

## Rotary Club to Sponsor Coast Guard Banquet

## Telephone Men Ask Applications For Radio Service

## Southern Bell, Carolina Telephone Officials Confer with Committee

The number of applications turned in at the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph office requesting harbor and coastal radio marine service will be one of the deciding factors in the establishment of a radio-telephone station on the Carteret coast.

This decision was reached at a meeting of Carolina Telephone and Telegraph and Southern Bell officials and members of the county radio telephone committee Saturday morning in the chamber of commerce office, Morehead City.

Southern Bell, which has the franchise for all marine radio-telephone service for North Carolina was requested by Carolina Telephone to send representatives to the meeting.

Southern Bell officials were presented with figures on boat registrations in this area and were told that the radio telephone station now being erected near Wilmington cannot adequately serve the needs of this area.

The officials told the Carteret committee that figures presented them and on which they based their decision to build a station south of here were evidently in error or highly misrepresentative.

They stated that if a sufficient number of applications were made for the radio-marine service which includes shore-to-ship communication, they would consider the building of a station on this coast. These applications would be filled out by boat owners, captains, or others interested in the service.

When local committee members asked the officials why construction on a station could not start because figures already show that a vast greater number of commercial fishing craft operate in this area than Wilmington, the telephone men said they didn't want to "make the same mistake we made at Wilmington."

Those at the meeting were J. S. Bonner, general sales manager, Southern Bell, Atlanta; E. A. Clemons, district manager, Southern Bell, Raleigh; J. C. Allen, special sales manager, Raleigh; W. C. Darrow, commercial manager for Carolina Telephone and Telegraph, Tarboro.

L. A. Daniels, Carteret county manager, Carolina Telephone and Telegraph; George Eastman, chairman of the radio telephone committee; Charles Bennett, committee member, Joe Devouchik, technician; Dan Walker, manager of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce, and Robert G. Lowe, secretary of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce.

## Dr. J. O. Baxter, Sr. Perfects New Technique On Eye Examination

A new method of eye examination for the fitting of glasses developed by Dr. James O. Baxter, Sr., of New Bern, has been published by the American Journal of Optometry and Archives of the American Academy of Optometry. The method was written by Dr. N. M. Baxter and appeared in the February 1946 issue of the Journal.

Dr. Baxter is the father of Dr. J. O. Baxter, Jr., Beaufort.

Since then the new technique has appeared in the new college text book "Clinical Refraction," by Dr. Irvin M. Borish, former professor at Ohio State university, for the fitting of glasses was accepted by Dr. Borish as the best technique for thoroughly relaxing the eyes without the use of drops.

One of the most important phases of this method of eye examination is that the use of drops is made obsolete for the fitting of glasses. The final results of an examination using this new technique are considered more certain than the older technique of using drops in the eyes. And finally glasses do not have to be changed as often after this method is used. This system of eye examination research on the part of Dr. Baxter Sr., who says he has thousands of case records to substantiate and prove the value of the system.

Morehead City Rotarians will sponsor the award dinner at which Fort Macon Coast Guardsmen will receive their racing trophy Thursday, April 14, 7:30 p. m. at the Blue Ribbon club.

Rotarian D. G. Bell was placed in charge of arrangements at Thursday night's meeting of the club at the recreation center, Shepard street, Morehead City.

Commodore J. E. Whitbeck, Norfolk, the commander of the Coast Guard Air station, Elizabeth City, officers in charge of all the Coast Guard stations which competed in the race, and representatives from every civic club in Beaufort and Morehead City will be requested to attend. Rotarians will also bring their wives.

Place for the banquet has not yet been chosen, but plans are well in the making for a member of the Daniels' family Raleigh, to present the Josephus Daniels Memorial trophy to the winning crewmen, who of course, will be guests of honor.

The Fort Macon surf boat crew won the half mile race and capsized drill Aug. 4, 1949 at Cape Hatteras. They competed against Virginia Beach, Oregon Inlet, and Chincoteague Coast Guard stations.

Gov. W. Kerr Scott has also been invited to Morehead City for the occasion.

## Board Hears Grand Jury Report

A. H. James, clerk of superior court read the report of the March grand jury to the county board at their monthly session yesterday morning in the court house, stating that Judge Clawson Williams told him to inform the board that unless the sanitary conditions of the schools are improved by the next term of superior court, county officials would be indicted.

The major part of the grand jury report dealt in length with the sanitary conditions of schools, lack of toilet paper, paper towels and other health facilities.

