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## Jaycees Make Final Preparations For Miss Morehead City Contest

At the regular Monday night meeting of the Morehead City Junior Chamber of Commerce final preparations were made for the presentation of the Jaycees' beauty pageant tomorrow night at the Roda theatre. The program starts at 8 p.m.

Twelve beauties have entered the Miss Morehead City contest and the girls have been rehearsing two and three times a week. One request was made by the chairman of the committee in charge of the program. He asked the Jaycees to "please refrain from whistling at the girls during rehearsals."

It was also pointed out that \$300 of the Junior Chamber's money had been already invested in the program, and that ticket sales should be pushed in order to cover costs and make a profit. Members were told that "it's a good show and you shouldn't hesitate to recommend it to your friends."

Tickets have been placed on sale and posters advertising the event have been distributed for display.

An investigation was asked in the matter of local bus service. Complaints have been received that the schedules of a local bus line were not being complied with and that several Morehead City residents are planning to move because of this. It was pointed out that "it is the city's job to see that busses run on schedule in the best interests of the public." The matter will be referred to Mayor George Dill.

Award pins for the Jaycees' two outstanding committees will be presented at the next meeting. Keys will be awarded to the Americanism and Christmas activities committees.

A suggestion was made that the necessity of certain "stops" signs be investigated. One member stated that some signs were "not only unnecessary but confusing."

A new member, Paul Branch, manager of Rose's five and ten cent store, was introduced to the club.

At the board of directors meeting following the regular meeting, plans were made to issue a weekly bulletin that would be mailed to members. The style of the bulletin would follow others produced throughout the country.

The board explored possibilities of painting house numbers on curbs for a nominal fee. It was pointed out that this would be of great assistance to night drivers, doctors, and others.

A list of committee chairmen was released by the board. The new chairmen are Norman Wade, national security; James Webb, Americanism; James Murdock, agriculture; Marion (Tom) Mills, aviation; Ethan Davis, city beautification; Bobby Bell, Christmas activities; Skinner Chalk, fire prevention.

Joe Bailey, governmental affairs; Sam Hatcher, public health; H. S. Gibbs, Jr., safety; Gerald Phillips, trade promotion; Bill Flowers, youth welfare; J. R. Sanders, now member reception and education; Charles Willis, membership building.

Quincy Stimpson, finance; Frank Hatton, local publication; Bud Dixon, publicity and radio; Walter Morris, programs and meetings; Walter Morris, social affairs; and Bernard Leary, money-making projects.

## Criminal Court Term Ends, Civil Term Starts Monday

### 15 Beauties Enter Contest For Selecting 'Miss Beaufort'

### Teen-Age Club To Cast Ballots For Royal Family

### Voting Will Begin Tonight, Winners To Be Crowned At Coronation Ball

The number of girls competing for the title "Miss Beaufort" Monday night, June 14, at the Surf club, has grown to 15. Odell Merrill, chairman reported today. Playing for dancing and the contest will be Jimmy Livingston, well-known band leader, and his nationally famous orchestra.

Thirty-year-old Livingston, sax player plus, has broadcast over CBS, MBS, ABC, and NBC networks. He and his 12-piece combination have also made recordings for RCA Victor Bluebird, Variety, and Southern.

Contestants in the beauty contest, which will begin at 10 o'clock, are Carol Lasher, Joyce Johnson, Merry Johnson, Betty Lou Merrill, Betty Rice, Elizabeth Willis, Elizabeth Temple, Hildred Caraway, Addie Carrow Thomas, Neva Allen, Ellen Conington, Esther Bell Fodrie, Virginia Jones, Fay Laughton, and Joyce Biggs.

Contestants will lead the first dance, with their escorts, at 9 o'clock. Tickets are on sale at Carteret Hardware in Beaufort and Hill's in Morehead City.

Only evening gowns will be worn in the contest and judges will be from beyond the limits of Carteret county. Mr. Merrill announced. Each contestant will carry a number as she appears before the audience so that judges need not identify her by name.

