CARTERET COUNTY

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Sun Sets Tonight 6:23 p.m.
Sun Rises Tomorrow 5:48 a.m.
Moon Sets Tonight 11:15 p.m.
Moon Rises Tomorrow 1:46 a.m.

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Clarice Mason, 11-Year-Old Atlantic Girl, Dies of Poliomyelitis

Carteret county accounted for its first fatality in the current polio epidemic early yesterday morning when Clarice Mason, 11-year-old resident of Atlantic, died of infantile paralysis enroute to James Walker Memorial hospital, Wilmington.

The girl, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Mason, first took ill Monday, but there were no symptoms of polio. Wednesday night the girl took a sudden turn for the worse, and the family physician, Dr. L. W. Moore, of Beaufort, was called, but there were still no apparent polio symptoms.

During the night, however, Clarice began to have trouble with her breathing, and she was gasping for air. Mrs. Leota Hammer, county health department nurse who lives in Atlantic, tried to contact Dr. Moore in Beaufort at 3:25 a.m., but she could not reach the operator.

In the meantime, the girl's parents drove to Beaufort where they found Dr. Moore. Suspecting polio, the four of them started out for Wilmington, where most of the county's polio patients are hospitalized.

Clarice died at approximately 5:30 a.m. in the vicinity of Camp Lejeune. Dr. Moore's suspicion of polio was confirmed later in the day by laboratory tests.

The girl, described as a very talented youngster, was active in civic affairs, played the piano, and was active in the Missionary Baptist church. She is survived by her parents and grandparents.

According to state health regulations, the funeral will be a private one. Rev. L. C. Chandler, of Davis, pastor of the Missionary Baptist church, will preside.

A Morehead City child who became ill Monday and was taken to James Walker Memorial hospital for diagnosis as suspected polio case, was reported yesterday by the county health department

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The health department, contrary to current rumors, has not made any move toward the changing of the tentative Oct. 1 school opening date. A special board of health meeting will have to be called before a change is made. Any thoughts that may have been entertained along this line were given a setback, however, by yesterday's fatality.

Morehead City Beauty To Compete For Reidsville Harvest Queen Crown

Special to The News-Times

REIDSVILLE, Sept. 10 — Miss Viola Styron, of Morehead City, "Miss Morehead City" will be among the 20 contestants who will enter the contest to select the "Queen of the Harvest Jubilee of 1948" in Reidsville today and tomorrow. The Jubilee is an annual event sponsored here each year by the local Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Miss Styron will compete in two contests. She will first appear when she rides with the other contestants on a float in the gala parade Saturday morning. Judging will occur at the bathing beauty contest Saturday afternoon and at the coronation ball Saturday night. Winner of the beauty contest will be awarded a week's expense-paid trip to New York City.

She and her chaperone will have reservations at one of New York's finest hotels, and the winner will have interviews with Harry Conover and John Robert Powers Model agencies, or the equivalent of the trip in cash. Second prize winner will receive a ladies' 17-Jewel Bulova wristwatch, and third prize winner will receive a ladies' 15-Jewel Gothic wristwatch.

The Jubilee activities will begin this morning at 8:30 o'clock when a farm demonstration will be pre- Rockingham County Agricultural agency, the United States of Soil Conservation, the farm implement dealers of Rockingham county, and the local Junior Chamber of Commerce. The demonstration will show how 35 acres of eroded land can be restored to proper farming condition. It is anticipated that farmers from a 100-mile area will witness the all-day demonstration.

Featured speakers for the demonstration will be Professor David S. Weaver, assistant director of the North Carolina Extension service, and R. Flake Shaw, executive vice-president of the North Carolina Farm bureau.

The Jubilee Ball tonight will be held in Leader warehouse from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. with music provided by Johnny Long and his orchestra. The Jubilee festivities will continue Saturday morning at 9:45 a.m. when a parade of extravagantly decorated floats will be driven through Reidsville. The parade will end at Kiker stadium where Senator Clyde R. Hoey will address those attending the Jubilee.

From 2 until 4 p.m., games and contests will be sponsored with prizes offered for winners in the greasy pig contest, foot race, pie-eating contest, and many others. At 4 p.m. the bathing beauty contest will be held in the stadium.

To climax the Jubilee, the Coronation Ball will be held in Leader warehouse from 9 p.m. until 12 midnight. At this time the contestants for "Queen of the Harvest Jubilee of 1948" will appear in formal clothes and the winner will be crowned. A square dance will be conducted at Smothers' warehouse at the same time.

