

## Huge Payroll Loss Caused By Merrimon Road Condition

An annual payroll loss of \$50,000 is suffered as a result of the foul condition of the Merrimon road stays in, according to a 70-page survey recently submitted to Governor W. Kerr Scott by the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce.

The loss is incurred by pulpwood manufacturers whose annual payroll in the Merrimon area totals \$250,000. This loss is estimated on the basis of the road being unusable by trucks one fifth of the time. Merrimon residents explained in the report, however, that the pulp company is extremely considerate of residents of the area during inclement weather and refrain from using the road in order to leave it in a condition so cars can crawl through on it.

A further payroll loss of one and a half million dollars to the state and county within the next 30 years is estimated if the road remains in its present primitive condition, the chamber reported.

The report of the survey stated that it did not include the 58 families of 263 people who live on the first 12 miles of unpaved road leading from the hard surface road to the Merrimon community.

Statistics from the survey follow: 2,075 acres of farmland have been abandoned as a result of the road condition; 1,012 white child miles are traveled by the school bus over this road daily (figures for Negro school children were not covered by the school bus annual-availability); 183,240 child miles are by, and 41,146 acres of farm and See PAYROLL Page 6

Clifton Reel, charged with assault on a female (his wife) with a deadly weapon, was found guilty in Tuesday's session of recorder's court in Beaufort and was sentenced to two years on the roads by Judge Lambert Morris.

Sentence was suspended on condition of five years of good behavior, payment of \$30 fine and costs, and provision of adequate support of Mr. Reel's minor children. The defendant was given 30 days to pay.

Another light docket faced Judge Morris in Tuesday's session and was disposed of in short order. Farris Willis was found guilty of being a public nuisance, a habitual drunkard and a repeater of offender and was sentenced to 30 days in jail.

The prosecuting witness in the case of Inez Godette and Q. V. Mass, charged with cohabiting, was taxed with the costs, the judge ruling malicious prosecution.

A verdict of not guilty was rendered in the case of Theodore Johnson alias Theodore Smith and his case was dismissed. The defendant was charged with possession of non-tax paid whiskey for the purpose of sale.

The case of Lucille Jones Pittman, charged with aiding and abetting in a child's delinquency by neglecting to send the child to school, was not prosessed with leave. Louis E. Crocker was found not guilty of reckless and careless driving. His case was dismissed.

Henry Hamilton, charged with driving without a license, failed to appear and had his bond forfeited. Both Vernon R. Skinner and Ervin Willis pleaded guilty to charges of driving without a license and paid the costs.

The cases of William F. Mihaus and William J. DeNoyer were continued.

## Commencement Activity Begins At Ocracoke High

Ocracoke — Commencement activities began for the Seniors of Ocracoke high school with the first big event, the Junior-Senior banquet, on Friday night. The school library was attractively decorated with class colors, pink and green, a centerpiece of pink rosebuds represented the class flower, the rose.

Dinner was served by members of the tenth grade with helpful mothers of the juniors supervising. Misses Wanda Simpson and Peggy Spencer acted as toastmistresses; a number of lively songs were sung with guitar accompaniment.

As part of the program Cantwell Williams, senior, read the class history; Ward Garrison, the last will and testament; Audrey Spencer and Colleen Wahab, the prophecy. Those enjoying the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Rondthaler, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Spencer, Leila Howard, Isabella O'Neal, Maude Ellen Garrih, Peggy and Audrey Spencer, Colleen and Hazel Wahab, Ward Garrison, Mildred Garrih, Cantwell Williams, Audrey O'Neal, Wanda Simpson, Alice Belle Williams, Josephine Howard, Sigma Willis and Walter C. O'Neal, Jr.

Other commencement events will be the high school alumni banquet, at which seniors are guests, and commencement itself on June 5.

## Newport River Railroad Bridge to Be Lengthened

Wilmington — (AP) — Bids for extending the length of the railroad lift bridge over the Newport river between Morehead City and Beaufort will be opened at the Fort Macon hotel, Morehead City, May 19 at 2 p.m.

The announcement said the bridge's present length of about 51 feet is to be lengthened to 80 feet thereby providing extra clearance for boats. The bridge is the property of the Morehead City and Beaufort Railroad Company.

# Voting Goes Light in All Town Elections

## Better Weekend Bus Service To Atlantic Probable

Residents of the Atlantic area may soon have better bus service to Beaufort if a request made of the North Carolina Public Utilities commission is granted.

The Seashore Transportation company of New Bern has requested the Utilities commission to grant it a permit to operate a bus between Beaufort and Atlantic, connecting with the Ocracoke mail boat on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. The permit would be valid for a 60-day trial period only.

