

Panel, Audience Discuss School Issue in Morehead

The possible disadvantages of consolidation drew more comment than the advantages at a meeting of the Morehead City PTA Monday night in the school auditorium. A panel discussion, followed by a question and answer period, was designed to give parents information on the issues of building consolidated schools in the county.

Mrs. Zelma Phillips, a teacher, was the first speaker. She discussed the present curriculum and described it as being well above average for schools the size of Morehead City.

The weakest program in the school, she pointed out, was health and physical education, open only to freshmen. Other courses, in her opinion, were adequate.

Mrs. Phillips pointed out that the Morehead City students are likely to lose their librarian and band and chorus instructor in a consolidated school.

A consolidated high school would have fewer teachers than the present set-up of grades one through 12. Full-time librarians are allocated by the state on the basis of the number of teachers in the school.

Ralph Wade, band and chorus director, is "borrowed" from the grammar school, where he teaches public school music. Such an arrangement would be impractical if the high school and grammar grades were separated.

Dr. A. F. Chestnut, chairman of the Morehead City school board, was the second speaker. He took the position that money could solve nearly all the problems in the present school system. He discussed the social as well as the educational problems confronting Morehead City's schools.

"There is no reason why some classes could not have 200 or more students," Dr. Chestnut said. "Of course, there are other classes where five or six students should be the limit."

Dr. Chestnut is in favor of a year-round educational program. Advanced students could take advantage of extra courses and slower students can use the summer months to catch up on basic subjects.

In the past 11 years Morehead City has grown by 89 per cent but the school facilities have been increased only by the building of the new Camp Glenn school.

Dr. Chestnut expressed a doubt that Morehead City got its share of the county school funds. Since Morehead City residents pay a large share of the county tax and because Morehead City is the most crowded of all the county schools, Dr. Chestnut said any funds available should go first to Morehead City.

Walter Morris Jr., president of the student body, was the third speaker. He listed the clubs that are active in the school. There are 18 activities in which students can participate.

He gave the opinion of the students, based on a survey he conducted. "The students want a bigger physical education program. They want intramural sports and a better jayvee program. The school could have track, tennis, swimming and golf teams with the present facilities."

While the facilities for these sports are available, the school has only three coaches among its 10 male faculty members.

H. L. Joslyn, county school superintendent, sat on the panel but did not speak. He answered questions asked by the parents and by principal Lenwood Lee.

During the question and answer period Skinner Chalk, Morehead City's representative on the county board of commissioners, was called on to explain the proposed bond issue.

Mr. Chalk said that the county board had accepted a recommendation by the county school board to hold a public hearing and an election on borrowing 2 1/2 million dollars to build two consolidated high schools and to convert present high schools into grammar schools.

Mr. Joslyn, in answer to people who wanted to build schools on a pay-as-you-go program, said that it is illegal for the county to save tax money from one year to the next. The amount of money collected each year would hardly be

enough to do any building, Mr. Joslyn maintained.

He said that a 15-cent raise in taxes would more than cover the payments on the loan. Under the present plans, the debt would be paid in 30 years. Mr. Joslyn would not go as far as to say that the schools would be adequate even until they were paid for.

The Rev. E. Guthrie Brown said the curriculum, in his opinion, was rather weak. He selected foreign languages (none are required though Latin and French are offered), math, physical education and industrial arts as the weakest points.

Mr. Lee maintained that consolidation would do little to enrich the curriculum and might make it impossible for the new school to have a full-time librarian or offer chorus and band.

Dr. Chestnut asked Mr. Joslyn how long it would be before the new schools would be built if the bond issue passes. Mr. Joslyn said it would be at least two years before students could move into the new schools.

Mr. Chalk took up the question of having a full-time librarian in the school. He said it seemed that the state should be able to work out a system to combine county and school library services.

He suggested a good library in the schools, located in such a way that the public could have access to the library without disturbing classes.

"What if the bond issue fails?" This question was brought up by several parents in the audience. Dr. Chestnut said the best thing he could think of would be for Morehead township to pass its own bond issue and build a school just west of town.

He said that the town would still get as much from the county as before. Once the school is built, Dr. Chestnut would turn it over to the county to maintain.

Gap Between Urban-Rural Areas Narrows, Says Mayor

Mayor George W. Dill says that with modern highways and electricity, the gap between urban and rural living has practically vanished in this area.

Mayor Dill's remarks were made in greeting rural electric cooperators at their annual membership meeting Saturday at the Morehead City School. The Rev. Seldon Bulard of Morehead City opened the meeting with prayer.

