

Harkers Island Jaycees Write Letter to Times Editor

Harkers Island Junior Chamber of Commerce
Harkers Island, N. C.
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To the Editor
Carteret County NEWS-TIMES
We the Jaycees of Harkers Island wish to congratulate you on finding a news item that would increase the sales of your paper as you did Tuesday, September 13, 1949. We are referring to the headlines that read "BEAUFORT POLICE NAB HARKERS ISLANDER SUNDAY NIGHT."

We have several questions to ask and all we want in return for the above sales you made by using the above headlines in your paper is that you print both this letter and a reply to same in the Carteret County News-Times.

The questions we ask are as follows:

1. Is a man that was born in Beaufort, moved to Ocracoke and married at Harkers Island about the time his family moved back to Beaufort, but spends less than one-tenth of his time at Harkers Island considered a Harkers Islander?

2. Did you print those headlines in heavy bold type to try to injure the tourist trade and discourage the up-Staters from building and spending their summer vacations here at Harkers Island, or did you think that the extra dimes you would collect from the extra sales would overbalance any harm you might do?

3. Is this the way you show your appreciation for the many dollars the people of Harkers Island have spent in Beaufort and Morehead City for as long as anyone can remember. Although we can not prove it but we understand it has been said, that if the people of Harkers Island ever decided to quit trading in Beaufort, the merchants there would have to close up their stores. Were you showing your appreciation for those hard earned dollars?

4. Do you think that creating hate among the people, especially in the third largest precinct in your county is good for business—or politics?

We sincerely hope you find space in your paper to print this letter.

Very truly yours,
Harkers Island Jaycees.

Editor's Note: We appreciate your letter, and reply with pleasure, to your questions.

No. 1: A man's residence is the place he claims as residence. His place of birth, or the time he spends away from his claimed place of residence, does not alter or in any way qualify "residency" in the sight of the law. And, for all practical purposes, a person who resides on Cedar Island is a Cedar Islander, a person who resides on Piver's Island, a Piver's Islander, and so on.

No. 2: News writes the headlines, not editors. Headlines do not discourage tourist trade. If they did, Chicago would have been an empty place during the prohibition terror days of Al Capone. More recently, News and Observer headlines alleging gambling activities at Atlantic Beach served only to increase tourist trade there.

Increased sale of THE NEWS-TIMES on the day in question occurred in Beaufort where, naturally, the news was of great interest due to prior happenings in that town. Harkers Island is known in every newspaper circulation department office as one of the lowest per capita newspaper buying and reading communities in the state.

Despite that fact, THE NEWS-TIMES, hoping to create an awareness among the residents of Harkers Island of the part they could play in county and state affairs, See HARKER'S ISLAND Page 5

Welfare Superintendent Speaks to Morehead Rotary

Thomas C. McGinnis, Carteret county superintendent of public welfare, outlined the county's complete welfare program to Morehead City Rotarians at their Thursday night meeting in the Carteret Recreation center.

In outlining the program Mr. McGinnis listed the sources of revenue, federal, state, and local, the manner funds are distributed, who is eligible for public assistance, and how case workers follow up on their cases. Other activities he listed under the welfare department's supervision were juvenile delinquency and truancy.

Following the superintendent's talk, a forum of the question and answer type was held. Rotarians expressed pleasure with the talk and stated that it had enlightened them on many facts they previously had been unaware of.

Blind Workers Make Brooms



This is a scene from the Guilford Industries for the Blind factory in Greensboro showing blind employees of the non-profit institution making brooms by hand. Morehead City Lions will conduct a door-to-door sale of the brooms, and mats also, in both Morehead and Beaufort Thursday, Friday, and Saturday to aid the blind employees.

Tony Seamon Will Attend Fishery Meeting Sept. 29

Tony Seamon, Morehead City, member of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries commission, will go to New York City Thursday, Sept. 29, where the commission will hold a two-day meeting at the Roosevelt hotel.

George Ross, director of the board of conservation and development, and Dewey Hayman, Nags Head, who are North Carolina's representatives on the commission, will also attend.