Dr. K. P. B. Bonner, chairman of the board, suggested that the county commissioners earmark a certain amount of the funds set aside for education, these to be used only for the improvement of sanitary facilities.

Dr. N. T. Ennett, health officer, attended the meeting, for his own personal satisfaction, he said, in order to explain his viewpoint on the situation.

The health officer told the county board that each school in the county is inspected in the fall by the sanitarian and reports filled out in triplicate; one goes to the principal of the school, another to the superintendent of schools and the third is filed in the health office.

Dr. Ennett stated, and in this opinion the commissioners concurred, that the correction of the sanitation problem must begin at the schools. H. L. Joslyn, superintendent of schools, reported to the health officer that there are supplies of toilet paper, and paper towels always available. Dr. Ennett stated that the major part of the problem lies with the principals, teachers, and janitors.

He suggested that, if necessary, district school committees should be required to see that the schools are kept clean and the problem pursued until the desired effect is obtained.

On many of the outdoor toilets throughout the county the health officer said there are no doors. Attempts to keep the toilets clean by locking them are to no avail, he continued, because principals try passers-by break the locks and even tear off the doors.

The health officer suggested that one or two such vandals to court would solve the door-breaking problem.

During discussion of the school problem in general James Davis Potter said that during the past four years Carteret county has paid \$250,000 above operating expenses for repair and improvement of schools. "and that's better than a bankrupt county," he added.

## County's Sales at ABC Stores Total \$41,558.40

Sales at the three ABC stores in the county last month totaled \$41,558.40. It was reported today by James Potter, county auditor.

Morehead City's sales amounted to \$17,967.67, Beaufort's \$14,277.60, and Newport's \$9,313.15. Gross profit amounted to \$10,886.55 and net profit was \$2,510.07. North Carolina sales tax totaled \$3,532.46 and operating expenses were \$2,992.72.

Beaufort's share of the dividends was \$653.20, Newport received \$428.08 and Morehead City and the hospital got \$411.01 each.

## Veterans Survey Housing Sites

## Chamber of Commerce Officials Meet With Group At Court House

A group of 10 veterans and future homeowners looked over three plots of ground on the north-east limits of Beaufort Saturday with an eye toward developing a new community.

With the assistance of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce they hope to obtain loans to build their homes after they purchase the land.

Douglas Merrell was elected chairman of the group Saturday afternoon at the meeting at the court house which preceded the trip to look at the prospective home sites. Serving with him on the executive committee are Ernest B. Marquez, George H. Herbert, Jr., Walter C. Helms, Jr., and J. N. Miller.

This executive committee will meet at 8 o'clock tonight in the Beaufort town hall to draw up by-laws and make arrangements to confer with Federal Housing administration officials.

Any veteran interested in joining the group of men who are proceeding on plans to build their own homes should phone the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce office, 8241, or drop them a postcard.

Fifty-one persons within the past month indicated their interest by contacting the Chamber. If the Chamber of Commerce is thus notified, these veterans will be informed whenever meetings are to be held.

Dan Walker, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, conducted the meeting with the assistance of Wiley Taylor, Jr., chairman of the Chamber's Veteran Housing committee.

Mr. Walker predicted that the houses could be ready for occupancy within four months after the plans are set up to go ahead. The Chamber proposes that the veterans purchase their lots within the designated area of the site chosen by the group, then individually but at the same time, request loans from FHA.

After obtaining the loans they would obtain a contractor to do the building, using four or five basic floor plans. Mr. Walker told the group that approximately 20 per cent can be saved in building a home if it is done at the same time and over plans similar to other homes in the immediate vicinity.

Those who attended the meeting in addition to members of the executive committee mentioned above were Edwin G. Carrow, Frank H. Jordan, Frank W. Beach, Tull E. Williams, and Owen G. Hill.

## Newport Farm Bureau Member Goes to Raleigh

While representing Carteret County Farm Bureau as district director at a state directors meeting Thursday at the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh, S. D. Edwards of Newport stated that it was one of the best-planned and most interesting meetings he has attended.

A. C. Edwards of Hookerton, newly-elected State Farm Bureau president, presided and a number of important committees was elected at this meeting.

The board voted to hold two livestock meetings in the state on April 22 and 23 under the co-sponsorship of the American Farm Bureau and the State Farm Bureau. Herman C. Aaberg, head of the livestock department of the American Farm Bureau federation, will speak at these meetings.

Another resolution passed by the board advocated to continue the policy of requiring flue cured tobacco to go under loan to the Stabilization corporation unless the bid on the warehouse floor is one bid above the government-support price.

