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It's Laughable to Call That Strip Of Mud Leading to Merrimon a 'Road'

CROP Receives \$221 In Donations

Congregations Contribute Food; B & M Railroad Provides Box Car

Two hundred twenty-one dollars in cash has been contributed to the county Christian Rural Overseas program, B. J. May, chairman, announced yesterday.

Fifteen dollars has been contributed by the First Baptist church, Beaufort, in addition to food, \$45 came from the Woodville Missionary Baptist church and the Welcome Home Freewill Baptist church at Bettie, \$1 from North River colored school, and \$160 has been contributed by the First Methodist church, Morehead City.

Food was collected at all churches throughout the county Sunday. Contributions have already come in from Salter Path, North River and Bogue colored schools. Canned foods and other foodstuffs packaged in cartons or cellophane will be collected today at Morehead City school.

Through the courtesy of the Beaufort and Morehead City railroad, and James Fodrie, freight agent, a box car will be placed on the siding at S. M. Jones warehouse this week and remain there until the food is ready for shipment to Norfolk.

Contributions from throughout the county should be in the warehouse no later than Saturday. Food items at the various collection points in Beaufort and Morehead City will be picked up Friday or Saturday.

Appliance company and Whiteway laundry, Morehead City, have offered the use of their trucks in the collection.

Mr. May requested that store owners save corrugated cartons and contribute them to CROP so that they may be used for packing the food.

The secretary of agriculture, Charles F. Brannan, said recently in regard to overseas relief programs, "Despite the improvement that has taken place, the people of many lands still need our help—help in the form of food to supplement their own production. Although grain production in Western Europe this year is up to pre-war levels, the population in this area has increased so that, on a per capita basis, production still is 10 percent below prewar.

"Average food consumption in Europe now, in terms of calories, represents recovery to a point about halfway between the very low levels of last year and the average consumption before the war. "There is still a long way to go and many countries must continue to look to the United States for assistance." See CROP Page 4

Atlantic Man Injured In Wreck

Herman Blythe, Atlantic, received a severe back injury early Thursday morning when the car in which he was riding collided with another car parked on high way 70 two miles east of Beaufort.

Crisie May Gaskill, Sea Level, also in the same car with Blythe received minor lacerations about the mouth, but was discharged after being treated at Morehead City hospital. Blythe is reported to be in fair condition.

Driver of the 1948 Kaiser in which the injured man was a passenger, was Garland Mason Morris, Atlantic. The Kaiser, proceeding to Beaufort, rounded a curve, skidded, went off the left side of the road, returned to the road, turned completely around and crashed into the 1948 Chevrolet parked on the shoulder of the highway.

Driver of the Chevrolet was Aubrey Grayden Lewis, Marshallberg, who had stopped to pick up a pedestrian, Andrew Ippock, of Beaufort route 1. Neither Lewis nor Ippock was injured.

The Chevrolet was damaged slightly and the Kaiser was damaged to the extent of \$175.

Beaufort police removed the injured to the hospital.

H. M. Fowler, state highway patrolman, who investigated the accident reported that it was raining and highway conditions were bad at the time of the wreck.

By Ruth Peeling
Soon after coming to Carteret county in the early spring of 1946, I learned of the Merrimon "road," a strip of sand, mud, saltwater, muck, and mire intended to serve as a thoroughfare from Hardesty's corner on route 70 to Merrimon and the South River section.

Time after time residents of that area have gone before county commissioners and requested that aid be obtained to make the road at least usable, if not hard-surfaced. During the past summer state trucks have been working along the road, hauling dirt and dumping it here and dumping it there. In the length of time this activity has been going on it seems as though nothing, absolutely nothing, has been accomplished and the road is, far from being passable.

Appearing below is a letter from a resident of Merrimon, Mrs. Mildred S. Lawrence, one of the leaders in the fight to make government officials recognize that Merrimon is a part of Carteret county and a part of the state of North Carolina, and that therefore the citizens of that community are entitled to all their rights including good roads.

To those of you who are not familiar with the Merrimon road, I can assure you that Mrs. Lawrence's statements below are not manufactured out of thin air. On a trip from Merrimon in August, my car had to be pulled out of mire one foot deep less than one mile from Hardesty's store. All the way to and from Merrimon I expected to bog down in the goo any minute. It took service station attendants two hours to clean the car, remove mud that had even covered the engine and spattered inside through the windows.

Two weeks ago I attempted an attempt to Merrimon but gave up when the car slithered dangerously through the muck and close to the ditch at the side.

With hope, hope that we believe will not be in vain, THE NEWS-TIMES is forwarding this issue of the paper to Governor-elect Kerr Scott. We think he would have to look far throughout the state to find a "road" such as the one to Merrimon that has been in deplorable condition as long and for which so much has been promised and so little done.