President George W. Ball of Harlowe, in his annual message to the members reported that the equity of the members is growing each year so that now over 16 per cent is owned by the members. He stated that it cost an average of \$375 original investment to serve each consumer-member and that the equity is gained by the difference it costs to serve the member and the amount charged through the current rates.

The president said that the equity gain was retarded in 1952 when rate reductions were put in effect which now saves local consumer-members over \$200,000 per year.

In his financial report, treasurer Gordon K. Laughton of Crab Point described the setting up of reserve funds to replace the electric plant caused by deterioration as well as major catastrophes. He said that payments to the Rural Electrification Administration had been made on schedule and that a prepayment of amounts due in the future had been made.

Lester L. Hall Sr., made the report of the nominating committee and attorney G. W. Ball conducted the election of directors for a one-year term. All present directors were returned to office for the coming year.

Those elected are George W. Ball, Harlowe; Clarence E. Mills, Newport; L. W. Pelletier, Stella; Gordon E. Laughton, Crab Point; Earl C. Day, Cedar Island; Roger W. Jones, Broad Creek; W. J. Wynne Jr., Havelock; Gilbert Whitehurst, Straits and Everette W. Koonce, Bogue. Directors Ball and Pelletier were on the original board elected in 1949 and have served as officers since that time.

The major door prize, a Frigidaire electric range, given by Sound Appliance Co., was won by Mrs. L. C. Forrest, route 1 Newport. Over 40 other smaller gifts were distributed among the members attending. Approximately 600 people were present.

Other prize winners: H. D. Bennett, route 1 Beaufort, automatic percolator; George F.



Dec. 9—The third grade presented a Christmas pageant at the PTA meeting Monday night at Harkers Island School. The stage was decorated with Christmas surroundings with the effect of the Christmas season.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints was in charge of the devotional part of the meeting.

They sponsored the refreshments for the evening which consisted of ice cold lemonade, cookies, and fudge.

The Rev. S. L. Wichard, pastor of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, is now holding a revival at the Graham's Chapel Pentecostal Holiness Church, Mill Creek.

Barbara Allen Davis, a student at the Woman's College in Greensboro, was here the past weekend with her family.

Miss Mary Ruth McMaster, Greensboro, spent the Thanksgiving holiday here visiting her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. C. C. McMaisters.

Everyone is glad to know that Master Douglas Moore has recovered from his long illness and has returned to school. Jackie Guthrie, Atlantic Christian College, was home for the past weekend visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Guthrie.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Michaels and son, Lyle of Burlington are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charlie W. Hancock.

License Revoked
Robert R. Adams, route 1 Newport, has been convicted of driving drunk in Wilmington recorder's court and the state driver license division has revoked his license.

Godette, route 6 Havelock, electric hair dryer; George Pittman, Merrimon, electric clock.

Weldon Fulcher, route 1 Morehead City, toaster oven; Wayne E. Hickox, electric iron; Mrs. Bessie A. Fulcher, portable mixer; Mrs. Bettie Sharpe, kitchen clock, all of route 1 Newport.

Guy Carraway, Merrimon, gift booklet; Mary Frazier, route 1 Havelock, heating pad; E. W. Temple, route 6 Havelock, combination waffle iron and grill; Mt. Pleasant Free Will Baptist Church, route 2 Newport, electric clock.

Charles Stanley, route 1 Morehead City, steam iron; Lillian Miller, route 1 Havelock, heating pad; Ada Fanner, route 1 Havelock, portable mixer; J. Howard Lewis, route 1 Newport, automatic percolator.

L. E. Kerr, route 1 Newport, kitchen clock; Frank M. Highly, 406 Shepard St., Havelock, 1 grease job, 1 oil change, 1 gallon anti-freeze; Mrs. Mable Tootle, route 1 Newport, hair dryer; H. L. Joslyn, Morehead City, electric iron; Steve Guthrie, route 1 Newport, clock radio; A. J. Salter, route 1 Newport electric fry pan.

Murray Davis, route 6 Havelock, electric clock; Harilas Styron, Roe, automatic percolator; B. S. Taylor Jr., route 1 Newport, heating pad; Eugene T. Lilly, route 2 Newport, double beat mixer with bowls.

M. C. Adams, route 6 Havelock, table lamp; Archie Hardesty, route 2 Newport, hair dryer; Mrs. Jessie Adams, route 1 Newport, electric clock; C. T. Lilly, route 2 Newport, steam iron.

Alfred Ebron, route 1 Morehead City, automatic percolator; Charles E. Lutz, 403 Miller Blvd., Havelock, electric fry pan; Rex E. Oswald, route 2 Newport, kitchen clock; Robert F. Boswell, route 2 Newport; J. O. Weeks, route 1 Newport; Eliza Guthrie, route 1 Newport; E. L. Ball, route 6 Havelock, 150' clothes line each.

