

Welfare Superintendent Answers Questions on Welfare Administration

27 Seniors Get Diplomas At Newport

Twenty-seven seniors received diplomas at Newport High School last night. Diplomas were presented by the principal, E. B. Comer.

The Rev. Ralph Fleming Jr., pastor of St. James Methodist Church, gave the invocation. H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, introduced the speaker, the Rev. Michael Pelt.

Awards were presented by Robert King, senior class sponsor. Alton Hardison sang the solo, "You'll Never Walk Alone."

Senior mascots were Mary Louise Hibbs and Robert Edward King III. Marshals were John Mason, chief; Glenda Miller, Patsy Jones, Eula Warren, Florida Simmons and Eddie Lynn Garner.

Members of the graduating class were the following:

Woody Lee Barnes, Hoyte Brannon, Fred Patrick, Corbett, Sarah Evalina Fitzpatrick, Myrna Frances Fulcher, Jenelda Rochelle Garner.

Tommy Joe Garner, Allen Ray Gray, Ellen Mae Gray, Alton Dean Hardison, Bruce Ward Hart, Thomas Michael Howard.

Lourine Howard, Frances Carthene Howell, Leonard Cecil Jarman, Martha Anne Johnson, Louis Franklin Kelly, Brenda Lou Kelly, Jessie Mae Murdoch, Elizabeth Anne Reynolds, Iris Fleming Rice, Doris Marie Riggs, James Skinner, Gracie Marie Small, Ileen Jannette Smith, Larry Simmons Wallace, Betty Jo Whitaker.

Eighth graders will be promoted at 9 a.m. this morning. The speaker will be A. H. James, juvenile court judge.

Six Students Receive Awards

Six students received awards Wednesday night at commencement exercises at Smyrna School.

They were Ann Davis, Davis, citizenship medal; Elbert Gillikin, Otway, and David Willis, Harkers Island, athletic awards; Raelene Smith, Davis, mathematics medal; Patsy Chadwick, Straits, language medal; and Martha Chadwick, Straits, music medal.

Stewart Daniels, principal explained that at other commencements additional awards have been given, but no award was given this year unless it was merited.

Speaker at the commencement program was J. A. Batson, principal of Mount Olive High School.

Morehead Tax Notices Mailed Out This Week

Morehead City tax notices were mailed out this week.

The tax rate is \$1.75. One dollar is earmarked for general town expenses, 60 cents for retiring the town's debt, 10 cents for recreation and 5 cents for support of the hospital.

County tax notices will go out the week of June 16 and Beaufort tax notices are scheduled to go out "about the middle of June", said Dan Walker, town clerk.

(Editor's Note: Miss Georgie Hughes, superintendent of the welfare department, has been unable to continue, as yet, the series of articles mentioned in her letter to the editor last Friday. In place of those, Miss Hughes has answered nine of 17 questions asked her by THE NEWS-TIMES. Answers appear below. The remaining questions, Miss Hughes said, she would answer later. Among those are questions concerning the welfare budget and how she might suggest that the budget be cut).

Q. 1. What is the total annual payroll of the Welfare Department staff as it is now constituted?

A. \$29,100. This is for nine people. One of them works only six months of the year. The county pays 53 per cent of this and of all other administrative costs. Many welfare people as well as county administrators feel that this proportion is unfair. Welfare workers spend at least 50 per cent of their time on public assistance which is controlled by federal and state regulations, and a proportion of their remaining work hours on other federal and state jobs such as investigations for the draft board, contact reports for Veterans Administration, securing medical and other information for social security, doing social histories for state hospitals, etc.

This is the reason the cost of administration of public welfare is so high to the counties. The state pays all of the teachers' salaries but only 12 per cent of public welfare salaries. The federal government pays 35 per cent of welfare administration.

Q. 2. How many are on the Carteret County welfare staff now?

A. Eight. They are Miss Georgie P. Hughes, superintendent; Mrs. Andra Pond, child welfare worker; Mrs. Gertrude P. Williamson, caseworker I; Mrs. Sue Rosebrough, caseworker assistant; Mrs. Helen Carlton, caseworker assistant who works only six months a year and three clerical workers.

We have a vacancy on the staff for another caseworker assistant. There is also an aid to the blind caseworker, Miss Louise Weeks, who works in Carteret County two to three days a week. She is employed by the State Commission for the Blind, and Carteret County pays \$900.30 a year on her salary.

Q. 3. How many should be on the staff to handle the work the welfare department is doing?

A. The state standards say we should have at least one more caseworker and another child welfare worker to maintain minimum standards of work. We think we are doing better than maintaining minimum standards with our present staff, but are painfully aware that we could do a much better job with more workers.

Q. 4. How much salary increase would this amount to yearly?

A. It would cost the county 53 per cent of \$3,480 for another caseworker assistant and 35 per cent of at least \$3,720 for a child welfare worker, or \$3,146.40. Money isn't the only problem. There just are not enough child welfare workers to go around, and few college graduates are interested in positions as casework assistants. They can earn more in positions requiring the same educational experience.

