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Dr. Harold Humm, Beaufort, Returns from Newfoundland

Beaufort PTA President Makes Plans for '48-'49

Committee Confers With Mrs. Paul Davenport, PTA District Director

Members of the recently-appointed executive committee of Beaufort Parent-Teacher association met at 7:30 Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Ralph Eudy, president, to present their committee plans for the coming year.

Mrs. Eudy reports that in spite of the delay in opening school, plans have been made for a most active year.

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The ways and means committee met recently and planned a project for each month.

Members of the PTA executive committee for 1948-49 are Mrs. Eudy, president, Mrs. B. F. Copeland, vice-president, Miss Shirley Johnson, secretary, Paul S. Jones, treasurer.

Mrs. James Potter III and Mrs. R. W. Safrin, co-chairman of the ways and means committee, Mrs. George Eastman, membership, James Wheatley, program, Mrs. F. R. Bell, hospitality.

Mrs. Gehrmann Holland, room representative, Mrs. Warren Allgood, grounds, Mrs. John Brooks, historian, Mrs. John Haynes, magazines, Mrs. Graydon Paul, recreation, and Mrs. Blythe Noe, publicity.

Fifty members and guests of the Carteret Business and Professional Women's club witnessed the presentation of the club's charter to the president, Mrs. M. M. Ayscue, at a dinner meeting Tuesday night at the Jefferson restaurant.

The presentation was made by the state president, Mrs. Kay Shipman, of High Point.

The business session followed a turkey dinner. Mrs. Harold Sampson gave the address of welcome to which Mrs. Willie Johnson, president of the Clinton club and sister of Mrs. Ayscue, responded.

Guests included H. L. Joslyn, Carteret county superintendent of schools, Miss Lena Duncan, president of the Beaufort Book club, Odell Merrill, representative of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce, Miss Stella Price, editor of the Tar Heel Woman, official organ of North Carolina Business and Professional Women's clubs, and Mrs. Kathryn Walsh, Greenville, director of the 7th district, of which Carteret county is a part.

Prior to presenting the charter to Mrs. Ayscue, Mrs. Shipman gave a short talk, "Our Rights Are Our Responsibilities."

The meeting closed with group singing led by Miss Price.

Lab Director's Process of Extracting Gels From Seaweed Patented by Duke University

C. K. Howe, Jr., Elected Mayor of Radford, Va.

C. K. Howe, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Howe of Beaufort, was recently elected mayor of Radford, Va., it was learned today.

The youngest mayor ever elected in Radford, Howe was graduated from the Beaufort high school and later attended the University of North Carolina.

His record in Radford was the subject of a write-up in the Radford News-Journal, recently. Following is an excerpt from that newspaper: "Mayor Howe was first elected to the city council in 1946. He has been in the Standard Oil business in Radford for a number of years."

"He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Retail Merchants' association, American Legion, Presbyterian church, Fire Department Life Saving Crew, past president of the Kiwanis club and director of First and Merchant's association."

By Ralph Wade, Bandmaster, Morehead City. To the parents of Morehead City school pupils:

Band instrumental training is available for your boy or girl. There will be classes for beginners in addition to the regular band class. The child who learns to play an instrument learns discipline, cooperation with others, and a new way to a fuller, richer life.

An instrument automatically places him in worthwhile school activities; it gives him something interesting, pleasurable and worthwhile to do during his leisure time.

A musical aptitude test is to be given to the pupils, and recommendation for more musical activity will be made to the parents of the boys and girls rating sufficiently high in the test. This method of discovering talent is proving successful wherever it is used, since only the children who can recognize rhythm and pitch are encouraged to take up the study of an instrument. Grade 5 through 8 are to be tested.

An arrangement has been made with a reliable music company to secure instruments under a special three months rental-trial plan. With this rental plan, you have the privilege of returning the instrument at any time after three months if the child does not show proper progress on the instrument.

A meeting of the parents and pupils interested will be announced and held in the local school. It will be possible to confer with me, Mr. Wade, bandmaster, concerning the instruments best suited to your child and he will be glad to explain the details of the rental-trial plan if desired. There will be no charge for band instruction.

Rotarians See Movie "Freedom Rides on Rubber," a movie, was shown to the Beaufort Rotary club by R. M. Williams at the weekly supper meeting Tuesday night at Inlet Inn.

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Dr. Harold J. Humm, director of Duke University Marine laboratory, Beaufort, returned Monday night from Newfoundland where he spent a month investigating seaweed resources of Newfoundland on behalf of the Newfoundland government.

It was recently announced by A. S. Brower, business manager and comptroller of Duke University that Dr. Humm's process of extracting gels from certain Atlantic coast seaweeds has been patented, opening up vast new commercial possibilities for use of the product.