O. B. Arthur, route 1 Newport, heating pad; Beulah Shepard, route 6 Havelock, electric blanket; Cecil Salter, Salter Path, steam iron; George Kittrell, route 1 Morehead City, electric clock; Levi Nethercutt, Havelock, hair dryer.

C. J. Taylor, route 6 Havelock, kitchen clock; Glen Winberry,

Wildlife Club President Tells How County Will Profit

Walter Teich, president of the newly-organized Carteret County Wildlife Club, points out that the club is designed to benefit everybody in the county. "By conserving and propagating all types of game, we will attract sportsmen who will spend many dollars here, thus improving the general economy of the county."

Local sportsmen will enjoy better hunting, he added. If the sportsmen and land owners can agree on a few basic objectives, the aims of the club can be easily accomplished.

State and federal agencies are willing to give land owners seed for cover crops and those agencies have experts who can tell the farmers and other land owners just how and where to plant the cover crops.

The club hopes to plant grass for waterfowl and set aside certain areas which will be designated as rest and feeding areas, the president continues. These areas will be supervised and controlled by the state and federal governments and will be closed to hunting.

These areas will attract more waterfowl to this general area and get the ducks and geese accustomed to stopping year after year. Once we regain our reputation as a great hunting county, high caliber sportsmen will again make the trip to Carteret for hunting, Mr. Teich said.

Years ago such famous names as Babe Ruth, Jack Dempsey and hunter-explorer-writer Edison Marshall came to the county for waterfowl shooting. Those men, and others like them, put lots of money in circulation when they came.

Because of the hurricanes and winter storms, waterfowl are having a difficult time finding feed this winter. Last year many starved because they stayed until they were too weak to fly someplace else in search of food. A supervised feeding area seems to be the only solution to a problem that requires immediate attention.

"While waterfowl hunting is potentially one of our greatest assets, other types of game abound in the county," the president continued. The club hopes to import some deer to improve the present strains of deer found in the county.

The club, through the North Carolina Federation of Wildlife Clubs, will push legislation concerning proper posting of land and will encourage enforcement of game laws.

The control of alley and house cats running wild in the woods is a serious problem. The club has already made advances to the pulpwood companies who own vast tracts of land in the county. We hope that these companies will be willing to stop their practice of hardwood control which in the past has destroyed much of the natural feed for game.

The companies have also indicated that they are interested in

Provost Marshal's Office Seeks Boy Gone Since Friday

Camp Lejeune—Fifteen-year-old Michael Holl, son of Capt. and Mrs. F. L. Holl, 1039 Pelielu Drive, Jacksonville, N. C., has been reported missing from his home since Friday night, Dec. 5.

The boy is 5 foot 11 inches tall, weighs around 145 pounds and has brown hair and blue eyes.

When last seen he was wearing black cotton trousers, light blue short-sleeved shirt trimmed in red, black shoes and beige or blue zippered jacket.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the missing boy is requested to contact either the parents at Jacksonville 8815 or the Camp Lejeune provost marshal's office, 7-5823.

route 1 Newport, portable mixer; William V. Pritchett, route 1 Newport, automatic percolator; Virginia Lawrence, route 1 Beaufort, electric corn popper; Leland L. Sanders, route 1 Newport, electric iron.

John H. Carter, Kinston, burner hot plate; B. H. Russell, route 1 Beaufort, electric blanket (oldest member present); Mrs. George Kittrell, route 1 Morehead City, electric fry pan (youngest member).

The Night Before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse, When down through the chimney all covered with soot, Came the "Spirit of Fire" an ugly galoot.

His eyes glowed like embers, his features were stern, As he looked all around for something to burn. What he saw made him grumble, his anger grew higher, For there wasn't a thing that would start a good fire.

No door had been blocked by the big Christmas tree, It stood in the corner leaving passageways free. The lights that glowed brightly for Betty and Tim, Had been hung with precaution so none touched a limb.

All wiring was new, not a break could be seen, And wet sand at its base kept the tree nice and green. The tree had been trimmed by a mother insistent, That the ornaments used be fire resistant.

And mother had known the things to avoid, Like cotton and paper and plain celluloid. Rock wool, metal icicles and trinkets of glass, Gave life to the tree; it really had class.

And would you believe it right next to the tree, Was a suitable box for holding debris. A place to throw wrappings of paper and string, From all of the gifts that Santa might bring.

