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Miss Viola Styron Presents Spanish Dance for Jaycees

Cafe Standards Rise, Sanitarian Says in Report

Current Quarterly Ratings Cover Half of County's Restaurants

The eating places of Carteret county have in general raised their standards during the past half year, according to the latest ratings released this week by A. B. Fulford, sanitarian, through the health department.

The ratings were, for the most part, higher, and the county was not forced to close any establishment during the last quarter.

The state requires that all eating places be inspected twice a year. The figures just released include ratings of approximately half of the county's eating establishments, all of which were inspected during April, May, and June. The rest of the eating places were rated during January, February and March.

All the establishments will be inspected once more this year.

The ratings for the county's meat markets, also given in the report, will be published Tuesday.

The inspections and ratings were made by A. B. Fulford, sanitarian.

They are as follows: Moore's Motor Court, Atlantic Beach, 92.0; Villa Queen, Money Island, 91.0; and Ocean Drive, Money Island, 85.5.

Among the restaurants were Carolina Grill, Beaufort, 91.5; Ocean Grill, Morehead City, 91.5; Copeland's, Morehead City, 91.0; Royal Soda Shop, Morehead City, 91.0; Sanitary Restaurant, Morehead City, 90.5.

Fred's Bar-B-Q, Beaufort, 90.0; Queen Diner, Atlantic Beach, 90.0; Pine Tree Inn, Morehead City, 90.0; Busy Bee, Morehead City, 90.0; Hibb's Soda Lunch, Newport, 90.0.

Stanley's, Morehead City, 90.0; Roda Soda Shop, Atlantic Beach, 90.0; Waterfront Cafe, Morehead City, 90.0.

The Griddle, Beaufort, 90.0; Wilson's Lunch, Harkers Island, 90.0; Thompson's Fireside, Swansboro, 90.0; Garment Lunch, Morehead City, 86.5; Highway Cafe, Newport, 85.0.

Mason's Lunch, Atlantic, 84.5; Curve Inn, Morehead City, 84.5; Dee's Lunch, Beaufort, 83.5; Broad Street Lunch, Beaufort, 83.5; Sam's Caf., Morehead City, 82.0.

Anchor Inn, Morehead City, 81.5; Willis Inn, Morehead City, 81.5; Broadway Cafe, Morehead City, 81.5; Brunswick Cafe, 81.0; Jewel's Shore Diner, Atlantic Beach, 81.0.

Atlantic Cafe, Atlantic, 80.5; Amy's Grill, Morehead City, 80.5; Pittman's Lunch, Beaufort, 80.5; Riverview Cafe, Beaufort, 80.5; Chadwick's Lunch, Smyrna, 80.0.

Sportsman's Cafe, Beaufort, 80.0; Smith's Oyster Bar, Causeway, 80.0; Edgewater Club, Morehead City, 78.5; Taylor's Cafe, Harlowe, 73.0.

Trash Can Explosion Results in Fire Tuesday

An explosion resulting in fire occurred Tuesday night when a match was carelessly discarded in a trash barrel at the Texaco dock on Front street in Beaufort between 8:30 and 9 p. m.

The explosion was minor and is believed to have been caused when a small quantity of gasoline at the bottom of the refuse can was ignited, Julius Duncan, assistant chief, reported.

The blazing trash can, which brought many people to the scene, was soon extinguished by the fire department and no damage was done.

Morton Davis is Texaco agent at the dock.

S. S. Fort Fetterman Unloads at Port Terminal

The S. S. Fort Fetterman, a tanker, docked at Port Terminal Monday to unload a cargo of gasoline and kerosene. The tanker was from Baytown, Texas.

Next week two more tankers, the S. S. Silver Peak from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, carrying a cargo of kerosene, and the S. S. Loida, Panamanian ship, carrying asphalt and fuel oil, from Aruba, will dock at Port Terminal. The crew aboard the Loida is Greek.

Miss Morehead City of 1948, Viola Styron, performed an original dance to Spanish music at the weekly meeting of the Morehead City Junior Chamber of Commerce Monday night in the Carteret Recreational center.

The performance was given so that Miss Styron could rehearse before an audience previous to participating in the annual Miss North Carolina Beauty pageant to be held at Wrightsville Beach Saturday, July 17. Talent as well as beauty is a determining factor in the contest.

A recommendation by the senior Chamber of Commerce to build a bridge from Mill Creek across the Newport river to Crab Point was voted on and passed by the Jaycees.