Mr. Hayman is owner and manager of the Arlington hotel, Nags Head, and Dare county's representative in the general assembly. Mr. Hayman was appointed by Charles H. Jenkins, chairman of the North Carolina Commission on Interstate cooperation. Mr. Seamon was appointed by Governor Scott.

This is the first time North Carolina has belonged to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries commission, and it was the last state along the Atlantic seaboard to join.

Mr. Seamon said yesterday that he expects to be in New York about four days.

Highway Patrolman Speaks To High School Students

Members of the Morehead City school's safety patrol were administered their oath of office yesterday afternoon in assembly by Sgt. Vernon L. Spruill, head of Carteret county's state highway patrol.

Sergeant Spruill spoke to the pupils, emphasizing the need for caution while crossing streets or riding bicycles. Although there have never been any accidents at the school, according to G. T. Windell, principal, every precaution is being taken to maintain that record.

Members of the safety patrol are Lt. Tom Eaton, L. E. Wade, Guy Paul Dixon, Bob Bowers, Robert Scarboro, Roy Yeager, Ray Yeager, Harry Fitzpatrick, Joe Morris, Thomas C. Fulcher, and Toby Guthrie.

There was also a film shown on the Christian Rural Overseas program.

Chamber Managers Attend Weekend Meeting at Wilson

Dan Walker, manager of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce, and Bob Lowe, manager of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, attended the meeting of the North Carolina Chamber Executives association over the weekend at Wilson.

The Chamber of Commerce executives, upon leaving Wilson will come to the Carteret coast, stopping in Kinston for a meal as guests of the Kinston Chamber of Commerce.

They will be guests at Tony Seamon's restaurant at noon Tuesday and will go for a ride aboard the Coast Guard cutter, Agassiz, in the afternoon.

Teachers at Ocracoke School
Theodore Rondthaler, principal; Mrs. Alice K. Rondthaler, high school teacher; Mrs. Selma W. Spencer, high school teacher; Mrs. Isabelle O'Neal, 3th-8th grades; and Miss Lela Howard, 1st-4th.
Miss Bettie Swindell, elementary supervisor.

Board Lets Contract on Atlantic School

1950 Farm Bureau Drive Will Open at 8 Tonight

Lions Will Sell Brooms, Mats

Campaign Will Take Place Thursday with Assistance of Boy Scouts

A full-fledged broom sale that will cover both Morehead City and Beaufort will get under way Thursday, Morehead City Lions decided at their meeting Thursday night in the Fort Macon hotel dining room.

Morehead City and Beaufort Boy Scouts will cooperate with the Lions in covering every block of the two towns. Teams will make door-to-door calls on residences away from the business districts and a truck will be parked downtown for street sales. Both brooms and mats will be sold.

Lions also discussed attendance and dues-paying and agreed that it may be necessary to drop some members from the rolls if they do not become more diligent about both items.

During the meeting a moving picture was shown of the Lions International convention held in New York City in July. Two new members, George Faucettes and Barrett Davis, were welcomed into the club and one old member, Fred Lewis, was reinstated.

Council Appoints Committees For Achievement Day

Mayor Dill Refers Case to Recorder

Probable cause was found in the case of A. J. Williams, Negro, charged by Albert Lea with assault in yesterday's session of Morehead City mayor's court and he was bound over to today's session of recorder's court in Beaufort.

Lea, operator of a local fish house, also charged James Bell, Negro, with profane and abusive language. Bell was found guilty of disturbing the peace and paid the costs of court.

The charges arose from a fracas Saturday evening in Lea's fish house. Lea stated that Bell, who works for him, came to him Saturday at 7 p.m. and requested his pay for work done that day. Lea told him that he did not owe him any money and, according to Lea, Bell said, "You can keep your money but you'll never keep it again!"

Then, the prosecuting witness said, he turned to Bell and asked him if he had cursed him. Bell replied that he had not and Lea stated another Negro whom he later identified as Williams, came in and nearly jerked him from his feet.

When this happened, the witness continued, Lea struck Williams and knocked him to the floor. As Williams fell he grabbed Lea's feet and yanked him to the floor with him where, according to Lea, Williams pulled a closed knife from his pocket and struck him several times in the head.

Lea stated that he managed to knock the knife from Williams' hand and that they continued fighting until persons outside came in and pulled them apart. He said that after they were pulled apart he hit the slight Negro in the stomach since he was so dazed he did not know what he was doing.