C. H. Hall, Jr., vice-president of the bus company, has stated that it is the desire of the bus company to serve all the needs of its patrons but since it is not subsidized, it can not render service unless a sufficient amount of traffic is carried. As an example he said it takes 32 cents a mile to operate buses. The average income on the Atlantic bus route has been about 17 cents a mile, he added.

Wiley H. Taylor, Jr., chairman of the transportation committee of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce, said today that he is pleased with the prospect of getting bus service to Atlantic.

"I hope the new schedule will receive enough patronage to make it financially feasible for the company to continue bus service after the 60-day trial period," he said. "If it answers the needs of residents, I am sure the company will continue service if revenue justifies continuance."

Mr. Hall said that in continuation of its services to the public the bus company was starting delivery of new, modernly equipped Mainliners made by the Beck company. Mr. Hall left New Bern Thursday to accept delivery on the first two buses.

Work on getting better bus service to Atlantic has been achieved through the joint cooperation of the transportation committee of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce, the Seashore Transportation company, and the Utilities commission.

## Barbecue Supper Brings Agreement

An informal agreement that neither Beaufort or Morehead City would incorporate the Morehead City-Beaufort causeway was reached at a barbecue held at Morehead City Commissioner M. T. Mills' camp near Havelock Wednesday night.

The commissioners, mayors and port commissioners held the barbecue in celebration of their election Tuesday.

Another agreement was made to establish a causeway joint zoning board of appeal composed of three members from Beaufort, three from Morehead City and one from the port commission. It is expected that both town boards will pass acts setting up this board at their June meetings.

The group decided to hold another joint meeting soon to clear up any misunderstanding about the boundaries of land controlled by the State Ports Authority. A copy of the ports act and a map of the Beaufort - Morehead City area will be on hand so that the group can see for themselves where town authority ends and ports authority begins.

## Miss Morehead Contestants To Meet at 8 Monday Night

All girls entered in or interested in the Miss Morehead City contest to be held Friday, May 27, will meet Monday night at 8 o'clock at the Webb Memorial Building in Morehead City to rehearse and perfect their talent acts.

The girls met Tuesday night and practiced their acts with the help of Mrs. W. C. Carlton.

Charles Willis, chairman of the entry committee, has urged all girls to come out Monday night for the tryouts. He added that no obligation would be incurred by being present.

## Penning Ponies on Cedar Isle



At the end of the drive the drivers on horseback maneuver the ponies into the pen. In the foreground is the fence which stretches from the pen, eastward into Pamlico Sound.

The first group of horses in the pen will be joined soon by others which escaped during the first drive. Men and boys standing outside the fence let out loud Indian-like yells as the horses thunder by and into the enclosure.

Not many people know it, but there are pony pennings on Cedar Island. The men of Roe and Lola, the two communities of the island, round up the horses that have run wild on the marshes all winter. This strenuous activity takes place every sunny Sunday just for sport.

By the time six or eight Sundays have passed, I imagine the horses, which are turned loose again every Sunday evening, soon come to know what day of the week it is when they see men coming after them, so they obediently start the trek to the pen.

There is one wild stallion, however, that the penners are trying to get hold of and for that reason, I imagine, the men continue with their weekly roundup.

The beaters usually start out after the horses early in the morning and by noon a crowd gathers in the vicinity of the pen, a circular wire enclosure, each spectator hoping to be the first to catch sight of a flowing mane above the high marsh grass—sign of the first horse to be driven in.

The horses are driven from the south. A barbed wire fence stretching west from the pen straight eastward and out into Pamlico sound keeps the animals from dashing out into the water and on northward beyond the penning grounds.

The average number of horses taken each Sunday is about 12. The men claim there are between 15 and 20 that are too wild, that with their wily cunning escape the beaters all the time.

Some beaters ride their own horses in the roundup. Tossing a burlap bag across the back of their mounts, they grab the rope (occasionally they're leather) bridles and in a flash gallop away southward.

The pen is round, made of small pine sapling trunks and wire. Once inside the horses mill around, dole for the most part. Several weeks ago, however, two stallions tangled in a tight that had spectators spellbound — and nervous. Springtime and the mating season brings to the fore all the winter-dormant instincts.

The Cedar Island ponies are, generally, much larger than the famous banker ponies. They have sprung mostly from horses that were born in captivity and later turned loose.

If you make the drive on a Sunday to Cedar Island, about an hour from Beaufort or Morehead City, among the beaters you may see John Gaskill, Roderick Emory, Troy Goodwin or Eugene Styron. Other young bucks awaiting the final moments of the drive may include Alton Goodwin, Clyde Styron, Russell Gaskill, Charles Styron, Rupert Styron, Dennis Goodwin, Jr., Roy Simmons, or James Goodwin, of the Roe community.