Miss Viola Styron

Newport Board Plans Erection Of Water Tank

Commissioners Approve Street Lighting Contract With Tide Water

To prevent deterioration of the 50,000 gallon wood water tank and other fittings necessary for its erection, Newport commissioners at their meeting Tuesday night ordered that an advertisement be placed for bids for erection of the tank.

The water system equipment was purchased recently by the town from the federal government and was originally used at Bogue field.

The tank, on a 60-foot steel tower, will be erected on town property at the rear of the town hall. Bids have also been requested for the digging of a well.

The commissioners also on Tuesday night approved a street lighting contract with Tide Water Power company. The contract provides for installation of 21 800-lumen lamps.

Garrison Mann was granted use of town property in return for keeping clear the road and walks in the town cemetery and the board ordered that the county sanitarian, A. D. Fulford, be requested to make a survey of the town and make recommendations for improvement of sanitary conditions.

Appointed as a committee to assist Mr. Fulford in the survey were Commissioners David R. McCain and Harold Wilton, in addition to Mayor Aaron R. Craig.

The town agreed to purchase 300 feet of 2 1-2 foot tiling to drain off excess water in the vicinity of the Baptist church.

Upon reading a letter from the state jail inspector, J. B. Moore, Miss Edith Lockey, clerk, was requested to inform Mr. Moore that the jail was used no more than absolutely necessary.

Mr. Moore, in his letter to the commissioners, pointed out that the jail constituted a fire hazard, had no sanitary facilities or drinking water, and recommended that any prisoners be taken immediately to the county jail at Beaufort.

At the request of Fire Chief Bennie Garner, a list of fire-fighting equipment will be made and sent to the State Firemen's association in order to qualify Newport for membership in the organization.

Bills were ordered paid, the budget finally adopted, and the new fire siren ordered to be wired up. Next month's meeting Tuesday, Oct. 5, will begin at 7:30 in the town hall.

18 Attend Service Club Meeting at Harlowe

Eighteen attended the Carteret County 4-H service club meeting Wednesday night in Taylor's community hall, Harlowe.

In charge of the program on health were Miss Ruth Peeling and Mrs. Neal Campen. Following a short business meeting, Miss Josephine Stanton conducted a recreation period, climaxed by square dancing.

Refreshments of cokes and cheese cracker sandwiches were served by Miss Arnecia Wiley, Miss Theresa Hill, and Miss Jane Hammersley.

The next meeting will be a Halloween party Wednesday night, Oct. 13, in the curb market building, Morehead City. In charge of recreation will be Miss Stanton, refeshments, Mrs. Lloyd Gillikin, and decorations, Miss Peeling.

Mrs. Clyde Taylor, president, was in charge of the business meeting. For square dancing Clyde Taylor and Claude Cummings played electric guitars.

Power Boat Length—No Limit!

Capt. John A. Nelson, commercial fisheries commissioner, reminded oystermen today that it is now lawful to dredge with power boats regardless of length provided they are equipped with only one dredge and that not exceeding 100 pounds.

Polio Chapter Receives $2,684.76 From Track

Mrs. Pauline Dickinson, Beaufort, chairman of the Carteret County Foundation for Infantile Paralysis was presented Wednesday night with a check for $2,684.76, the net proceeds plus contributions received at the Carolina Racing association dog track Wednesday night.

Also the net proceeds received by Vincent Demarco, tin sheet distributor, were presented to the local chapter.

Tentative date for closing of the track has now been set for Sept. 18, it was reported today. Definite closing date will be decided at a meeting Sunday.

Fire Destroys Store at Bettie

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Spivey, Owners, Term Building Complete Loss

Fire destroyed a Bettie grocery store early Tuesday morning, causing what was called by one of the owners as a "complete loss." The store was owned by Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Spivey and had been rented to W. A. Bryant, who owned the business.

The fire was first discovered by Jimmy Arthur, Bettie, who reported it to Mrs. Spivey. Mrs. Spivey then called the Beaufort fire department and an alarm was sounded at 1:30 a.m. The fire department received another call soon after, however, that the fire was beyond control and that there would be no need of the department's coming.

The fire's origin still remains a mystery. Mrs. Spivey said she believed the blaze started in the dance hall in back of the store, possibly from a motor. She explained that the voltage in Bettie is very low and that she had experienced trouble with motors before.

In trying to save something, a garden hose had been played on the fire, but it did not help any. The only things that were salvaged were the cash register and adding machine.

