

Gillikin, Guthrie Found Guilty on Arson Charges

Chambers of Commerce Join Fight to Improve Saturday Movies

Beaufort Junior Chamber of Commerce and Morehead City Chamber of Commerce have joined the fight for better Saturday movies.

The Jaycees at their meeting Monday night ordered that a letter be sent to Stewart Everett theatre owners protesting against the snooty em-up dramas shown on Saturdays when youngsters go to the show.

The letter from Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, in which Stewart Everett holds membership, requested that the theatre management take cognizance of the situation rather than ignore it as they have thus far.

Beaufort Parent-Teacher association at its meeting Tuesday night suggested that the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce join the forces to clean up Saturday shows and Morehead City Parent Teacher association formally went on record opposing murder shows at their meeting Monday night.

This section is not unique in its effort to have movie houses show better pictures for youngsters on Saturdays. At the request of Los Angeles PTA's and a western and a classical movie, such as "Robin Hood" and others are billed for Saturdays.

Murder pictures are not the constant bill of fare but for every good (musical or comedy) show with a Saturday western picture, it has been noted that there are two or three of the modern gangster type.

Since the campaign against crime shows began last month, the only recognition Stewart Everett has taken of the situation is to withdraw its advertising from THE NEWS-TIMES.

Planning Board Lays Groundwork For Zoning Town

The Beaufort planning board laid the groundwork at their meeting Wednesday night in the town hall for zoning the town. This will be placed before the town board for consideration at the April meeting by Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, member of the planning board.

L. Leigh Wilson, field representative for the League of Municipalities, attended the Wednesday night meeting and explained what can and can't be done in zoning and whether it would be advisable to extend the town limits.

The planning board, though interested in investigating the limit-extension proposition, requested Mr. Wilson to first explain zoning.

Mr. Wilson outlined the advantages in having a zoned town. Property values are protected, both in residential and business sections, permits intelligent laying of sewer and water lines (making lines large enough for town growth), and creates an orderly town.

Segregation lines (according to race, color, or creed) cannot be drawn in zoning, neither after a zoning law is enacted can any buildings standing at the time of enactment be torn down. Although town growth is a slow process, the value of zoning can readily be seen as years pass, Mr. Wilson told the group.

He suggested a thorough survey of the town followed by recommendation from the planning board to the town commissioners. Before a zoning law can be enacted, it must be explained to citizens at a town meeting. He further stated that zoning lines are flexible. They can be changed if it is found advantageous to the town.

The planning board can regulate placement of buildings on a lot and should do so, Mr. Wilson remarked. A front yard of at least 8 feet should be required

Tide Table

HIGH	Friday, March 18	LOW
11:53 a.m.	5:00 a.m.	
11:31 p.m.	5:07 p.m.	
Saturday, March 19		
11:53 a.m.	5:55 a.m.	
12:00 midnight	5:57 p.m.	
Sunday, March 20		
12:26 a.m.	6:53 a.m.	
12:48 p.m.	6:55 p.m.	
Monday, March 21		
1:28 a.m.	7:58 a.m.	
1:52 p.m.	8:01 p.m.	
Tuesday, March 22		
2:34 a.m.	9:08 a.m.	
3:02 p.m.	9:14 p.m.	

Morehead City Commissioners Earmark \$4,000 for Carteret Recreation Center

Grand Jury Report Dwells On Condition of County Schools

Bag Limestone Available Now

Administrator Summarizes Conservation Practices In County in 1948

Carteret county farmers who desire bag limestone may now arrange to get it through the county office of the Agriculture Conservation association located in the Beaufort post office. PMA Administrator B. J. May has announced that previously farmers were able to get limestone in bulk form only but that recent regulations permit them to obtain it in bag form. Interested farmers should contact Mr. May.

A recent summary of the 1948 accomplishments of the county office show that much was done. Of the 716 farms in the county, 202 carried out one or more practices in 1948 for which they received assistance through the program. These practices were carried out on 7,500 acres of cropland in the county.

Eight hundred fifty-four tons of lime were spread on 985 acres on 101 farms; 13,260 pounds of winter cover crop seed consisting of crimson clover, vetch, Austrian winter peas, and rye grass were seeded to 632 acres on 68 farms; 25 farms reported 113 acres of alfalfa left in the field; 28 farms reported 78 acres of permanent pasture; 25 farms removed 26,644 cubic yards of dirt in constructing open ditch drainage; 68 farms seeded 353 acres of summer legumes (soy beans, velvet beans, cow peas); and one farmer seeded two acres of cropland.