The text of the proposal, which was presented by Dr. S. W. Hatcher of the senior Chamber, reads as follows: "We, the undersigned citizens, business men and organizations of Morehead City do hereby endorse the proposed bridge across Newport River from the Mill Creek section of Carteret county to Crab Point and respectfully urge an immediate survey to determine the feasibility of construction of this bridge."

Jimmy Webb was awarded a \$5 prize for scoring the most points in the Jaycees' bowling tournament. The presentation was made by Bernard Leary.

Sympathies were extended to Frank Hatton, Jaycee and advertising salesman of THE NEWS-TIMES, who was taken to the hospital with a collapsed lung Monday morning.

As a future project, the Junior Chamber is considering holding a dance. A name band will perform.

Two Men Damage Watermelon Patch

Judge Orders Them to Pay \$150 Fine Each in Recorder's Court

Two young men, Coy T. Wray and Frank Dorrough, received suspended sentences of one year and were placed on five years' good behavior on a charge of destruction of property Tuesday morning in recorder's court, Beaufort, before Judge Lambert R. Morris. They were ordered also to pay a fine of \$150, with \$100 of each fine to go to R. R. Barbour, owner of a watermelon patch which the two defendants damaged.

Wray and Dorrough first came into Barbour's bad graces when they tried to steal watermelons Sunday but were caught, according to evidence presented. The two, angered at Barbour, returned the next day and cut up the patch to the extent of \$200 damage, Barbour said.

In gaining the conviction, Barbour and his counsel, Claud R. Wheatly, Jr., brought numerous pictures of the scene before the court as evidence.

The defendants were also taxed with court costs on an additional charge of stealing watermelons.

A third youth, Sgt. Oscar T. Montgomery, was charged with aiding and abetting in stealing of watermelons, but the case against him was dismissed when Wray and Dorrough said he had no part in the act. Montgomery, who drove the two men to the watermelon patch, said he did know what they were up to.

In dismissing the charge, Judge Morris advised Montgomery to "keep better company."

Three couples were convicted by the court on charges of fornication and adultery, with each of the female defendants being sentenced to six months at the house of correction at Raleigh and each of the male defendants fined \$25.

The defendants were Virginia Frazier and Charlie Woodberry, Sadie Pettaway and Willie Henly, and Lillian Chadwick and Samuel Green.

Randolph T. Watts was convicted of drunk driving and was sentenced to 30 days in jail. See COURT Page 6

Flooded Oil Stove Burns At Marion Webb's Home

The Morehead City Fire department was called out Tuesday at 5 p. m. to extinguish a blaze caused by a flooded oil stove in the home of Marion S. Webb, 24th and Fisher streets. No serious loss resulted from the fire, which was quickly put out.

The alarm was sent in at box 24.

Dr. K. P. B. Bonner, County Official, Replies to Charges by Hospital Group

Officials Promise Beaufort New Power Plant

Raymond Ball, Farm Bureau Officer, Relays Report on European Farming

Counterfeit Bills Turn Up in County

Three Suspects Released After Arrest Sunday at New Bern

Upon notification by Carteret county state highway patrolmen, New Bern authorities arrested three men from Jacksonville Sunday who were thought to be passers of counterfeit \$20 bills.

Two phony twenties were passed in this area on Sunday and another was discovered Monday at the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph office, Morehead City, according to Cpl. V. L. Spruill, head of the county highway patrol office.

The three suspects, Norman C. Ottaway, Holly Ridge, Sam O. Melegan, and Finnie Croome were released from the Craven county jail Monday afternoon without bond after secret service men said they had no charges to prefer against them.

When they were arrested they had in their car a large quantity of bills amounting to \$1,000. Craven county authorities said. Seventy-one one-dollar bills were found in the pocket of one of the men in addition to three or four ten See COUNTERFEIT BILLS Pg. 6

Navy Transports Move Marines To Home Ports

Three Navy transports carrying reserve Marines from Camp Lejeune to their home ports stopped at Port Terminal this week. The U.S.S. Okaloosa, largest of the three, docked there Sunday and the remaining two, the Kleinsmith (A.P.D. 134) and the Burdo (A.P.D. 133) put in from 8 to 11 a. m. yesterday morning.

The Okaloosa took Marines to Brooklyn, N. Y. The Kleinsmith, a destroyer transport, was carrying the 15th Engineer company to Lynn, Mass., and the Burdo, also a destroyer transport, was removing the 18th Engineer company to Portland, Maine. The Marines had been stationed at Camp Lejeune for two weeks' training.

