

Girls to Sell Lily Pins; Coffee Receipts Earmarked

By MRS. THOMAS L. NOE
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Tomorrow is "Lily Day". Members of the Tri-Hi-Y in the Beaufort School and of the girls' Hi-Y in the Morehead City School will sell the traditional lily lapel insignia on the streets of Morehead City and Beaufort.

Selling these lilies on the day before Easter has long been a part of the National Easter Seal program and in each area of a local Easter Seal Society, workers continue to follow the same plan.

In this county the society is most fortunate in that the girls who take part in the Lily Day program are among the finest young women in the county. Their organizations, the Tri-Hi-Y and the Hi-Y, have long been known for the fine character of their membership.

For that reason it is especially gratifying to the Easter Seal committee to have the sale of the lily, symbolizing the cause of all crippled children.

Approximately a hundred dollars was raised Wednesday night at a dance given by the Elks and the Blue Ribbon Restaurant at the restaurant. All proceeds went to the Crippled Children's Society.

Ocracoke Returns to Normal After March Flu Epidemic

By ALICE K. RONDTHALER

April 1—"Every cloud has a silver lining"; every story has its sequel. Ocracokers are certainly glad to see the silver lining today after about two weeks of dreary, wet weather; and the sequel to its story... the flu epidemic has gone about as quickly as it came.

One week ago 35 per cent of the children were out of school; today, only 8 per cent were absent and most of these were little children kept home because of continued bad weather this morning.

It was good to see all of their shining faces along with the afternoon sunshine.

Dr. Glezen, epidemiologist sent here by the State Board of Health, left on last Friday's mailboat to Atlantic, taking with him cultures which in due time will disclose the type of virus flu he found here. Most people who had it aren't much concerned with the type; they are simply glad it is over with.

Nurse Recovers

Nurse Kathleen Bragg is up and about again, and her mother, Mrs. Laura Bragg, is recuperating. Postmaster Mrs. R. W. Howard and her assistant, Miss Lela Howard, are back at their post. The school janitor, John Thomas O'Neal, is again wielding the big brooms.

Clerks in the stores are back at work. Little Jake is behind the wheel of his truck. Capt. Van Henry O'Neal and first mate Powers Garrish, who missed the weekly trip to Washington during the epidemic, are setting the sails bright and early tomorrow morning for a quick trip up and back between now and Friday.

Mrs. Mary Eliza Parsons, who was taken by helicopter last week to Morehead City Hospital is reported recovering from her attack of pneumonia.

Much Publicity

The extent and magnitude of the publicity the island received at the hands of the Associated Press astonished many here and caused great concern among those who read such exaggerated headlines as "300 Suffer from Flu on Doctorless Island," or "Hundreds Stricken by Flu on Ocracoke Island," etc., etc. Headlines which carried the story far and wide throughout the nation. Relatives and friends wrote or telephoned from as far west as California.

Some people who weren't sick at all got "Get-Well" cards on the

Negro News

The choir of the Christian Star Church, Morehead City will present a cantata, From Cross to Crown, Sunday night at 7:30. Everyone is invited to come and hear the cantata.

Easter services will be held at St. Mary's Holiness Church, Morehead City, Sunday morning at 11 a.m. The Rev. Miss Daisy Murrill of Morehead City will be the speaker. The public is invited.

Pig's feet, chitterlings, pies and cupcakes will be sold at the fellowship hall behind the Christian Star Church beginning at 5 p.m. tomorrow.

The Rev. C. C. Simmons invites the public to attend the Easter services at the Christian Star Church. Sunday School begins at 10 a.m., morning worship at 11 a.m., the quarterly meeting is at 2:30 and the choir will present a cantata at 7:30.

Birth at Morehead City Hospital: To Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Stanley, Beaufort, a daughter, Saturday, March 29.

Licenses Suspended

Leo Foskey, who is now at the Newport prison camp, has been notified that his driver's license has been suspended again. The state highway safety division took the action after Foskey had been convicted for driving after his license was suspended. Also suspended was the license of Miss Shirley Turnage, route 1, Beaufort, convicted of speeding and reckless driving.

Cape Lookout Light Vessel Went Into Retirement Quarter Century Ago



USCG Official Photo

By F. C. SALISBURY

(Note: The Coast Guard reports that this style of craft is known as a light vessel and not a light ship.)

Often dubbed "an old tub," during its more than quarter century of service, was the Cape Lookout Shoals light vessel, No. 80, located 18 miles southeast from the light-house in 78 feet of water.