Mrs. Spivey stated that the property was partly insured and that she and her husband had dropped $2,500 insurance at the beginning of the summer. They felt it wasn't necessary, partly because Bettie's high insurance rates caused quite an overhead.

Rotarians Hear Talk by Manager Of New Chamber

Dan L. Walker, manager of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce, speaking before the Beaufort Rotary Tuesday evening, proposed the organization of a Beaufort inter-civic group composed of the presidents of the various civic organizations of Beaufort in order to pool ideas and coordinate efforts toward the betterment of Beaufort and Carteret county.

The proposed organization would meet once a month, with the chairmanship rotating among the members.

Said Mr. Walker, "Suppose that Beaufort is in insurance classification seven, which, I believe, it is. The Jaycees find that, with very

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Mrs. L. W. Hassell's Cereus Blooms Profusely!

Mrs. L. W. Hassell, wife of Beaufort's mayor, announced today that her night-blooming cereus has produced 31 blooms so far this season, and more are expected in about a week.

The flowers, which start to open about dusk and are in full bloom at midnight, continue blossoming from July until November, Mrs. Hassell stated.

Th, plant, a member of the cactus family, was given to her about seven years ago by a friend who was moving to Ohio.

Twelve blooms were counted on the plant at one time recently. The total of 31 blossoms appeared in groups of 3, 5, 11, and finally 12. Nine buds were visible on the plant yesterday, each of which will probably produce a week from now one of the large, white blooms resembling a pond lily.

Torpedo-Like Object Towed In By Coast Guard

An object resembling a torpedo was towed in to Fort Macon Coast Guard station Wednesday, it was learned today from G. H. Meekins, commanding officer.

Definite identification of the object will await the arrival of a demolition expert from headquarters Fifth Naval District.

Described as "looking like part of a torpedo," but without a warhead, the object was sighted by a fisherman a mile off Atlantic Beach and towed in by the Coast Guard.

Shot Gun Theft Hearing Heads Long Recorder's Court Docket

Leading a record court docket of 63 cases, Bernard William Friedman, charged with "stealing, taking and carrying away, without the knowledge or consent of the owner, one 410 gauge double-barreled shot gun, and concealing from the owner other property valued above $25," pleaded guilty to the charge Tuesday morning in recorder's court, Beaufort, and was given a one year's suspended sentence on the roads, placed on five years' good behavior, and ordered to pay costs of court.

Friedman told the presiding judge, Lambert R. Morris, that he did not want the shot gun for his own personal use, but that he intended to sell it.

Judge Morris told Friedman that "you don't look like a criminal to me and I'm going to give you the same chance that I would want my boy to have." When Friedman stated that he had no money to pay a fine, Morris fixed the monetary penalty at court expenses and cautioned Friedman to stay out of trouble in the future.

Another defendant in the case, a minor, was remanded to juvenile court.

Six Negroes were found guilty on the charge of possessing non-tax paid whiskey. Curtis Byrd, at whose home the defendants were found holding a Saturday night party, was sentenced to six months on the roads, suspended on condition that he pay $25 and court costs.

The other defendants, each of whom were ordered to pay $10 plus costs of court, were Leonard Fountain, Arnie Williams, Johnnie McQuinn, Paul Williams, and Blynelle Byrd, alias Blynelle Jones.

Frank Parker, charged by his legally separated wife, Katie W. Parker, with non-support of their two minor children, was sentenced to two years on the roads, not to issue so long as he pays $75 per month toward the children's support and pays the costs of the court action.

Robert Dudley and D. P. Poe, Negroes charged with assaulting each other with deadly weapons, were given one year's suspended sentence and were told to remain sober and on good behavior for two years. Poe was assessed $50 and court costs and Dudley $25 and costs.

William Godette, Negro, charged with reckless and careless driving and transporting non-tax paid whiskey, was found guilty of the reckless driving charge and fined $50 and costs. The whiskey transportation charge was dismissed when defense counsel Claud R.

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Officials Lift Polio Restrictions At Air Station

Restrictions on leave and liberty at Cherry Point Marine Corps air station due to the polio epidemic were lifted this week. Capt. T. L. Allman, senior medical officer on the station, pointed out, however that it would be a wise precaution to limit visiting on the base to a minimum, to keep children segregated, and to avoid traveling through or visiting known polio areas.

Decision to lift the restrictions was made after conferring with other public health officials. Incidence of the cases has dropped considerably, making lifting of bans possible, the public information office reported.

