

County Provides Office Space for Civil Defense

The County Civil Defense and Mobilization organization now has office space.

At the request of John Valentine, county CD director, the county board yesterday approved use of a portion of the second floor of the courthouse annex, Beaufort, and okayed \$200 to make repairs to the office.

Mr. Valentine also requested some expense money for operation. The board took that request under consideration. He was, however, granted permission to start using the office space before repairs are made.

The CD director explained that much of the work will be done by volunteers. Mrs. Mary Jane Hildebrand, Morehead City, is now working for CD Wednesday afternoons, he said, adding that draftsmen have volunteered to draw maps.

Commissioner Skinner Chalk commended Mr. Valentine for his work during Helene. He said that during the storm he was glad to know a CD director was on the job. A person attending the meeting, commented: "What made me feel so secure was Hodges' being down here!"

When laughter subsided, Moses Howard, chairman of the board, asked E. O. Moore, tax collector, how money on taxes was applied when a person owed more than one year.

Collector Explains
Mr. Moore explained that if the person comes to the tax office to make a payment, he is told how much back tax he owes, but frequently, the property owner wants to pay the current year so he can get the discount.

When payment comes in by mail, in response to a current tax notice, the payment is applied to the current levy.

In connection with taxes, Commissioner Skinner Chalk said he wants the public to know that anyone who wants to buy property owned by the county has the right and privilege to make an offer for that property. The county board can then decide whether the offer is commensurate in value with the property.

Taxes Paid
Commissioner David Yeomans, Harkers Island, reported that people on the island got together \$130 to pay Mrs. Ivey Scott's taxes. (There has been some dispute recently over Mrs. Scott's building a new house on property held by the county for lack of tax payment.)

At the request of Commissioner Yeomans, the board agreed to give Mrs. Scott a tax deed for any interest the county may have in the property.

As to a contention by a neighbor, Walter Davis, that the new house is not on Mrs. Scott's property, Mr. Yeomans said that it is on her property.

Request Turned Down
The board rejected a request to reduce, by penalties, tax owned on property listed in the name of Siddle Mason, Heirs, Sea Level. Mr. Moore said that the total tax and penalty was \$86.86 for seven years.

The board received three applications for beer licenses. They are as follows: Aubert Mason, route 1, Morehead City, for off-premises consumption, variety store on highway 70; Rebecca Thelma Gallego, off and on premises consumption, Luigi's Drive-In, Bogue; Claude R. Dixon, off-premises, Dixon's Grocery, Broad Creek.

All three were tabled, pending final okay by the sheriff as to the reputation of the applicants.

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Commissioners Discuss Roads

Several minor road matters were referred to John L. Humphrey, county road superintendent, at the county board meeting yesterday morning at the courthouse, Beaufort.

Commissioner Skinner Chalk reported that E. G. Ross, Wildwood, has said his road hasn't been dragged lately. Mr. Humphrey said he would check to see if it's on the county system.

Mr. Humphrey also informed the commissioner that the state will lay tile if it is furnished by the property owner. Mr. Chalk was inquiring relative to a request by Fred Lewis and James Murphy, who have put in a road at Gloucester. The road owners said their drainage problem is created by a nearby state road.

No Counts
Moses Howard, chairman of the board, reminded Mr. Humphrey that the state has not yet made road counts on several roads in the county, the Gillikin Road at Otway and a road at Crab Point are two on which the county board has requested traffic tallies.

Mr. Humphrey said he has heard no more relative to extending highway 70 from Atlantic to Cedar Island as a primary road.

The road superintendent said that the motor burned out on the Harkers Island draw Friday night and the draw span is being operated by hand. The limit switch on the beach draw also went bad over the weekend, but it is opening to water traffic as usual.

Fred Clarkson, agent for Pine Knoll Shores on Bogue Banks, and George McNeill, attorney, appeared before the board yesterday afternoon. Mr. McNeill told the board that the Pine Knoll Shores developers would like the state to take over and maintain roads in the development.

Pine Knoll Shores is also offering the state a full 100-foot right-of-way along the Salter Path Road providing the state will use the full right-of-way and maintain it. Mr. Howard said that he doubted that the state would take over the subdivision roads, even though they are paved. He agreed, however, to confer with R. Markham division engineer, about the matter.

School Bonds
James D. Potter, auditor, reported on progress being made on the school bond issue. Information requested by bond attorneys at New York has been forwarded to them, he said.

A proposal from John L. Crump, Morehead City insurer, relative to liability insurance for the county, was considered. Mr. Chalk and the county attorney said such insurance should be carried. The board requested that a representative of Mr. Crump's office appear at the next meeting to explain exactly how much of the county's liability the proposed policy covers.

Dog Control
Because of an error in making up the budget, the board passed a resolution putting the estimated \$1,200 dog tax revenue in a special fund to finance county operations to pick up stray and unlicensed dogs throughout the county.

The program had been approved last year, but the dog tax income was given to the schools this year, as has been done in the past. Now it will be placed in health department funds.

The resolution earmarks the money for 1958-59 and subsequent years.

Names of persons to serve as jurors in the November one-week term of criminal court were drawn.