There were 280 Marines aboard the destroyer transports and approximately twice that number on the Okaloosa.

Captain H. W. Hall was in command of the Kleinsmith and Captain Gibson had charge of the Burdo.

Army Recruiting Office To Open at Beaufort Hut

A local Army and Army Air Force recruiting station will be maintained at the Beaufort American Legion hut between the hours of 10 a. m. and 12 noon every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, beginning Monday.

Sergeant J. W. Ferguson, local recruiting officer of the United States Army Air Force announced that the station will be permanent if it is of any help in increasing the number of local enlistments or of providing information concerning enlistment.

Previous to the establishment of this new station, Sergeant Ferguson travelled locally to personally contact young men between the ages of 19 and 25. Now, interested men can conveniently reach him in the new office three days a week. At any other time, they may contact C. L. Beam, also at the hut in Beaufort for information.

Raymond Ball, president of the Carteret County Farm Bureau, today commented on a report received from the State Farm Bureau office on the study farm bureau leaders here have made on the agricultural production of European nations.

R. Flake Shaw, North Carolina's Farm Bureau executive vice president, assisted with this program and reports that the near record production of crops will still leave the European people inadequately fed. However, their grain crop is extremely good, he commented. Their hay crop has been harvested and the potato crop in the seven countries visited is in sufficient quantity to meet the needs of the people the first time in a number of years, reported the officer. Increased crop production in these countries depends to a great extent on ability of United States to furnish more fertilizer and seeds, said Mr. Shaw. In view of this situation, the committee is of the opinion that United States farmers can expect little relief in some time regarding the shortage of fertilizer materials.

Livestock production is fairly well maintained but much below pre-war level, the agriculture investigator discovered. This is largely due to shortages of hard grain and other concentrates which these countries will never be able to produce in sufficient quantity to supply livestock needs, they reported. European farmers have done an excellent job of bringing agriculture production up to near pre-war levels under tremendous handicaps, the committee concluded. They said that in visiting people of the various countries they found their hopes, desires, and aspirations similar to those of Americans. The people of these countries regard the United States as the leading world power and feel that the Marshall Plan is necessary to attain European recovery, according to Mr. Shaw.

The committee feels that the recovery of the sixty million people of Germany is essential to the future of world peace. There is a tremendous job of educating both youth and adult not only in guiding production into peace time use, but educating her people into peaceful ways of life.

At present the cables are hanging low over the water, preventing passage of boats through the highway and railroad draws. However, the power was cut off in Beaufort late Monday afternoon when a boat was permitted through. The rigging damaged the lines put up as an emergency measure several weeks ago when the underwater cable cut out and Beaufort was without full electrical service for 14 hours.

release this week from the district engineer's office, Wilmington, states that the overhead line will have a vertical clearance of 87.5 feet above mean low water and 85 feet above mean high water. It will be approximately 75 feet south of and parallel to the Beaufort and Morehead City railroad bridge. Any objections to the proposed construction, the notice said, See POWER PLANT Page 6

war veteran, permission to operate a taxi. William Hattell, clerk, was requested to write B. H. Noe, building inspector, and Dalton Eubanks, fire chief, in respect to the work they are doing in seeing that buildings in the town are safe for use. Salaries of town policemen were raised. This was done instead of hiring an additional man to check parking meters. The chief's salary went from \$150 to \$200 a month, and salaries of the other two patrolmen were raised from \$150 to \$175.

Beaufort Cannery was granted permission to distribute payment for sewer installation over a period of five years. Cost of the sewer, running from the cannery and connecting with the town system, amounts to \$535. Payments will be \$107 yearly.

A new police patrol wagon is on order, the board was informed. Because Beaufort dealers said they were unable to supply the type required, the order has been placed with Sound Chevrolet company, Morehead City.

To make the Broad street-Live Oak intersection safer, the board will request the state to place a stop sign west of Live Oak street (Highway 70) on Broad.

Contract to audit the town's books for the fiscal year 1947-48 was awarded to Williams and Wall, Raleigh.

A power sub-station, a replica of Morehead City's, will be built in Beaufort, Tide Water Power company officials assured members of Beaufort's power committee at a luncheon meeting Tuesday noon.

This substation is part of the plan involving erection of a 33,000 volt line from Cherry Point to Beaufort by way of route 101. The 33,000 volt line from Cherry Point via Newport will be connected to the new one by an overhead link from Morehead City to Beaufort.

