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Officials Change School Opening Date to Friday, Oct. 1

Pastor Bromley Urges Eligibles Not to Register

Former County Minister Continues Campaign Against War

The Rev. Ernest R. Bromley, former pastor of the Straits Methodist church, has made headlines throughout the nation again with his request that young men not register for the draft.

Rev. Mr. Bromley is well-known in this section and continually has made public his views against war. In the past his refusal to pay income tax on the grounds that the money is used for waging war has brought him to grips with the federal government.

He stated in that case that he didn't object to paying the money and gave the amount due the federal government to a charitable institution.

The latest news on Rev. Mr. Bromley is the following information from the Associated Press:

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 24.—(AP)—A young Methodist minister, already under scrutiny of federal authorities, calmly repeated today his appeal to draft eligibles not to register for selective service.

Rev. Ernest R. Bromley, 36, told a reporter at his summer home in neighboring Nassau that he believed civil disobedience to military conscription was the only method of preventing a future war.

The minister projected himself into controversy Sunday when he made this declaration in a sermon.

Brig. Gen. James T. Brown, New York state director of selective service, asked U. S. District Attorney Irving Higbee at Syracuse to "investigate and take appropriate action."

Higbee said at Syracuse today he would investigate. He explained there were limits to free speech, as evolved by court interpretations of the constitutional right, but declined to comment on the Bromley utterances. He explained he had not yet seen the text or published reports.

Substituting for the pastor of Grace Methodist church at Nassau, Sunday, Rev. Mr. Bromley advocated that young men refuse to register for the draft.

He termed the Selective Service Act "a huge and tragic step toward war, dictatorship and catastrophe."

"Civil disobedience is the only approach now," he told a reporter today.

"I am fully aware of public consequences" of public advocacy of nonregistration," he added.

A native of Boston, Rev. Mr. Bromley said he had held pastorates in a number of communities in North Carolina. He last had a church in Stonewall, he said.

He stated that he registered for the draft in 1940, but had been deferred because he was a minister.

Men 18-26 to Register at Newport, Morehead City, Beaufort, Atlantic

New York Firm Will Not Purchase A & EC Railroad

The proposed sale of the operating control of the Atlantic and East Carolina Railroad has been called off, Harry P. Edwards of New Bern, one of the four major stockholders, announced this week.

Edwards reported that A. W. Benkert and Company of New York City has notified the stockholders that it would not exercise its option to purchase operating control of the railroad.

"We plan to retain control, at least for the present," Edwards said.

He stated that the Benkert firm "made us a ridiculous proposition and asked that the option be extended until after the General Assembly meets next year. We would not agree."

The New York firm, Edwards said, proposed that the State put in about \$2,000,000 in repairs.

The roadbed of the line, which extends from Goldsboro to Morehead City, is owned by the State, but the operating franchise is controlled by Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Buchan of Kingston, and J. A. Bolich, Jr., of Winston-Salem.

Marine Reserves Leave Via Morehead City Port

Extensive activity at Port Terminal this week is due to moving of Marine reserve trainees from Camp Lejeune to their home states, according to information from the Camp Lejeune public information office.

"Navy transports and LSTs have been at the Terminal since early this week, and busloads of Marines have been transported to the Naval units from Lejeune."

The reserve training program has continued all summer. Engineering units are scheduled to finish their training the week of Sept. 6.

Ocracoke Teams, Jaycees to Meet On Softball Field

Morehead City Jaycee softball team will play Ocracoke Coast Guardsmen and the Nine Old Men Sunday afternoon at Ocracoke, it was announced today. The team and its supporters will make the trip on Glenn Willis's boat, Ali Lapping.

At the weekly meeting of the junior chamber of commerce Monday night at Hotel Fort Macon, a resolution was passed requesting town commissioners to investigate the feasibility of having Tide Water Power company add fluoride to the water supply.

Reports were made on the State Jaycee board meeting at Fayetteville which was held last weekend. A suggestion that the junior chamber of commerce take a stand on gambling laws met with no reaction, pro or con.

It was suggested by the governmental affairs committee that the group head a movement to either enforce laws against gambling or else head a movement to legalize gambling.

