

# Madix Plant to Resume Operations

## Youngsters, Parents Fall For Curly-Headed Guy

A curly-haired fellow came to Beaufort this summer and captured the hearts of young and old.

He has almost a hundred children and mothers of these youngsters think he is about the most wonderful person—besides their husbands—whom they have ever met.

Why? Because he has taught their children to swim, play ball, play tennis, volleyball, and above all, he has taught them the meaning of teamwork.

This individual, who has accomplished wonders with Beaufort's younger set, boys and girls 8 to 15 years of age, is Raz Autry, Jr. Yes, his father has the odd name of Raz, too. It's not a nickname, but the name with which he was christened.

He says he once asked his father how the name came to be, and Mr. Autry, the elder, said he wasn't sure, but perhaps long ago the name had been Erasmus.

Because Mr. Autry is young, handsome, and has a wonderful personality, some of the girls who are nearing the age of 15 assume the privilege of calling him Raz. But to the younger ones, he is a sort of god, and it's "Mr. Autry."

It's not unusual to see him riding youngsters about on a bike to the various points where they swim, at Piver's Island, to the ball grounds, or to the tennis courts. But his instruction does not stop at the athletic field, he teaches dancing, too.

"I think dancing is one of the most important social accomplishments for a young person," declares Mr. Autry. "I have seen boys and girls whose lives have been made miserable because they couldn't dance. It frequently leads to an inferiority complex."

The real little boys think dancing is silly, but then there are some 9, 10, and 11 years old who want to learn. But the number of girls in his dancing class at the Scout building always outnumber the boys!

He proudly reports that any boy or girl who has been in the swimming class regularly for three weeks can now take care of himself in the water—even though he had never had 10 minutes of swimming instruction before.

Mr. Autry, who is majoring in physical education at East Carolina Teachers college, was born in Dunn, N. C. At Dunn high school he won two letters in basketball and two in baseball, and when he graduates from college he plans to be a high school athletic coach.

The recreation program will end Saturday and as a climax Mr. Autry is staging field day events on Thursday and Friday at the high school athletic field. He's planning baseball games, track events, such as high jump, broad jump, and dashes, ball games, egg-pitching contests, novel races and numerous other contests.

He's counting on a big turnout of parents to witness the events because the children love to show them how they can play ball or show what they have learned. The detailed schedule for the field day is on page three.

## Scott Requests Channel Action

Governor Scott has backed up fishermen in their request for the deepening and widening of Wallace Channel in Pamlico Sound between Beaufort and Ocracoke.

In a letter to Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Pick, chief of the Army Engineers, Governor Scott observed that, "Fishermen are handicapped at present by insufficient water in Wallace Channel on the trips from the Morehead City and Beaufort area to the Atlantic Ocean via Ocracoke Inlet and it is claimed, with reason, that the fishing industry could be increased greatly by the deepening and widening of the channel."

"The proposed route," he continued, "would provide access to the ocean fishing grounds that is safer and more readily navigated at night than in the route through Beaufort Inlet, around Cape Lookout shoals."

The proposed improvement would cost \$85,000 if approved by Congress.



The youngsters worship Mr. Autry. Here at their "swimmin' hole" on Piver's Island he talks to little Frances Johnson, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Price Johnson, and Frances Bell Willis, right, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Willis.



The recreation program has made a better ball player out of Kit Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Crip Jones, than he was before. Kit says he won't be long before he'll be whamming out homers for Beaufort and putting them on top in the Tidewater league.

## Morehead Lions Have Fun Fest at Weekly Meeting

Morehead City Lions spent most of their Thursday night meeting enjoying the shenanigans of Harry Van Horn as he indulged in getting Robert Rice's goat. Lions spent the evening in the Fort Macon hotel dining room having a fun fest as a change from the usual business routine.

It was decided that next week's meeting will be held Friday night instead of Thursday. President Frank Moran urged all Lions to be present as plans will be made for Ladies Night.

## New Slate of Officers Takes Over A. and N. C. Control

Governor Kerr Scott's political housecleaning reached into Carteret county over the weekend deposing the president attorney, secretary-treasurer, expert, inspector, seven of 12 directors, and three of five finance committeemen of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, State owned line that runs from Goldsboro to Morehead City. Mayor Lawrence W. Hassell of Beaufort and county superintendent of schools H. L. Joslyn were nominated and elected director and finance committeeman, respectively, upon the Governor's recommendation. H. S. Gibbs, Morehead City, was nominated and reelected by private stockholders and M. G. Mann, former Newport resident, was elected president of the line, also upon the Chief Executive's recommendation.

New officers were elected at the annual meeting of the railroad Friday at the Atlantic Beach hotel. The meeting was the first since Scott took office.

Many items concerning operation of the railroad, financial conditions, and income were discussed but the chief point of interest to Carteret countians was a report made by Col. George W. Gillette, executive secretary, A. G. Henry Vann of Clinton, member Myers of Gastonia, chairman, and of the State Ports Authority. Other new officers appointed at

## Dill Speaks To Rotarians

The need and desire for an armory in Morehead City was stressed to Morehead Rotarians at their Thursday night meeting at the Morehead City Technical Institute. Capt. Lonnie Dill, commander of the local National Guard unit, was the speaker.

