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Vacancy Hamstrings County Board

Two months have passed since County Commissioner C. Z. Chappell became acting postmaster at Beaufort, thus creating a vacancy on the county board. Another commissioner has not yet been appointed and with all due respect for the wishes of the incumbents to "find the right man," it's high time the vacancy was filled.

In times past a vacancy on the county board has been filled almost immediately. Perhaps "the boys" are waiting to see if Mr. Chappell will receive the postmaster's appointment; if not, he will probably step back into the vacancy they are holding open on the board.

Yesterday a delegation of approximately 25 men from various sections of the county arrived at the court house to appear before the county board. They waited until 11 a. m., one hour, and then were informed that there would be no meeting. Why? No quorum. Commissioner Lionel Pelletier was present. Chairman of the board, Dr. K. P. B. Bonner was present.

Commissioner Wallace Styron is sick, and we extend him sincere wishes for a speedy recovery. He made a supreme effort to be at last month's meeting when actually he should have been resting at home.

Tildon Davis, Harkers Island, didn't show up yesterday. Efforts to contact him by phone were unsuccessful. Therefore, only two members of the board were present, Dr. Bonner and Mr. Pelletier. Three constitute a quorum.

Members of the various delegations left their farms, their offices, their regular jobs, and used gasoline traveling to the courthouse. They had to return home, and if they expect to transact business with the county board this month, will have to come back next Monday.

Two months is long enough to find a commissioner to fill Mr. Chappell's place. If it isn't, it seems to us as though extremely weak efforts are being made and as a result, county operation is hamstrung.

The Race Remains as Scheduled

Thursday's surfboat race is going to be held in the vicinity of Port Terminal.

Last Tuesday's editorial suggested that it should be held in the ocean.

We were under the impression that the entire race last year was run in the surf and felt that since that was the first race ever staged, the precedent should be followed.

D. G. Bell, a member of the Coast Guard planning committee states that a contest of that sort arouses little interest unless it can be witnessed by the crowds who will attend the air and sea show at Port Terminal. We are inclined to agree.

Furthermore, if the race were held in the vicinity of Fort Macon, spectators would undoubtedly be chased away because of the "construction regime" there.

Things are shaping up splendidly for Thursday's show. With a good-weather break, the 159th Coast Guard birthday party here should be a fine celebration.

Mr. Bell, and Robert G. Lowe, manager of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, declare that we in Carteret county will have the rare opportunity to see all phases of the Coast Guard in action right here.

Folks from hundreds and hundreds of miles away are going to make the trip to witness the show. Those who live here should seize the opportunity to see the celebration.

Sou'easter

By Captain Henry

Two colored men were found in Charlie Robinson's house the other night, but police say they had no connection with recent break-ins in town. They weren't arrested and somehow, I was surprised. I have known of instances—not necessarily our local police—where a series of crimes, unsolved, means that some likely individual (or individuals) gets pulled in just to quiet the populace. The police then can announce, "We've made an arrest," a statement which makes people breathe easier. But this can always backfire—if the series of crimes, thefts, murders, or whatever, continues, the cops begin to look foolish and the citizenry gets hot—for the law evidently didn't lay a hold of the law-breaking party!

I heard that somebody cut the screen up at Gaston Fulcher's the other night. That was via the grapevine which, as I have pointed out before, frequently is quoted and twisted.

The state's sensationalist "feed-'em-crime-stories" paper put Atlantic Beach in headlines Sunday. The all-time record steel production in the United States was 89,643,600 tons in 1944, a war year.

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HERE and THERE

With F. C. SALISBURY, Morehead City

Principal G. T. Windell of the Morehead City Graded Schools is advertising for teachers for the coming school year for the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. The following teachers taught these grades the past year: third grade, Mrs. Margurite Jones and Mrs. Ethel Holloway; fourth grade, Mrs. Ruth McCracken and Edith Lewis; fifth grade, Bettie Hariker and Mrs. Bessie Wade; sixth grade, Mrs. Helen K. Jeffery and Flora Davis.

A reader of our column says that we "not only cover the waterfront but the main drag, the side streets and he expects to see us coming down his back alley." We find that walking about the city we pick up more items of interest than we do riding about at 25 or 30 miles an hour. We would like to call the attention of the street department to the weeds bordering the walks along several places about the city. The weeds are so high that those on each side of the walk about join, causing pedestrians to brush through single file. Two prominent places are the vacant lot next to the City hospital and the one opposite the Tidewater Power plant.

Speaking of weeds and grass along the border of the walks reminds us of an old-timer about the city telling how the boys, after dark, would tie back the overlapping long grass that bordered the narrow paths of the city before the days of cement walks. A late prowler hurrying home in the dark of the moon was very apt to find himself sprawling in the pathway.

