

Wiley Taylor, Beaufort Postmaster, Will Retire Wednesday, June 1

Fire Destroys Bradsher Home

Site of Visits by Many Beaufort Residents Burns To Ground

The large brick home located in the Croatan section on Neuse river, owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Bradsher, was destroyed by fire Wednesday morning. Mrs. Bradsher is the sister of Miss Amy Muse Beaufort. The home was valued at between \$75,000 and \$100,000 and, according to nearby residents, was believed to have been fully covered by insurance. Mr. Bradsher is a retired tobacco man.

The home was built during the late 1920s and cost approximately \$50,000 at that time. Since then much work had been done toward remodeling the building and all modern conveniences were installed. The home contained valuable antiques and was visited frequently by many Beaufort residents.

The fire, of an undetermined origin, was discovered by Mr. Bradsher about 7 o'clock. Neighbors rushed to the scene but efforts to put out the blaze were futile. Only three dresser drawers containing some clothing were saved from the fire. Mr. Bradsher received minor burns on the hands and face in attempting to save other articles from the house.

Firemen from New Bern were dispatched to the scene at 7:20 o'clock but the house was too far gone before they arrived and nothing was saved. Only the chimney remains of what was a spacious dwelling, reported firemen upon returning to New Bern.

Tar Heel Woman Features County

The May issue of the "Tar Heel Woman," official organ of the North Carolina Business and Professional Women's club, carries stories on Carteret county and the convention program for the state convention of the Business and Professional Women's club which will be held at Atlantic Beach June 17-19.

Contributors to the issue are Aycock Brown, F. C. Salisbury, Miss Ruth Peeling, Mrs. Harold Humm, Miss Doris Leach, Miss Christine Vick, and Dan Walker, manager of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce.

There are also two welcome messages from the mayor of Beaufort and the mayor of Morehead City.

Two articles, one by Robert G. Lowe, manager of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, and by Mrs. Darden Eure, Morehead City, could not be included in the May issue. Mrs. Stella Price, editor, reported, but they will appear in the June issue.

The magazine also carries advertisements by Carteret county businesses.

Mr. Brown's article tells of the vacationist features of Carteret county. Mr. Salisbury, columnist for THE NEWS-TIMES, writes on the historical points of interest. Miss Peeling wrote the article on the county Business and Professional Women's club. Mrs. Humm and Miss Leach wrote items on the college units in Carteret. Miss Vick's contribution is on Morehead City hospital, and Mr. Walker wrote about farming and fishing in the county.

There are also numerous pictures including the court house, Morehead City hospital, Miss Leanda Salter of Davis, and on the cover page is a picture of Beaufort's waterfront during the menhaden season.

Beaufort Jaycees Meet, Bowl at Atlantic Beach

A short business session was held by Beaufort Jaycees Monday night at the Inlet Inn prior to their visit to Atlantic Beach to continue the bowling tournament which will last until late summer.

Claude Wheatly, Jr., was appointed to name a committee to arrange a ladies night and an installation of officers banquet in the near future.

It was decided that the Miss Beaufort contest committee and the Jaycee board of directors should meet next week to discuss plans for the contest which will be held June 17.

Five Seniors Will Receive Diplomas at Ocracoke June 5



These five Ocracoke seniors will be graduated at 7:30 Sunday night, June 5, at exercises in the United Methodist church, Ocracoke.

Baccalaureate and commencement will be combined. The Rev. C. J. Tilley, pastor of the church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon. N. W. Shelton, Hyde county superintendent of schools will present the diplomas, and Theodore

Rondthaler, principal, will present honors awards to the seniors and outstanding pupils in other grades.

Valedictorian of the class is Ward Garrison, son of Mrs. James Garrison. Seniors above are, left to right, Audrey Spencer, Geraldine O'Neal, Colleen Wahab, Ward Garrison, and Cantwell Williams.

Guard Unit Goes On Official Status

Carteret county's own National Guard unit, battery B of the 449th field artillery, has officially been activated and is now holding regular meetings with new members always welcome. Capt. Lonnie Bill, commanding officer of the unit, reported today.

Col. Norman McNeill of state guard headquarters in Raleigh and his two assistants, Colonel Camp of the office of Army Instruction in New Bern and Maj. Abbott Wetherly of the 196th Field Artillery Group in Kinston, made a complete inspection of the unit's facilities, training and records Tuesday, May 17. Following the inspection the unit was declared officially activated and made a part of the National Guard which serves as one branch of the Army's reserve forces.

Other officers in the unit are Lt. Howard Rivers of Morehead City, Lt. Wyatt Jones of New Bern 1st Sgt. William French of Newport.

Six new recruits showed up at the first official meeting of the unit Tuesday night. Captain Dill stated that there are vacancies for four officers and over 80 men in the unit and that all veterans of any of the branches of the armed forces and others interested are welcome at any of the meetings which are held every Tuesday night at 7:30 at the recreational center in Morehead City.