Following is the letter received by THE NEWS-TIMES from Mrs. Lawrence:

"... we were told by county officers several years ago that a federal appropriation had been made for the hard-surfacing of the Cedar Island, Harkers Island, and Merrimon roads. Mr. Jimmie Guthrie published a dissertation in your paper more than two years ago on our road. He had been informed that our road was being surfaced before Harkers Island's was completed and was asking what sins the Islanders had committed to deserve such treatment. I answered Mr. Guthrie's article. I evidently relieved his worries, for I received no answer. I assured him that the equipment placed on the North River end of the road was only pre-election promises again. The equipment was removed on election day!

But going back to that federal aid, there were three or four county officers who would speak to me concerning the road every time I would see them. Then about a year ago when a group from here appealed to the county commissioners they had forgotten that such a subject had ever been mentioned.

I'm going to skip the past and come up to the present spurt. A number of trucks have been hauling dirt for months and placing it on the road. During the dry summer months it was hard enough to get through the road but we endured and hoped for didn't happen. Each week a new rumor came out: "We're going to start pouring next week." That week hasn't come. No surfacing has been done yet.

Then the rains started. On November 4, Mr. George Tosto was shot. In a dying condition he had

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CROP Provides Them With Food



Unable to conceal their anticipation, these youngsters, at a displaced persons camp in Germany, crowd eagerly around the brick-sided stove in the school feeding center to watch the large pot of soup cook. Several such food centers in various parts of Western Europe are made possible by the contributions of church people in America through the Christian Rural Overseas Program which is sponsoring the North Carolina Friendship Train.

Inspection Lane Due In Morehead City Friday

Owners of 1941 and 1949 model vehicles must have them inspected by Dec. 31, 1948, according to the state department of motor vehicles regulations.

Inspection lane No. 36 will visit Carteret county this week for the last time this year. It will be in Morehead City Friday, Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, opening at 8 a.m. each day and closing at 5 p.m. with the exception of Saturday when it will close at noon.

It will be located in front of the municipal building on 8th street.

TB Field Worker Visits In County

Conferring with health officials today in the health department offices will be Miss Lulabelle Highsmith, field worker for the tuberculosis division of the state health department. She will discuss preparations for the proposed mass X-ray in this county which will be undertaken if sufficient funds are obtained in the current tuberculosis Christmas seal sale.

Dr. William A. Smith, director of the tuberculosis division of the



Buy TB Christmas Seals

State board of health, will visit the local health office this week. He will meet Saturday with Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, county health officer, and Stanley Woodland, president of the Carteret county tuberculosis association. They, too, will discuss the free X-ray program.

The mobile unit, a trailer equipped with X-ray machine, is expected to come to this county early in 1949.

Mrs. Leota Hammer and Mrs. Mildred Spivey, public health nurses, went to New Bern yesterday to attend a conference on nurses' work in tuberculosis control.

To date collections in the county tuberculosis fund campaign are below those for the same period last year.

Collections as of yesterday amounted to \$752.90 as compared with \$904.85 last Christmas season.

Sale of 1949 Vehicle Tags Better Than Last Year's

The sale of 1949 vehicle tags is better than last year at this time, according to Mrs. W. M. Dye, in charge of the sales at the W. M. Dye garage, Arendell street, Morehead City.

License tags are issued each weekday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The office will close from Friday, Dec. 24, to and including Wednesday, Dec. 29.

Lawyer Comments On Editorial View In NEWS-TIMES

Wiley Taylor, Jr., attorney of the Beaufort Athletic association, commented yesterday on the editorial which appeared Friday in THE NEWS-TIMES in regard to the lease presented to the board of education for their approval.

The lease provides for the rental of the Beaufort ball diamond, located on school property, by the Athletic association at \$500 plus 5 per cent of gross receipts over \$10,000.

THE NEWS-TIMES editorial pointed out certain weaknesses in the lease and recommended that the county attorney be consulted in regard to what action the board of education should take.

Mr. Taylor stated that "peculiar interpretations" were put on the lease by the editorial. He said in regard to the newspaper's comment that the proposed stadium could burn and the debris left for the school to remove that a concrete and steel stadium and fence could not burn, and if it did there would be sufficient insurance carried to cover such loss, thus enabling the damaged property to be rebuilt.

The editorial pointed out that the lease did not stipulate whether the lessor or lessee would define what use of the property would be "unlawful or offensive."

The attorney said that the uses to which the property would be put were agreed upon verbally between the Athletic association and the Beaufort school board of trustees before that body signed the lease and recommended its approval by the county board of education.

The county board stated Monday a week ago that it would make its decision on renting the property to the Athletic group at its January meeting.

Rotarians Hear Marine Officer

Lt. L. T. Iglehart of the public information office, Cherry Point Marine Air base, spoke to Morehead City Rotarians Thursday night on the necessity for bettering relationships between Morehead City and the air base.