Witness Joe Rose was called to the stand and testified that as he and his wife were passing the fish house they heard scuffling inside and went in to find Lea and Williams on the floor tussling. He stated that he helped pull them apart and then the police were called.

Police officer Hubert Fulcher testified that he arrived to find the fish house in a state of confusion with evidence of a recent fight apparent. He said Lea stated that he had been beat up and named the two Negroes in the case. Officer Fulcher said that about an hour later he located the two Negroes and served warrants on them.

Bell stated that he thought Lea

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Tide Table

(TIDES AT BEAUFORT BAR)

High	Low
Tuesday, September 20	
6:05 a.m.	12:03 a.m.
6:51 p.m.	12:16 p.m.
Wednesday, September 21	
6:56 a.m.	12:50 a.m.
7:21 p.m.	1:10 p.m.
Thursday, September 22	
7:45 a.m.	1:34 a.m.
8:00 p.m.	2:01 p.m.
Friday, September 23	
8:33 a.m.	2:18 a.m.
8:57 p.m.	2:52 p.m.

R. Flake Shaw, executive vice-president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, will be the principal speaker at a meeting Thursday night at 8 p.m. opening the 1950 drive for Farm Bureau membership in Carteret county.

In making the announcement, officers of the county unit stated, "Carteret County Farm Bureau has made a fine record since its beginning. We are very proud of its increased enrollment each year. May we count on the splendid support which you have extended your county Farm Bureau in the past and help us to get out a large attendance to the meeting Thursday night?"

Raymond Ball, president of the Carteret county Farm Bureau, further emphasized, "We should never overlook the fact that the products of agriculture and the success of the man who tills the soil contributes much toward stabilizing the economy of our nation. We are living in an age of organized activity in which all groups of people are striving for their own special interest. The principal objective of the Farm Bureau is to obtain through farm organization

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State Approves 1948 Assessment On B & M Railroad

Three of North Carolina's 33 railroads had their valuations increased last week by the State Board of Assessments. The Beaufort and Morehead City line's valuation remained the same as last year, however, \$26,000.

Under the new plan on the three roads, Seaboard Air Line, The Clinchfield, and Norfolk and Western totaled \$2,635,252.

The Seaboard Air Line Railroad's increase, from \$20,439,784 to \$22,480,000, represented nearly the entire raise approved by the Board. The other two roads boosted in valuation were the Clinchfield, raised from \$8,075,000 to \$8,320,000 and the Norfolk and Western, increased from \$4,011,500 to \$4,361,500.

The new figures brought the total tax valuation of all railroads in this State to \$153,173,660.

The valuation increases, effective for the tax years 1949 to 1953 are the basis for ad valorem taxation by local county and town governments along the railroads' routes and for franchise taxes imposed by the State.

The State tax rate is \$7.50 per \$1,000 of valuation.

Following are the assessments which remained unchanged from 1948:

Aberdeen and Rickfish, \$210,000; Alexander Railroad, \$36,000; Atlantic and Carolina, \$12,500; Atlantic and North Carolina, \$475,000; Atlantic Coast Line, \$37,145,000; Atlantic and Western, \$45,000; Atlantic & Yadkin, \$1,078,186; Beaufort and Morehead, \$25,000; Black Mountain Railroad \$35,000; Cape Fear Railways, \$11,000; Carolina Southern, \$20,500; Cliffside, \$52,500; Durham and Southern, \$1,600,000; Durham and South Carolina, \$120,000; East Carolina, \$49,500; East Tenn. & Western, N. C., \$20,000; Graham County R. R., \$42,000; High Point, Thomasville and Denton, \$250,000; Laurinburg and Southern, \$145,000; Louisville and Nashville, \$184,538; Moore Central, \$12,500; Piedmont and Northern, \$1,500,000; Rockingham Railroad, \$85,000; Southern Railway System, \$63,847,420; Tallulah Falls RR, \$20,000; Virginia and Carolina, \$20,000; Tennessee and N. C., \$275,000; Warrenton RR, \$40,000; and Winston-Salem Southbound, \$2,648,746.