Attending a board meeting for the first time was the newly-appointed commissioner, G. A. Smith, Atlantic, who replaces Odell Merrill. Mr. Merrill has been appointed register of deeds.

All commissioners were present at yesterday's meeting.

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Walter P. Freeman Acquires Gordon C. Willis Property



This is the Gordon C. Willis seafood plant, located on the Morehead City waterfront. It was recently bought by Walter P. Freeman, Morehead City.

By F. C. SALISBURY

The recent purchase by W. P. Freeman of the Gordon C. Willis Co. property at the foot of 10th street in Morehead City, removes from the commercial enterprises of the town, a seafood business which had been in operation on this waterfront property for over a half century.

At the turn of this century, the sources of ocean and sound products, in and about the waters of Carteret, began to attract the attention of dealers in seafood from outside the state.

Soft shelled crabs, one of the delicacies of early spring seafood, were the first to attract packers and shippers. Later it was found that oysters of the surrounding sounds were of a most superior quality.

One of the first dealers from out of the state to recognize the quality and quantity of oysters in this area was S. S. Cooston of Crisfield, Md. In the early part of the 1900's he purchased the property at the foot of 10th street, which today is undergoing a new development. He erected thereon an oyster shucking and packing house. The building was in the form of a "T", the main part bordering the water which housed the packing and shipping department. The leg of the "T" contained the shucking benches. The few years this plant was in operation, during the oyster season, it was under the management of James W. Willis.

Riggin Takes Over
In 1906 the firm of J. H. Riggin and Company of Crisfield, Md., took over the Cooston plant. From this date on, by slow growth, the firm by the time of World War I had become the leading plant for the shipping of seafood along the North Carolina coast. The phenomenal growth of the business up to that time and for the next ten years, was due to the business acumen of the late J. E. Woodland, who in 1918 reorganized the Riggin Co. into that of Woodland and Company.

Before coming to Morehead City in 1906, Woodland was engaged in the seafood business at Crisfield, Md., and continued to maintain that connection until 1925. For the next decade, he was associated with the J. H. Riggin and Company, and following the death of Riggin in 1917, was elected president of the company, with A. G. Sterling, secretary and treasurer.

Expansion of the business took place in 1912 when a canning factory was put in operation. This industry gave employment to scores of helpers during both the oyster and shrimp seasons, as well as the truck producing seasons, for in addition to the canning of ocean products, thousands of cans of beans, tomatoes and other vegetables suitable for canning were processed. The buying and shipping of potatoes and cabbage was later carried on in connection with the seafood and cannery.

To meet labor needs at the height of the canning season, scores of outside helpers were brought in. To house many of the migrants, a large bunk house was built on the property of the plant, bordering on Evans Street.

News items in the local paper during 1917-18 state: "The Riggin Company has shipped more than 15 carloads of packed oysters this season and two cars shipped last week will be the last for this season. Five thousand cans of beans are being prepared at the canning factory this week, giving employment to more than 100 women and children."

"Forty tons of tomatoes from local farmers have been bought by the Riggin firm. A solid carload of canned oysters left here Friday for San Francisco, being shipped by the Woodland and Co. This is the second carload shipped by this well-known firm and contains over 1,500 cases."

New Firm Formed
The year 1918 brought a change in ownership of the Riggin company. On May 6 of that year Woodland and Company was formed and incorporated by J. E. Woodland, M. G. Nelson and E. H. Gorham. For the next ten years, until the death of Woodland in 1928, the operation and production of this plant reached its greatest output.

During that period an ice making plant was installed, also a factory for the making of wooden crates and boxes in which to ship seafood, canned products and farm produce.

Not to mention the long years of service—some 48—given the Riggin, Woodland and Willis company by M. G. Nelson, better known to his host of friends as Captain Mat, would be oversight in connection with the life of this plant.

He entered the employment of the Riggin company when they first opened their business in Morehead City. In the early days he operated a buy boat for the firm during the crab and oyster season. It was not unusual for the plant,

when in full operation, to receive over 500 gallons of oysters daily. As the plant increased its various operations, Captain Mat became familiar with every branch of production and shipping, giving him the distinction of manager of the processing and shipping department while operated as Woodland and Company.

Captain Mat Retires
Later with change of ownership of the business, Captain Mat continued in the same capacity until failing health caused his retirement.

The year following the formation of Woodland and Company in 1918, Gordon C. Willis of Marshallberg was engaged to manage the office work, acting in that capacity up to the time of the death of Woodland in 1928.

Later that year, when the plant was up for sale to settle the Woodland estate, Willis formed the Gordon C. Willis Company, confining the operation of the business entirely to the buying and shipping of seafood. For thirty years this plant was recognized as one of the principal seafood concerns in the state.

Mr. Freeman has not announced his plans for the property. There has been mention of the fact that it may be used as a marina, site for a motel for traveling yachtsmen, or used as another type of facility that would cater to the boating trade.

Bettie Church Plans Revival

Dr. James C. Buchanan Jr., pastor of the Woodville Baptist Church, Bettie, comments:

"A nervous generation is reading 'What to do if an atomic or hydrogen bomb falls'. A better consideration is 'What to do with the power God has given this world?'"

