** 9:00am-5:00pm

**Thursdays** 9:00am-5:00pm

**Fridays** 9:00am-5:00pm

**Saturdays** Closed

**Sundays** Closed

For more great BDC images:

Hurricane of 1893 Photos  
<http://bit.ly/2a39kQG>

Arnsberger Postcards  
<http://bit.ly/2q8VS3e>

## BDC Local History Programs Return



### "Bootlegging in Beaufort... and Beyond: Illicit Distilling in South Carolina" with Neil Baxley

**Thursday, August 15, 2019**

**BDC@ Beaufort Branch, 311 Scott Street**

**2:00 pm**

First come, first seated



**August 27 -28, 1893 -**

**"Great Sea Island Hurricane"**

**August 27 -28, 1911 -**

**"Hurricane of 1911"**

Read more about the 1911 hurricane in *Connections* <http://bit.ly/2WzuG0g> and join us for "Tide of Death" lecture commemorating the District's biggest, baddest natural disaster to date



### "Tide of Death: The Sea Island Hurricane" with Grace Cordial

**Wednesday, August 28, 2019**

**BDC@ Beaufort Branch, 311 Scott Street**

**5:30 pm**

First come, first seated

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	Tossing watermelons.  National Watermelon Day
4	5		7 National Lighthouse Day <a href="https://beaufortdistrictcollectionconnections.blogspot.com/2018/08/celebrating-beaufort-districts.html">https://beaufortdistrictcollectionconnections.blogspot.com/2018/08/celebrating-beaufort-districts.html</a>	8	9  National Book Lovers Day	
11	12	13	14 Empire of Japan Surrenders to Allied Forces in 1945	 "Bootlegging in Beaufort ... and beyond" with Neil Baxley	16	17
18	19 	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 National Dog Day	126th Anniversary of the Sea Island Hurricane, 1893 108th Anniversary of the Hurricane of 1911			30	31
			"Tide of Death" (1893) anniversary lecture with Grace Cordial			

**Beaufort District Collection** We are open to the public Mondays - Fridays 9:00am-5:00pm | Appointments welcome

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