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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.

Lawyer Attacks Society

C. R. Wheatly, Jr., representing the defendant, emphasized in his closing statement that it was not the woman who should have been on trial, but Carteret county, in allowing such a condition to exist. He said that attempts had been made by the woman to care for her children through a proper institution, and they had been of no avail.

At present, the mother is getting aid through the Welfare department.

Also dismissed in Tuesday's court trials were Arnette Baker, and Junius Morse, tried for speeding and driving without a license in connection with an accident about two weeks ago in Morehead City.

Judge Rules

After the state, represented by Harvey Hamilton, Jr., had rested its case, Judge Morris cut short further talk by saying that none of the state's witnesses had testified that Arnette Baker was driving. He said that the closest any of the four came to it was that "someone about her size got out of the driver's side of the car," after the car struck a truck, belonging to Harold Baldrie, 109 North 11th street.

Patrolman Carl Blomberg, arresting officer, testified that Junius first said he was driving and then later that she was driving the car. Each had accused the other of being at the wheel in testimony under oath at Morehead City mayor's court, but this evidence was not admissible in recorder's court. Neither defendant was asked to take the stand.

Concerning the theft of household goods in his Morehead City home by a minor working as a house servant, J. F. Reynolds asked leniency on the part of the court. Speaking up for his past employee, even after she had pleaded guilty to the theft, he stated that she was a "good worker, commendable," and that he thought "she had learned a lot" in the two weeks since the theft. Judge Morris placed her on good behavior for five years and ruled that she pay \$10 plus court costs.

Robert Whaley was fined costs of court on the charge of slapping. See COURT Page 3

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.

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 how 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."

Mary Lou Harris, Jacksonville; Elizabeth Willis, Beaufort; Ella Margaret Morris, Morehead City; Eleanor Doll Rhodes, Newport; Dorris Wright, Havelock; and Betty Lou Dowdy, Marshfield.

Ray Cummins, master of ceremonies, was dressed in a Chicago Cub uniform. Judges were Commander J. A. Breslan, of the Coast Guard cutter Cherokee; Lt. W. H. Burgess, of the Coast Guard cutter Agassiz; and Brodie Hood, owner of Hood Sporting Goods, Burlington, N. C.

Miss Mason will reign as queen at the All-Star game to be played later in the season.

Taxes Due Soon

William Hassell, city clerk, Beaufort, reported this week that the tax notices would be out by the middle of next month. If the taxes are paid before June 30 there will be a discount of 3 per cent.

48 Babies Born

Forty-three babies were born in the county in April, four of them Negro. Fifteen persons died and of these, six were Negro, according to health department records.

Beaufort's beauty contest will be held at the Surf club Monday night, June 14, contest chairman Odell Merrill reported to the Beaufort Junior Chamber of Commerce at Monday's meeting in the Inlet Inn.

All girls between 18 and 28 are eligible, and will have a chance to win prizes and gifts as winner and runner-up. Miss Beaufort will also be given an expense-paid trip to Carolina Beach to participate in the state beauty pageant there.

Members emphasized that talent, poise, personality, as well as beauty have been the determining factors in contests recently. Last year Miss America, for which title Miss North Carolina will be selected to compete, won largely on the first three.

Cash prizes and other gifts are now being collected by Junior Chamber members. The orchestra to play at the Surf club dance the night of the beauty contest has not yet been selected. Chairman Merrill stressed that judges this year will be from out of the area and that the parade procedure of the contestants will be simple and effective.

Henry Hassell, chairman of the sign committee that the owner of land at the intersection of highway 70 and 101 agreed to permit Junior Chamber put up their proposed 8 by 18 foot sign. The inscription will read, "Historic Beaufort," in big letters, and underneath, "Turn left for shortest route." Members decided to work on the sign Sunday mornings.

Also discussed at the meeting was establishment of a small float, to be used by swimmers at Frost street docks. J. O. Barbour, co-chairman of the "clean-up campaign," along the waterfront, reported that more than \$200 had been spent doing everything they had had in mind. He added that there are still a few merchants who still have not fully cooperated.

Mr. Leslie Davis, Jr. urged the founding of a jaycee softball team to compete with the other jaycee teams in the area.

Jarvis Herring, new member, was introduced.

Four Schools To Close Today

Four schools in the county will close today and three will close Monday, ending the 1947-48 school season, according to an announcement this week from the superintendent of school's office.

Camp Glenn, Salter Path, W. S. King and Morehead City schools are closing today. Beaufort, South River, and Smyrna will close Monday.