Winner of the Miss Beaufort title will be sent to Wrightsville Beach in July to compete for the Miss North Carolina title. She and the two runners-up will also receive numerous gifts from Beaufort merchants. The gifts are on display now in Davis Brothers' window, Front street.

Among them are a 21-jewel watch, an electric traveling iron, hot plate and toaster combination, birthstone ring, luggage, clothing, and cash prizes. \$50 permanent wave will fall the winner's lot and two \$25 permanent waves will be offered the runners-up.

There will be no Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting June 14, the night on which one is regularly held.

Jaycees serving on the beauty contest committee, besides Mr. Merrill, are David Hill, Roger Hunt, and Gerald Woolard.

The king and queen of the Morehead City Teen-Age realm, as well as the prince and princess, will be chosen during the coming two weeks at the county recreational center, Shepard street. They will reign at a semi-formal coronation ball Tuesday night, June 22, at the center.

Mayor George Dill will crown the king, Mrs. George Dill will crown the queen, and magic wands will be presented to the prince and princess by Grover Menden, of the radio station, and Lockwood Phillips, publisher of the Carteret County News-Times. Mayor Dill, Mr. Menden, and Mr. Phillips hold honorary Teen-Age club memberships.

The king and queen will be chosen from the senior Teen-Age club and the junior club. The contest opens tonight, when first ballots will be cast from 7 to 9 o'clock. The 20 boys and 20 girls high in the voting tonight, both from the junior and senior clubs, will be in the running and may be voted for tomorrow night.

Ten boys and 10 girls from each club high in the voting tomorrow night will have ballots cast for them Friday night, June 18, and the five boys and five girls high in the balloting that night, will be in the final running for the king, queen, and prince, and princess. The telling votes will be cast Saturday night, June 19, and announcement of the winners made at the coronation ball.

Voting tonight and June 18 will be from 7 to 9, hours for balloting tomorrow night and June 19 will be 7:30 to 9. Junior Teen-Agers will be admitted to the club both Friday and Saturday nights during the contest.

Every member of the junior and senior club is eligible for the royal offices. Club members are being asked to choose them on the basis of the most loyal, best worker, most civic-minded, most talented, and most cooperative.

There will be separate ballot boxes for the juniors and seniors. See TEEN-AGE Page 3.



Jimmy Livingston

### Wild Bullets Cause Closing Of Rifle Range

### Persons West of Morehead Register Complaints With Coast Guard

Complaints that bullets from the Coast Guard rifle range west of Morehead City were traveling a half mile beyond the range, endangering lives of persons living in that area, has caused the range to be temporarily closed while an investigation is conducted by Coast Guard officials, it was reported today.

Residents in the area beyond E. W. Copeland's new tourist court, reported to the Coast Guard two weeks ago that bullets were passing over their homes, snapping twigs clean off in the woods and making people afraid to venture out of their homes.

One officer who went to the area from which the complaints came is reported to have admitted that while there he counted seven bullets passing by.

Residents commented that during the war the Army discontinued use of that range and moved the practice area to the beach because bullets traveled into inhabited areas.

The bullets, traveling in a straight line from the rifle range laid out in a north-south direction, cross highway 70 running east and west, to land in the area from where complaints are coming.

The Coast Guard cutter Ingham, from Norfolk, is docked at Port Terminal now. The skipper, Capt. V. E. Day, is reported to be making the rifle range investigation.

### Robert Willis Pleads Guilty To Assault On Female Under 12

Superior court adjourned yesterday morning, concluding the criminal docket, and will convene again Monday morning at 10 o'clock to hear civil cases.

Robert Willis, Morehead City, was sentenced to three to five years in the state prison after pleading guilty yesterday morning to the charge of assault on a child under 12 years old, A. H. James, tent to commit rape, A. H. James, clerk of court, reported. The trial began late Wednesday afternoon when 7-year-old Peggy Ann Willis, the child allegedly attacked by Willis, told her story from the witness stand.

