

1948 Brought Lower Crop Yield In County, Farm Agent Reports

The yield of crops throughout Carteret county last year was generally reduced from the year before, reported R. M. Williams, county farm agent in his annual report which was presented Monday to the county board of commissioners.

Excessive rains in early spring caused a poor Irish potato crop and cabbage growers ran into a great deal of competition from growers in states south of here, the farm agent explained.

There were excessive rains in early spring followed by extremely dry weather until July 15. Approximately two-thirds of the normal crop yield was obtained.

Potato growers again contended with competition from California. Shipping opened slowly and later the price of potatoes dropped to the government support price of \$2.90 per hundred pounds. Instead of dumping potatoes as was usually the practice, the government gave them to livestock producers to use as feed.

A reduction of 28 per cent in tobacco acreage and inclusion of this crop in the Marshall plan caused a wide open market with the golden weed selling for an average of 50 cents per pound.

After the tobacco crop was partly harvested however, rain came and caused a second growth. This made the tobacco difficult to cure, resulting in a higher percentage of green tobacco than usual, the agent reported.

Corn yields were low due to dry weather and lack of plant food while there has been a continued increase in the demand for pure-bred hogs as breeding stock.

The county farm labor camp was liquidated last year. There was sufficient labor in the county to take care of harvesting.

Many crops suffered from insects and other infestations. The corn ear worm made its severest attack in many years during the growing season, with some fields of corn completely destroyed. The army worm attacked both corn and soybean fields.

Harlequin cabbage bugs were combated with sabadilla dust while DDT dust on tomatoes and lead arsenate on tobacco kept the horn worm under control.

Dry, hot weather came to the aid of the lady bug in helping to kill tobacco aphids while the cut worm and wire worm made it necessary in many cases to replant tobacco.

The cabbage crop suffered severely under attack by plant lice and green cabbage worms.

Approximately 1,500 acres of tomatoes were grown last year. A great many farmers graded and packed their tomatoes and trucked them to northern markets where they got double the prices offered by local buyers.

Seventy acres of excellent quality tomato plants were produced here by the New Hanover Canning company and the Ruter Bean company. The demand was high and prices strong on string beans.

Mr. Williams stated that there is an evidence of an increased interest in dairying in the county, also that farmers are calling for fire break construction on their farms.

Sgt. Reo Hill to Serve As Administrative Officer

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Sergeant Peo V. Hill, U. S. Air Force, recently reported for duty as an administrative technician with Headquarters, Military Air Transport Service (MATS), in the nations capital.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hill of Stacy, Sergeant Hill attended Edwards Military institute prior to entering the service. He enlisted in the U. S. Air Force in September 1946 and received his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Following basic training he was graduated from the Air Force Administrative School at Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado.

A veteran of 20 months of overseas service, Sergeant Hill has served with the Air Force in Japan and on Okinawa in the Pacific. While stationed in Tokyo he attended Teletype Operators School. Sergeant Hill has been assigned to the Airways and Air Communications Service of MATS. The ACCS provides MATS with a world-wide communications service.

Ice Association Re-Elects Louis D. Gore, Director

Louis D. Gore, president of the Carteret Ice and Coal company, was re-elected a director of the North Carolina Ice association at the 40th annual convention this week at High Point.

Mr. Gore also delivered an address at the meeting. His topic was "Does the Fisherman Help to Ring Your Cash Register?"

On the X-Ray Circuit



Yesterday saw the 5,000th person in the county get an X-ray. The health department stated that it is extremely well pleased with the results thus far. Pictured in the top picture are Mrs. Bill Braswell, of Gastonia, left, and Mrs. Sidney Styrone, of Beaufort, right, who are clerks in the mobile X-ray unit operating at Beaufort.

In the lower picture, Rob Ruiz, junior technician from Asheville, places Joyce Mason, of Bettie, in position for an X-ray. Joyce is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mason.

Personnel in the X-ray unit now operating in Morehead City are Tony Hinnant, of Wilmington, technician in charge, Miss Elsie Lewis, of Fairmont, assistant technician; Miss Margaret Robinson, of Beaufort, and Mrs. Harry Salter, of Morehead City, clerks.

The units will operate in Beaufort and Morehead City until Saturday, March 19.

Home Demonstration Clubs To Stage Flower, Dress Revue

Members of the county council of home demonstration clubs set June 9 as the tentative date of their annual spring flower show and dress revue at their council meeting Tuesday afternoon in the home agent's office, Beaufort.

Plans were also made to attend the district and state meetings. The district meeting is in April and the state meeting in August. The following clubs will serve as committees for the flower show: Crab Point, arrangements; North River, publicity; Wire Grass, registration; Camp Glenn, judging; Russell's Creek, exhibits; and Clothing club, refreshments.