Executives from Four Lions Clubs Meet at Morehead

Presidents and secretaries from Lions civic clubs in New Bern, Jacksonville, Richlands, and Morehead City met in Morehead City Friday night, at the request of Lions zone chairman, Victor Wickler, to discuss duties of the Lions club officers.

Following the discussion, Morehead City Lions President Frank Moran made the suggestion that at least once a month members of each Lions committee be seated at separate tables at the regular meetings in order to give the committee a chance to discuss their work. The group enthusiastically endorsed the proposal.

Mayor Dismisses Case Charging Man with Theft

Beaufort Police Make Trip To Wilmington to Bring Back Grady Thomas

The case against Grady Thomas of Spartanburg, S. C., charged with larceny of \$50, was dismissed by Mayor Lawrence W. Hassell in yesterday's session of mayor's court, Beaufort.

The defendant was charged with taking the money from Bill Templeton, Charlotte, early Thursday morning at the Davis House on Turner street.

The plaintiff, Templeton, was the first to testify. He stated that he and his roommate were awakened at about 2 a.m. by someone in their room. About an hour later, Templeton said, he told his buddy to get up and check his pants to see if his money was still there, and they discovered that \$50 dollars was missing.

The next morning, Templeton continued, he asked Thomas if he had been in the room, and Thomas said no. Then the plaintiff continued, he said yes he had been in the room to borrow the radio.

The witness said that he then informed the defendant that his money was gone, that he and his roommate were awake when Thomas allegedly entered the room, and that he was going to call the police.

Templeton told the court that he informed Mr. Jim Davis, boarding house owner, of the incident and Mr. Davis told Chief Willis.

He reported that Mr. Davis learned at the bus station that Thomas had been there, "bought a paper and left."

The defendant then questioned the plaintiff and Templeton admitted that Thomas had never taken anything from his room on previous occasions when he was there. Thomas stated that he borrowed Templeton's radio, Templeton told him he could do so, and played it until his roommate, Shorty DeCamp returned from the race track Thursday night.

S. G. Gibbs, agent for the State Bureau of Investigation, then testified, stating that he was informed Friday morning at about 8 o'clock that somebody had stolen money at the Davis House. He said Chief Willis checked at the bus station and then called Wilmington and told police there to check the 10-25 bus coming in from Beaufort and apprehend Grady Thomas.

The chief and the SBI agent then went to Wilmington and picked up Thomas, who, meanwhile, had had a warrant sworn out against him by Templeton.

The officers checked the amount of money Thomas had as against the expenditures he made since being paid Thursday afternoon and found them to tally satisfactorily, Mr. Gibbs said.

The agent told the court that the plaintiff should have notified the police the moment he realized the money was missing rather than wait until the next morning.

Mr. DeCamp, sworn in as a witness, told the court he didn't know anything about the incident.

Mayor Hassell then dismissed the case on grounds of insufficient evidence.

Farmers to Enlarge Deep Creek Drainage Canal

Mrs. George Henderson To Work at Goldsboro

Mrs. George Henderson, former superintendent of public welfare in Carteret county assumed her duties as caseworker with the Wayne county board of public welfare yesterday.

Mrs. Henderson resigned her position here in June and had planned to work in the Onslow welfare department at Jacksonville. Because that department did not operate under the merit system, she transferred to Wayne county.

Mrs. Henderson will continue to maintain her home in Morehead City, spending weekends here. During the week she will live at Goldsboro.

Nurses from the county health department are now visiting public schools making routine inspections for minor contagious diseases. These inspections are made each year at the opening of school and following Christmas holidays.

Building Will Cost \$234,565; Work to Begin Immediately

A contract for the construction of a school building at Atlantic has been let and work will begin immediately, it was announced today.

The contract was let at a special meeting of the county board of education Thursday in board offices, Beaufort. H. L. Coble Construction Co., Greensboro, was low bidder on the building.

Total cost of the proposed work, to include the building, heating, plumbing, and electrical work, will be \$234,565. Low bidder on heating and plumbing work was Z. A. Morris Co. and Hub Electrical Co. was the low bidder on electrical work.

The new building will have 12 classrooms, a home economics room, an auditorium, a science room, a cafeteria, and a library. A representative of the construction company stated that work will begin immediately. The job is expected to take 10 months.