The total assistance rendered by the government in the county amounted to \$8,188.66. This sum represented slightly less than fifty per cent of the actual cost of the practices.

Administrator May states that the drainage problem is the most serious situation facing the PMA today. Consequently, the main emphasis in Carteret county is on farm drainage, use of lime and phosphate, an establishing permanent pasturage.

Since the beginning of the Production Marketing Administration in 1936, 186 million tons of lime have been applied to 105 million acres of land in the United States. Also, 16 million tons of superphosphate have been spread on 123 acres of farmland; 710 thousand pasture and stock water developments have been constructed; and 700 thousand miles of standard terraces have been built to serve 14 million acres.

Construction Materials Lying on Thoroughfares Must be Fenced, Board Says

A. B. (Jack) Roberts, Morehead City building inspector, was given authority at the town board meeting Tuesday night in the municipal building to order all contractors who use the street for storage of building materials, to fence these supplies and mark fence with warning lights at night.

This order was given for protection of pedestrians and motorists in areas where building is under way. The commissioners stated that town streets could be blocked off to facilitate construction but Bridges street (highway 70) had to remain open.

To provide sufficient space for the new church being built by the First Methodist congregation, an additional 6 inches westward into the alley on lot 14 square 14 was granted.

The commissioners also reaffirmed the building inspector's order that the new elevator shaft to be installed in Morehead City hospital should be of fireproof construction.

To establish a uniform building line in the Montague division, Sunset Shores, the board decided that the fronts of lots there should be the south side of Sunset drive.

The grand jury report, returned to Judge Clawson Williams Wednesday afternoon in superior court, dwelled on the deplorable condition of Carteret county's schools.

The grand jury also inspected the prison camp at Newport and found it "in number one condition in every respect." The report continued, "We would like to say here that if other public institutions were one half as well kept, the conditions as we found them mentioned below, would not exist." The jurors then commented on the schools.

They further stated that the schools were as H. L. Joslyn, in an interview, told them they would be, and that the conditions are due to lack of funds.

"We think that the county superintendent and all professors and teachers are doing a remarkable job in operating the schools, handicapped as they are," the grand jury declared.

They found the jail to be in fair condition, lacking, however, hot water. It also needs electrical repair and painting.

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19 Solicitors Turn in Funds In Red Cross Drive

Nineteen Red Cross solicitors in Beaufort have turned in \$522.50 thus far in the campaign for funds. Mrs. Alma Potter, co-chairman of the drive, has reported. This leaves a balance of \$665.65 to be obtained in order to reach the \$1,188 goal.

Solicitors who have reported are the following: Mrs. Leon Swain, Mrs. Joe Pickett, Mrs. Delphine Fairford, Mrs. Calvin Jones, Mrs. Frank King.

Mrs. Otis Willis, Mrs. C. Z. Chappell, Mrs. Bernice Jarman, Mrs. Ernest Tatum, Mrs. Milton Lippman, Mrs. Helen Norris Jones, Mrs. Jack Windley.

Miss Amy Muse, Miss Susan Rumley, Harry I. McGinnis, Preston Mason, Charles Davis, Harry Willis (Lennoxville) and Mrs. Orville Gaskill.

Crowd Turns Out To See Amateurs

The Morehead City Lions Club's annual talent search got into full swing Tuesday night at the Harker's Island school auditorium. A full house turned out to see what Master of Ceremonies Grover Munden termed "a surprising amount of talented performers."

High school boys and girls from Harker's Island put on a preliminary performance that pleased the entire audience. They entered the stage in couples while singing "Easter Parade." The girls were decked out in Easter bonnets and the boys were dressed similarly.

Winners were the glee club which was composed of boys and girls from the Harker's Island school; a quartet composed of Billy Bradford, Henry Wayne Davis, Marena G. Nelson, and Ann Johnson; Raymond Darrell Willis who sang the "Whiffenpoof Song"; and Ova Gray Moore who played a piano solo.

The next talent search contest will be held in the Morehead City high school auditorium tonight. Finals will be held in the Beaufort High school auditorium on Friday, April 1.