Often replaced in 1938 by modern sea buoys, No. 80 was the first sign of approaching land sighted by ships rounding Cape Lookout Shoals, either to enter the harbors of Beaufort or Morehead City, or seeking other ports of entry along the North Carolina coast.

At night its location could be detected by a high-pitched radio direction signal. In later years, a three-flashing light, or in case of fog, the booming of the horn, often augmented by its 1,000 pound fog bell, struck by hand when necessary.

Light vessel No. 80 was built and equipped at a cost of \$90,000 at Camden, N. J. It was launched Aug. 12, 1904, but was not put in commission until April 1, 1905. The entire life of service of this craft was off the Cape Lookout Shoals.

The vessel was of steel construction, 113 feet in length with a 29-foot beam. She was schooner rigged, with three lens oil-burning lanterns on each mast. Located between the two masts was her fog signal, a steam apparatus with a 12-inch Crosby chime, which during thick or foggy weather sounded blasts of 3 seconds' duration, followed by silent intervals of 17 seconds.

The hull of No. 80 was painted

red from bow to pilot house and from main mast aft and the middle part was yellow. The number "80" was in white on each bow, and the name "Cape Lookout Shoals" in black on the yellow midship section. The vessel was held on charted location by a 7,500 pound mushroom anchor. In spite of its weight this anchor often dragged during a severe storm.

The vessel was equipped with a fixed white lens lantern light from the foremast and a fixed red lens lantern light from the mainmast, and each light from three lanterns encircled the masthead. The lights were 50 feet above the water and were visible over 12 miles in clear weather, the observer's eye 15 feet above the water.

Last Crew

Members of the last crew aboard No. 80 prior to decommissioning in August 1933, as recorded in the last ship's log were Arelius Anderson, master; D. W. Fowler, radio operator; J. G. Wise, engineer; T. J. Wise, assistant engineer; C. H. Hyman, cook; Amos Thomas, Wilhem Hansen, R. F. Green and Aage Silirup, seamen.

Time and tedium framed the lives of these light vessel men; their chief job was to go nowhere. The crew kept the lights blaring

fog horn, radio beam and other navigational aids operating. Two light vessels still serve the North Carolina Coast. Diamond Shoals off Cape Hatteras, guarding the stormy "Graveyard of the Atlantic" and the Frying Pan Shoals off the mouth of the Cape Fear River.

America's first light vessel, stationed off Norfolk in 1820, was a craft of 70 tons' burden, copper

Town Board

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map of the town for use by the commission.

Sgt. W. A. Hughes inquired what the town's policy was going to be on paying for the water system. He said that rumors have been spreading to the effect that payment for the water system was not going to be distributed equally among all the citizens.

Mayor Leon Mann Jr. assured him that "Everybody is going to pay for the water." He said that by June plans for compliance would be worked out.

It was reported that 200 have tapped on to the system. Mayor Mann said that 30 or more have signed agreements that they would tap on but have not done so yet. Some, he added, had just invested recently in electric water pumps. The agreements signed by the "delinquents" have been locked in a safe.

Commissioner Bennie Garner commented that lots of the persons who talked against the water system have hooked on.

The town also paid Sergeant Hughes \$10 for laying drainage tile in accordance with an agreement with him in 1956. Paid to Steve Smith and Brantley Mears was \$11.80 for draining town areas.

To Investigate

The commissioners requested Mr. Bercegeay to investigate a drainage problem on Market Street. Roy Thomas Garner suggested that tile be laid and manholes put in to provide underground drainage.

Mayor Mann reported that town officials and engineers on the water system surveyed the town March 22 relative to the water contractor's putting property back in the shape it was before the lines were laid. The mayor said that they ended up with a list two pages long of "things to be done".

The mayor reported that all water meters have been read for

Grass Fire

A grass fire in Mansfield Park was reported to the West End Fire Station, Morehead City, at 12:20 p.m. Wednesday. Firemen had the fire out before it reached any houses. They were at the fire for about 45 minutes.

the first time. After the next reading, bills will be sent out.

Bills for the month amounted to approximately \$700. The balance after paying bills was approximately \$2,500.

Visitors were Reginald Lewis, Joe C. Hill and Frank Wilhelmsen. Present, in addition to those mentioned were commissioners Wilbur Garner, H. C. Gurganus, C. H. Lockley, police chief Dan Bell, and the clerk, Miss Edith Lockley.

sure to find many fragments on the beach, and you may be fortunate enough to find a perfect specimen.

Perhaps you may see one in its original, live, state when it is dark olive green or brown in color and covered with the short, stiff cilia which are the little fellows' means of feeding and locomotion.