Peggy Ann, after assuring Judge Henry L. Stevens, that she would tell nothing but the truth, unraveled a sordid tale of assault by the defendant. She told the court that on April 14, Robert Willis took her into a room and locked the door. She said she was ignorant of anything that transpired in the room at that time. Willis then took Peggy Ann into the room where Willis allegedly attacked her the second time.

Peggy Ann did not tell her father of the incident until a day or two later because she was "scared."

Under cross-examination by defendant's counsel, George Ball, Peggy Ann contradicted herself as to whether she had been raped or not. In the midst of her confusion, Peggy Ann burst out into hysterical sobs and was unable to talk coherently. The judge excused her from the stand, and 10 minutes later she was back to finish her testimony.

Mr. Ball then asked her, "Who told you to say that?" in reference to her story of the attack. She gave no answer.

The girl's father, Plymouth Willis, was then brought to the stand and he told what he knew of the case. Under cross-examination, Willis told the court that everything he knew about the case was told to him by Peggy Ann.

Mr. Ball then accused Willis of coaching Peggy Ann to testify that she had been raped instead of merely assaulted, but this Willis vehemently denied. The girl's father continued, "I knew the girl hadn't been raped. He fell all over her merely to satisfy his own lust. It was assault with intent to rape."

Dr. K. P. B. Bonner testified he had examined Peggy Ann and that she had not been criminally assaulted.

Court then adjourned at this point until 9:30 a.m. morning.

Serving on the jury for the Willis trial were Allen Jones, John Noe, Harry Gillikin, Denard R. Lewis, Gerald Davis, Clinton Garner, Charles W. Hancock, Eliza Salter, H. T. Rhue, J. G. Weeks, George Rose, and Alfred Willis.

James Gaskins and George Howland, charged with stealing and selling 1,450 pounds of lead were sentenced to 12 months on the roads. They were placed on probation and ordered to remain on good behavior five years, not to violate any state or federal law and to remain gainfully employed.

The same applies to Sam Howland, who was charged with steal. See SUPERIOR COURT Page 4.

### Overflow Crowd Packs Town Hall

### Beaufort Commissioners Set By Meter, Train, Boundary Problems

The always present problem of locomotive soot, grime and dust on Broad St., leading movements to join Highland Park and Ocean Breeze Park to the Town of Beaufort and the parking meter difficulties of Beaufort's wholesaler confronted Beaufort's town commissioners Monday evening.

Each problem had its host of expounders, exhorters and dissenters. The spacious town hall assembly room was jammed and the overflow poked curious eyes through every window.

Anxious to get to their group problems little heed was paid the financial statement of the town for the month of May which was read by town attorney, Judge Julius F. Duncan.

The statement showed Beaufort as being progressively solvent and sound. A gasp of amazement, some of it disguised amazement, was exploded when Judge Duncan read, "Received from parking meters months of April and May \$1,000.88."

First on the list were the Broad Streeters, residing between Turner St. and the freight office, where the B & M locomotive raises particular hob with the fine dust of that unpaired section.

Earl Mason, one of the spokesmen for the group, pleaded for some remedy and suggestions came from several sources but nothing more immediate than Mayor Hassell's resolve to confer with A. T. Leary, lessee of the railroad.

Old records having to do with the original railroad franchise in 1905 were interpreted by Judge Duncan as indicating that the present railroad has no obligations other than to maintain its trackage and eighteen inches more on both sides.

Mr. Mason said he would be willing to pay his proportionate share of a paving job but others in the group turned thumbs down on that or any other plan which would involve personal expenditure.

Claud Wheatly, Jr., responded as spokesman for residents of Ocean Breeze and Highland Park desiring incorporation with Beaufort. See CROWD Page 3.

## J. W. Jackson Honored In Ceremony Tuesday at Morehead Garment Co.

## Phone Directories To Be Distributed

The next issue of the Morehead-Beaufort telephone directories will be delivered in August and will carry a new classified section, according to L. A. Daniels, manager of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company.

Mr. Daniels points out that the need for the new classified section has been brought about by the increased number of telephones. Records show that during the past year 205 telephones have been added in Morehead and Beaufort, and that in addition to the 1,792 telephones in service here there are now 170 applications on hand for telephone service.