Beaufort Jaycees Reverse Decision On Investigation of Solicitations

Six Convicted In Liquor Case

The Carteret County Board of Health, at a special meeting at the county health office, Beaufort, late Tuesday afternoon, voted unanimously to postpone the opening of county schools until Oct. 1 because of the polio situation.

Present at the meeting were Dr. K. P. B. Bonner, chairman of the board of health and the county board of commissioners; Morehead City Mayor George W. Dill, Beaufort Mayor L. W. Hassell, County Health Officer Dr. N. Thomas Ennet, School Superintendent H. L. Joslyn, Dr. Frank E. Hyde, Dr. L. W. Moore, chairman of the board of education, Paul Jones, Dr. D. J. Eure, and Charles Webb, member of the board of education.

After voting the postponement, Mr. Joslyn pointed out that in order to maintain the regular nine-month school year, the schools will remain open through June of next year. The board reserved the right to open schools earlier than the Oct. 1 date if the polio situation clears up earlier than is anticipated.

Having an important hearing on the postponement was the fact that two more cases of polio in the county were reported last week, both Negroes living on North River road. With polio still a grave threat in the county, the board took the stand that the inconvenience caused by the delay in opening of the schools would be of little significance when traded for the safeguarding of the health of county children.

Opening the meeting, Dr. Ennet, secretary of the board and county health officer, pointed out to the board chronologically the seven cases of infantile paralysis that have occurred so far.

He said he was unable by any means to establish any pattern or connection between the cases except for the fact that the two Sevel cases, Richard Salter and David Taylor, both 8 years old, were neighbors and playmates and members of the same Bible school. The onset of their illnesses was eight days apart.

Dr. Ennet added that flies and warm weather are also believed to have some bearing on the disease, and that a postponement to Oct. 1 would avoid September's hot weather, which would probably be conducive to the spread of polio.

The fact that schools would stay open until June, another hot month, would probably be of little consequence from the standpoint of polio because the probability of another epidemic next year is very slight since they usually occur in cycles.

Dr. Bonner pointed out that the bans on children under 16 from attending theatres, Sunday Schools, and Bible schools would be ineffective without a school ban.

In carrying the motion for postponement, the members felt that popular opinion was for it. They also believed that a ban of only one or possibly two weeks would be ineffective.

The board was opposed to a suggestion by Dr. Ennet that any legal ban be placed on gatherings of children.

Schools in Roxboro and Person county have been scheduled for a Sept. 6 opening, a week later than usual. The start of the new term at Fremont has been moved from Aug. 31 to Sept. 9. Iredell county has ordered a second postponement of school openings, this time to Sept. 9. Greenville schools will open Sept. 6, Pitt county schools will open Monday, Aug. 30.

At Rocky Mount, school officials cancelled a Greensboro - Rocky Mount high school football game scheduled for Sept. 10 at Greensboro.

Beauty contest judges will be from Jacksonville, New Bern, York, Pa., Cherry Point, Atlantic Beach, Morehead City, and Beaufort.

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Three Negroes, Three Whites Pay Penalties In Recorder's Court

Six people, three whites and three Negroes, received fines in recorder's court, Beaufort, Tuesday after being convicted on charges of participation in a bootlegging case. One man involved was given a suspended jail sentence and fine for driving drunk, driving without a driver's license, assault with a deadly weapon, and interfering with an officer in the discharge of his duty.

The defendant was convicted of an assault and other charges was Thomas A. Jackson, white, who was given a sentence of one year in jail, suspended on condition that he remain on good behavior for five years and pay a fine of \$150 and costs. The weapon used in the assault, a .32 caliber pistol, was confiscated.

Jackson was also found guilty of aiding and abetting the transportation of a quantity of non-tax paid liquor and was fined \$25 and costs.

William Edward Jackson and Neal Jackson, cousins of Thomas, were also fined \$25 and costs for possession of and transportation of a quantity of non-tax paid liquor.

The three Negroes in the case were Mollie Green, her husband Jim, and Peter Alexander. Mollie Green, a repeated offender, was charged with possession of and transporting a quantity of non-tax paid whiskey for the purpose of sale and was fined \$50 and costs.