The majority of the schools closed yesterday. These were Newport, Atlantic, Cedar Island, Stacy, Davis, Marshallberg, Otway, Queen Street (Beaufort), North River, and Merrimon.

Sea Level, Harkers Island, Bogue, and Stella schools locked the doors Wednesday, and White Oak school closed earliest, of all. Friday, May 14.

Mon Lei Again Docks At Morehead City

Believe it or not, the Chinese junk which attracted so much attention at Morehead City Texaco station dock yesterday belongs to "Believe It or Not" Robert Ripley. Ripley was not aboard.

About 62 feet long with a 16 foot beam, the Mon Lei is on its way to Westchester, Long Island. "Powered with Chinese Diesel engines in addition to sails," is what Skipper Platt answered the inquirer yesterday. Then he asked for a left-handed monkey wrench.

Tractor-Trailer Overturns On Highway 101 Tuesday

A large tractor-trailer truck loaded with cabbage overturned about noon Tuesday on highway 101 about three miles from Huntley's.

No one was injured and the truck was not damaged, although traffic was blocked for a short while. The truck, driven by Carol Broom, of Richmond, Va., belongs to Broom's father.

The accident occurred, according to Patrolman R. M. Fowler who investigated, when one wheel caught at the side of the road, causing the truck to turn over.

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

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.

Now all westbound traffic will make the gradual curve on to Arendell street's north side before reaching the Jefferson hotel. Eastbound traffic will continue on the south side as previously.

Iron standards have been sunk along the side of highway opposite the hotel where cars parked at one time, creating a traffic hazard.

Director Names Club Contributors

Teen-Ager Writes Letter From Langley Air Field, Virginia

Mrs. Harold Sampson, director of the Carteret County recreation center, today released the list of adult memberships in the Teen-Age club. Half of the list appears below. The remainder will be published in the next issue of the News-Times.

More memberships are being solicited and Mrs. Sampson has emphasized that county-wide support is required to maintain the center in its present manner.

This week Mrs. Sampson received a letter from a former visitor at the club, Frank Willis, who is stationed now at Langley Air force base, Hampton, Va.

Believing that the letter shows what the club means to those who go there, Mrs. Sampson suggested that part of it be printed here:

"I miss the club very much. I'm at Langley Air field in Virginia now, but I'll be leaving in about a month. After I get a permanent station I think I'll like the Army Air corps. But right now I'm lonesome and sure would like to get some mail from all the gang. Please, all of you, drop me a line and tell me the news and happenings of the club.

"Today is Saturday and tonight you will be dancing and skating and having a big time; so while you are doing these things, think of me."

Names of those who appear below have helped to support the club with \$5 memberships. Those names with larger amounts listed with them contributed more than the membership fee.

Marion T. Mills, H. S. Gibbs, Jr., Wade Peletier, Ben Alford, Henry R. White, Mrs. Doris White, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Flowers, W. B. Chalk, Mrs. W. B. Chalk, Dr. Samuel Hatcher, Mrs. Samuel Hatcher, Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Eure, H. M. Eure, Mrs. H. M. Eure, Mr. and Mrs. D. Cordova, Mrs. Rosalie Dowdy, Mrs. A. B. Roberts, Mrs. Ruth McCrackan, J. C. Taylor, Mrs. J. C. Taylor, Mrs. A. Hoffman, (Bogue Banks) \$20; Miss Gabriella Braid, James Webb, Walter S. Morris, Benjamin May, Mrs. Carita Jackson, Mrs. Walter Derrickson, Mrs. Robert Taylor, Mrs. Marion Davis, Miss Bessie Tolson (Route 1, Newport), Jerry J. Willis, Luther R. See DIRECTOR Page 3

Van C. Potter, from New York, who has purchased Mayor Lawrence W. Hassell's home on Pollock street, is expected here any day, again to make Beaufort his home, the Mayor reported today.

The mayor spoke fondly of Mr. Potter, "Yes, when we were just that high," he said, holding his hand a short distance from the ground. "Van sold lettuce and I sold soy beans, 3 cents a quart or two for 15."

The Mayor and Mrs. Hassell are living now in the house facing Front street which they recently purchased from D. F. Merrill.

"That's the old John Forlaw home in which I lived until I was 7 years old. My oldest sister was born there too," related Mayor Hassell. At the age of 13 he again found himself living there and now after many years hopes to spend the rest of his days under that roof.

The property was purchased by Mr. Merrill from A. W. Daniels formerly of Cedar Island, now of Charlotte.