Q. 5. Are welfare department workers under the State Merit System?

A. Yes. All employees of public welfare must pass the Merit System examinations set up for the positions.

Q. 6. Does this mean that they automatically get raises, according to merit system regulations?

A. Raises in public welfare are not automatic. The Merit System has a pay scale for each position and beginning employees must be hired at no lower than the minimum salary on the scale and no higher than two steps above the minimum. The only automatic raises are when the minimum is raised by the merit system and employees on the bottom must be raised to stay at the minimum.

Q. 7. To your knowledge, is there any other county department operating under the Merit System?

A. Yes, the health department.

Q. 8. What percentage of the proposed county budget of approximately \$91,500 for public welfare would go toward salary?

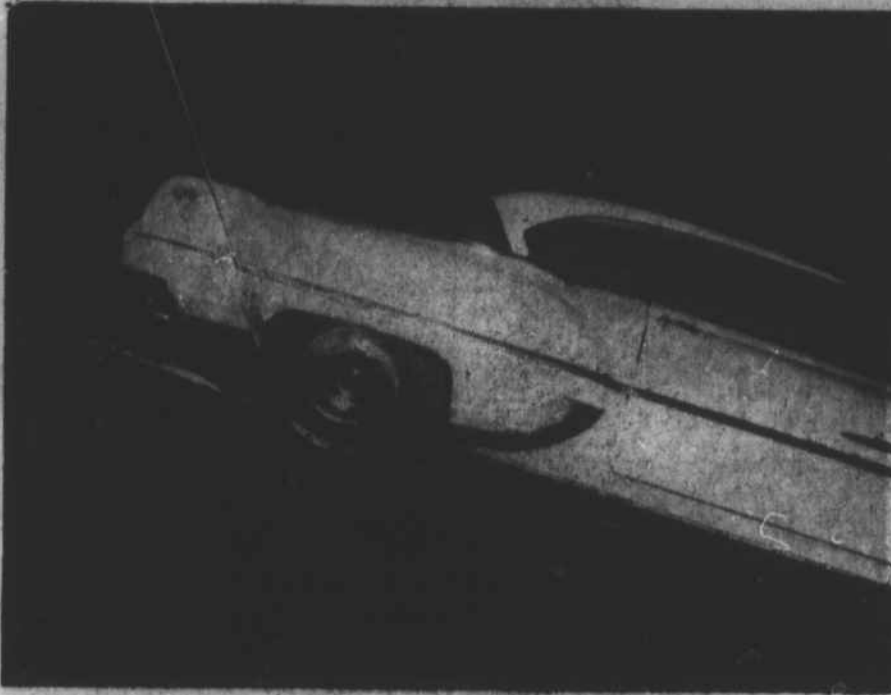
A. About 15 per cent. Approximately 10 per cent more would be toward other costs of administration. This is high because the county pays such a high proportion of all administrative costs. These costs are approximately 7 per cent of the total budget.

Q. 9. Can you, as welfare superintendent, decide how many people should be on your staff, or is there a state or federal regulation which dictates the number you shall have in proportion to the number of cases your department is handling?

A. The State Welfare Board suggests standards for the number of cases one caseworker may handle, but it is up to the county commissioners to decide the number of welfare employees for whom they will furnish 53 per cent of salary. As in any other job or profession the value received for the money expended is directly related to the quality and quantity of personnel.

Each caseworker in Carteret County carries approximately 250 financial assistance cases, plus the various kinds of non-financial services cases. This doesn't allow them time for much real social work with the people.

Car Backs Up Guy Wire



Edward Hermelin, Cherry Point Marine, was the driver of this 1953 Pontiac. Hermelin was charged with careless and reckless driving, exceeding the speed limit and damage to city and personal property. The accident occurred at 16th and Arendell Streets, Morehead City, Sunday night.

51 Beaufort Seniors Receive Diplomas Wednesday Night

Fifty-one Beaufort seniors received diplomas at the school Wednesday. The graduating class heard Dr. Frank Traver DeVyver of Duke deliver the commencement address.

Top graduation honors went to Anne Swain, valedictorian, and to David Chipman, who won the Honor Roll Key for loyalty, achievement and scholarship. Bronna Willis was salutatorian.

The following awards were presented: boy activities, Raymond Gillikin; girl activities, Jackie Young; boy athletics, Raymond Gillikin; girl athletics, Nancy Mason; most improved band student, Jerry Fulford; most proficient and cooperative band member, Denard Harris.

Best all-round boy, Danny Willis; best all-round girl, Judie Moore; home economics, Theresa Bellamah and Nancy Atkinson; highest average for the year in the school, George Huntley III (88.8); student council award, Danny Willis.