Jim Green, charged with the same offense as his wife drew a \$25 fine and court costs, and Alexander was fined a similar amount for possession of and transporting a quantity of non-tax paid intoxicating liquor.

The arrests were made by local authorities Sunday night when the truck, owned and driven by Thomas Jackson, was stopped and the See COURT Page 8

Judge Luther Hamilton Delivers Address at Meeting Monday Night

Beaufort junior chamber of commerce reversed its decision to check on solicitors of funds at its meeting Monday night. In an hour's discussion following an address by Judge Luther Hamilton, Morehead City, the Jaycees, by majority vote, agreed that this duty could be handled by the chamber of commerce.

Under the Jaycee plan originally proposed, members were to be relieved of ill-founded, invalid solicitations for various campaigns and causes by being an honorary member of the junior chamber of commerce whose committee would investigate the requests.

Cost of this service was to be \$5 annually. The majority of the Jaycees felt that merchants would be unduly taxed to pay for membership in the chamber of commerce in addition to honorary membership in the junior chamber.

Minstrelsy Again

After lapse of a year, the Jaycees are again going to present a minstrel show. Tentative plans are for production this fall. Their minstrel show two years ago was a tremendous hit and it was planned then to make it an annual presentation.

Judge Hamilton, who spoke immediately following dinner, talked on the civil rights program which has been incorporated into the platform of both the Democratic and Republican parties.

The judge branded the civil rights proposals as merely a vote-getting measure and reminded his audience that such an issue has arisen in recent years in every political campaign.

It was the speaker's contention that the federal government has no legal right to say whether a man should pay a poll tax, tell an employer what type of workers he should employ, or assume any duties that, under the constitution, belong to states.

Disapproves of Dixiecrats

During the course of his discussion the judge emphatically stated that he did not approve of or endorse the action taken by the Dixiecrats who have formed their own political party in protest against the civil rights program. "Every-one knows," declared the speaker, "that they can't do anything about it."

In speaking of the civil rights issue which says that an employer cannot deny a worker employment because of race, color, creed or national origin, Judge Hamilton declared that civil and moral rights are being confused and there is failure to distinguish clearly between segregation and discrimination.

Insofar as the race problem is concerned, the speaker said that amalgamation is not the answer and that history shows where two races here mingled closely one eventually absorbs the other to the detriment of both.

The judge concluded by saying that "we must be allowed to raise our own standards and then with the freedoms and liberties that are ours and which we have too long taken for granted, follow those standards."

Salter Pathers, Dealers, Air Fishery Dispute

Fisheries Committee Spends Morning Hearing Arguments

By Ruth Peeling

For more than two hours a dispute over the fisheries at Salter Path was aired before the State commercial fisheries committee at its meeting yesterday morning in the commercial fisheries building, Morehead City.

Sixty Salter Path fishermen crowded the board room and heard Capt. George Smith, spokesman for one faction of the Salter Pathers, present his reasons favoring passage of a law preventing establishment of another fishery at Salter Path within three miles of an established fishery.

This resolution, if approved by the commercial fisheries committee, would prevent Albert Lea, Morehead City fish dealer, from dealing with Salter Path fishermen, for Mr. Lea says that he has this year entered into an agreement with these fishermen who are fishing in an area located within three miles of the Belhaven Fish and Oyster company fishery.

Prior to this year the section of the beach in question was under jurisdiction of the Belhaven company, of Morehead City and Belhaven, which sub-leased it from C. Gehrmann Holland, Beaufort. Mr. Holland leased the property from Mrs. Alice Hoffman, owner of the greater part of Bogue Banks.

Mr. Lea told the committee that he has bought gear for the fishermen and made an agreement with them to use this property. He has put up a guarantee for them, giving Mrs. Hoffman an initial payment for lease of the land.

Within a certain period of time the fishermen were to reimburse Mr. Lea who charges now that Clyde Potter, two-thirds owner of Belhaven Fish and Oyster company, has made a more attractive offer to the fishermen.