The clothing project leader in each club will make plans for her club's representation in the dress revue. Prizes will be given for the best dress made from feed bags, the best sports outfit, best dressy dress, best re-styled dress and child's dress. There will also be a showing of dresses made by 4-H girls.

State Senator John D. Larkins will speak at the district meeting April 14 at Trenton. Carteret is going to try to win the gavel again this year which is awarded annually to the county that "goes the farthest with the mostest" club.

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Jaycees, Wives to Bowl Monday Night at Beach

Morehead City Junior Chamber of Commerce will entertain their wives and girl friends at 7 o'clock Monday night at the bowling alley, Atlantic Beach. A box lunch will be served.

At their weekly meeting Monday night at Fort Macon hotel it was announced that Bernard Leary, Jaycee, would be sponsored by his club to run for district vice-president of the Junior Chamber.

The Miss North Carolina pageant was discussed and further plans made on attending the state convention at Asheville.

William Lloyd showed slides on the education needs in North Carolina following the dinner and business session.

Chambers Undertake Project to Establish Radio-Telephone Station on Carteret Coast

Jaycee Show Plays Tonight!

Tonight's de BIG night! Not a person in Beaufort is safe, 'cause many a word is going to be said about him in the 1949 Jaycee Minstrel, Dixie-Bound which begins tonight at 8 o'clock Beaufort school auditorium.

Jokes galore and a secret musical score — so sensational that it couldn't even be released for publication. A sneak preview of the show Wednesday night proved that it's a cross between "Mammy," "Darktown Struttin'" and "Hallelujah Poppin'."

Pickaninnyes Paula Jones and Ann Owens will open the show with a dance number and will also perform between acts. Other specialty numbers will highlight the entertainment.

The end men are "Sideshow," Wiley Taylor, Jr., "Fresno," Jimmy Wallace, "Parsimonion," Charles Cheek, "Harry Parker," George Cottingham, "Jim Chadwick," Rufus Sewell, "Cairo," Odell Merrill, "Crescent," Claud Wheatley, Jr., and "Lockjaw," Gerald Woodard.

During one scene Cairo drag out a concoction that puts ketchup on the boys that it's made over the following recipe: one luscious mule kicks, two bushels of ocean Salter hot air, and five night mares.

The results that follow after a sampling of this brew by his ladies can both be seen and heard — a wonder to behold.

Directors of the show are Mrs. Claud Wheatley, Jr., Mrs. Joan Butler, and Harry McGinnis.

B. J. May Reports On PMA Session

At a production meeting held at the Carteret PMA, B. J. May reported on the recent PMA conference at Winston-Salem extremely interesting and helpful.

Attending this conference with Mr. May were S. D. Edward, Newport, D. W. Truckner, Pelletier, and Addison McCabe, Wildwood. They returned home Friday.

Gov. W. Kerr Scott was scheduled to speak but could not attend because of business in the capital. Major addresses were made by L. Y. Ballentine, commissioner of agriculture, Lerry M. Warring who spoke on PMA organization, Dr. J. H. Hilton, dean of agriculture, State college, Elmer Kruse, of the Commodity Credit association, and A. V. McCormack who spoke on conservation.

In addition to reports on the national convention at St. Louis, there were discussions on tobacco, peanuts, potatoes, grain, and cotton. It was announced that there will be no increase in 1949 tobacco acreage allotments. This announcement brought cheers on the part of tobacco growers, evidence of the fact that they would rather get fair prices for their tobacco than experience a glutted market.

Dr. Hilton spoke on "The Major Problems in Agriculture," listing the need for better-balanced agriculture, and the following difficulties in the agricultural system: low per capita cash income, low total capital and operating capital, small average farm size; the need for quality of management; the need for efficient marketing and better merchandising, and more efficient use of human and land resources.

Mr. McCormack pointed out that United States has the best farm program in the world because it is administered in each county. Through conservation, yields on some crops have been increased as much as 50 per cent, he said, and conservation must be continued because the world population is increasing at the annual rate of 20 million while the amount of land is limited.

In this country at present 100 million acres must be drained and improved. Importance of cattle-raising, dairying and poultry was stressed at the session which was held in the main ballroom of the Robert Lee hotel.

Two Cars Collide At Ann, Turner Streets

The cars of Mrs. Louise Noyes and Bobby Hudgins were seriously damaged in an auto accident last Thursday night at Ann and Turner streets, Beaufort.

The accident occurred at 10 p. m. as the motorists entered the intersection. Mrs. Noyes was driving a Ford coupe and Mr. Hudgins a Ford convertible. No one was injured.

Police Officer Carlton Garner investigated.

No Recorder's Court Tuesday; Probably Today

Because Judge Lambert Morris was out of town there was no session of recorder's court Tuesday.