For those who find too strenuous the trip to Shackleford banks to see a penning, Cedar Island is the answer.

## Beach to Open Tomorrow

An expense-paid weekend for two at the Ocean King Hotel and \$150 in cash prizes will be given away to the 10 lucky people who have their names drawn at the informal opening of Atlantic Beach tomorrow. The expense-paid weekend is the first prize, four \$25 cash prizes are second in line and five \$10 bills are third prizes.

Motorists and pedestrians entering the beach bridge from Morehead City will be given tickets with space for their names and addresses on them. When they reach the beach they can deposit the tickets in a barrel in front of the Surf club and at 10 o'clock Saturday night a drawing for prize winners will be held.

A dance had been planned for the gala opening but since the Surf club is up for sale it was called off. Instead, music will be provided for the drawing for prizes. It is planned to hold the dance at some later date.

Though tomorrow is only the preliminary opening, the Atlantic Beach Businessmen's association stressed that all businesses will be open and ready for business. Workmen have been busy this past week cleaning and grading the beach for the safety and comfort of its patrons.

Plans for this summer's activities at the beach have not been completed yet but it is expected that the Showcase of Beauties program will be continued this summer.

Each Wednesday a bathing beauty will be chosen as Miss Atlantic Beach of the week and presented with a bathing suit. At the end of the summer a grand contest among the summer's winners will be held and Miss Atlantic Beach of 1949 will be chosen. The final winner will be presented with valuable prizes and a loving cup that she may keep for a year.

Judge Luther Hamilton, Morehead City, superior court judge, will hold one week of civil court in Lee county starting June 20.

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## Blue Mold Attacks Tobacco Plants

Farmers in the county have experienced the most severe attack of blue mold on their tobacco plant beds in recent years, according to reports received by R. M. Williams, county farm agent.

On many farms there is a shortage of plants to fill the tobacco acreage allotments since the blue mold and an early cold spell played havoc with farmers' plans. Less than 50 per cent of the county's tobacco land has had plants set in it because the attack of blue mold has delayed setting 10 days to two weeks.

Prospects for the Irish potato crop in the county are fairly good at the present time, Mr. Williams states. He says the crop is growing rapidly with tops looking good and blooming now. He believes the crop should make a fair yield.

He added that the recent rains benefited all crops, particularly since there was such a long dry spell preceding the rain.

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Other speakers who have worked in this section are Dr. H. L. Blomquist who will talk on the "Saragosa of the West Atlantic," Dr. K. M. Wilbur who will give a paper with Dr. P. J. Kramer of Duke on "The Absorption of Radioactive Phosphorus by Mycorrhizal Roots of Pine," Dr. F. A. Wolf who will speak on "Tobacco Leaf Curl," Dr. John A. Yarbrough of Meredith College, whose topic is "The Peanut Seedling: The Morphology of Hypocotyl and Epicotyl," A. S. Pearce will speak on the Copepods of Bimini, T. L. Quay of State college will address the zoology section on "A Mid-winter Weather Movement of Some Small Birds" and Dr. J. R. Bailey of Duke will speak to the wildlife section on "The Distribution of Fishes in the Mississippi Drainage System of North Carolina." Dr. George Wharton's subject is "The Distribution of Pest Chiggers near Duke University." Dr. Reinard Harkema, of State college, who has spent several summers here as a research worker at the Duke Laboratory, is secretary of the Academy.

## Morehead Agrees On Purchase Plan For Hospital

Members of the town board of Morehead City and F. A. Buck, Columbia, S. C., representing the Federal Works agency, came to an agreement Wednesday morning on purchase of the east wing of the hospital.

The east wing, built by the government to care for the injured during world war II, will be bought by Morehead City for \$17,500. This wing includes the maternity ward, the nurses' living quarters, kitchen, dining room, hospital living room and has a bed capacity equal to that of the original building.

Under the agreement made Wednesday morning Mayor George W. Dill, Jr., stated that the hospital will pay \$3,275.90 now and over the next eight years the town will pay, at 3 per cent interest, the balance, \$14,226.10.

At the conclusion of that time the hospital will be turned over to Morehead City.

## Five Morehead Firemen Attend School at Charlotte

Five Morehead City firemen were appointed Monday night to attend the North Carolina Fire school at Charlotte which was in session three days, ending today.

They are Jimmy Smith, M. T. Lewis, George T. Lawrence, Vernon Guthrie, and Duffy Guthrie.

Leslie Brinson, fireman, led a discussion on the danger of broken fluorescent light tubes. Mr. Brinson, using information in a firemen's safety bulletin, told the men that broken tubes, lined with the chemical phosphor can cause complications if one cuts himself on the tube or the chemical gets in an open wound.

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