Construction work on the new church building of the First Methodist church of Morehead City is moving right along. With the exception of the front wall, the window frames have been set and the brick work of the other three walls has nearly reached the proper height for the placing of the roof framing.

Orders were given at the recent meeting of the Board of Conservation and Development held in Morehead City that the old state dock

in front of the Morehead City hospital be torn down. For the past few years this dock has carried a "condemned" sign. Built over a quarter of a century ago this dock served as the tie-up place for state owned crafts. Over its planks have walked governors of past administrations as well as other state and national dignitaries, while many a couple have done their wooing in the summer house built alongside the dock.

Bids will be opened on August 16 for the construction of the new bridge over the Neuse river at New Bern to cost some \$1,500,000, according to information given out by the Highway commission. This bridge and its approaches will be over one mile long, and will be located a quarter of a mile south of the present structure.

Figures released by A. B. Roberts, building inspector for Morehead City, for the month of July show a slight increase over the month of June. Total amount of estimated cost of buildings for the month total \$14,850, against \$8,300 for the month of June. Of the amount for July, the sum of \$12,900 is for new homes and \$1,950 over additions and small out buildings.

Permits for the erection of new homes were given to Frank Grant-ham \$2,000; Woodrow Fulcher \$6,000; B. L. May \$3,000; Gerald Wade \$1,500 and Ansel Bell \$400. For the seven months of 1949 total permits to the amount of \$183,502 have been issued. Permits issued for the corresponding period for 1948 show \$304,770.

So far this year, January has been the highest month for issuance of building permits. The \$76,807 total reached that month included the First Baptist church Sunday School building at a cost of \$63,957. So far this year the estimated cost of the new First Methodist church building at \$150,000 has not been added to any of the months totals. This estimated cost added to the total for the seven months would exceed that of 1948.

Deck shooters will get 10 days more hunting this fall on the result of a new ruling put out by the Secretary of Interstate. The season for North Car-

Smile a While

New Man in Discipline
Into the office of the Superintendent of Education, in Upson County, Georgia, walked a smiling young Negro man to apply for a position as school teacher. The Superintendent remembered a small Negro school back in the sticks where the pupils were proving extremely unmanageable, and decided to test the mettle of the ambitious novice by subjecting him to their boisterous and wholly unpredictable pranks. A few weeks later the Superintendent went to check up on the progress of the newcomer. To his delight, he found the school operating in a quiet and thoroughly efficient manner. And, still more surprising, the young teacher who when he had applied for the job had appeared extremely lean and lank, now strutted a figure that was pleasingly plump and sleek.

"How did you do it?" the official eagerly demanded.

"Well, sir," explained the young teacher, "I've made a carefully study of these children, and I've found out they had rather eat olives which is in the Atlantic flyway will be from November 29 to January 7. Bag limits will remain the same as last season.

Recalling events of 25 years ago we are reminded of the shooting and death of Deputy Marshall Sam Lilly, who was the father of Mrs. Ora Ball of Morehead City. In company with city prohibition officer, Leon George, of Wilmington, the two men were killed near Phoenix in Brunswick county by unknown men while serving papers in a prohibition case. Funeral services for Mr. George, held in Wilmington, were conducted late in the day and committal services were held after dark conducted by the order of the Ku Klux Klan which included the burning of a cross. Thousands are said to have attended this service.

William M. Jones, 71, a brother of L. M. Jones of Morehead City passed away at the family home near New Bern on Saturday morning following an extended illness. Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock with interment in the family cemetery. The widow, one son, three brothers and two sisters survive.

At a meeting of the Imperial Life Insurance agents held in New Bern on Friday, J. G. Bennett of Morehead City was recognized for his continuous service with the company for 20 years.

The state this week will distribute to cities and counties a \$2,467,369.54 share of revenue from the intangible personal property taxes. The law requires that 80 per cent of this be distributed among the cities and counties, with 20 per cent going to the state. Carteret county's share is listed at \$5,380.33. Morehead City, \$1,851.47; Beaufort, \$760.31; Newport, \$20.66.

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Pasteur's research proved that fermentation is produced only by yeast; that biological changes are due to micro-organisms. For practical brewing he patented a method for controlling fermentation, and brewing advanced from a hit-or-miss practice to an exacting science.

The French scientist's discovery meant more to mankind than merely standardizing or improving the quality of a favorite beverage. For he wrote in his book, "When we see beer and wine subjected to deep alterations because they have given refuge to micro-organisms invisibly introduced... it is impossible not to pursue the thought that similar facts may, must, take place in animals and in man."

Out of the knowledge he gained from studies in fermentation came pasteurization and new understandings in medicine and surgery which have saved countless lives. Thus brewing played a significant role in science. Today, in turn, science plays an essential role in brewing.

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