The biggest issue is still spiritual. "Prayers are now being offered in Woodville Baptist Church, Bettie, for pittery and incomplete human lives which have no hiding places. These prayers are a part of preparation being made for the evangelistic services to be held in the Woodville Baptist Church during the week of Oct. 13 through Oct. 18."

"Dr. Paul S. Odum will be speaking each evening 7:30 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited to attend."

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Howard Rhodes is Sent To Roads for Looting

Howard "Nig" Rhodes was sentenced to three months on the roads in county recorder's court Thursday. Judge Lambert Morris imposed the sentence after finding Rhodes guilty of looting a house blown down by the hurricane.

William E. DeShone was found guilty of excessive and reckless driving and driving drunk. He was ordered to pay \$125 and court costs. R. L. Bailey Jr. was fined \$100 and ordered to pay costs for driving drunk. Norway L. Morris got an identical judgment for careless and reckless driving.

Fays Costs, Fines
Gurney Murray was in court on two charges, public drunkenness and failing to comply with a court order. He paid costs for drunkenness. In failing to comply, Murray had failed to pay some back costs and fines. He paid all back costs and fines and the costs of Thursday's action. Charles Debbrie was fined \$25

and ordered to pay costs after being convicted of public drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Edward Barrett paid \$10 and costs for public drunkenness.

Those charged court costs follow: John Ellison, public drunkenness; Odell W. McMillan, running a stop sign; and John T. Emr and William W. Wible, speeding.

Bonds Forfeited
Three defendants forfeited bonds. They were Morris J. Watkins, improper passing; William "Billy" Willis, no drivers license; and Edgar Lewis, assault.

Three defendants were not tried due to lack of evidence. They were Jerry D. Rice, charges with leaving the scene of an accident, E. P. Chatelain Jr., charged with driving without a license, and Edward J. Melton, charged with selling mortgaged property.

Seven-three cases were continued.

W. J. Moye Speaks to Club On 'Shaping the Future'

W. Jesse Moye, governor of district 773 of Rotary International, made his annual official visit to the Morehead City club Thursday. During the afternoon he conferred with the president, secretary and committee chairman on Rotary administration and service activities.

Mr. Moye is owner and operator of Oakleigh Farms of Farmville and is a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Farmville.

The theme of district governor Moye's message was "shaping the future". He stressed a four-point program for individual participation in this regard: (1) by daring to face the present; (2) by finding the objects of Rotary; (3) by finding your personal path to peace, and (4) by strengthening our heritage.

In daring to face the present, we need to realize that geographical boundaries between countries are disappearing and that the world today is as one huge neighborhood, he said. Our natural resources must be conserved, our local problems must be attacked and solved and our cultural and educational facilities must be reappraised.

Mr. Moye said we can share the objects of Rotary in our business life as we meet the public. Service to our fellowman and community betterment is the primary ideal of Rotary. We need to help our young people more because through them, he said, we have an avenue in which to foster early in life the

objects of Rotary.

Each one should find his personal path to peace and then follow it, he advised. This is a challenge of our times. Through newspapers, radio, tv and publications we are acquainted with world situations.

If we can put ourselves in the shoes of the people of other lands, then their problems are more understandable, the speaker said.

And lastly, all of us can help shape the future by strengthening the Rotary heritage passed on to you when you became a Rotarian, remarked Mr. Moye. Better clubs and better individual Rotarians are the result when we continually promote the objects of Rotary. Active club participation in community projects and attention to what is going on around us produces the maximum good.

Since 1947, 1,076 exchange students from 65 countries have been awarded Rotary Foundation fellowships and they selected 43 countries other than our own for their year of study.

"The development of our aims covers a whole lot of ground," he said, "and regular attendance cannot be stressed too much in affording each member the maximum opportunity of participating in the program of Rotary International."

Dr. John W. Gainsy and Ramie Davis were introduced to the club as new members and Allen Knott, Kinston, was the guest of Jim Sanders.

Food, Not Race, Determines Size, Says Scientist

San Francisco (AP)—The average 14-year-old boy of Japanese descent born and raised in California is four inches taller than a Japanese boy bred in the homeland.

That finding, says Dr. William Walter Greulich of Stanford Medical School, possibly proves that there's no such thing as a hereditarily small race.

The comparison was drawn from a study of Japanese children in America and in Japan. Some 900 youngsters in each country were tested as to stature, weight, sitting height and bone age.

Says Dr. Greulich: "There had been a tendency to attribute the observed retardation in growth, at least in part, to racial differences in the rate at which growth and development proceed. "Our findings on the American born Japanese children do not support (this) view."

"It seems more probable that... the skeletal retardation of the children in Japan results from a less adequate diet and from other environmental conditions."

"These findings... indicate the need for caution in interpreting the relatively retarded growth and development of children in less favored parts of the world... as a basic genetic difference between them and our children."

Suffolk, Va. (AP)—City council tabled a request from a self-styled "qualified and active voter" for traffic light at an intersection. The letter was addressed to Mayor O. B. Hill — who last held office in 1947.

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