Frank M. Wooten, Greenville, attorney for Mrs. Hoffman, stated that his client has signed a contract with Mr. Lea. Actually the land was leased to "the Salter Path fishing crew." Mrs. Hoffman believing that in this way the interests of the fishermen would best be protected.

According to Mr. Wooten, he was informed that if the Lea fishery becomes firmly established, the Belhaven trawlers were going to trawl so close to shore that no shore fishery would get any fish.

To prevent such a possibility he presented a request to the fisheries committee asking that they prohibit trawlers from coming within 1,200 feet of shore.

In June, when this conflict arose an attempt was made to settle the matter by attempting to discover with which dealer the fishermen would rather be associated.

The meeting was held at Salter Path and those favoring Lea were told to go to one side of the road and those favoring Belhaven to the other. No sooner had the group divided when a pitched battle began.

This side of the conflict was not placed before the committee, however, and Roy Hampton, chairman of the committee, finally asked that someone show the committee See FISHERIES Page 8

Countians Attend Polio Meeting

Representatives of 10 county infantile paralysis chapters attended a meeting in Wilmington Tuesday to discuss matters relating to the polio epidemic in this state.

Representatives from Carteret county were Mrs. Pauline Dickinson, chairman of the local chapter, Mrs. Graham Duncan, treasurer, and Mrs. William Loftin, secretary. Other counties represented were Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Duplin, Jones, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender, Robeson, and Sampson.

Presiding at the meeting, the first of many planned to be held throughout the state was Philip S. Randolph, state chairman for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

The group discussed the hospital care policy of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, chapter finances and advances, chapter organizations and functions, and the 1949 March of Dimes.

The local chapter representatives learned that two of the county's polio patients, David Taylor and Ralph Salter, both of Sea Level, have returned home. Jean Chadwick, Beaufort, is expected to return home this week.

Health Officer Attends Conference at Raleigh

Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, Carteret county health officer, left yesterday for Raleigh to attend a conference of local health officers at the capital city today. The meeting, which will be held at the State Laboratory of Hygiene auditorium, was called by Dr. J. W. Roy Norton, state health officer.

The health officers will discuss what Dr. Norton described as "required legislation, including state aid to local health work."

Dr. Norton, in his letter to the health officers, stressed the importance of the conference, stating that, if necessary, the meeting will extend into tomorrow.

Farmers Suggest Farm Program

A group of farmers at a meeting Wednesday night in the county agent's office, Beaufort, suggested that an increase in dairying and poultry should be emphasized in the Beaufort chamber of commerce's program of work. They met with Dr. W. L. Woodard, president of the chamber of commerce, and Dan L. Walker, manager.

They pointed out that with an increase of livestock there should also be an increase in the supply of homegrown feed. It was suggested that 4-H club members and adult farmers join the 100-Bushel Corn club, that pure-bred dairy calves be purchased, and that a poultry chain be started. The latter is a project whereby mature hens are sold and the money obtained used to buy more chicks which are then distributed to farmers.

Farmers who attended the meeting were Raymond Ball, Harlowe, S. D. Edwards and Roy Garner, Newport, Rufus and Thomas Oglesby, Crab Point, Oscar Salter, Bethe, and R. M. Williams, county agent.

Polio Causes Death at Air Base

William Edward Cannon, 25-year-old Marine captain stationed at Cherry Point Air base, was the first polio fatality in Craven county. Captain Cannon died late Monday night at the Naval hospital at Camp Lejeune with his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Cannon, and small daughter at the bedside.

Dr. T. L. Allman, naval medical officer at Cherry Point, diagnosed the case as being poliomyelitis last Sunday night and he was transferred from the Cherry Point dispensary Monday morning to Camp Lejeune. Although Dr. Allman could not be reached as to the official cause of death, it was reported by Dr. Eugene A. Bain, New Bern city-county health officer, that Captain Cannon was dead and the death was believed to be caused from the bulbar type of polio.

Dr. Bain explained only recently that the bulbar type is the most serious type of poliomyelitis and that it immediately causes paralysis in the area surrounding the heart and the muscles are paralyzed causing death in a greater percentage of cases.