"We are doing everything possible to give service to all who want it," Mr. Daniels said. "And we know that all telephone users find the new classified telephone directory a convenient and useful business information." The classified section will be printed on yellow pages and will be similar to those now appearing in directories published in many of the cities throughout the country.

The new yellow page section will list the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of business telephone subscribers under headings alphabetically arranged and will describe their business, professions, or the commodity or service they sell.

### Dozens of Glads Leave Beaufort

Fifteen to 1,800 dozen gladioli are being shipped daily to numerous sections of the country from the H. B. Avery gladioli farm, Beaufort.

The blooms leave by railway express, headed for Buffalo, N. Y., New York City, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, Detroit, Minneapolis, and Milwaukee. Mr. Avery reports he's getting the highest wholesale price in the south for his flowers.

The glads began to bloom about the middle of May, late this year, Mrs. Avery said, and are at their height now. The 60-acre Avery flower farm is located on highway 70 opposite its junction with route 101.

Varieties of glads raised include Corona, a large white blossom with a purple edge, Margaret Fulton, a flame-colored flower, Beacon, an orange-red color with yellow throat, and Maid of Orleans, which is white.

Smaller varieties of flowers, such as the corn flower, gypsophila, and baby's breath are frequently shipped by air.

### 3 Youths Win Slogan Contest

The three winners of the safety slogan contest sponsored in Morehead City last week by the police department, aided by cub Scouts, have been announced. The contest was conducted by Miss Marjorie Froyd, of Chicago.

The first prize went to Francis Swanson, 304 S. 14th st., who entered this slogan: "Before crossing a street look every way, and always do what the patrol boys say."

The safety message that won second place was penned by Helen C. Willis, 910 Evans st., and it said:

"When a car meets you in the street, and you are in doubt, keep straight ahead, and don't turn about."

Linda C. Long, 508 Bridges st., won third prize in the contest. Linda's slogan was:

"Take good care of babies every where. Mind your doctor, because you see, He helps all people—even you and me."

Honorable mention was given to Walter Lewis, 1111 Arendell st.; Georgia Pittman, 192 Shepard st.; Lester Lewis, 1412 Shackleford ave.; Frieda Lewis, 1508 Evans st.; Ann Swanson, 304 S. 14th st.; Carroll Rice, 509 Fisher st.; and Nell Webb, 209 Fisher st.

All contestants entering slogans were between the ages of 6 and 12. The three prize winners plus the seven who received honorable mention will receive certificates signed by Ned H. Dearborn, president of the National Safety Council.

The names and slogans of these 10 children will appear in the safety book, "Invitation to Live," which Morehead City police will distribute in six weeks and which will appear in the schools in the fall.

### Grand Jurists Return Report

The grand jury returned its report to the court Wednesday afternoon, approximately a day after it had been impaneled. Superior court convened at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

All county offices were found to be in "excellent condition," and the jail properly maintained. They recommended, however, that two additional rooms be built to the jail to provide accommodations for white and colored women, that all windows be screened and that the canopy over the front be repaired.

It was recommended that a new water cooler be purchased for the court house annex. According to the report, H. L. Joslyn, superintendent of schools, stated that all necessary repair work is "progressing as well as can be expected."

John Johnson, caretaker of the courthouse grounds, was commended by the grand jury for his work and the judge, Henry L. Stevens, thanked for instructions in his charge to the jury Tuesday afternoon.

Judge Stevens requested the men to visit various county offices, "remembering that it is your duty to report to the people of the county the manner in which the county is being run."

See GRAND JURY Page 6.

### Motor Vehicle Law Violators Crowd Tuesday's Recorder's Court

Two drivers paid court costs and fines and surrendered their driver's licenses after pleading guilty to charges of drunken driving Tuesday morning in recorder's court, Beaufort, where another heavy docket, 46 cases, was disposed of. The accused drivers were Thomas Ball Mann, who was ordered to pay a \$150 fine, and Clarence Miller, who was fined \$100.