Captain Dill stated that there are now 40 men in the Carteret county Guard unit, that it is growing all the time, and that its present space is inadequate. He said that no money would have to be spent on the armory and that the only requirement would be for the city to donate the property.

The Guard officer urged all Rotarians to assist in obtaining an armory, which he said would be beneficial to the community and the Guard also.

Captain Dill also urged those Rotarians who employ Guardsmen to permit them to participate in the summer encampment at Fort Jackson, S. C., this month without sacrifice of earnings or vacation rights. He stressed the importance of field training as a climax to a whole year of training.

Rotarians will meet this Thursday night and for the rest of the month in the Fort Macon Hotel dining room.

## Beauty Queen Visits Coast

The Carteret coast was host this weekend to one of its prettiest summer imports, Alice Hobson of Winston-Salem, Miss Hanes' Knitting Mills.

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Saturday morning she breakfasted at the Ocean King, lunched at Holden's Restaurant in Beaufort, and that afternoon toured various points of interest in the county. For dinner that night she journeyed to the Blue Ribbon Club and returned to the dog races that night.

Sunday dinner found her at Capt. Bill Ballou's Waterfront Restaurant. She departed for Winston-Salem on the afternoon plane Sunday.

## Carteret Vacation Patronage Increases

While some of the resorts of the nation have recently reported a decrease in vacation patronage during the current season, the Carteret coastal area which embraces Morehead City, Atlantic Beach and Beaufort has had an increase, according to a survey just completed by Robert G. Lowe, General Manager, Morehead City Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Lowe estimates that business during July was 25 percent better than July of 1948 and believes during August will show an even greater increase as compared to one year ago—if weather conditions remain favorable. Weather conditions during the current summer with a minimum of rain have definitely played an important factor in better patronage at the Carteret resorts, according to the chamber manager.

## Police Meeting Begins Tomorrow

Over 200 police officers and members of their families are expected to be present tomorrow for the opening of the North Carolina Police Executives Association, the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce announced today.

The officers will register all day tomorrow at the Ocean King hotel, their headquarters for the three-day meeting. Thursday they will be guests at a luncheon at the hotel being given by Morehead City and Beaufort police departments. That afternoon they will go to the Cherry Point pistol range for practice firing.

Friday afternoon they will fire for the record at the range. This firing for championship records is a feature of the annual meetings.

Business sessions designed to inform the officers of the newest techniques and practices will be held at various times during the meeting. They will be held at the Ocean King headquarters.

Recreation and entertainment planned for the group will include fishing, boat rides and visits to places of interest. The police will also be guests of Carolina Racing Association at the greyhound track and to many of them it will be their first view of legalized gambling within the borders of North Carolina.

Chief of Mecklenburg County Police F. N. Little John is president of the association and Capt. D. T. Lambert of the State Highway Patrol is the secretary and treasurer. Expected to be present for the meeting will be recently commissioned officers of the State Highway Patrol and its commanding officer Col. Tony Tolari.

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## Beach Taxpayers Reach No Decision On Tax Question

Atlantic Beach taxpayers assembled for a special meeting with their town board Wednesday night at the Surf Club to discuss the levying of an ad valorem tax on beach property but the meeting broke up with no definite conclusion reached and future meeting planned.

The board of commissioners called the meeting to discuss the necessity for issuing an ad valorem tax and also the advisability of such a tax. In an unusual move, it called in all Atlantic Beach citizens to receive their views on the subject.

After a stormy period of discussion, it was found that the majority of cottage owners were against the tax, with businessmen strongly in favor of it. The board was split on the matter.

As a result of the meeting, the town's 1949-1950 budget estimate was scrapped. Another budget will be drawn up when the tax dispute is settled.

A citizens' committee was appointed to work in conjunction with the town board and make recommendations for a new budget and any means of increasing revenue. All present agreed that some form of a general agreement was needed.

The citizens' committee was composed of W. L. Derricksen, H. M. Clark, Bert Taylor, Paul Scott, Mrs. John D. Cooper and Dr. M. E. Bizzell.

Following the general meeting, the citizens committee held a special meeting with the board. Though strong views against the proposed tax were voiced at the general meeting, a reliable source stated that the ad valorem tax definitely was not out of the picture.

## Southern Felt Transfers Madix Plant to Fry. Co.

### New Bern Wreck Injures Five

Five people, four of them from Beaufort, were hospitalized as a result of a six car accident which occurred just east of New Bern Wednesday night in an area covering part of the Trent River bridge and the Scott's Creek bridge on the Morehead City highway.

A 1948 Pontiac convertible highway patrolman said was driven by Sgt. Russell J. C. Barber of Cherry Point Marine Air Station, ran wild on the bridge, sideswiping two cars and a truck before going on to a point a few hundred feet from the Scott's Creek bridge and careening off into a 1942 Ford.

