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PUBLISHED TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS

Voters Will Go To Polls In Primary Tomorrow

Jaycees Will Select Miss Beaufort June 14

Mother Of Four Children, Beaufort, Freed Of Charge Of Child-Beating

Charged with maliciously and mercilessly whipping her child, a defendant Tuesday in recorder's court was freed, in a case which Judge L. R. Morris called "certainly a sad commentary on our present day existence."

State's witnesses who took the stand testified that the divorced woman, a resident of Beaufort, worked day and night to provide food and clothing for her four young children, but that she was unable to control them and they were running loose on the street.

The four witnesses said that she had beaten the child in a moment of exasperation after coming home from work in the shirt factory to find a window broken and the house wrecked. They added that the child would not go to school, ran about at all hours and would not listen to the mother's or their pleas for correction.

Legion Post Sponsors Dedication of Tower

A special service will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at Newport to dedicate the "F. M. Simmons Memorial Tower."

In charge of the service is Newport American Legion Post No. 203. Mr. Simmons, after whom the tower will be named, was formerly employed at Croatan National forest. He lost his life while serving in World War II.

Speaker for the occasion will be C. F. Strossner, of Goldsboro. Com. R. A. Curtis, chaplain, USN, Cherry Point, will dedicate the tower.

Chamber Plans Move Forward

W. L. Woodard, James Biggs, C. Z. Chappell Serve on Committee

Possibilities of a new Chamber of Commerce for Beaufort are more evident today, as a result of the meeting of Rotarians and businessmen Tuesday night at the Inlet Inn. Elected to a committee to supervise proposed moves are W. L. Woodard, C. Z. Chappell, and James Biggs.

Charles McCullers, Kinston Chamber executive secretary who addressed the group at the Inlet Inn, said that such an organization was of great benefit to a community and pointed out from his own experiences how much it aided the town.

In urging Beaufort to get its name on the map, he cited the need of fellow understanding, coordination of effort and pooling of resources. He advised that a Chamber of Commerce should have some 150 members and at least a \$6,000 budget.

Mr. McCullers stated that Kinston had increased its population by more than 6,000 in six years, and added that Beaufort could double its population in five years, with a live-wire executive secretary and an active Chamber of Commerce. He told the Rotary club and other civic organizations in Kinston got together to establish that a minimum membership fee should be \$20.

The committee appointed to look into Mr. McCuller's suggestions will report its findings to the Rotary club board of directors as soon as possible, it was agreed.

Grayden Paul, visitor Tuesday evening, led the group singing at the meeting, with Joyce Johnson playing the piano accompaniment. Howard Jones, jr., pantomimed Al Jolson in a song and dance routine of "Dixie," and "California, Here I Come."

Vida Lee Mason Wins Title, 'Queen of League Baseball'

Vida Lee Mason, Miss Harkers Island-Strait, was crowned Queen of Tidewater League baseball by league president, D. H. Lashley, last night, winning the beauty contest over seven other contestants from the teams in the league.

The contest was the highlight of an evening's dancing at the county recreation center, with about 200 people enjoying the music of a 15-piece orchestra, The Collegians, from ECHS.

Miss Mason was presented with a gold bracelet from the Tidewater League, a bouquet of roses, and gifts from other league teams.

Appearing in bathing suits and in evening dress, contestants appeared on the stage to a musical accompaniment. Miss Mason wore a gold and black swim suit, and a black gabardine evening dress with a rose corsage.

Other contestants were Wilhelmina Stewart, Swansboro; Mrs.

Poor Cabbage Season Comes To Close; Dryness, Pests Affect Other Crops

Farmers are experiencing the last days of an extremely poor cabbage season, R. M. Williams, county agent, commented today. Harvest of Irish potatoes has begun but movement of these are slow with the government buying mostly by grade.

Three railroad cars of cabbage moved out Tuesday and there has been some light movement by truck. Heads now are beginning to black rot and soft rot.

Some cabbage farmers made expenses, a very few made slight profit, and a larger number lost money on this year's crop, the agent said.

New Arendell Street Section Opens to Traffic

The newly-constructed section of Arendell street east of 4th street to the Morehead City Yacht basin office opened to traffic Wednesday morning. The asphalt surfacing was laid Tuesday.

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Morehead City Lions made \$150 profit on their talent shows, Victor Wickizer, president, reported this morning. This money will go toward the blind-aid fund.

The Lions are planning to make the talent search an annual affair, with improvements next year in classification of entries and method of sponsoring the shows, Mr. Wickizer said.

Employment Commission Issues Report on County

During the fourth quarter of 1947, Carteret county employed 1,611 workers who received total wages of \$808,135, or an average weekly wage of \$38.58, according to figures compiled by the State's Employment Security Commission.

Both total employment and average weekly wages reached the highest point in the history of North Carolina, exceeding even the wartime peak reached in 1942, the report said.

Officers De-Commission North River Still

M. M. Ayscue, ABC officer, and Deputy Sheriff Murray Thomas at 5 o'clock Saturday morning de-commissioned a still in the North River section. At the time the officers made the discovery, the still was in operation.

One of the operators was pursued from the site but made his escape. Four hundred gallons of mash were confiscated.

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