Cost of this project is estimated at \$297,000 and will be completed in March, according to the present schedule. In the meantime, power company officials, A. E. Jones and George Conant, assured the committee that plants in Beaufort and Morehead City will be maintained so that there will be assurance of "essential services."

Should there be an outage this means that water supply and service to the hospital will be maintained, they explained. Diesel equipment for the auxiliary plant in Beaufort was shipped July 6 and in 30 days Beaufort's auxiliary plant should be in top condition, Mr. Jones stated.

New Cable to Go Up The cable transmitting power to Beaufort over Gallant's channel will be permanently placed in about two weeks and comply with federal specifications. Mr. Conant said. George Stovall, local Tide Water Power manager, reported that materials required for placing the cable were shipped Wednesday.

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The NEWS-TIMES Offices Observe Hours 9 to 5

The News-Times office at 120 Craven street, Beaufort, formerly The Beaufort News office, is open every week day as usual from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m. with the exception that the office is generally closed on Saturdays at noon. These hours are observed also at THE NEWS-TIMES office in Morehead City.

The Beaufort office of THE NEWS-TIMES stocks deed blanks and other stationary items and an announcement will be made in the near future of the complete stationary line which will be regularly available at the Beaufort office. The phone number of the Beaufort office is Beaufort 448-1.

Newport Home Burns Tuesday

Two Women Hospitalized, Firechief Estimates Damage at \$5,000

Fast work by the Newport fire department kept damage at a minimum Tuesday morning when the home of I. S. Garner, Market St., Newport, caught fire. Two women were injured in the blaze and damage to the house and furniture has been estimated by the Newport fire chief, Benny R. Garner, at \$5,000.

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Beaufort Board Orders Crack-Down On Sanitation Ordinance Enforcement

Strict enforcement of both the sanitary and general cleanliness ordinances was ordered by Beaufort's town commissioners at their monthly session Monday night in the town hall.

Starting August 1, fines and other penalties will be levied on owners who neglect to cut down weeds or permit trash to accumulate on their properties. And only 30 days more was granted in which to comply with sanitary recommendations made some months ago by Health Officer N. T. Ennett. For the most part Dr. Ennett's recommendations concerned plumbing and sewage disposal.

Commissioner J. O. Barbour followed up this town housecleaning move with a motion that Beaufort pass a plumbing ordinance. This will require hiring a plumbing inspector to enforce the law. A sample plumbing ordinance will be obtained and discussed at the August meeting.

Believing that extension of the town limits would entail too much additional expense, commissioners tabled the proposal involving the taking of Highland Park and Front Street extended into the corporate limits.

Although the board passed an ordinance in October 1947 limiting the cabs in Beaufort to nine, the granted Lionel Arthur, a disabled

Carteret Queens Will Compete For State Title

Miss Joyce Johnson, Miss Viola Styron to Represent Beaufort, Morehead

Carteret county's two beauty queens, Miss Joyce Johnson, Beaufort, and Miss Viola Styron, Morehead City, will compete for the Miss North Carolina title this week-end at Wrightsville Beach.

Miss Johnson will motor to Wilmington today with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Mahrt, of Dayton, Ohio. Miss Styron left yesterday by car with her mother, Mrs. Zack Styron, her aunt, Mrs. M. S. Webb, and her cousin, Thomas L. Noe.

The contest will take place at 9 o'clock Saturday night in the Lumina ballroom and the coronation of Miss North Carolina will be at 11 o'clock. According to present See QUEENS Page 6

Rotary-Sponsored Scout Troop 51 Receives Charter

C. R. Hassell, scoutmaster of troop 51, Beaufort, was presented with the troop's charter by Dr. W. L. Woodard, secretary-treasurer of the Rotary club at Tuesday night's meeting in the Inlet inn.

Committeemen and Rotary Scout representatives were also present with their official cards. These went to Robert M. Williams, Dr. Woodard, Mr. Hassell, Edward Nelson, and J. P. Pietrzykowski. Rufus Sewell, also a committeeman, was not present. Mr. Nelson and Mr. Pietrzykowski, assistant scoutmasters, and Mr. Hassell were the club's guests.

In accepting the charter, Mr. Hassell remarked that Scouting in Carteret county is on the upswing. Troop 51, he remarked, is the oldest in the Carteret county council and a veteran of 10 years in the East Carolina council.

Dr. Woodard in his speech of presentation, remarked that the Scout committeemen are considering possibility of having the State Scout camporee in this county next year.