The Farm Bureau officials, with the aid of a grain committee, will set forth an effort to bring North Carolina grain producers under the government loan program through establishment of grain storage and redrying facilities in the State.

The directors went on record, adopting in principal only, a bill introduced in the General Assembly from Onslow county regarding a simplified method for farmers to obtain a rebate on non-highway gasoline used for farm tractor work.

R. M. Williams, county farm agent, accompanied Mr. Edwards to Raleigh.

# Ports Bill Reaches End of Legislative Mill; Thoughts Turn Toward Actual Building Plans

## Morehead City Chamber Members Will Meet Tonight

## Mrs. Ruth Emley Wins Grand Prize

## Top Contestant in Talent Show Takes Home \$60 In Cash Friday Night

A charming rendition of "How Deep Is the Ocean" plus a superlative encore of "Always" proved enough to tip the balance in favor of Mrs. Ruth Emley, of Beaufort winner of the vocal over 16 group and grand prize winner in Friday night's final Talent Search program. The last in the series of programs sponsored by the Morehead City Lions club was held in the Beaufort high school auditorium. Mrs. Emley received a \$35 prize for winning in the vocal competition and also received a \$25 bonus award for being judged the best contestant in the entire program.

More than 600 people turned out to see and hear the finale and all were rewarded with a galaxy of entertainers. Twenty-one competitive acts and two special acts provided a full bill of fine performers.

Laura Mae Hardison of Newport sang "Galway Bay" and won the honors in the one through 15 vocal group.

Jean and Joyce Chadwick of Beaufort won the one through 15 novelty prize when they tap and toe danced to the tune of "April Showers."

Bob Hesse of Morehead City won against two other competitors in the instrumental over 16 group when he presented Brahms "Ballade Number Three" at the piano.

The Harker's Island chorus under the direction of Mrs. Sudie Guthrie won in the glee club or chorus classification with their singing of "Far Away Places."

Little Mary Golden of Bettie was awarded a special prize for her delivery of "I'm Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover." She was accompanied at the piano by her sister, Katherine.

A special feature of the evening was the appearance of Guy Smith, Jr., of Beaufort, last year's Talent Search grand prize winner. He entertained the audience with his presentation of "With a Song In My Heart."

Other contestants in the one through 15 vocal group were Joyce Mason of Smyrna, "Far Away Places"; Merlene Hamilton, Vercha Moore, Hannah Nelson, and Marena Rose, all of Harker's Island, "Down by the Old Mill Stream"; and George Washington of Morehead City, "My Happiness" and an encore, "Careless Hands."

Contestants in the one through 15 instrumental or novelty group who failed to place were Ted Spivey of Beaufort who gave a piano selection; Ruth Ester Wooten of Smyrna who played boogie-woogie on the piano; and Rachel Mundine of Newport who played the "Twelfth Street Rag" at the piano.

Vocalists in the 16 and over group were Raymond Darrell Willis of Harker's Island, "Whiffenpoof Song"; Lois Webb, Annie Mae Willis, and June Jones of Morehead City, "Voice In the Old Village Choir"; Genevieve Gwyn, Grace Pitts, Jane Hill, Nettie Wilson, Janice Hill, and Ava Alligood, of Smyrna, "So In Love"; John Haynes of Beaufort, "Because"; an Ed W. Hardison, Stancel Hardison, Clayton Cannon, and Eddie Gray of Newport, "I'll Love Her Till I Die."

Beth Davidson of Smyrna who gave a piano selection and Ova Gray Moore of Harker's Island who played "Amour, Amour, Amour" were the only two contestants competing against Bob

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## Tide Table

HIGH	Tuesday, April 5	LOW
12:21 a. m.	6:49 a. m.	
12:43 p. m.	6:47 p. m.	
	Wednesday, April 6	
1:21 a. m.	7:54 a. m.	
1:49 p. m.	7:52 p. m.	
	Thursday, April 7	
2:31 a. m.	9:02 a. m.	
3:00 p. m.	9:15 p. m.	
	Friday, April 8	
3:40 a. m.	10:05 a. m.	
4:07 p. m.	10:25 p. m.	

## Cleve Gillikin Markets First County Cabbage

The first cabbages to be marketed in the county left the farm of Cleve Gillikin of the Bettie community yesterday, County Farm Agent R. M. Williams has announced.

These cabbages were of the pointed type. Mr. Williams states that a few cabbages are being cut now and that a light movement of cabbages from the county is expected to take place the latter part of the week.