From August 14-28 of this year the local unit will attend summer maneuvers at Fort Jackson, S. C. National Guard units from both North and South Carolina will be present.

Tar Heels Afloat Cruise Gets Under Way Tomorrow

Over 75 yachts and pleasure craft will converge on Morehead City tomorrow for the first annual Memorial Day cruise by Tar Heels Afloat, only yachting organization in the world requiring no membership dues.

The group making up a flotilla ranging in size from speed boats to yachts of more than 100 feet in length, will rendezvous at Morehead City Yacht basin Saturday. On Sunday, the boats will begin moving up Adams Creek for the cruise on Neuse river to the Trent Pines club at New Bern where more entertainment has been planned by the East Carolina Yacht club of the Craven capital.

In charge of completing plans this week are Chambers of Commerce Managers George Arrington of New Bern, Robert G. Lowe of Morehead City and Capt. Charles N. Bennett, commodore of Tar Heels Afloat.

Members of the Board of Directors of the Beaufort Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Miss Beaufort contest committee will meet Monday night at 7:30 at the Inlet Inn to discuss plans for the contest which will be held June 17.

Methodists Begin Building Program At Williston

Congregation Plans Improvements Estimated To Cost \$11,500

Members of the Williston Methodist church have launched a building program which will cost approximately \$11,500, the Rev. H. L. Harrell, pastor, announced today. The program calls for nine Sunday school rooms, two rest rooms, a kitchen, assembly hall, and a porch on the front of the present building. Over one thousand dollars was raised one Sunday morning during Sunday school hour.

The architects for the building program are Lintieum and Lintieum of Raleigh, the same architects who drew the plans for First Methodist church, Morehead City.

Elmo Wade is chairman of the building committee, and Mr. Rudolph Piner is treasurer. Other members of the committee are Jesse Piner, Eldon Fulcher, Fulford Willis and Stacy Willis.

Convention Schedule Expands

The convention schedule for the summer expanded this week when the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce completed plans for two more gatherings, one to be held next week and the other in August.

Approximately 700 members of the Norfolk Southern Railway Employees association will arrive in Morehead City Monday morning for an all-day outing. They will arrive in time for breakfast and then be free to go sightseeing or enjoy other attractions. Later they will meet at Atlantic Beach and have lunch at the Atlantic Beach and Ocean King hotels.

Monday night the group will have a clam bake at the Morehead City Recreational center, take one last look around and then board their special train for the return trip to Norfolk.

On August 22-24, the convention of the North Carolina Junior Order of United American Mechanics will take place in the Morehead City-Atlantic Beach area. Forest G. Shearin, state secretary of the order, has announced. Members of the order will arrive and be registered on Monday, the 22nd. Business sessions at the Surf Club on Atlantic Beach will be held the next two days.

Tuesday night the annual banquet of the group will be held at the Ocean King hotel. During business sessions the ladies present will be entertained with bridge games and sightseeing trips.

Leaf Referendum Due July 23

A referendum on tobacco marketing quotas will be held July 23, B. J. May, Producing Marketing administrator, announced today. Present quotas were voted in for a three year period in 1946, thus making another referendum necessary this year.

Tobacco growers will have three choices on their ballots: 1. to establish quotas for 1950 alone, 2. to establish quotas for 1950-52, and 3. to abolish quotas altogether. A two-thirds vote will be necessary to approve any of the choices. Ninety seven and a half per cent of the votes cast in the 1946 referendum were in favor of quotas.

Marketing quotas on tobacco have been in effect every year except one since 1938. In 1939 quotas were voted out but were voted in again when tobacco prices dropped 20 to 25 per cent. In 1948, under quotas, tobacco in this area averaged 49 1/2 cents per pound. In 1933 it averaged eight cents per pound.

Farmers planning to overplant their acreage allotments for 1949 are warned by the PMA that the penalty on excess tobacco for the 1949 crop will be 20 cents per pound.

Second Division Marines Come from Mediterranean

A Marine troop transport, the U.S.S. Winston (AKA 94), arrived at port terminal Tuesday with troops returning from duty in the Mediterranean area.

Troops aboard the Winston have been serving in the Mediterranean for five months and were recently replaced by men from Camp Lejeune. All troops, both replacements and returning, are from units of the Second Marine division.

Following unloading activities the Winston weighed anchor Wednesday noon for its base in Norfolk.

Albatross Starts Work on Coast

Research Vessel Leaves Tuesday, Will Return To Port June 3

The Albatross, federal research vessel which arrived Saturday to undertake a survey of coastal waters of North Carolina, left Port Terminal Tuesday on the first part of its research program. It will return to port again Friday, June 3.