Morehead City town commissioners at their meeting Tuesday night gave orders that the town dog ordinance should be strictly enforced. This ordinance prohibits dogs from running at large and provides for impounding and eventual disposal of those that are unlicensed.

To maintain the Carteret County Recreational center, Shepard street, the Morehead City commissioners agreed that the center should receive \$4,000 of the next fiscal year's unbudgeted funds and \$500 immediately to meet current bills.

The \$4,000 will, in all probability, come from 1949 race track returns. The \$500 will be taken from the fund which the race track commission has held in reserve.

Presenting the case for the recreation center were W. C. (Buck) Matthews, chairman of the board of directors for the center, Dr. Barden Euse and George R. Wallace, members of the board.

Mr. Matthews reported that the center cannot be operated on less than \$6,000 a year. This pays the salaries of a manager, recreation director, janitor, fuel and light bills. The fuel was donated for the current year by Mr. Wallace.

Total income for the center during the past year was \$6,210.38. This came from teen age memberships, rental of various club rooms, and serving of drinks. Expenses were \$6,278.87. This would mean a profit of \$207.49 were it not for a \$600 loss on a boxing ring purchased soon after the center was taken over by the town, Mr. Matthews explained.

More than 43,000 persons used the building since its opening the latter part of February 1948, he told the board. This and other factors, especially use by the teen-agers, indicates that the center fills a vital need in the town, he continued.

Mr. Matthews suggested that \$4,000 be granted the center while Dr. Euse suggested that perhaps \$5,000 would more adequately meet expenses.

The commissioners compromised. A court house, in general, was not to be in good condition, with the exception of the jury seats which should be replaced by

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Shrimp Survey Vessel, Penn. Arrives in Carteret Waters

By Suzi Humm

The shrimp boat Penny, leased by the University of North Carolina's Institute of Fisheries Research for a survey of off-shore shrimp grounds, arrived in Morehead City Friday and began work this week in adjacent waters. According to Carter Broad, staff member in charge of the operation, she will be in this vicinity for six weeks before returning to Southport. A return trip to this part of the state is tentatively planned for early summer.

"We are trying to cover as much ground as possible with the fathometer," Mr. Broad says, "and to locate and chart trawling bottoms as well as obstacles to trawling and bottoms unsuitable for trawling as, for instance, gravel."

Following work with the fathometer and bottom sampling, which will show where nets can be pulled and locate uneven bottoms, rocks, wrecks, and reefs, the crew of the Penny will drag with trawls and an otter or small shrimp trawl.

Specimens of shrimp found in the various suitable spots are being preserved and a record made of the position of the ship when each drag was made. Concurrent with this operation, the research group is making temperature and salinity observations and plankton tows to obtain ecological data—information as to habitat, food supply, and favorable conditions for the sometimes-elusive shrimp population.

The Penny began offshore observations Jan. 17 near Little River, S. C., and has been working northward ever since.

"The area south and west of Frying Pan Shoal," states Mr. Broad, "has been covered pretty thoroughly—as far out as 20 fathoms on the western side. Here we have done some deep-water work and some trawling on the eastern side. The plan is to continue north, working the area between Morehead City and Cape Hatteras."

The extent of coverage is limited by the time available, equipment being used, and funds allocated for the work. The project is being supervised by

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C. G. Holland Heads Elks Lodge

New Officers Will Be Installed at First Meeting In April

Gehrman Holland, Beaufort, was elected exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks last night at the lodge, Arendell street, Morehead City. He succeeds Louis D. Gore.

Other officers for the coming year are H. S. Gibbs, Jr., leading light; Roy Eubanks, Jr., junior knight; Eldon Nelson, lecturing knight; Jim Bob Sanders, secretary; and J. O. Baxter, Jr., treasurer.

These officers will be installed at the first meeting in April, Thursday, April 7.

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Negotiations Progress On Purchase of Hospital Wing by Morehead City

Under way this week were negotiations between the town of Morehead City and the Federal Works agency, represented by Frank A. Buck, Columbia, S. C., for the purchase of the east wing of Morehead City hospital by Morehead City.

Mr. Buck, district engineer for the FWA, met with Mayor George W. Dill, Jr., and the town board Wednesday afternoon at the municipal building.