N. F. Eure, in charge of last night's meeting, told Rotarians that they had a right to be proud of the part their organization played in Scouting, especially in the building of the Scout building on Pollock street.

Stanley Woodland, visiting Rotarian from Morehead City, who has played a major role in Scouting, spoke briefly. He expressed pleasure at the progress the movement is making and said that he believed progress is due to introduction of new leaders.

He wished the Scoutmasters luck and said, "I hope you fellows get as much out of Scouting as I have."

Tide Table

HIGH	Friday, July 16	LOW
4:15 a.m.		10:29 a.m.
4:51 p.m.		11:38 p.m.
	Saturday, July 17	
5:18 a.m.		11:23 a.m.
5:43 p.m.		
	Sunday, July 18	
6:10 a.m.		12:30 a.m.
6:33 p.m.		12:15 p.m.
	Monday, July 19	
6:56 a.m.		1:16 a.m.
7:22 p.m.		1:03 a.m.
	Tuesday, July 20	
7:42 a.m.		1:57 a.m.
8:00 p.m.		1:47 p.m.

Dr. K. P. B. Bonner, chairman of the county board of commissioners, today presented the county's view of the Morehead City hospital problem in a letter to THE NEWS-TIMES.

Dr. Bonner stated that S. A. Chalk, chairman of the hospital board, and the committee which appeared before the county board Monday, gave THEIR version of the problem. This, Dr. Bonner asserted, will create a false impression in the minds of the public.

In his talk to the county commissioners Monday Mr. Chalk stated that the hospital was going deeper into debt daily by caring for welfare patients whose bills were not covered by welfare or county funds.

George W. Dill, Jr., mayor of Morehead City, told the commissioners that Morehead City felt as though it was bearing the brunt of hospital expense which should be borne by the county as a whole.

Dr. Bonner's comments on the matter appear below: July 14, 1948

To the Editor: In the July 14th issue of THE NEWS-TIMES, the feature article appearing on the front page gave an account of the appearance of the hospital committee before the Board of Commissioners on Monday last. The account, in large type, read "Hospital Committee Requests Increase in County Funds." In somewhat smaller type, a sub-heading reads "County Charges Run Hospital Into Debt, Group Says."

Here are the facts and the history in connection with the operation of the hospital: In 1938, and for many years previous, the hospital was being operated at a considerable annual financial loss. It was considered fair and just that some revenue should be provided to compensate for the charity cases treated in the hospital; for which up until that time the county had made no provision. To provide such funds for the use of the hospital, a bill was drawn and enacted into law by the General Assembly of 1939, whereby 5 percent of the gross sales of the Morehead City A. B. C. store was allocated to the use of the hospital. Such a presentation of the primary object for the enactment of the law was made to the General Assembly at the time the bill was introduced, and was the sole reason for the division to the hospital.

Let us now turn to a consideration of the financial assistance the hospital has had since the passage of this law. The hospital has been paid approximately \$125,000 in the past nine years; or an average of better than \$13,000 per year. It is See DR. K.P.B. BONNER Page 6

County Clubs To Sponsor Tour

Carteret county home demonstration clubs are sponsoring a tour to Manteo Wednesday, July 28, to see "The Lost Colony."

The bus being chartered will accommodate 37 persons, Mrs. Carrie B. Gillikin, home demonstration agent, announced today. Bus fare will be \$20 per person. The group will spend Wednesday night at the Manteo Naval Air station. Cost will be \$3 per person. This will include supper, sleeping accommodations and breakfast Thursday morning, July 29, when the trip home will be made.

Each person going on the trip should take his own bed clothing and towels, Mrs. Gillikin said. Mrs. Gillikin or chairmen in any of the communities listed below may be contacted for information about the tour.

Those planning to go should make a \$3 deposit by Saturday, July 24.

Community chairmen are the following: Mrs. Cecil Morris, Atlantic; Mrs. Hugh Pake, Bettie; Mrs. Kenneth McCabe, Camp Glenn; Mrs. Rufus Oglesby, Crab Point.

Mrs. Alma Lupton, Cedar Island; Mrs. Bessie Carraway, Merrimon; Mrs. Paul Beachem, North River; Mrs. Vannie Willis, Otway; Mrs. Lee Garner, Russell's Creek; Mrs. Leta Skinner, Mill Creek; Mrs. Clyde Taylor, Harlowe; Cope Creek; Mrs. C. A. McCabe, Willwood; Mrs. Pauline Wade, Williston; and Mrs. Virginia Sabiston, Wiregrass.