Gattis C. Honeycutt, accused of speeding at 80 miles per hour, was found guilty of doing 70 to 75 miles per hour after the evidence of the court was heard. Honeycutt had to pay costs and a fine of \$100.

Speeders Pay Up

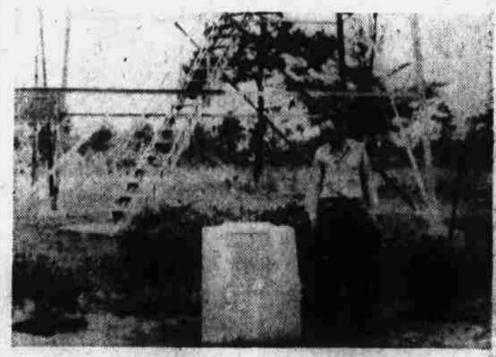
Other speeding cases included James Washington, who paid costs; Milton L. Eason, Jr., costs and \$10; Sam Lee Peterson, costs; Joseph C. Peeg, costs and \$10; William H. Gurskin, costs and \$10; John S. Phillips, costs; Robert Scott Langley, costs and \$10; Percy Lee Teague, costs and \$25; James Otto Dall, costs and \$25; Norman F. Towers, costs and \$10; and John Harvey King, costs and \$10.

Cecil M. Bell pleaded guilty to parking his truck on a highway and doing damage to the road. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs. Pleading guilty to a charge of driving with improper brakes, Joe Teel, Jr., was ordered to pay costs of court.

Jessie Eatherly paid \$25 and court costs for driving without a license. Warren Styron, Jr., paid court expenses for driving with no license plate on his trailer. Stanley K. Baldree pleaded guilty to failure to make the proper hand signal on a left turn, and judgment was suspended upon payment of costs and \$25.

Annie Mae Lewis pleaded guilty to a charge of driving without a license. See RECORDER'S COURT Page 8.

### Forest Observation Tower Now Bears Name of 'Simmons'



The forest observation tower, one half mile from Newport on the Nine Foot road, is now known as the Simmons tower. In special services recently the tower dedicated to the memory of S/Sgt. Farnifold M. Simmons, of Rheims, N. C.

The Newport American Legion attended the dedicatory service in a body. Also present were a firing squad and bugler from the Marine Corps Air station, Cherry Point. Com. Ralph A. Curtis, USN, chaplain of the Protestant chapel at Cherry Point, had charge of the service.

Sergeant Simmons, who was a crew chief of a B-24, was killed in an air crash near Peterson field, Calif., on April 5, 1944. From August 1935 to February 1943 Sergeant Simmons was in the Croatian National Forest service.

Pictured above, in front of the tower, is Franklin Jones, Newport, one of the two forest rangers on duty at Simmons tower. In the center of the picture is the bronze plaque erected in memory of the sergeant.

## Summer School To Begin Tuesday

Summer school sessions at Duke Marine laboratory will begin Tuesday, June 15.

Construction of a new building, which will house a research laboratory, will begin on the Duke university property this summer under the supervision of W. K. Howard, maintenance engineer at the university.

This building, which will be identical to the one now used for a laboratory, will be built just east of the concrete drive leading to the end of the island. Funds for its construction were obtained through a \$5,000 grant from the Rockefeller foundation. This sum was matched by the university.

The building in which the laboratory is located now will be used for classrooms.

### Tide Table

HIGH	Friday, June 11	LOW
11:15 A.M.		5:16 A.M.
11:37 P.M.		5:24 P.M.
	Saturday, June 12	
12:14 P.M.		6:10 A.M.
		6:28 P.M.
	Sunday, June 13	
12:34 A.M.		7:08 A.M.
1:14 P.M.		7:37 P.M.
	Sunday, June 14	
1:35 A.M.		8:05 A.M.
2:14 P.M.		8:48 P.M.
	Tuesday, June 15	
2:38 A.M.		9:05 A.M.
3:18 P.M.		9:59 P.M.