Limitations on free movement of base personnel went into effect Aug. 16 with more than 10 cases recorded in the married enlisted men's quarters and transit military quarters.

Grass Fire Extinguished By Fire Department

Morehead City fire department put out a grass fire at the section base Wednesday afternoon.

The alarm, phoned to the station by the state highway patrol, came in at 2:30. The flames, covering about an acre, were brought under control by use of water from the booster tank.

Also received this week at the fire department was 1,450 feet of new hose, chemically treated to prevent mildewing.

Lack of Quorum Causes Cancellation of Meeting

Lack of a quorum caused cancellation of the Beaufort commissioners' meeting Monday night. Only two commissioners, J. O. Barbour and John Ratcliffe, Mayor L. W. Hassell, and William Hatsell, the town clerk, put in an appearance.

The board will meet this Monday night, Sept. 13, at 7:30 in the town hall.

Agriculture Commissioner to Launch Farm Bureau Membership Drive

State Commissioner of Agriculture, D. S. Coltrane, Raleigh, will launch the North Carolina Farm bureau membership drive in Carteret county with an address at the court house Wednesday night, Sept. 15, at 8 o'clock.

Raymond Ball, president of the Carteret County Farm Bureau, in making this announcement today, added that the farm bureau's membership quota for the coming year is 550. Last year's quota of 533 was surpassed with a total of 559 members.

Oscar Salter, of Bettie, reappointed as chairman of the membership drive said that they certainly hope to exceed this year's quota and urged every farm bureau member and those interested in agriculture to hear Mr. Coltrane.

Each community membership chairman who served last year will be reappointed for the current campaign and will receive special invitations to attend Wednesday night's meeting where they will receive membership blanks.

Community chairmen are the following:

T. C. Oglesby, Jr., RFD, Morehead City, Oscar Salter, RFD, Beaufort, Floyd M. Garner, RFD, Newport, D. W. Truckner, Pelletier, Fred L. Bell, Wildwood, Neal Campen, RFD, Beaufort.

H. T. Carraway, RFD, Beaufort, J. M. Chadwick, Marshallberg, Sam D. Edwards, Newport, Ellis A. Fodrie, RFD, Newport, Artis B. Garner, RFD, Newport, Orville Gaskill, Beaufort.

W. J. Hardesty, RFD, Newport, Gus Lancaster, Jr., RFD, Beaufort, R. E. Laughton, Morehead City, Guton S. Lewis, RFD, Beaufort, H. W. Merrill, RFD, Beaufort, Tom Mills, Morehead City.

Leland H. Morris, Stella, L. W. Pelletier, Stella, J. G. Taylor, RFD, Newport, D. B. Turner, Jr., RFD, Newport, Allen J. Vinson, Stella, Raymond Ball, RFD, Newport, Rogers Murray, RFD, Beaufort, Elmo Smith, RFD, Newport, Elmer Garner, RFD, Newport.

C. I. Hatsel Honored In Special Ceremony

"Cap'n" Charles I. Hatsel of Beaufort, affectionately known to local residents as "Cap'n" Hatsel for 30 years, was honored in a brief ceremony at his home, Wednesday, for 45 years of service at the U. S. Fishery Biological laboratory.

Surrounded by the members of his family and the crew with which he worked at "Terrapin Town," "Cap'n" Charlie was presented with a citation and a certificate from the U. S. Department of the Interior. A bronze plaque will also be awarded him later.

Dr. Herbert F. Prytherch, director of the laboratory, presented the awards on behalf of the Department of the Interior.

The citation read as follows:

CITATION
FOR COMMENDABLE SERVICE
Charles I. Hatsel

upon retiring from the United States Civil Service in the Department. The service of this employee has been long, faithful and satisfactory. It has been a contribution to and in promotion of the best interests of the Government of the United States and is deserving of this commendation of the Department.

William E. Warne
Assistant Secretary

"Cap'n" Hatsel was retired February 28, 1947, having served at the laboratory continuously since his permanent appointment July 3, 1902.

His work in the hatching of diamond-back terrapins won him national recognition in the October 1947 issue of NATURE magazine.

The article, entitled "Terrapin Town," stated that "Most of the credit for the successful propagation of the terrapin, according to Dr. Prytherch, is due to the interest and painstaking work of Cap-

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SBI Director to Address Beaufort Jaycees Monday

William Anderson, Raleigh, director of the State Burueau of Investigation, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Beaufort Junior Chamber of Commerce Monday night at the Inlet Inn, Odell Merrill, program chairman, announced today.

