

\$50,000 Fire Sweeps Shad Boat After Engine Blows Up

Bernard Leary Reports on State Jaycee Session

A report on last weekend's state Jaycee executive board meeting in High Point was made by district vice-president Bernard Leary of Morehead City Jaycees at their Monday night meeting in the Fort Macon Hotel dining room.

Mr. Leary disclosed that the state organization is considering dropping its franchise for holding the Miss North Carolina contest and that if it is dropped, Morehead City has an excellent chance of obtaining it. He added that a large amount of investigative work would have to be done before the state organization comes to a decision.

Jaycee Bob Howard stated that though it would be a good thing if Morehead City gained the franchise, he felt that the state organization should retain it. He said North Carolina Jaycees were the first in the nation to take over sponsorship of the contest and they would be setting a poor example if they were the first to drop it.

President James R. Sanders read several letters from participating clubs and photographers who were present for the recent Miss North Carolina pageant in Morehead City. Paul Cleland, of the Carolina Racing Association also extended his congratulations on the manner the pageant was staged and offered his full cooperation in any future Jaycee projects. Beaufort Jaycees also congratulated the group on its work.

President Sanders disclosed that at last week's board of directors meeting it was decided to donate 12 and one half per cent of the gate receipts from the pageant to Rocky Mount Jaycees, sponsors of this year's Miss North Carolina, to help defray the expenses of sending Miss North Carolina to the national pageant at Atlantic City, N. J., in September.

D. G. Bell disclosed that plans for the August 4th Coast Guard anniversary celebration in Morehead City were nearly complete but that Jaycees were being asked to assist in providing entertainment for 48 Coast Guardsmen and their wives following the water show which will be presented during the day at the Port Terminal.

It was suggested that a dance would be the most appropriate affair and something in which Jaycees themselves could participate. Alvah Hamilton, Jr., was appointed chairman of a committee to work out details of the entertainment.

H. S. Gibbs, Jr., appealed to the group by bring thinking about a Jaycee program to be operated in conjunction with National Safety Week in September. He said he felt the best program would be proper safety education work and

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Conservation-Development Board Will Meet Monday

The Board of Conservation and Development will meet in the board room of the administration building, office of commercial fisheries, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

At that time commercial fishermen will appear before the committee and present proposals for change in fishing rules and regulations.

Reports will also be given on various phases of conservation and development work. It is expected that the successor to Bill Sharpe head of the state news bureau who has resigned, will be named at that time.

The new director of the board of Conservation and Development, succeeding Bruce Etheridge, is George R. Ross.

Three Schools Get New Principals

Three new school principals will begin work in the county when schools open in the fall, county superintendent of schools H. L. Joslyn announced today.

H. D. Epting, principal of the school at Alliance, will assume the principalship at Harker's Island school which has eight teachers and 246 pupils. Mr. Epting is a native of Little Mountain, S. C., and received his A. B. Degree at Newberry college, Newberry, S. C.

The new principal has done graduate work at the University of South Carolina, North Carolina State college and the University of North Carolina. He is married and has one daughter who is a college student.

Bruce E. Tarkington, native of Belhaven, is the new principal of Smyrna school. Mr. Tarkington, a graduate of Wake Forest college with a B. S. degree in 1942, will be in charge of 13 teachers and 348 pupils at Smyrna.

Smyrna's new principal served in the Navy three years during the war and gained his experience in the Belhaven schools. At the present time he is studying for a Master's degree in Administrative Education at East Carolina Teacher's college, Greenville, and will move to Smyrna with his wife and small daughter later this summer.

Thomas S. Hood, principal of Smyrna school, will go to Atlantic to replace principal M. R. Barfield who is going into business in Goldsboro. George D. Hardesty, former principal of Harker's Island school, will be a member of Newport school faculty this year.

Numbers have been painted on Beaufort parking meters recently in an effort to assist both police and motorists. In the future, motorists who find that their parking meters will not work can tell the police the number of the meter in order that repair work can be done.