The gel extracted in Dr. Humm's process forms substances called agar of equal or greater strength than commercial gel now used.

It is unique in that the strength of the gel can be controlled by the concentration of the extractive and the amount of salt used. Gels extracted from other seaweeds have the same thickness but cannot be controlled.

Dr. Humm played a prominent part in wartime research which led to the obtaining of agar from seaweed along the Carolina coast which was needed by medical laboratories for bacteria cultures. The agar factory at Beaufort, formerly the Beaufort Chemical company, was said to be the largest in the world during the war.

The patent concerns both ends of extracting and treating the gel as well as the products obtained from the gels. Dr. Humm's discoveries make possible production of better quality at a cost favorable to the present costs of producing it commercially, and the product obtained is purer and stronger.

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Morehead Jaycees Support Proposed Twin City Eleven

Civic Group Observes Ladies Night Monday at Recreation Center

Morehead City Junior Chamber of Commerce, at its regular Monday night meeting, voted to help support a proposed twin city high school football team in Morehead City high school team.

The decision was made after Bill Flowers, chairman of the youth welfare committee, told members of the results of his conference with county school officials. Flowers said that the county officials did not believe the Morehead City high school had enough boys sufficiently interested in playing to comprise a successful team.

Flowers had gone to the conference with a list of 31 names of boys who wanted to play football, but seven or eight of the boys on the list were declared ineligible right off the bat.

Superintendent of County schools H. L. Joslyn gave Flowers two alternatives if the Jaycees were set to push this move. He said that he would listen only to proposals for either a six-man football team or a twin city eleven-man team.

After both possibilities were discussed at the Jaycees' meeting, the twin city proposal was adopted with the stipulation that the Beaufort Jaycees be contacted to push the movement in Beaufort.

The Jaycees said the team would be equipped and would practice this year, but would not become involved in a regular schedule until next year.

Other committee reports given at the Monday night meeting were presented by Skinner Chalk, fire prevention; Bernard L. Cary, home-making projects; and manager of the softball team; Josiah Bailey, governmental affairs; Bobby Bell, Christmas activities; and Walter Morris, beauty pageant.

Chalk said that preparations were being made for a big campaign during fire prevention week in early October. His committee is working on a project whereby the Jaycees will be able to sell fire extinguishers at low price with some profit to the Jaycees.

Committee chairman Leary told that plans for being formulated for a Jaycee-sponsored minstrel show to give some time this fall, built along the same lines as the successful Beaufort show presented the year before last.

He stated also that prospects were very good for a lighted ball park in Morehead City next year. The project was started too late to have been successful this season.

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Establishment of Land Ownership Confronts Beaufort Commissioners

Who owns the strip of waterfront land south of Front street, Beaufort, and east of Live Oak street to the town limits?

Nobody knows. This startling fact came to light at the Beaufort town commissioners meeting Monday night in the town hall when John Parkin requested the commissioner's permission to operate a fish market he has built on waterfront property between Live Oak and Gordon streets.

It was the tentative opinion of J. F. Duncan, town attorney, that the property belongs to the town. William Hattell, town clerk, reported that property owners east of Live Oak street pay taxes only on the land north of Front street.

Parkin was directed by the commissioners to establish ownership of the land on which he has erected his building before applying for a fish market permit.

The 65 Club, owned and operated in Beaufort by Bob Smith, was ordered closed until Smith secures a beer and wine license. The club was the scene of a shooting Saturday night.

The town board granted Western Union Telegraph company permission to place a pole at Front and Craven streets. On the pole will be placed a sign pointing to the location of the Western Union office on Craven street.

It was reported that J. B. Moore, state jail inspector, recommended that a door be placed at the rear of the town jail as a precaution in case of fire. Because only one bid has been received on the old town police car, the board gave the street superintendent, Clyde Peterson, permission to use it until it is definitely decided what shall be done with it.

Because the Artesian well in front of the Esso Service station, Front street, has stopped flowing, the board requested that Sam Darling attempt to fix it. If he succeeds, he will be paid \$1 for each hour's work.

The well flowed freely all during the big freeze last winter, then "went dry."

According to the financial statement for August, read to the board by the attorney, receipts totaled \$13,556.13. Disbursements totaled \$11,167.93, and deposited to debt service was \$1,029.62, leaving a balance Sept. 1 of \$1,358.82.

Paid out for the administrative department was \$513.71, fire department, \$8,202.94, police department, \$784.78, street department, \$1,249.26, and other expenses, \$427.24. Received from parking meters last month was \$846.14.

Paid out for the fire department was \$6,503.44 for the rebuilding more than a year ago of one of the fire trucks. Hose and other supplies cost \$1,227.94.

Total court receipts for the month of August were \$3,319.15. A. H. James, clerk of superior court, reported to the county board Monday.