If you are unsuccessful in your search or if you haven't the time or patience for looking, visit the nearest shop specializing in shells and ask to see the beauty of the "Holy Shell."

Sand Dollar

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'Gi Got ME a Bicycle!'

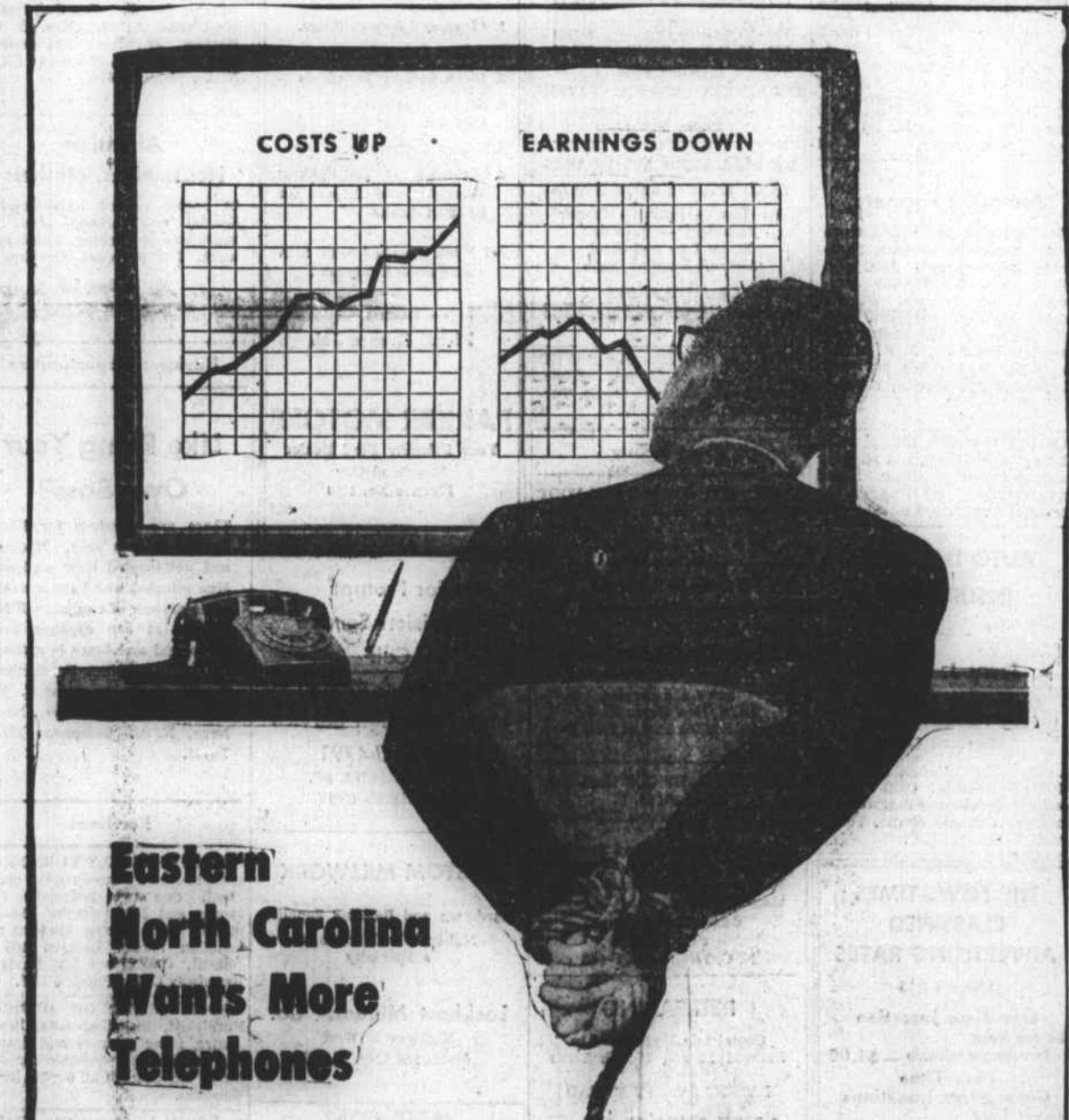
To help raise money for the Cancer Society, the booklet, "Gi Got ME a Bicycle", has been compiled. It contains "tall and short tales" of Carteret County. The booklet is a size that makes it convenient for mailing to relatives and friends.

Persons contributing to the Cancer Society may pick up a booklet. No price has been set but the Carteret B&PW Club, sponsor of the cancer drive, hopes the contributions for the booklet will be 25 cents or more. The booklets are

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