Morehead City Lions Make \$150 on Shows

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.

Precinct Officers Change

F. R. Seeley, chairman of the board of elections, today announced a change in the precinct officers for Harkers Island. Registrar will be Charles William Hancock, judge, Alton Willis, and poll holder, Fate Jones, Jr. Previously listed as registrar was Mrs. Mabel Lawrence and Lawson Willis as judge.

Bundy, Abernethy Seek Office of Solicitor

Polis in the primary election tomorrow will be open from 6:30 to 6:30. Fred R. Seeley, chairman of the county board of elections said today.

The Carteret county official Democratic primary ballot will have two contests, Charles L. Abernethy, Jr. opposing William J. Bundy for solicitor of the fifth judicial district; and Isaac J. Kellum, D. L. Ward, Elwood R. Willis, Albert J. Ellis, and John D. Larkins, Jr. running for state senator from the seventh senatorial district. Two of the five will be elected.

Only township contest will be in Morehead township, which takes in Atlantic Beach and five miles west of the city. Hubert L. Fulcher is opposing Charles M. Krouse for township constable. Mr. Krouse is holding that office now.

On the state ticket, William B. Umstead is opposing J. Melville Brown for U. S. Senator; Charles M. Johnson Oscar Barker, R. Mayne Albright, Olla Ray Boyd, W. Kerr Scott, and W. F. Stanley, Sr., are running for governor; H. P. Taylor is opposing Dan Tompkins for lieutenant governor; John T. Armstrong and Thad Eure are vying for secretary of state; Charles W. Miller and Henry L. Bridges are running for state auditor; Z. W. Frazelle, Brandon P. Hodges, and James B. Vogler seek the state treasurership and Forrest H. Shuford and Donald Boone Sherrill oppose each other for commissioner of labor.

The short term indicated on the state ticket for United States Senators starts after the election results are turned in and continues. See VOTERS Page 3

JCs Entertain Six Beauties

Lois Chadwick, Helen Gould, Orilla Hughes, Ella Margaret Morris, Viola Styron and Jean Farrior, contestants for the Miss Morehead City beauty pageant, were guests at a dinner meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce Monday evening.

After the meeting, the girls practiced at the county recreation center the numbers they will present at the pageant on June 12. Coaching the girls were Mrs. Helen Cochran, Mrs. A. T. Leary, and Mrs. Bertha Stallings.

Billy Merrill, young ventiloquist, entertained members and their guests. Charles Willis won the \$1 door prize, a prize to be given at all future meetings.

Harvey Hamilton, Jr., president of the Young Democrats of Carteret county, urged members to vote in the Primary election this Saturday, and said the Young Democrats would provide any desired transportation.

Marquette Sails For Mediterranean

The U. S. S. Marquette, 435-foot 10,000 ton troop and equipment transport, shopped off Wednesday morning from Port Terminal, carrying Marines and supplies to the Mediterranean sea.

Approximately 750 Marines were aboard, and will relieve the fleet marine force in the Mediterranean, a force which left Port Terminal four months ago in January. The relieving force is slated for a four months tour of duty in the Mediterranean region.

Capt. A. C. Livendahl is commander of the Marquette.

County's ABC Profits In April Total \$3,834

Net profit from liquor sales in the county in April totaled \$3,834.00, according to figures released by James Potter, county auditor.

Beaufort sales amounted to \$16,472.15, Morehead City's, \$22,337.35, and Newport's, \$11,318.45, totaling \$50,127.95. Sales tax was \$4,280.88.

Beaufort's share of the profits was \$753.60, Morehead City hospital \$510.97, Newport \$517.82, and Morehead City, \$510.97.

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.

Morehead City Re-Names Two to Race Commission

Mayor George W. Dill, Morehead City, and the town commissioners, reappointed A. B. Cooper for three years as a member of the Morehead City Racing commission Wednesday and C. N. Bennett, for two years.

Mr. Cooper's previous one year term expired in February 1947 and Mr. Bennett's two year term in February of this year. The third member of the commission, Dr. Ben F. Royal, was appointed for a three year term in February 1946.

Class Of 1928 To Hold Reunion

21 Class Members Will Banquet, Attend Commencement Monday

The class of '28, Beaufort high school, will hold a 20-year reunion Monday night, celebrating with a dinner at the Inlet Inn, followed by attendance at the high school commencement exercises of the class of '48. This will be the first the class has met as a body since graduation days.

Twenty-one of the 25 class members will be there as well as five of the seven teachers who shepherded the class toward their diplomas.