He emphasized that there isn't a particularly poor relationship now, but stated that more could be done by both to establish a feeling of neighborliness.

Because Marine personnel are transients, he said that they want to experience as much as possible the feeling of permanency where they are stationed, even though it may be for only one or two years.

Efforts are being made, the lieutenant remarked, to have more civilians attend sports events at the base. Following the meeting Rotarians expressed approval of Lieutenant Iglehart's remarks and efforts will be made to better relationships, they agreed.

County Leaders Attend Meeting At Hotel Kinston

Representatives to General Assembly Hear Explanation of Ports Program

Dan L. Walker, manager of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce, Robert G. Lowe, executive secretary of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, Dr. John Morris, and Dr. B. F. Royal, Morehead City, attended a meeting at Kinston last night where state legislators were informed of the state ports development program.

Col. G. W. Gillette, executive director of the State Ports authority, and Sen. J. M. Broughton attended the meeting which followed a dinner in the Hotel Kinston.

Sen. Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, former governor, commented in a recent letter to Colonel Gillette that expansion and modernization of North Carolina's natural ports facilities "will broaden the state's economic scope and react to the distinct advantage of every class and every region."

The letter reads: "I am greatly interested in proposals to expand and modernize the natural ports resources of North Carolina, and believe that all forward-looking citizens should support the project, for the benefit of every section of the state. It is my opinion that a comprehensive and competently administered ports program will broaden North Carolina's distinct advantage of every class and every region."

"Surveys have been made and statistics gathered by those actively engaged in furthering the ports program, which show that for many years our sister states on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts have been reaping a golden harvest of dollars at North Carolina's expense, because they saw long ago the advantages to be gained by furnishing their port cities adequate and modern facilities for the handling of water-borne commercial traffic."

Ministers Plan Legislative Action

The Rev. C. Maness Mitchell, chairman of the Coastal Ministerial association's social action committee, reported at the meeting of the group yesterday morning in the civic center, Morehead City, that plans are being made to obtain the name of every legislator in the general assembly and work through them to obtain the action desired by the ministers on the state's gambling, beer, and wine laws.

At present no petition is being circulated by the ministers in regard to eliminating the ABC stores in Carteret county, an official stated following the meeting.

The association endorsed the Christian Rural Overseas program and members pledged their full support in collecting food during the coming week.

The Rev. H. L. Harrell, president, appointed the following to serve on the committee to draw up bylaws and rules for the organization: Rev. L. A. Tilley, chairman, the Rev. J. C. Griffin, and the Rev. R. L. Lawrence.

The morning's talk was given by Mr. Griffin who spoke on "The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit in the Holy Scriptures."

Jet Plane Makes Forced Landing at Beaufort Field

Capt. Daniel H. Johnson, USMC, escaped injury Wednesday afternoon when the jet plane he was piloting made a forced landing at Beaufort airport.

The engines cut out on Johnson approximately 10 miles northeast of Beaufort and he came in at 5,000 feet in a glide. The right gear came off the plane, nose, and right wing were damaged and the fuselage wrinkled. The pilot was unscathed.

The plane, a McDonald FH2, was removed from the field Friday morning and taken to Cherry Point air base.

Auxiliary Makes \$100

The woman's auxiliary of Jones-Austin Post No. 2408 cleared \$100 on their recent Christmas bazaar. They held their annual Christmas party Wednesday evening at the American Legion hut and recently sent money to the hospital at Fayetteville for gifts for veterans.

Little Theatre will Present Comedy 'Dear Ruth' at 8 Tomorrow Night

Important Christmas Official Arrives



Santa sails into Beaufort on his yacht the Mistletoe. Piled on the cabin behind him are some of the hundreds of toys that will be distributed to the boys and girls in Carteret county on Christmas Eve. As for the parade in Beaufort Wednesday afternoon, he chuckled, "It was the 'royalest' welcome I've ever received!"

Photo by Roy Eubanks

Jaycees, Nurses Clear More Than \$500 on 'Capers' Show

300 Pound Bear Shot At Newport

One of the biggest bears ever taken in Carteret county was shot by Walter and B. G. Foster, both of Tennessee, at 9:30 Friday morning at the head of Deep creek in the Newport section.

The black bear, weighing approximately 300 pounds, was dragged out of the woods by the hunters and taken to Newport where it drew crowds of spectators.

B. G. Foster was using a .32 Winchester Special and Walter Foster a .253 Savage. Three shots felled the animal which was running on all fours, chased by three dogs. The shots entered his back, left side and head.

Other members of the hunting party were Britt Foster, Roger Foster and Carl Storey, all of Lynn, N. C., H. V. Platt, Bill Platt, George Platt, Boone Sentelle, Harry Sentelle, Gwyn Sentelle, all of Waynesville, and W. D. Allen and Sidney Hill, Newport.