The ugly galoot was so mad he could bust, As he climbed up the chimney in utter disgust. For the folks in this home had paid close attention, To all the rules of good "Fire Prevention."

—From the U. S. Air Force Fire Protection and Aircraft Rescue Branch, 4041st Installation Squadron

Stationary Vehicles Can Be Dangerous, Too

San Francisco (AP)—More California workers are injured in accidents involving stationary vehicles than moving vehicles, the State Division of Industrial Safety reports.

The large majority of vehicle-at-rest injuries were found to occur during loading and unloading and getting on and off.

from time to time for more convenience to members who live outside the Morehead-Beaufort area. Announcement of the meeting place will be made.

Club officers request that all persons interested in wildlife conservation make available any pertinent information to the club so the organization can operate at maximum efficiency to benefit the county.

Tobacco Growers To Mark Ballots On Two Questions

By LACY F. WEEKS
Field Director
Tobacco Associates, Inc.

A two-question ballot will be issued to flue-cured growers when they go to the polls Monday to vote in the Tobacco Associates Assessment Referendum.

In each question, two-thirds approval of those voting is required for the issue to carry. Therefore, growers are urged to vote on both questions:

Question One: "Are you For or Against an annual assessment of 10 cents per acre on the tobacco acreage planted for a three-year period (1959, 1960, and 1961)? This assessment is to support an organization for promoting, developing, and expanding domestic and foreign purchase and consumption of flue-cured tobacco. Vote by placing 'X' in one box."

Question Two: "Are you For or Against an assessment (if permitted by 1959 legislation) on tobacco acreage planted for a three-year period (1959, 1960, and 1961) in an amount in each of such years as may be determined by the Board of Directors of Tobacco Associates, Incorporated, but not more than \$1.00 per acre (such an assessment to be in place of and not in addition to the 10 cents per acre otherwise authorized)? This assessment is to support an organization for promoting, developing, and expanding domestic and foreign purchase and consumption of flue-cured tobacco. Vote by placing 'X' in one box."

These questions are quoted directly from the printed ballot which will be issued to the grower Monday.

Other information that will be of interest to growers as they prepare to vote in the assessment referendum:

In regard to Question Two, proposed legislation to provide an increase in the assessment requires two-thirds approval of the board, and also two-thirds approval by farmer representatives on the board, to establish the assessment rate not to exceed \$1 per acre.

Under a recent change in the Tobacco Associates' by-laws, farmer representation on the board of directors has been doubled. Any grower who is dissatisfied

Six Building Permits Issued

Six permits issued by A. B. Roberts, building inspector for Morehead City, during the month of November total \$13,450 for construction work.

The permits covered the erection of two houses: Mrs. Mattie B. Willis, Evans Street, \$2,500, and R. Langdale, Evans Street, \$7,000. For alterations: Sanitary Fish Market, \$500; George Williams, \$800; Mrs. Virginia Veitch, \$2,500. E. S. Thomson for a garage, \$150.

Total cost of construction for the eleven months of the current year is \$636,280.

with the Tobacco Associates program may obtain a full refund on his assessment by applying for it in writing within 30 days after it has been collected.

The Enabling Act of 1947, under which Tobacco Associates operates requires that a referendum be held every three years to give growers an opportunity to determine whether or not they favor continuing the acreage assessment to promote the sales of their tobacco.

All growers who shared in the proceeds of the 1958 crop, including growers who placed their acreage in the soil bank, are eligible to vote in the Monday referendum.

The referendum will be held at regular community polling centers and the usual voting hours will be observed.

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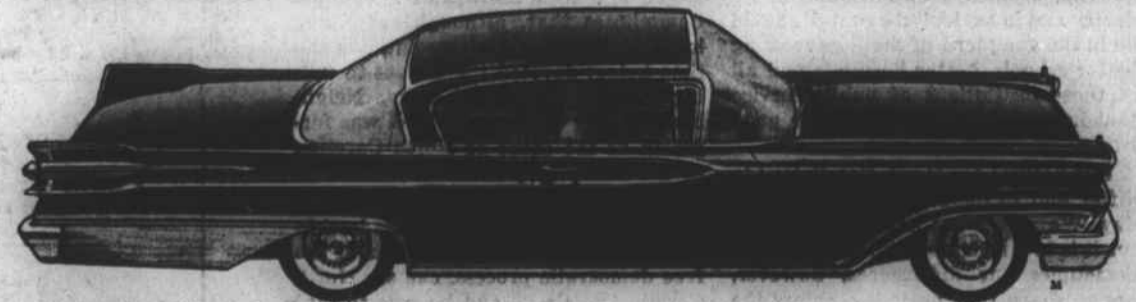
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