The teachers are Mrs. Lucille Pond Mumford, Wakefield, Va., Miss Lena Duncan, Miss Gladys Chadwick, Mrs. Ben Jones, and Mrs. Roy Eubanks. The other two teachers could not be contacted, according to Miss Hazel Noe, alumna who is making arrangements for the affair.

Four class members who will be unable to attend the reunion are Annie Laura Rumley Creedmore, Norfolk, Clyde Ramsey, Washington, N. C., Cecil Longest, Chapel Hill, and Com. Ernest M. Snowden who is in Argentina.

Those who will attend are Fanny Caffrey, Washington, D. C., Ruth Fulcher, Mountain Home, Tenn., Burchie Felton Nelson, Aulander, N. C., Ruth Morrison Abbott, New Bern, Sarah Hill King, Washington, N. C.

Virginia Howe Hassell, Susan S. Rumley, Miss Noe, Louise Hudgins Nelson, Julia Graham Copeland, Thelma Pake Simpson, Ellen Lupton Dickinson, all of Beaufort.

Anna Skarlen Matthews, Raleigh, Vera Longest Pake and Fred Lewis, Morehead City, Charles K. Howe, Jr., Radford, Va., Vida Longest, Julia Parkins Baden, J. O. Barbour, Jr., Frank L. King, and Clarence H. Guthrie, all of Beaufort.

Place cards at the dinner will be black cardboard replicas of mortarboards with white silk tassels. Printed inside will be the names of each class member, the class song which was written 20 years ago by Clyde Ramsey, and the class poem which was written by Susan Rumley.

In commenting on the new type of training, Director Ruggles said: "Recent studies of industry's needs for technical men indicate that there is a demand for an average of five technicians for each professional engineer employed and that normally most industries are under-staffed with technical workers. These facts mean employment opportunities for men with suitable technical training, with excellent opportunities for advancement."

City Clerk Clarifies Privilege Tax Rulings

John Lashley, city clerk, today clarified ordinances regarding business privilege taxes in Morehead City. Payment of the taxes was discussed Friday at the commissioners' meeting.

A 10 per cent penalty will be added to the business privilege tax if it is not paid by the due date, July 1. Although the wine and beer privilege tax was due May 1, no penalty will be imposed on that, he said.

Bond Sales Total \$18,873

Bond sales in Carteret county during the period from May 9 through May 15 amounted to \$18,873, giving a final cumulative sale of \$18,873, about 14.5 per cent of its quota which is \$130,000. Victor Wickizer, Morehead City, is chairman of the bond drive.

Legion To Receive Ship's Plaque

Comdr. T. McHale, Norfolk, To Make Presentation Sunday at Courthouse

In afternoon Memorial Day ceremonies to be held at 2:30 on the courthouse lawn Sunday afternoon, C. R. Wheatly, Jr., will accept a plaque and history of the merchant ship S. S. Beaufort, in behalf of Carteret Post 99. The plaque will be placed in the hall of the post for educational purposes, said C. L. Beam, veteran's information service officer.

Commander T. McHale, of the fifth naval district in Norfolk, will present the plaque. Sponsoring the ceremonies are the American Legion Posts of Newport, Beaufort, Morehead City, and Davis.

Arrangements are being made to have music provided by the Cherry Point Marine band. Mr. Beam added.

State College Adds New Course At Institute

Addition of a two-year marine technical course to the curricula of the Morehead City Technical institute of N. C. State college has been announced by Director Edward W. Ruggles of the College's Extension division.

The new program of instruction will include training in navigation, naval architecture, marine biology, electricity, and small business practices. It will also consist of training in wood shop practice, a course in which a small boat will be designed and constructed.

Graduates of the new course will be prepared for employment in shipyards engaged in building small craft for the fishing industries as well as pleasure craft and will be equipped for work in the fishing trade and in the operation, maintenance, and design of boats used in coastal and inland waterway transportation, Professor Ruggles explained.

He said the Technical institute, a functional branch of State college, will continue to maintain its one-year general technical course in addition to the new course.

The one-year period of instruction, which is already in operation, offers training in electrical work, radio, telephone maintenance, woodworking, metalworking, construction work, automotive engineering, Diesel engineering, heating, and other industries in which technical training is essential.

In commenting on the new type of training, Director Ruggles said: "Recent studies of industry's needs for technical men indicate that there is a demand for an average of five technicians for each professional engineer employed and that normally most industries are under-staffed with technical workers. These facts mean employment opportunities for men with suitable technical training, with excellent opportunities for advancement."

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