Fishermen of this area will be taken on a demonstration trip aboard the Albatross Tuesday, June 7, and then the ship will leave port again June 8, complete its work along the coast and then head north without returning to Morehead City.

Objectives of the Albatross cruises in these waters are to determine the distribution of temperatures, salinities and densities between Cape Hatteras and Cape Fear from the coast out to the Gulf stream, to determine distribution of eggs and larvae of shrimp and fish between Cape Lookout and Cape Fear, and to determine the depth and accurate position on all courses run in order to provide additional data on bottom hydrography.

Aboard the Albatross for the cruise now underway are the following men from the Fish and Wildlife Service: William F. Royce, chief scientist, Raymond J. Builer, Howard A. Schuck, John B. Colton, and Isaac Ginsberg. Mr. Ginsberg is the National Museum fish specialist.

From the Institute of Fisheries Research, Eugene Roelofs, John Wegner, L. E. Gray, and W. H. Sutcliffe; from Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Robert Abel and Carl Hayes.

Building Begins At Currituck Track

Work began Wednesday on the building of the new dog track in Currituck county near Moyock and 1,000 yards south of the Virginia line.

The contract has been let to the Virginia Engineering corporation, Norfolk, general contractors. The track, being built by the Carolina-Virginia Racing association, incorporated, will be on the west side of route 170.

Preliminary work, which is expected to be finished by July 1, includes excavation for the track, grading the parking area, and then laying base concrete for construction of the grandstand, club house, and paddock.

Steel for construction of the grandstand has been promised for delivery July 1.

The main parking area will accommodate 1,500 cars and an auxiliary parking area, 1,000 cars. This track, to be built at a minimum estimated cost of \$350,000 will officially open Aug. 15.

It will be the newest and most modern track in America, according to Carolina-Virginia Racing association officials, and second in

Tide Table

	HIGH	LOW
Friday, May 27		
7:50 a.m.	1:56 p.m.	
8:05 p.m.	1:42 p.m.	
Saturday, May 28		
8:29 a.m.	2:35 a.m.	
8:44 p.m.	2:19 p.m.	
Sunday, May 29		
9:09 a.m.	3:14 a.m.	
9:25 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	
Monday, May 30		
9:49 a.m.	3:54 a.m.	
10:08 p.m.	3:43 p.m.	
Tuesday, May 31		
10:35 a.m.	4:37 a.m.	
10:56 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	

C. Z. Chappell Will Serve As Acting Postmaster

Wiley Taylor, Beaufort's postmaster for 16 years, will retire Wednesday June 1, at the age of 70.

Mr. Taylor will be succeeded by C. Z. Chappell, Beaufort, who will serve as acting postmaster until civil service examinations are given. These will determine who will be the retiring postmaster's permanent successor.

Mr. Taylor was appointed Sept. 7, 1933 as acting postmaster, succeeding R. B. Wheatly who retired and moved to Washington, N. C.

Under the Hatch Act, a federal employee cannot hold any other governmental position. C. Z. Chappell will be obligated, therefore, to resign from the county board of commissioners. That position will be filled by an appointment made by A. H. James, clerk of superior court.

At that time Mr. Taylor was a successful wholesale groceryman but at the urging of friends accepted the position at the postoffice.

In announcing his successor, Mr. Taylor had nothing but praise for the employees at the postoffice. "I've enjoyed working here," declared Mr. Taylor. "I've worked with a nice group of people and it's the association with them that I'll miss more than anything. They have been loyal and people ought to appreciate them more than they do. They have taken a lot of unwarranted abuse."

During Mr. Taylor's 16 years at the postoffice he took only one of the 15-day vacations granted the postmaster annually. "And then I nearly drove everybody at home crazy," he recalled. "I'd walk to the shore then back to the house and read and then down to the shore again. Finally I got a colored man and built a fence." That was his last two-weeks vacation. He has taken a day or two off at a time, but that's all.

"I believe it would take six months to spend all the vacation time I've piled up," he added. In 1939, when postmasters were put under the civil service act, Mr. Taylor took the examination at New Bern and received a life appointment or until he reached the age of 70.

He doesn't have any definite plans for his "days of leisure." He is considering the possibility of entering the business world again but he's interested merely in keeping himself busy.

His last day as postmaster at Beaufort will end at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening.

Mr. Chappell, who is part owner of City Appliance company Beaufort, will be acting postmaster.

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Wiley Taylor

Motor Vehicle Law Violations Crowd Docket

Jesse D. Eatherley was found guilty of driving after his license had been revoked and was sentenced to six months on the roads in Tuesday's session of recorder's court in Beaufort. Judge Lambert Morris then suspended sentence on condition that he pay a \$200 fine and the costs of court within 30 days.

James W. Taylor, charged with driving drunk, was found guilty of reckless driving and fined \$100 and costs. The same decision and penalty was reached in the case of John W. Douglas also charged with drunken driving.