At presstime it was planned to hold court this morning at 10 o'clock. If Judge Morris has not returned by then, the next session will be Tuesday, March 22. There will be no court Tuesday, March 15, because superior court will be in session.

Stewart - Everett Fails to Reply To PTA Letter

Tomorrow, three weeks will have passed since the Beaufort Parent-Teacher association sent a letter to Worth Stewart of the Stewart-Everett theatre chain announcing to him that they object to pictures portraying killing and torture being shown on Saturdays when youngsters go to the theatres. To date no reply has been received.

Mrs. Ralph Eady, president of the PTA, stated that two letters were sent the same day to Mr. Stewart to guard against failure of his receiving the one.

Since objections to the Saturday murder shows have been voiced by THE NEWS-TIMES, the Beaufort and Camp Glenn PTAs, Morehead City Junior Woman's clubs and parents in general, Leonard Register, manager of the Beaufort and Morehead City movie houses, protested that "only about a third of Saturday audiences are children."

One parent upon hearing this, raised the question: "If children are not expected to attend the shows on Saturday, why do they run Superman serials?"

A number of parents in Beaufort and Morehead City have not been permitting their youngsters to attend the Saturday shows, finding that it is more convenient and satisfactory to take them in the evening by auto, to the theatre west of Morehead City.

In regard to the letter not being answered, Mrs. Eady commented that she believed the theatre management would have at least been courteous enough to make some sort of reply.

PTA to Present Fashion Show

Under the sponsorship of the Beaufort Parent-Teacher association a fashion and variety show will be presented Wednesday night, March 23, in the Beaufort school auditorium.

The show is being sponsored by the ways and means committee and is under the direction of Mrs. Emily Clyde Lewis.

Every type of women's clothing will be shown, including a wedding scene. Children's clothes will be modeled and models will be chosen from every grade in school, 1 through 12.

The models will not merely promenade but will appear in little skits.

Clothes are being furnished by Parsons, New Bern.

Pamlico County Turns Thumbs Down on ABC Store

ORIENTAL — (AP) — Dry forces have underlined the listing of Pamlico county in the dry column.

In a special election Saturday, the county turned down a proposal to establish ABC liquor sales. Unofficial returns from all 17 precincts showed 840 against and 540 for ABC stores, it was reported by Herbert Smith, chairman of the county board of elections.

The four incorporated towns in the county, Oriental, Vandemere, Lowlands and Bayboro, voted wet but votes from the rural districts caused the dry forces to carry the county.

Grand Jury Will Consider 13 Bills

Remaining 12 Cases Scheduled Are Appeals from Recorder's Court

Thirteen criminal cases will be placed before the grand jury in the term of superior court which opens Monday at the court house. Twelve others are scheduled for trial, either on appeal from a lower court or cases carried over from previous superior court terms when they were not tried.

To be considered by the grand jury are the following: George Emmett Gillikin and Cecil Guthrie, both charged with arson; Clayton Gillikin, charged with non-support; Bradley McIntosh, driving drunk; Benny Bell, attempted larceny; Leo A. Omicinski, Jr., larceny of automobile; Ernest S. Keleman and Francis J. Porfello, aiding and abetting in larceny of an auto.

Tommy Field and Fred Jones, charged with breaking and entering, larceny and forgery; Robert Dudley, drunk and disorderly, disturbing the peace, resisting arrest, and assault; Claude Salter, charged with embezzlement; William Bell, attempting to break and enter; and Ernest Lee Eubanks, charged with assault and robbery.

On the following, true bills were returned by 1947 and 1948 grand juries: James Edward Guthrie, Gerald Byde Gillikin, Raymond H. Wilson, and James Salter, all charged with abandonment and non-support, and William Thomas Davis, abandonment.

The following are appeals from recorder's court: Lloyd Goodwin, charged with allowing a dog to run at large at night; Washington Gray Dudley and Edward Morris, driving drunk; Arnold M. Gibbs, driving drunk and careless and reckless driving; Melvin Hancock, abandonment and non-support.

Virgil Woolard Tells of Television

Virgil Woolard, native of Beaufort who is a radio-television technician at Richmond, Va., spoke Tuesday night at the Inlet Inn to Beaufort Rotarians, telling them of proposed television plans in the United States and of experiences with radar during World War II. Mr. Woolard was a radarman in the Navy.

He stated that television is merely the taking of a picture, changing it to electrical impulses, sending it through the air and changing it back to a picture again at its destination.

Television now is perfect, Mr. Woolard said, insofar as present theories are concerned. However, the technicalities of producing television shows are way behind the scientific end of the business. Actors and actresses have to be trained, as well as lighting technicians and all the other persons required to produce a good television program.

At present, a 10,000 watt station will transmit pictures a distance of 50 miles and within five years Mr. Woolard said there will be a major television hookup throughout the United States.

He told also how radar during the war made firing on targets almost 100 per cent accurate.