Danforth Foundation, Frances Bell and J. B. Stuart; Eudy Ath-

letic Award, Bryan King "Butch" Hassell; Babe Ruth Sportsmanship Award, Danny Willis and Judie Moore.

Beta Club scholarship, Brenda Smith; library award, Mary Lou Temple; glee club, Sammy Merrill and Norma Hales; and American history award, Jackie Wheatley.

Douglas Piner was honored as the most improved student in school. Principal Bruce Tarkington pointed out that this award is not given every year and a student must have made an outstanding effort to receive the award.

Correction

The Bell and Munden ambulance picked up the body of the 4½-year-old child who drowned last week near Atlantic Beach, not the Dill ambulance, as stated in Tuesday's paper.

Winston S. Churchill made his historic "Blood, Sweat and Tears" speech before Parliament in London on May 13, 1940.

Port Calendar

Esso New Orleans — Due at state port today with a cargo of petroleum products for Standard Oil.

Nicoline Maersk—Due at state port tomorrow to load tobacco for Manila, Hong Kong and Bangkok.

Tekla Torm—Due at state port June 8 to load tobacco for Alexandria, Egypt, and other Mediterranean ports.

Black Heron—Due at state port June 8 to load tobacco for Antwerp, Bremen, Hamburg and Rotterdam.

Sloterdyk—Due at state port June 14 to load tobacco for Amsterdam, Antwerp, Bremen.

New Funeral Home Will Open on Causeway Sunday

The county's fifth undertaking establishment, the Brooks and Mason Funeral Home, will open Sunday.

The new home, operated by Bert Brooks and Manly Mason, is located on the Beaufort-Morehead causeway.

There will be open house at the funeral home from Sunday noon on. Each lady attending will receive a flower.

Mr. Mason, formerly of Newport, attended Newport High School, was graduated from Edwards Military School and the American Academy of Embalming, New York City.

He is married to the former Jo Anne Roberts, Morehead City. Mr. Mason has had five years' experience in embalming and funeral direction and belongs to the First Baptist Church, Morehead City. He lives at the funeral home.

Mr. Brooks is a graduate of Beaufort High School and after high school spent three years in the Coast Guard. He attended the American Academy of Embalming, New York City, and is married to the former Jeraldine Hedgecock, Morehead City.

Mr. Brooks has had eight years' experience in embalming and funeral direction. He is a Master Mason, member of the Episcopal Church, a Jaycee, and makes his home in Beaufort.

Theodore Roosevelt, while assistant secretary of the Navy in 1898, was the first to recommend that we needed "flying machines" as part of the nation's armed forces.

Candidate for County Commissioner in the May 31st Primary



David Yeomans

Mr. David Yeomans operates a seafood business at Harkers Island. He is very active in church and civic affairs.

He is a member of the Harkers Island Methodist Church. He is on the Board of Trustees of the church. He teaches a Sunday School class and is a certified layman. He is a member of the Harkers Island School Board and president of the Harkers Island PTA. He is on the Board of Directors of the Harkers Island Electric Membership Corporation of which he is secretary.

He represents Harkers Island on the Board of Trustees of the Sun Level Community Hospital. Mr. Yeomans is one of the few that can say he has never taken a drink of whiskey.

Holiday

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Sunday for New Bern where meetings will be held at the East Carolina Yacht Club.

Parents are urged to equip their small children with life preservers if the children are playing in or near the water, or are in boats. Swimmers are warned to swim in pairs. Lifeguards readily admit that these waters are as safe as any, as long as usual water safety precautions are taken.

The Coast Guard warns that reckless boat operators will be apprehended and boats that do not have the proper safety equipment will be ordered to return to shore.

The State Highway Patrol especially seeks the cooperation of

Car Turns Over Monday West of Emerald Isle

A car turned over on the Salter Path Road Monday night three miles west of the fishing pier at Emerald Isle.

In the car were fishermen from Winston-Salem. Patrolman R. H. Brown said, "They just ran out of road and turned over." The car was headed west. The paved road stops and from then on, it's sand.

Because the accident happened on private property, the patrolman did not learn details.

motorists. Patrolmen ask that all highway rules be obeyed and that drivers exercise extra precaution because travel will be heavy.

Resort areas expect, this summer, a booming season.

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- HARRELL C. TAYLOR
- DAVID E. YEOMANS

Judge of Recorder's Court

LAMBERT MORRIS

Coroner

W. DAVID MUNDEN



Clifford T. Lewis

As Mayor of the town of Beaufort and as an interested citizen of Carteret County, I ask you, the citizens of Beaufort and of Carteret County, to be sure to go to the polls Saturday and vote for Judge Hamilton for State Senator. It is important to us here in Beaufort and to all the people of Carteret County to have our own man in the State Senate. Let's support Judge Hamilton and give him a whopping big vote Saturday.

CLIFF LEWIS
Mayor of Beaufort

(Political ad contributed by Mr. Lewis)