Junior Chamber Undertakes Two Projects, Extension of Town Limits, Zoning Law

Beaufort Pays Last Tribute To 'Pa' at Funeral Wednesday



N. W. (Pa) Taylor

Charges Against Sheriff Dropped

Case Against Madix Defendants Docketed For Plymouth Court

Charges have been withdrawn against C. Gehrmann Holland, sheriff of Carteret county, who was named last month as a defendant in a \$50,000 civil suit by a former employee of Madix Roofing corporation.

This employee, Grady Ward Price, now living at Plymouth charged that Sheriff Holland with officials of the Madix plant, caused him to flee Carteret county in order to protect himself and his family.

A temporary restraining order against the sheriff and Madix men was dissolved Sept. 3 at a hearing in Nashville, by Judge Walter J. Bone.

The restraining order was issued to prevent the sheriff and Madix officials from repeating the actions Price alleged in his complaint.

The civil suit against C. C. Brewin, president of Madix Asphalt Roofing corporation, W. C. Carlton, purchasing director of Madix, and Glenn Rose and Ed Parker, plant superintendents, is scheduled for trial at Plymouth in Washington county during the October term of superior court which begins Oct. 25.

The plaintiff is asking \$25,000 in compensatory damages and \$25,000 punitive damages. He charges that the Madix officials for whom he worked asked him to leave the latter part of July after he circulated union cards of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite, and Paper Mill Workers, an AFL affiliate.

When Mr. Price did not move with his wife and child from Carteret county, he alleges that his employers threatened and intimidated him, damaged his trailer and burned his car.

A case of non-support against Harry L. Bemis was continued. The prosecuting witness did not appear and was taxed with costs in a case involving Irvin Willis. It was charged that Willis used "loud, boisterous and profane language on the highway, assault, did damage to the property in the custody of the plaintiff and was otherwise disorderly."

The warrant was withdrawn with payment of costs in a case charging that Wallace Willis, Jr., assaulted Mrs. Johnnie Willis, knocking her down.

Beaufort Pays Last Tribute To 'Pa' at Funeral Wednesday

Beaufort paid solemn tribute to its oldest native Wednesday at 5 p. m. when funeral services were held for Nelson Whitford (Pa) Taylor, 92, in St. Paul's Episcopal church. The Rev. William L. Martin, rector, conducted the service and interment followed in St. Paul's cemetery.

The vestry of St. Paul's were honorary pall bearers, and the grandsons and grandsons-in-law. They were Allen O'Bryan, Nelson W. Taylor III, Clifford Fleet, Dave Mosser, Dave Winegar and Wiley Taylor, Jr.

Ninety-two years of fruitful living and 67 1/2 years of happy married life were ended when "Pa" died quietly at his home on Ann st., Beaufort, Monday night at 8:15.

His physician, Dr. Laurie Moore, had pronounced "nothing organically wrong" with him one week before his 92nd birthday. Those at his bedside said his mind was clear one hour before death, due to old age, claimed him.

"Pa" Taylor operated the only wholesale grocery store this side of New Bern for 25-30 years, and it was said of him that "anyone who needed anything got it whether they had the money to pay or not." People from Beaufort to Cedar Island thought of him as their benefactor.

His sons recalled that he refused to sell a barrel of flour which cost him \$4 for more than \$4.25, allowing himself only 25 cents for profit and overhead deductions. Twenty-five cents profit was all he asked on a pair of shoes.

He was in the mercantile business from the age of 9, when he began helping in his father's store, until he retired at 70.

Shortly after 1888, Mr. Taylor partitioned off one of his store buildings and started the first bank that Carteret county ever had. It was called the Bank of Beaufort. "Pa" was the banker.

The bank moved after one year to the building now occupied by Rumley's Feed Store on Front street, and "Pa" was president. He later formed and was president of the Beaufort Banking and Trust co., the predecessor of the First Citizens Bank and Trust co.

He started out as a merchant, operating his father's old store at the present location of Davis Bros. After the big fire in 1888, he built two brick buildings across the street, forming the Beaufort Grocery co. in one and a general store in the other. One of these buildings is now occupied by the Beaufort Hardware co., the other by Jeff's barber shop.

In addition to his Beaufort mercantile interests, he owned the oyster factory, shipped clams and mullets and was president of the Armstrong Grocery co. in New Bern. He formed the first mail See 'PA' TAYLOR Page 5

Evidence of some of the not too accurate stories distributed during the recent hurricane scare here was received recently by Jesse Smith of Morehead City. Newspaper clippings were sent him by friends in Philadelphia and Mechanic Falls, Maine.