Director Anderson's topic will be "Crime in North Carolina—How a Small Town Can Combat It." The dinner meeting will begin at 7 o'clock.

Business Club to Receive Charter

State President Will Speak At Meeting Tuesday Night

The Carteret Business and Professional Women's club will receive its charter at a dinner meeting at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening in the Jefferson restaurant. Presenting the charter will be Mrs. Kathryn Shipman, of High Point, president of the State Business and Professional Women's club, who will also be the main speaker of the evening.

Receiving the charter on behalf of the Carteret cluub will be Mrs. M. M. Ayscue, president.

Invited guests at the meeting will be Mrs. Stella Price, of Winston-Salem, editor of the Tar Heel Woman, H. L. Joslyn, superinten-

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Food Center Entered; $150 in Cash Stolen

Approximately $155 was stolen between 2 and 4 a.m. Wednesday from the cash registers at Stroud's Food center on 18th street, Chief of Police E. J. Willis reported today.

The burglars entered the building from the rear by cutting the wire out of the ventilating fan. C. N. Stroud, owner and manager of the food center, discovered the robbery when he opened the store in the morning. Nothing else has been missed, he said, except the cash.

In addition to Chief Willis, the burglary was also investigated by George Cannady, Kinston, State Bureau of Investigation.

Broad Creek Man Injured When Army Barracks Falls

Fred Lewis, of Broad Creek, was injured late Wednesday morning when a 30 by 36-foot army barracks fell on him. The accident occurred while Lewis and his brother-in-law, Frank Ward, also of Broad Creek, were erecting the building.

One section remained to be put in place and while Ward was getting that, the building toppled down, pinning Lewis beneath it. Four of his ribs were broken and his whole body was bruised.

He was taken to the Morehead City hospital where he was reported today to be in satisfactory condition.

Father and Son, Incorporated

Operating a profitable taxi business on Ocracoke are Jake Alligood, right, and his son, Jake, Jr., left. Their taxi "stands" are at several places—the dock, Jake's home, and right here, in front of the Wahab hotel.

Everyone who steps foot on Ocracoke knows Jake.

Unless you choose to walk to the hotel, coffee shop or the home of your host, Jake's taxi is the chariot in which you'll ride.

For 12 years Jather Alligood (that's his proper name) has made Ocracoke his home. He's a native of Beaufort county while his wife, the former Myra Garrish, is a native of Ocracoke.

By trade Jake is an auto mechanic, and a good one. The fact that his sight is not as good as it once was deters him not the least from repairing cars and maintaining his reputation as the best "garage man" on the island.

Mrs. Alligood explains, "Oh, there are others who try to fix cars, and they'll run for a little while, then they finally bring them to Jake to get them fixed right."

During the depression Jake worked in New Bern, "making out all right." Then his wife's brother asked him if he wouldn't go to Ocracoke for about a week, that there were cars and trucks there that needed repairing.

He got a box of tools and went to Ocracoke. After that it wasn't long until he left New Bern and made the banks his permanent home.

Jake's main business is taking vacationers beach fishing. His "cab," actually a three-quarter ton reconnaissance car, is known formally as "Jake's Beach Fishing Taxi." Its heavy tire treads can be seen on every road on Ocracoke and it has taken many a wave to obliterate them on the sandy beach where surf fishermen haul in the channel bass.

Last fall a party which Jake took fishing caught 164 drum, the largest catch every made on the island in one night.

Jake's busiest time is from now until about Thanksgiving — both hunters and fishermen seek Ocracoke as the sportsmen's paradise.

As for business in general, Jake says, "We've got about all we can handle."

Since his eyesight is failing, he has his son, Jather, Jr., drive the taxi — but head man and chief taxi-fixer-upper in the outfit is Jather, Sr.

Wrong Man!

The man holding the string of mullet in the picture which appeared on page 10 of last Friday's NEWS-TIMES is Vance Fulford, superintendent of the U. S. Fisheries Biological station, and not Capt. Charles Hatsel, as stated in the lines under the picture.

Tide Table

HIGH	LOW
Friday, Sept. 10	
11:09 a.m.	7:25 a.m.
11:26 p.m.	8:35 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 11	
2:13 a.m.	8:29 a.m.
2:52 p.m.	9:42 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 12	
3:22 a.m.	9:36 a.m.
3:54 p.m.	10:44 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 13	
4:27 a.m.	10:40 a.m.
4:51 p.m.	11:35 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 14	
5:23 a.m.	11:36 a.m.
5:42 p.m.	12 midnight