A plea of guilty was entered in the case of James Evans, Jr., who was charged with larceny of an air hose and gas from the filling station of W. D. Smith. He was taxed with the cost and fined \$17, \$7 of which was to go to W. D. Smith. Sgt. Thomas Jackson and Cpl. William Daniels were found not guilty of the same charge.

James Worthington Cole and Charles Aites pleaded guilty to the possession of non-tax-paid whiskey and paid the costs and a \$10 fine.

The charge of hit and run against Lewis E. Gordon was amended to read public drunkenness. He was found guilty and required to pay the costs. Claude Salter

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Uncle Sam Begins Purchase of No. 2 Irish Potatoes

At Time Amended Order Came Through 20 Carloads Awaited Shipment

An amended order authorizing the government purchase of No. 2 Irish potatoes went into effect Tuesday of this week, announced H. T. Carraway, chairman of the Carteret County Farm Bureau fruit and vegetable committee. Mr. Carraway received wires from R. Flake Shaw, executive vice-president of the State Farm Bureau, and Congressman Graham A. Barden, giving potato growers and dealers the green light to begin moving these potatoes which had filled all grading sheds in the county to capacity.

R. M. Williams, county farm agent, estimated that at the time this order went into effect that there were 20 cars of No. 2 potatoes waiting to be moved. Tom Scott and Horace Godfrey of the State P.M.A. office, Raleigh, made an inspection of potatoes in the county to determine the situation Thursday of last week. B. J. May, local PMA supervisor, was appointed by Mr. Scott's office to purchase potatoes for the government from the local dealers.

Seven cars of B's left the county Tuesday and 16 cars Wednesday. These potatoes will be sold to livestock farmers for feed purposes. Some of the potatoes will go to school lunch rooms, hospitals, and state penitentiaries for human consumption.

If more than 50 per cent of the potato surface has been feathered or the skin removed, the potato growers will receive 10 cents per hundred weight under support price.

The Marketing Agreement provision will allow any No. 2 B's or commercial to be sold through regular trade channels. This is a forward step in improving the quality of potatoes reaching the terminal markets.

Prices of No. 1 potatoes broke this week due to heavy movements of California potatoes into the Northern markets.

Favorable prices last week and fear of attacks of late blight speeded up the harvesting of potatoes in the county.

Very little trouble with potato scab has been reported by the inspectors. The quality is good and the yield per acre has averaged so far from 100 to 110 bags of primes.

Beauty, Talent Pageant Will Begin at 7:30 Tonight

Coroner Pronounces Taylor Death 'Suicide'

Coroner Pritchard Lewis, after investigation, reported that the death of Mrs. Myrtle Taylor, New Bern, was a suicide.

Mrs. Taylor's body was found Thursday, May 19, in a small canal off Core Creek. She was 56 years old.

The deceased left a note for the family in which she said she intended to take her life. According to the coroner, she slashed her wrists, and when this failed to bring death, she tried drowning, an attempt which was successful. Relatives stated that Mrs. Taylor was mentally unbalanced.

Funeral services were conducted for the New Bern woman at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the Harlowe Methodist church.

Pastor to Leave New Bern, Presents Gifts to City

Rev. Thomas W. Fryer, pastor of the First Baptist church of New Bern who was host to President Truman when he visited New Bern last November, is soon to leave to accept a pastorate at Suffolk, Va.

The pastor presented tokens and gifts which he recently brought back from Bern, Switzerland, to New Bern city officials at the Tuesday evening meeting of the New Bern Rotary club.

First public showing of the gifts and tokens, it was announced Tuesday, was in the city recreation building Wednesday afternoon between the hours of 3 and 8 o'clock, during the council meeting of the Craven chapter of the American Junior Red Cross.

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Member Officer Speaks to Jaycees

A report that the membership of the Morehead City Jaycees is much more active and interested in the club's work than are members of other clubs was given by W. B. Chalk at Monday's meeting in the Fort Macon hotel dining room.

Mr. Chalk is chairman of the membership committee.

The speaker said that there are 85 members in the local club and that usually half of them show up for the weekly meetings, a much higher percentage than at other civic and service clubs. Mr. Chalk added that he had attended the meetings of other Jaycee Clubs in recent months and that their interest was nil in comparison with Morehead City's organization.

"The object of our club is aid in the betterment of Morehead City," the speaker stated. "Our work shows that we keep this object continually in mind."

Following the membership speech, Bernard Leary added that he wholeheartedly agreed with Mr. Chalk's views but that there was still room for improvement. He said that Morehead City Jaycees one of the first such organizations in the state should be the winner presented each year to larger clubs. He expressed the hope that the local club would make a strong effort to win such an award this year.

Skinner Chalk, Jr., concluded the meeting with a summary of talks he had with visiting Jaycees recently. Many of them do not feel that Morehead City has been hospitable.

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