Contrary to early reports, three Negro crew members from Beaufort were injured in the explosion and fire on the menhaden boat Misspillon Wednesday morning.

Willie Fulford received a foot injury, Joe James sustained burns on his hands, and George Davis, engineer, suffered extensive burns on his legs, arms, and the side of his face.

The 20 crew members were picked up on the menhaden boat, Sea King, and returned to Beaufort. W. H. Potter, of Beaufort Fisheries, reported today that \$50,000 damage was caused to the Misspillon by the fire which burned on her for about five hours after the main engine exploded at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning. The tragedy occurred four miles off Atlantic Beach.

Capt. Brady Wade, Williston, ordered his men to abandon ship when it was seen that they could not battle the spreading flames and that fuel tanks were in danger of exploding.

The boat itself was not insured but his company is protected, Mr. Potter said, against injury to personnel or death of crewmen while fishing.

The 100,000 fish aboard at the time of the tragedy were saved. They remained in the hold and were removed from the boat when it was towed late Wednesday afternoon to the plant's pier by the W. A. Mace.

The Misspillon, which was built by the Fish Meal company, Beaufort, in 1942, was purchased by Beaufort Fisheries in 1944. She is being stripped now at the plant dock and the engine will be removed at Port Terminal within the next few days.

Repairs will be made on ways at Morehead City or New Bern and she is expected to be ready for fishing again by the middle of October.

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Plans Progress On Aug. 4 Coast Guard Celebration

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Leaf-Growing Farmers To Go to Polls Tomorrow

That's Tomorrow!



"I'm no tobacco farmer," says young Larry Allen of Wake County, N. C., "but tomorrow, July 23, is an important date for everybody. That's the day every flue-cured grower—landowner, tenant, and sharecropper—should go to his community polling place to vote on TOBACCO ASSOCIATES and MARKETING QUOTAS. My Daddy says tobacco farmers have the best program they've ever had, but they must vote tomorrow to keep that program."

Arkansas Travelers Receive Two Shocks as Result of Swim

Rotary President Names Chairman

Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, newly installed Beaufort Rotary president, outlined his program for the coming year and appointed chairmen for the four principal Rotary committees at Tuesday night's meeting in the Inlet Inn dining room.

President Ennett stated that he believed the club could serve the community much more effectively if it had an increased membership. He said his two major objectives of the year would be to bring into the club all eligibles and desirable personnel and to further more active community service by the club.

Chairmen appointed were B. J. May, community service; W. E. Downum, club service; L. A. "Jack" Oakley, vocational service; and Rev. W. Y. Stewart, international service. Each committee chairman is to select two other Rotarians to serve on his committee.

The community service committee was asked to begin an immediate survey of Beaufort and the county and bring in recommendations for the chief project for the club this year. When brought in, the club will determine which project shall be undertaken.

The treasurer was instructed to draw up a quarterly financial report and attendance record which will be mimeographed and put into the hands of each member.

Blanks for Insurance Refunds Available in Fall

World War II veterans who are expecting insurance refunds for money they paid the government during the war were advised today by C. L. Beam, veterans service officer, that application blanks for the refunds would not be available before late October or early November.

Mr. Beam stated that the blanks would be in his office in the American Legion hut, Beaufort, in the fall. He said that the blanks should be filled out and application made before Jan. 1.

According to information received by the service officers, the estimated average refund to be received by each veteran will amount to between 30 and 40 per cent of the amount paid on insurance by the veteran between January 1, 1946.

As a parting word Mr. Beam suggested that veterans use the refund checks when they are received to reinstate their National Service Life insurance or pay for the insurance in advance.

The evening of June 17 a distress motorist in bathing suit walked into the Sound Chevrolet company, Morehead City.

He and his family had been swimming at an isolated spot on the beach. When they returned to their car, they found that everything in it had been stolen, including their clothes and car keys!