According to Mr. Williams, it is too early in the season to tell how the outlook on the potato crop will be. He says that late cold spells and other factors will determine the potato future.

## Vehicle Law Violators Tried In Court Tuesday

Following are the remainder of cases tried in recorder's court Tuesday. Lack of space prevented inclusion of all of them in Friday's paper.

James D. Cox pleaded guilty to driving without a license and judgment was suspended on payment of costs. Others who pleaded guilty to the same charge and received the same penalty were Francis DeKeyser, William J. DeNoyer, and Delbert G. Müsser.

A plea of guilty was entered in the case of William McLaughlin, charged with public drunkenness. Judgment was suspended on payment of the costs of court.

Thomas S. Little also made the same plea and received the same penalty. John K. Rosling pleaded guilty to public drunkenness and interfering with an officer in the discharge of his duty. He was required to pay court costs and a \$10 fine.

Two persons were charged with driving with improper brakes, Martin Daves and Clebourne Darrell Shores. The case of the former was dismissed and the latter was found guilty and charged with the costs.

Levy M. George pleaded guilty to driving without a license and paid the costs. He was also found guilty of hit and run driving and paid the costs in that case, too. Vernon E. Garner, charged with driving drunk, was found guilty of reckless driving and paid the costs and \$100. Harvey Lee Beard was found guilty on a charge of driving drunk and without a license and paid costs plus a \$100 fine. A charge against him of being drunk and disorderly was not pressed.

David Jackson Bryan, Jr., charged with driving drunk and speeding 88 miles an hour, pleaded guilty to the speeding charge. Judgment was suspended on payment of the costs and \$100. Andrew J. Mitchell was charged with driving drunk and speeding. He was found guilty of reckless driving and was charged with the cost and \$100. John H. Patten pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle with a greater load than allowed by the law and paid the costs and \$24.

Mrs. Francis Aycock Smith, charged with making an improper turn resulting in an accident causing property damage, failed to appear in court and her bond was forfeited. James Edward Ferguson, charged with driving drunk, was found guilty of reckless and careless driving and was fined \$25 and paid the costs. Ephraim Rolison Muse pleaded guilty to speeding and paid the costs.

The following cases were continued to next week's session of court: O. L. Prescott, Russell E. Bunch, Francis P. Arthur, Robert B. Brown, Millard M. Vandiford, Delmas Graham, Odell Mason and Larry Peele Eagles.

During March, 2,183 persons visited the local United States Employment service office. Of this number, 892 were veterans. The office received 63 new applications and 23 of these were from veterans. Eighty-two persons, including 23 veterans, were referred to jobs and 69 of these, including 18 veterans, were placed in jobs.

Parking meter receipts for Morehead City for the month of March totaled \$569.

## Five Fires Occur Over Weekend

As passage of the seven and a half million dollar ports bill seemed assured in the Senate last night, thoughts were turning toward probable time for beginning construction on harbor improvements proposed at Morehead City and Wilmington.

Robert and Company, Atlanta, Ga., has estimated that \$5,068,837 will be spent at Wilmington and \$2,298,887 at Morehead City. The greater amount is needed at Wilmington, according to the State Ports authority, because Morehead City already has facilities which Wilmington does not.

It is planned that when construction programs are complete there will be two transit sheds and one storage shed at each port, with adequate wharfage accommodations.

Because detailed plans have to be drawn for the proposed buildings, earliest estimates on any activity at either port, insofar as construction is concerned, is late summer or early fall.

The federal government has already spent \$16 million to provide deep channels to Morehead City and Wilmington and this new state appropriation is intended to put North Carolina on the map as equal to any seaport state along the Atlantic coast.

Robert G. Lowe, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Morehead City, stated that approximately eight Chamber of Commerce executives from other states spoke to him at the recent convention of Chamber of Commerce executives at Winston-Salem and commented on the splendid program North Carolina is undertaking for port improvement.

The Senate waived committee hearings on the bill authorizing a \$7,500,000 bond issue Thursday; it passed the first reading unanimously in the Senate the same day, and passed roll call 37-0 Friday.

The bill passed without opposition in the House of Representatives Wednesday.

Under state law, a bond issue of that size does not have to be approved by a referendum.

The money will be made available for "construction, reconstruction, enlargement or improvement of seaports in North Carolina, including, but not confined to the construction, reconstruction or enlargement, improvement of wharves, docks, warehouses, loading and unloading machinery and equipment, and other terminal buildings."

The bonds would mature within 20 years of their issuance date and would carry an interest rate of not more than 4 per cent a year.