In other business the board let a contract for the installation of a new boiler at Camp Glenn school. Stallings Bros. of New Bern received the contract for \$1,325 which covers all materials and installation work.

Morehead School Gets Additional Primary Teacher

Starting today, Mrs. Edward McKinley, Morehead City, will begin work at Morehead City school as a special primary teacher. An additional teacher was granted on the basis of 34 pupils per primary teacher on a district wide basis. G. T. Windell, reported today.

Mrs. McKinley, who is a former Morehead City school teacher, holds a grade 4 grammar certificate. There is no classroom for her, the principal said, but she will go from room to room giving special instructions.

Mr. Windell reported that 18 boys have enrolled in the three-hour shop course, 17 in the industrial education course, both of which are taught by Delfido Cordova.

In the 8th grade physical education classes, an innovation this year, there are 81. This class is taught by Gannon Talbert.

Enrolled in the senior band are 40 pupils, in the junior band 28; in the mixed chorus 60 girls and 20 boys; in the boys glee club 20; in the girls glee club 60. All music groups are taught by Ralph Wade.

Seventy-three girls are enrolled in the first, second, and third year home economics classes taught by Mrs. Delfido Cordova.

In the vocational commercial course, which is not included in the regular high school curricula, 20 students are enrolled. The course is taught by Miss Helen Martin.

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Enlistments Rise In Guard Unit

Authorized Strength of Morehead Contingent Increased to 148

Enlistments in the local National Guard unit, Battery B, 49th Field Artillery Observation Battalion, are being received every day with 10 applications on hand now. Capt. Lonnie Dill, battery commander, reported today.

The unit has just received a new table of organization, effective Nov. 1, which increases its authorized enlisted strength from 115 men to 148 and its officer strength from seven officers to eight officers and one warrant officer. At present 62 enlisted men and three officers comprise the unit.

All enlisted ratings have been increased with the new TO. The platoon to be added will be a radar platoon.

Weapons for the entire unit have recently been received. Carbines, .45 automatic pistols, 50 machine guns, and a new type machine pistol are on hand. The battery will commence firing on weekends in late October, probably at the National Guard range near New Bern.

Congressman Graham A. Barden has been written relative to the construction of an army in Morehead City, Captain Dill states. He replied that no funds were available at present but that if bills presently in the Congressional work are approved, there is a strong possibility that an army can be built.

The unit's first Morehead City parade is planned for Nov. 11, Armistice day. The battery meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 at the Carteret Recreation center and Captain Dill stated that new recruits are always welcome.

Air Service to This Area Will End Monday, Oct. 31

Piedmont Airlines passenger service to the Carteret coast will be continued until the last day in October this year, Piedmont officials announced today.

Service to the local area is handled on a seasonal basis only, it was stated, and consequently service will be discontinued with the onset of colder weather and fewer passengers. Service customarily begins in late May and continues until the middle of the fall.

It was also announced that the Civil Aeronautics board has given Piedmont authority to serve Newport News, Va., on its line which serves Norfolk, Richmond, Roanoke, Va.; Charleston, W. Va., and Cincinnati, Ohio. Capital Airlines will also be permitted to serve Newport News, but the Eastern and National airlines were denied that permission.

Newport News will be the thirty second city served by the Piedmont, it was announced, and the addition is expected to strengthen the entire route structure.

Authorities Destroy Still In South River Section

A 50-gallon still at the rear of the old community building, Merriam, was destroyed by M. M. Ayseue, ABC officer, and Deputy Sheriff Murray Thomas Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Ayseue said it was a new outfit, a steam rig, and had probably been run only one time. At the site were two three hundred gallon boxes for holding mash. These were empty at the time the officers appeared.

There will be a mass meeting tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in the Newport school house for those interested in organizing a Rural Fire Protection association. Speakers will include Jack Fortin, district ranger, Newport Mayor A. R. Craig, and others interested in the formation of an association. Everyone living within a five-mile radius of Newport is invited.

Traffic lights recently ordered by Morehead City commissioners were installed yesterday at the intersections of Evans street with 12th and 21st streets. The lights were installed in an effort to curb speeders on the street and also to aid the traffic situation.