Although it was after closing hours, Ed Oglesby employee at the garage, towed the car to Morehead City, and Malcolm Collins, mechanic, made a new set of keys.

It so happened that the victims of the robbery were the Rev. David Shepperson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, El Dorado, Arkansas, his wife, son, and daughter.

Among the stolen articles was a wrist watch, two pairs of glasses, small pieces of jewelry, several of the minister's cards, some cash that was in the toe of a shoe, and a New Testament.

The unbelievable happened June 25, when the postman delivered to the Sheppersons door in Arkansas a package postmarked New Bern, bearing a return address, and containing every article that had been removed from the car, including a small wrench and a handful of nickles and dimes.

M. T. (Tom) Mills, owner and manager of Sound Chevrolet company, received the following letter from Mrs. Shepperson:

"You were so kind to a car of Arkansas travelers several weeks ago, I thought you'd be interested in the outcome of our mishap in your city. On June 25th the postman brought us a package containing every article that had been stolen from our car the evening of June 17th, there was even a return address on it and it was mailed at New Bern. Not only that, but the person spent 31 cents postage to mail it to us

Cordially Mrs. David Shepperson

Enclosed with the letter was a clipping from an El Dorado paper which reported the unusual incident.

Maybe the New Testament served to convert some misguided soul, or perhaps a "practical joke" was played on the wrong party. . . in this day and age, this just shows that miracles DO happen.

B. J. May, county Production Marketing administrator, today released a statement on the marketing quotas and Tobacco Associates referendum to be held in Carteret county and every flue-cured tobacco producing county in the United States tomorrow. His statement follows:

"Flue-cured tobacco farmers will go to the polls tomorrow to vote on the proposition of whether to continue marketing quotas after 1949.

"Congressmen from flue-cured tobacco states have battled to continue marketing quotas and price support on flue-cured tobacco. The number of tobacco producers voting in the Saturday referendum will have a far-reaching effect on future policy of the government in reference to quotas and price supports.

"If a large number vote tomorrow, the future will be well assured; if only a small number vote, the prospect of government support will be lessened.

"Marketing quotas have been in effect since 1938, with the exception of 1939. When quotas were lifted in 1939, a number of farmers who had never grown tobacco planted it for the first time, thereby establishing a base. In 1940 when quotas were reinstated and a national goal established, new growers had to be taken into consideration.

"In order to take care of them, North Carolina lost over 15 per cent of her 1938 allotment. Tobacco producers can readily see what might happen if marketing quotas were discontinued for even one year.

"The polls open at 7 o'clock tomorrow morning and close at 7 tomorrow night. I urge every tobacco growing farmer in the county to go to the polls and vote, thereby showing his interest in a subject that vitally affects their economy."

Morehead Water Found Polluted

Chamber Opposes Power Rate Raise

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Following the power company's presentation of their case, the board voted to oppose the increase. Braxton Adair was appointed chairman of a committee to go to Wilmington Thursday to the hearing before the utilities commission. Persons wishing to accompany him should contact him as soon as possible, Mr. Adair reported today.

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Mr. Gallagher said that under the new commercial rate structure, business enterprises can convert to single meter service, which in many cases means a saving over having several meters. Single meter service does away with the necessity of multiple metering. See POWER RATE Page Three

Morehead City Buys Road Grader

Board Appropriates \$100 For Purchase of Bike Reflector Tape

Morehead City commissioners ordered the rental purchase of a motor grader from Carolina Equipment company at their session in the municipal building Tuesday night.

The grader, total cost \$3,000, to be paid in 10 months without interest, will be used to grade unpaved streets in town. Clyde Jones who has advised the board on street improvement problems, recommended purchase of the grader suggested that in the following year more equipment be bought which will make macadamizing of dirt streets possible.

Mr. Jones said the one of the most important problems at present is drainage. Bringing streets up to grade, will accomplish nothing.