Captain Cannon was attached to VMF-223 at the air base and his home was at Gainesville, Fla. He, his wife and child, came to Cherry Point on June 9, 1948, and at the time of his death lived in the transit military quarters on the base.

He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the naval aviation branch on May 14, 1942, and served overseas most of the time during World War II. He reported to this base from a marine base in California.

It is reported that the wife and child are being quarantined at Camp Lejeune as well as several others who had close contact with him while he was under observation at Cherry Point.

Beach Beauty To Be Crowned

Miss Atlantic Beach of 1948 will be crowned tonight at the Surf Club. From among 10 contestants, the weekly winners of beauty contests at Atlantic Beach this summer, the girl who will win a silver loving cup will be chosen.

The crown will be placed on her head by one of the county's famous weight-lifters, Joe Lauriano, a native of Hawaii, who holds as one of his titles the name, "Mr. America."

The dance and beauty contest will begin at 9 o'clock. Playing for the affair will be Allen Craig and his 12-piece orchestra.

Attendees to the lucky winner of the beauty title will be Miss Joyce Johnson, who was selected as Miss Beaufort of 1948, and Miss Viola Styron, who is Miss Morehead City of 1948.

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Substitute Clerk-Carrier Needed at Postoffice

The United States Civil Service commission announces an open competitive examination for the position of substitute clerk-carrier for filling vacancies in the post office at Beaufort. Entrance salary of this position is \$1.29 per hour.

Applications for this position will be accepted by the director, Fourth U. S. Civil Service Region, Temporary Building "R," 3rd and Jefferson Drive, S.W., Washington 25, D. C. until the needs of the service are met.

Competitors will be required to report for written examination, which will be held as soon as practicable after the date set for the close of receipt of applications. Full information and application blank may be obtained from Howard C. Jones, secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, at the Beaufort post office.

Drawbridges Open Again To Water Traffic; New Power Lines Operate

Beaufort highway draw bridge and railroad bridge went into operation yesterday after a five-week standstill because of low-hanging power lines across Gallant's channel.

High lines, 88 feet above mean high water, strung from wooden structure 108 feet high, went into operation early yesterday morning after a two-hour outage from 5 to 7 a.m. The changeover was made from the low lines during this two-hour period.

Overhead lines were put up when the underwater cable failed in June. It is believed that the new lines are strung on the highest wooden Tide Water structures in the state.

Rotarians Recommend Return in '49 Of Bill Kittrell, Recreation Director

Robert Williams, chairman of the Rotary club recreation committee, in a report to Rotarians at their meeting Tuesday night at the Inlet Inn, recommended that Bill Kittrell, in charge of Beaufort's recreation program this summer, be asked to return next summer.

Mr. Williams told the group that parents were pleased with the recreation activities insofar as they could be carried out prior to the polio outbreak.

Approximately \$80 is required to meet all expenses of this summer's program and this money is expected to be raised in the very near future. The Rotary recreation committee appointed at last week's meeting will serve as an advisory board to next year's director.

Dr. W. L. Woodard, president of the Chamber of Commerce requested that ideas for the program of work be submitted to chamber of commerce officials. He reported that the membership drive has been highly successful.

As the entertainment, the Rev.

Surf Boat Crew to Receive Daniels Trophy This Fall

Fort Macon's surf boat crew which won the race at the recent Coast Guard anniversary celebration at Cape Hatteras, will receive the Josephus Daniels Memorial trophy here early this fall, according to Robert G. Lowe, secretary of Morehead City Chamber of Commerce.

Presentation of the trophy will be made by Jonathan Daniels, son of Josephus, who was a former secretary of the Navy. Taking part in the ceremony will be high officials of the United States Coast Guard.

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HIGH		LOW
12:30 AM		6:40 AM
1:13 PM		8:50 PM
Saturday, Aug. 28		
1:28 AM		7:41 AM
2:17 PM		9:00 PM
Sunday, Aug. 29		
2:35 AM		8:51 AM
3:25 PM		10:08 PM
Monday, Aug. 30		
3:48 AM		10:02 AM
4:30 PM		11:11 PM
Tuesday, Aug. 31		
4:57 AM		11:11 AM
5:28 PM		