## Three Counties Will Attend Harbors Meeting

Robert Hicks, Robert G. Lowe Morehead City, and W. H. Potter, Beaufort, will attend the rivers and harbors congress Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Washington, D. C., as Carteret county's delegate.

Lambert R. Morris, Atlantic, and H. S. Gibbs, Morehead City, were appointed but will be unable to attend. The meeting will be held in the Mayflower hotel.

The first session to be attended by the local delegates will be the meeting of the projects committee at 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

## County Board Settles Three Tax Matters

Three tax matters were settled by the county board at its meeting in the court house yesterday.

William Hattell, Beaufort town board to sell a lot on Marsh street, clerk, received an okay from the lying within the town limits, for \$500. The lot adjoins the property owned by James Whitehurst and runs northward from the venetian blind factory. The Beaufort town board was asked to give its approval on sale for the lot at its meeting last night.

The valuation on four and a half acres of land belonging to Vergil Styron at Atlantic was adjusted. Valuation per acre now is \$25.

David Willis, Jr., paid \$150 in back taxes on property in the name of James Gillikin, Harkers Island.

The commissioners also authorized purchase of a full-page ad in the May issue of the Tar Heel Woman which will be sponsored by the Carteret Business and Professional Women's Club. Cost of the ad was \$30.

The Queen Street high school band of Beaufort will play at an Elk Memorial Service to be held in Jacksonville Sunday.

## Merry Ann Cottage, At Atlantic Beach, Burns To Ground Friday

Fire, originating from an oil stove explosion, completely destroyed the Merry Ann cottage on Atlantic Beach early Friday morning.

B. R. Hunt of Rocky Mount, brother-in-law of the cottage owner, W. E. Gardner of New Bern, discovered the fire between 5 and 6 Friday morning. While other members of his party, who were staying at the cottage, attempted to extinguish the flames, he raced to Morehead City to request assistance of Morehead City firemen.

When he reached the draw on the Atlantic Beach bridge he found it open and was delayed 15 minutes. By the time he had reached Morehead City and the firemen had returned with him, the cottage had burned completely to the ground.

All that remained was a few lead pipes and other bits of soot-blackened metal above the ground. The cottage and some of the contents were partially covered by insurance.

Morehead City firemen were called out for two other fires over the weekend. Thursday at 7:30 p. m. they put out a small grass fire at the cemetery, 20th and Bay streets.

Sunday at 3 p. m. an oil stove fire occurred in a room upstairs over the Pender store on Arendell street. Firemen worked 20 minutes to extinguish the fire which caused little damage. The building is owned by Walter Freeman of Morehead City.

Beaufort firemen experienced a relatively quiet weekend. Friday at 1:30 p. m. a stove flared up at the home of Mrs. Jenny Bell at 206 Ann Street. Firemen found the fire had been extinguished before they arrived.

Front seat upholstery in a car belonging to Dominic Femia of Morehead City caught fire at the corner of 10th and Arendell streets at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Firemen said the car, a 1937 Chrysler, would have been badly damaged if a quick-witted bystander had not pulled the burning seat from the car and thrown it into the street where it was extinguished.

## JCs Unanimously Endorse B. Leary

Morehead City Jaycees have given their unanimous endorsement to the candidacy of Bernard Leary for district vice-president of the Jaycees.

Mr. Leary was a charter member of the Morehead City Jaycees and in 1937 was president of the local club. At that time he was the youngest Jaycee president in the south. He was a state director of the organization for two years and was chairman of the first Coastal Festival held in Morehead City.

Mr. Leary's civic record follows: one time Scoutmaster, member of the Elks, the American Legion, the Chamber of Commerce and the First Baptist church. He is also president of the Morehead City Merchants association and the Carteret County Softball league.

His army record consists of beginning as a private and ending as a Captain after four and a half years of service. Mr. Leary operated a clothing store before entering the Army and resumed the operation of this business following his discharge.

Mrs. Leary is the former Sarah Louise Lancaster. They have two children, Bernard Leary, Jr., and Linda Lou.

## Marines Aboard Bexar Put into Quarantine

Nearly all of the 1,200 Marines aboard the Navy's USS Bexar which docked here over the weekend have departed from the troopship to barracks on Onslow Beach and been placed under quarantine. It was learned today.

Reports said that one Marine on the ship, returning from maneuvers in the Caribbean, contracted spinal meningitis, causing the quarantine. Other Marines will be kept in the barracks, built during the war, for examinations by Medical Corps officers.