He recommended purchase of local labor can then be used, and secondly, road contractors will be available only at a premium in the coming few years because of the state's \$200,000,000 road building program.

M. A. Mears, salesman from the Carolina Equipment company, attended the meeting. The grader being purchased is a used machine but has been inspected by Mayor George W. Dill and "Hoody" Walters and adjudged in good condition. The equipment company will place two new tires on the grader and take the town's old grader.

Mayor Dill reported that progress has been made on the drainage problem at 32nd street on Evans and Sunset drive.

H. S. Gibbs, Jr., Jaycee chairman of safety, received a promise from the board of \$100 from bicycle license tag revenue in January to purchase reflector tape for all bicycles in town. John Lashley, city clerk, reported that 350 bike tags have been sold this year.

The board authorized Mayor George W. Dill, Jr., to attend the public utilities commission hearing at Wilmington next Thursday to register protest against the proposed Tide Water Power company increase in rates.

W. C. Matthews and Dr. John Morris, representatives of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce appeared and requested the board's support of the Chamber of Commerce advertising and promotion campaign.

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State Approves Issuance Of Port Improvement Bonds

The Council of State on Monday authorized the issuance of bond anticipation notes for \$7,500,000, the amount approved by the general assembly for improvement of the Morehead City and Wilmington ports.

The action also cleared the decks for issuance of \$200,000,000 in secondary road bonds and \$25,000,000 in school bonds. Because of the State Constitution's clause limiting the debt a General Assembly might authorize without a vote of the people to two-thirds of the debt retirement during the previous biennium, the port debt must be incurred before either the road or school bonds are issued.

The 1949 General Assembly approved the port bonds, whereas the people voted on the road and school bonds.

After the council acted on the port debt, Governor Scott announced the appointment of Staley A. Cook, Burlington newspaper editor, to membership on the State Ports Authority, the group which will supervise the port development program.

Cook succeeds W. O. Huske of Fayetteville. His term runs for six years.

The Governor also reappointed J. H. White of Winston-Salem for a term of six years. White is manager of Brown-Williamson Tobacco Company.

The council authorized anticipation See BONDS Page Seven

Beaufort Jaycees Publish First News Bulletin

The Beaufort Jaycees' first edition of "Tide Table" the bi-weekly Jaycee news bulletin, appeared Wednesday under the editorship of James Wheatley and Robert Stephens. Artist is Rusty Derrler.

The issue lists members of the White and Blue attendance team captained by Carl Chadwick and George Cottingham.

It has also announced that guest speaker at the Jaycee meeting Monday night at 7:30 at the Inlet Inn will be T. G. Leary, principal of Beaufort school, who will speak on the need for a manual arts department at the school.

George Cottingham Leads Beaufort Jaycees Bowlers

Beaufort Jaycees bowling scores to date show George (Fisherboy) Cottingham in the lead with 426 points.

Rusty Dorrler is holding down second place with 393 points, Carl Chadwick third with 349. Odell Merrill 338, Lawrence Rudder 314, Albert Chappell 290, Leslie Davis 285, Joe House, Jr., 263, Jarvis Herring 252, and Dan Walker 246. The Jaycees will continue their bowling tournament Monday evening following their meeting at the Inlet Inn.

Tide Table

(Tides at Beaufort Bar)		
HIGH	Friday, July 22	LOW
5:12 a.m.		11:10 a.m.
5:41 p.m.		12:02 p.m.
Saturday, July 23		
6:05 a.m.		12:17 a.m.
6:31 p.m.		12:02 p.m.
Sunday, July 24		
6:56 a.m.		1:04 a.m.
7:18 p.m.		12:53 p.m.
Monday, July 25		
7:43 a.m.		1:48 a.m.
8:05 p.m.		1:43 p.m.
Tuesday, July 26		
8:30 a.m.		2:31 a.m.
8:52 p.m.		2:32 p.m.