The east wing of the hospital was built by the federal government during World War II to care for the wounded brought in to Morehead City from foundered vessels and torpedoed tankers.

The purchase price is \$17,500 plus 3 per cent interest for eight and three-quarters years. The only factor hindering final transfer of the property are three-month audits of the hospital books for that period of time.

When these are presented to the FWA, the deal can be closed, Mr. Buck stated.

The contract for the First Methodist church, Morehead City, has been let to J. Luther Helms, Goldsboro, for \$130,000.

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Additional Unit Will Re-Take Necessary X-Rays

Dr. N. T. Ennett, county health officer, stated yesterday that those persons who have been told to return for second x-rays should try to do so by Saturday.

However, the health officer was informed yesterday by Dr. William A. Smith, director of the Division of TB control, of the State Health department, that a follow-up x-ray unit will be sent here as long as the health officer feels there is need for one.

Figures for x-rays given through Wednesday show that 6,990 have been given and 4,488 readings have been obtained to date. Of the 4,488, 88 persons have been ordered to return for a second x-ray. Thirty-four have complied thus far.

The present units will leave the county after Saturday.

10 Groups Will Convene on Coast During Summer

Robert G. Lowe, Chamber Secretary, Reports 10 Others Probable

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Proprietor of Station Prevents Gasoline Theft

Lester Hall of Hall's Service station prevented three Marines from breaking open his gas pump Monday morning by holding them at bay with a shotgun. The service station is located two miles east of Gale's creek on highway 24.

The Marines, James S. Trippett, Pete C. Paulson, and Robert H. Switzer, were charged with breaking and entering and larceny. They pleaded guilty to forcible trespass in superior court after the grand jury returned a true bill Monday.

Judgment was suspended on payment of \$25 an each and they were placed in custody of the provost marshal. The defendants attempted to get gas at the station at 5 a. m. Monday morning.

Tony Seamon, Morehead City, has been elected vice-president of the North Carolina restaurant association which met this week at Charlotte.

G. E. Gillikin was found guilty and sentenced to 3-5 years, suspended on payment of court costs, and placed on probation five years. Cecil Guthrie, who pleaded nolo contendere, was given two to four years, suspended, and he was placed on probation.

The jury went into deliberation on the case in which George Ennett Gillikin is charged with arson at 2:30 yesterday afternoon. Court reconvened at 1:30. A verdict had not been returned by press time late yesterday afternoon.

The trial began at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning. Choosing a jury satisfactory to both the state and defense attorneys required an hour and a half.

Mr. Gillikin is charged with deliberately burning his store located between 11th and 12th streets, on Shepard, Morehead City. The fire occurred early Thursday night, Oct. 28.

Cecil Guthrie, Morehead City, who worked in the store as clerk is also charged with arson. He did not contest the charge.

Vernon Guthrie, Morehead City's fire chief last year, was the first of the state's witnesses to take the stand.

He testified that at the time the fire trucks arrived, the back part of the store, where Mr. Gillikin lives, was afire.

Firemen entered the back part, believing that Mr. Gillikin was probably in the store, the chief said. In a few minutes he was called to the front of the store where, he reported, there was kerosene all over the floor and the shelves.

He estimated that 10 per cent of the building was damaged by fire, and 60 to 75 per cent by water and smoke. After noting that the fire was probably deliberately set, Mr. Guthrie told the court that he notified the deputy insurance commissioners at Raleigh.

C. C. Duncan, deputy insurance commissioner, was placed on the stand Wednesday afternoon and read a signed statement by Cecil Guthrie in which Guthrie stated that Gillikin threw kerosene all over the fire, then asked Guthrie to stay and watch the place until a candle, placed near the head of Gillikin's bed, burned down and caught a kerosene-soaked blanket.

Guthrie then reported in this statement, which was witnessed by Charles W. Lewis, C. C. Duncan, deputy insurance commissioner, and Morehead City Police Officer Herbert Griffin, that he went out the back, into the water (the store is located on the waterfront) waded about a block, went home, changed his pants, and returned to the scene of the fire.

Guthrie, however, testified in court Wednesday that he was the one who threw kerosene all over the store and not Gillikin, as he maintained in his signed statement and during the hearing Nov. 1 before Mayor George W. Dill, Jr., Morehead City.