Excerpts from these stories appear below: "At Atlantic Beach between 800 and 1,000 vacationers left hurriedly when the Coast Guard made a cottage-to-cottage appeal for evacuation. About 200 tourists remained to see what would happen."

The institution of a zoning ordinance in Beaufort and an attempt to press the issue on extension of town limits were adopted as projects by the Beaufort Jaycees at their regular bi-weekly meeting at the Inlet Inn Monday night.

C. R. Wheatly, Jr., Jaycee president, appointed committees to study the proposals, make recommendations to the club and present plans for convincing the public.

Earlier, the 22 members present heard a speech by James W. Powell of the State Bureau of Investigation, Raleigh, on the subject of scientific aids in crime detection work. Powell was introduced by George Canady, special agent for the bureau in this area.

Named on the town zoning educational committee to plan publicity for the project were Jimmie Wallace, chairman, James Potter, and Rufus Sewell.

Appointed to the research committee to study the matter and make recommendations to the club were Charles Hassell, chairman, Bob Stevens and Gerald Woolard.

A committee to study limits extension was appointed, as follows: Odell Merrill, chairman, James Wheatley and Henry Hattell.

Leslie Davis, Jr., sports committee chairman, called upon Jaycees to support local efforts to develop a high school football team. Unanimous sentiment for a team was expressed by club members, and it was decided to invite T. G. Leary, Beaufort principal, and Coach T. H. McQuaid to the next Jaycee meeting to discuss ways and means.

During the evening's discussion a town zoning ordinance was described as an ordinance designed See JAYCEES Page 8

Farm Official Stresses Need Of Price Support

State Commissioner of Agriculture D. S. Coltrane voiced full support of the government's price support program at the meeting of the county farm bureau on Wednesday night which launched the farm bureau's membership drive here.

Raymond Ball, president of the Carteret County Farm Bureau. The meeting was opened with reading of the scripture and prayer by the Rev. T. R. Jenkins, pastor of Ann Street Methodist church, Beaufort.

Mr. Coltrane gave a brief review of farm prices and production in the past 30 years. Farmers expanded production during both world wars, but the depression expected to follow this world war has not yet occurred, he remarked.

The break in the commodity market Feb. 5 of this year was thought to be the beginning of a slump, "... but the farmers were not fearful," remarked the commissioner, because they knew they would still get a fair price for their products through the price support program.

Mr. Coltrane pointed out that See FARM OFFICIAL Page 7

Fraud and Assault Cases Contested In Recorder's Court Tuesday Morning

Charges and counter charges were heard in recorder's court Tuesday as state's witnesses took the stand first to accuse and later to defend themselves in two related cases.

Harold Comerford, 17, New York City, who has been visiting friends in Beaufort this summer, was tried on charges that he fraudulently obtained \$40 for a \$20 check from Andrew L. Davis, proprietor of the Broadway Cafe in Morehead City. Davis testified as prosecuting witness against Comerford in this case.

Davis was then the defendant in a case in which he was charged with assaulting a minor (Comerford) by "slapping him in the face with his hands." Comerford was heard as prosecuting witness on this charge.

In the fraud case, Comerford was bound over to superior court for another trial with bond set at \$300. Davis was found guilty of the assault charge, fined \$10 and costs.

Thirty-seven cases were heard on Tuesday's docket, 24 of which involved traffic law violations. Leonard Dean Herbert, a Cherry Point Marine, was found guilty of driving drunk, improper use of driver's license, and with no driver's license of his own. He was sentenced to six months on the farm, not to issue if he remains sober and on good behavior for two years and pays \$100 and costs. Two abandonment and non-sup-

port cases were dismissed as malicious prosecution when the prosecuting witnesses did not appear. In each instance the prosecuting witness was assessed court costs. Willie Wheeler and Melvin Hancock were the defendants.

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A case was continued in which Rosetta Davis, alias Rosetta Davis Edwards, was charged with assault on Eleanor Johnson "with a deadly weapon, to wit a knife or razor, inflicting bodily injuries."

Three individuals were cited for public drunkenness. These were William Paul Sewell, plea of guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of \$10 and costs; Harold D. Britt, case continued; and Alfonso Styron, plea of guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of \$10 and costs. Three cases were continued in which the charges were driving See COURT Page 7

Tide Table

HIGH	Friday, Sept. 17	LOW
8:36 AM		1:35 AM
7:48 PM		1:49 PM
	Saturday, Sept. 18	
8:12 AM		2:08 AM
8:22 PM		2:26 PM
	Sunday, Sept. 19	
8:45 AM		2:42 AM
8:56 PM		3:01 PM
	Monday, Sept. 20	
9:18 AM		3:10 AM
9:30 PM		3:37 PM
	Tuesday, Sept. 21	
9:52 AM		3:38 AM
10:03 PM		4:13 PM