Guests at Tuesday's meeting were Harvey Joslyn, G. T. Windell, and W. C. (Buck) Matthews, Morehead City, and Elvin Jones, Dunn. B. J. May, president, presided.

Tide Table

HIGH	Friday, March 11	LOW
5:10 AM	11:34 AM	
5:29 PM	11:44 PM	
Saturday, March 12		
6:08 AM	12 midnight	
6:25 PM	12:27 PM	
Sunday, March 13		
7:00 AM	12:40 AM	
7:18 PM	1:16 PM	
Monday, March 14		
7:50 AM	1:34 AM	
8:08 PM	2:01 PM	
Tuesday, March 15		
8:39 AM	2:26 AM	
8:58 PM	2:47 PM	

Towns Will Elect Officials May 3

Beaufort Board Appoints Wiley H. Taylor to Fill John Ratcliffe's Place

Because the current two-year term of town officials in Beaufort, Morehead City, and Newport ends this spring, town elections will be held Tuesday, May 3.

Beaufort town board appointed Mayor Lawrence Hassell and William Hattell, town clerk, to serve as a committee to obtain a registrar and two judges for Beaufort's election.

Wiley H. Taylor, Jr., has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of Commissioner John Ratcliffe who has moved to Washington, N. C.

The commissioners authorized the submitting of a \$500 bill to Scarborough Safest company for fighting the fire there in January. During the course of this fire three sections of hose burst, Julia Duncan, member of the fire department reported.

It was agreed that the town grader could be rented to residents of the town at \$8 per hour, if the grader is operated by Clyde Peterson, superintendent of streets, and does not interfere with his other work.

Commissioner D. F. Merrill suggested that in grading the streets north of Broad that the blade be reversed occasionally and some of the crown of the road cut off.

Mr. Taylor, who assumes Mr. Ratcliffe's position as chairman of the sanitary committee, has been requested to confer with Sanitarian A. D. Fulford on a rat control campaign throughout the town in addition to the control campaign at the dump.

It was reported that repairs were made to only one of three See OFFICIALS Page 7

Photographs and vital statistics of each girl must be in the hands of the local Jaycee organization by June 18, Walter Morris, chairman of the pageant, said today. Handling publicity for the big event is Robert (Bob) Lowe, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and Aycock Brown, publicity man for the Chamber.

A press booklet is being supplied participating Junior Chambers as an aid in obtaining publicity through the state's newspapers. Morehead City Jaycees are supplying voting ballots to each club, and are also working on the obtaining of scholarship awards for the winner and runner-up.

As in previous contests, the emphasis will not be on beauty alone. Miss North Carolina must represent the present-day woman, one endowed with brains and personality as well as beauty.

The final judging of Miss North Carolina will take place Saturday night, July 9, at the race track, west of Morehead City.

The activities for girls who will vie for the state's beauty and talent title will follow this schedule during their weekend on the Carteret coast: Thursday, 12 noon, registration, 7 p. m., supper and get acquainted party; Friday, 10 a. m., rehearsal for talent show, 2 p. m. parade, 4 p. m. boat ride, 9 p. m. talent contest, 11 p. m. beach party.

Saturday, 10:30 a. m. rehearsal for contest, 5 p. m. supper, 7 p. m. contest, Sunday—Miss North Carolina Meets the Press.

Members of the county board of education at their meeting Monday afternoon signed the papers leasing the Davis school to Davis residents for use as a community building.

H. L. Joslyn, superintendent of schools, reported to the board that Wesley Willis, school committee member at Smyrna has resigned and that Smyrna has submitted the request for a music room.

Mr. Joslyn also commented that the following poem which appeared recently in the National Education association magazine expresses perfectly the situation in Carteret county schools:

In wild despair I tear my hair
A mist befalls my eyes.
My school is bursting at the seams;
My budget runneth dry.
As more and more the kids in-pour,
And registrations soar,
I search in vain for some relief
Amidst the rush and roar.
They are coming through the windows,
They are coming through the door,
They are coming down the chimney,
Help, they're coming through the floor!

162 Pounds Rat Poison Distributed to Farmers

One hundred sixty-two pounds of rat poison were distributed to county farmers during the recent rural rat control program, R. M. Williams, county agent, reported today.

One of the several reports which have come into Mr. Williams on the results of the campaign was from Harold Simmons, Newport, who found several dead rats in his smokehouse and found others "staggering around as though they were sick."

A two-and-a-half pound package of red squill was delivered for \$1 to each farmer who participated in the control program.

NEWS BRIEFS

Morehead City commissioners will meet at 7:30 Tuesday night in the mayor's office at the municipal building.

The Coastal Ministerial association will meet at 10 o'clock Monday morning at the civic center, Morehead City. Dr. J. H. Bunn will speak on "The Theology of St. Paul."