Walter Foster is a resident of Columbus, Polk county, Tenn., and B. G. Foster lives at Gatlinburg, Tenn.

A picture of the bear and hunters will appear in Friday's paper.

PTA To Hear Christmas Music

Members of the Beaufort Parent-Teacher association and others who wish to attend the regular meeting at 8 o'clock tonight in the Beaufort school auditorium will hear Christmas music presented by the school's choral groups under the direction of Mrs. Charles Hassell, music instructor.

The glee club will appear in their new maroon robes which were purchased the latter part of the 1947-48 school year. The graded school choir will wear white robes.

In the glee club are 55 students and in the choir of younger pupils are 45 boys and girls.

The glee club will visit homes of shut-ins and sing carols for them the evening of Monday, Dec. 20. Names of sick persons who would like the group to pay them a visit should inform Mrs. Hassell at the school or at home, B 394-2, as soon as possible.

After carolling, the group will go to the Scout building on Pollock street for a party.

Robert L. Hicks Awarded Two Prizes Saturday

Robert L. Hicks, 3107 Arendell, was double winner Saturday when Morehead City merchants awarded Christmas cash prizes to shoppers. Mr. Hicks one a \$10 and a \$20 prize. George Lawrence, 1401 Shackelford street, won \$50; Mrs. Minnie Gaskill, 1509 Bay street, won \$100 and James W. Satter, Newport route 1, won \$20.

Norman Krosna's smash comedy hit, "Dear Ruth," will be presented at 8 o'clock tomorrow night in the Morehead City school auditorium by the New Bern Little Theatre under the auspices of the local Little Theatre.

The play, in two acts, takes place in the living room of the Wilkins home, Kew Gardens, Long Island, and covers a period of two days.

Members of the cast are as follows: Dora, Eleanor Carr; Mrs. Edith Wilkins, Grace McDaniel; Miriam Wilkins, Dottie Allen; Judge Harry Wilkins, Frank Fagan; Ruth Wilkins, Janet Latham.

Lt. William Seawright, James Lucas; Albert Kummer, Tuck Tucker; Martha Seawright, Appie Bolton; Sgt. Chuck Vincent, Jimmie Dissel, and Harold Klobbermeyer, George Smith.

On the production staff are the following: Barbara Brock, director; Sibly Jenkins, stage manager; Eva Jarvis, assistant stage manager; Betty Aberly, stage setting; Beverly Benners, properties; Kay Turner, George Smith, and J. B. Dawson, publicity.

Gerald Colvin, tickets; Jack Carr, lighting; Oliver Jacobs, make up; Joe Pinner, call boy; Theresa Shipp, Lydia Allen, Lillie Willis, and Virginia McSorley, hostesses.

Patchwork Will Require Two More Weeks On Evans

The patchwork on Evans street, Morehead City, will consume more time than originally planned and patching alone isn't expected to be complete for two more weeks, men on the job reported this morning.

Removal of the bumps in the street began a week ago at the east end but the bumps grow progressively worse with each block westward, workmen say.

Bulging seams are first removed by a drill and then filled in to street level with asphalt. A large patch of asphalt has been laid directly east of 8th street to bring a depression there up to grade.

Tile drain pipe is being placed along the north side of the street where water drains from Arendell and then lies in puddles, causing deterioration of the present street surface.

One day has been lost due to rainy weather since work began on the street.

Superintendent on the job is O. L. Russ. Contractor is Z. A. Sneed's Sons, New Bern.

Cost of the paving will be met with Morehead City's share of revenue from the dog race track which closed its first full season early last fall.

Health Official To Speak Here

On their tour throughout the state to North Carolina's various medical societies Dr. J. W. Norton, state health officer, and Dr. J. F. Robertson, president of the state medical society, will visit Carteret county tomorrow night.

They will attend the December meeting of the Carteret County Medical society at 8 o'clock in the Morehead City hospital. Dr. Norton will be the speaker and will discuss trends in public health as well as the need for expansion of local public health services.

He will point out that this expansion can be obtained only through an increased appropriation from the state at the 1949 meeting of the legislature.

Guests at the meeting will include Roscoe D. McMillan, Red Springs, secretary of the State Medical society, Mayor G. W. Hill, Morehead City, Mayor L. W. Hassell, Beaufort, H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, and D. L. (Libby) Ward, state senator from the seventh senatorial district.

Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, county health officer, will introduce Dr. Norton. President of the local medical society is Dr. John W. Morris.

Methodist Stewards Meet
Stewards of the Ann Street Methodist Church met with Mr. and Mrs. R. M. William for their monthly meeting on Tuesday.

After the business discussion a social hour was held with refreshments of fruit cake and coffee.

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