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PTA To Present Fashion Revue

As their final project of the year, the ways and means committee of the Beaufort PTA will present a fashion show Wednesday evening at 7:45 at the High school auditorium.

Clothes will be modeled by 21 students of the school, and the younger grades will present skits during the evening.

Mrs. Dick Parker, Mrs. Gilbert Potter, Mrs. Leonard Register, Mrs. Harvey Smith and Mrs. F. W. Heslop will also be models.

Tickets will cost 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children. The money raised will go toward books for the library, so that the school may attain a number 1 rating, a rating higher than the present one. Doors will be open at 7:15 p. m.

JCs to Entertain Wives At Dinner Dance Monday

Beaufort Jaycees will entertain their ladies at a dinner dance Monday night at the Blue Ribbon club.

At their meeting this week in the Inlet Inn, Beaufort, they also planned a bowling tournament. In charge of bowling teams are James Potter and Joe House, Jr.

Osborne Davis, Dan Walker, and J. O. Barbour, Jr., were appointed to investigate the possibility of producing their minstrel show at a school down east.

Final report on the revenue from the show indicates that profit will be \$342.50. Total collected at the door and through ticket sales was \$342.50.

County to Receive \$825 from Receipts On Forest Land

Federal Government Pays Portion of Revenue to National Forest Counties

Carteret county will receive \$825.28 out of \$60,697.37 sent to North Carolina by the United States Forest service in payment of 25 per cent of the 1948 receipts from the Pisgah-Croatan and Nantahala National forests, Carl G. Krueger, supervisor of the Pisgah-Croatan forest, announced today.

Craven county will receive \$855.01 and Jones county \$462.81. The money received by the state is distributed to 25 counties in proportion to the national forest area in counties.

Carteret's national forest area is 55,762 acres, Craven 59,798, and Jones 31,271.

Forest receipts are derived almost entirely from the sale of timber. There is a possibility future payments may decline with a slump in the lumber industry but all indications are that receipts will stay high and may even increase as young stands of timber become productive, Mr. Krueger states. In addition to the payment to the state, 10 per cent of the gross receipts are returned to the forest every year for construction and maintenance.

Of the amount paid to the state, \$22,445.00 was derived from the Nantahala, and the balance \$37,230.22 from the various units of the Pisgah-Croatan. This does not include a small amount which Ashe county receives through the Cherokee National Forest. Macon county will receive more than any other county on either Forest.

Transylvania will receive the largest payment of any county. The Macon check will be for about \$8,600, while Transylvania check will be for \$5,120. The highest return on a per acre basis is on the small Uwharrie unit in the Piedmont. This unit is handled as part of the Pisgah.

H. S. Gibbs Resigns From Port Group

Carteret county Representative H. S. Gibbs of Morehead City, one of the seven members of the State Ports Authority, turned in his resignation along with the others to Governor Kerr Scott Wednesday.

All seven members stated that they would be very glad to serve on the Authority if Governor Scott wishes to appoint them again.

Sources in Raleigh said that the resignations were routine in order to give Scott the opportunity to appoint members who would be in full accord with his "Go Forward" program in regard to the Ports Authority. Other sources said the move was a step towards reorganizing the Authority on a state-wide rather than sectional basis. The majority of the resigning members come from the eastern part of the state.

The next step will be asking the Legislature to approve a \$7,500,000 bond issue for ports development. The bill is expected to reach the General Assembly this week. Under North Carolina law, an issue of that amount may be approved without a referendum.

Col. George W. Gillette, director of the Ports Authority, remains in his position as director.

Four Beaufort Legionnaires Attend Go-Getters Banquet

Four delegates from the Beaufort-American Legion post attended the annual Go-Getters banquet held in Goldsboro Tuesday night. Invitations to the banquet were extended to Legionnaires in the Second Division, composed of 21 counties, who had solicited 10 or more memberships in last fall's membership drive.

Over 500 Legionnaires were present at the banquet which was held in the Goldsboro Legion hut at 7:30 p. m. Roy McMillan, past department commander, was the principal speaker and the banquet was presided over by Fred Parker of Whiteville who is a candidate for the office of department commander at the 1949 Legion convention to be held in Raleigh.

Hugh Hill, Tom Kelly, Lance Smith, and C. L. Beam attended from Beaufort.

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