Russell is being charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicants, reckless and careless driving, hit and run driving and assault with a deadly weapon.

Jim Smith, elderly resident of New Bern and Beaufort, was the most critically hurt in the accident. He suffered two broken ankles and bad lacerations about the face. His condition was reported slightly improved over the weekend. Mr. Smith was riding in the 1942 Ford being driven by George Lewis of Beaufort.

Others in the Lewis car who were hurt included the driver, who received a broken arm and head and arm lacerations. Mrs. Rosalee Lewis, wife of the driver, received face and leg cuts, and Valeria Lawrence of Beaufort, suffered a broken ankle. Richard Smith, another occupant of the

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Negotiations have just been completed between the Southern Felt corporation and the Lloyd A. Fry Roofing company, with general offices in Summit, Ill., for the transfer of Southern Felt's Morehead City roofing and felt manufacturing facilities to the Fry company, Lloyd A. Fry, Jr., vice-president, announced today.

Southern Felt recently purchased the asphalt roofing plant which had been operated by the Madix Asphalt Roofing company until it went into bankruptcy late last spring. The felt company was operating a plant adjacent to the roofing plant at the time Madix went bankrupt.

Mr. Fry stated that plans were being completed for the construction of additional buildings and the installation of additional equipment. Further plans, still only in a tentative stage, call for the construction of docks on the south side of the property. These docks will be used for raw materials which will be hauled in by water from other points.

A. R. Paulsen, former general superintendent of all Fry operations, has been appointed general manager of the Morehead City plant. Other administrative personnel will be transferred to Morehead City, but no announcement of their names or positions was made.

It was stated, however, that the plant probably would not be ready for operation until January 1, 1950.

It is reported that the Fry Company is the largest manufacturer of asphalt prepared roll roofing shingles and siding materials in the United States. The company now operates 15 roofing plants and 10 felt mills, located in various parts of the country.

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## County Board Votes \$3000 To Airport

Carteret county commissioners spent \$3540, adopted a new electrical ordinance for the county, attempted to have Meirmon road surfaced and cleared a number of small tax matters at their meeting yesterday morning.

Chairman K. P. B. Bonner, commissioners Lionel Pelletier, Stella, and Tildon Davis, Harker's Island, were present. It was understood that commissioner Wallace Styron, Sea Level, is still ill and unable to attend.

No reason was given for newly-appointed commissioner Ivey Mason's absence but register of deeds Irwin W. Davis stated that he probably did not know about the meeting since it was a special one. Dr. Bonner and several county officials present explained that they did not even know that a new commissioner had been appointed.

With little ado, the board quickly approved the request of Robert C. Lowe, general manager of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, and Dan Walker, general manager of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce, for an appropriation of \$3000 to assist in the construction of an administration building at the Beaufort-Morehead City airport.

Previously it had been explained to the board that the building will cost \$12,000. The Federal government has promised to pay \$6000 if the county will arrange to have the other \$6000 paid.

Private citizens, mainly Earl Taylor, operator of the airport, and M. T. Mills of Morehead City, have stated that if the county would appropriate half of the \$6000, they would arrange for the other half to be made available.

Assistant district forester O. T. Wynn, New Bern, appeared and repeated his request that the county appropriate \$840 toward the construction of a 120-foot fire tower in the county. After discussing the matter the commissioners appeared reluctant to appropriate the money at present.

When this opinion became evident, commissioner Pelletier stated that he understood that timber owners in the county would be willing to put up \$300 of the county's required \$840 if the county would appropriate the rest. The commissioners agreed to appropriate the \$540 if private interests would provide the rest.

George Stovall, Tide Water Power Company representative, requested the commissioners to approve a uniform electrical ordinance which he submitted. He stated that the ordinance was approved by the North Carolina Insurance Department and the State electrical engineer.

Chairman Bonner said that if the code was uniform with other county ordinances and approved by the Insurance Department, he thought it should be approved.

The commissioners approved the ordinance, which establishes rates for various inspection jobs, and then the question of mileage charges by the electrical inspector arose. Finally, it was agreed that the county electrical inspector should charge 10 cents a mile to visit any building for inspection purposes, the mileage cost to be prorated between each customer if several are to be visited on one trip.

The new ordinance is to be effective Monday. Commissioners also agreed that a periodic report by the inspector should be submitted in order that an effective check may be made upon his work. William R. Hamilton, Beaufort, submitted a request that he be appointed assistant electrical inspector to work when the regular inspector is unable to fulfill his duties. The appointment was made.

District highway engineer Pol-See AIRPORT Page Three

## Tide Table

(Tides at Beaufort Bar)	
HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, August 9	
8:39 a.m.	2:56 a.m.
8:51 p.m.	2:41 p.m.
Wednesday, August 10	
8:19 a.m.	3:13 a.m.
9:29 p.m.	3:21 p.m.
Thursday, August 11	
9:58 a.m.	3:46 a.m.
10:04 p.m.	4:03 p.m.
Friday, August 12	
10:34 a.m.	4:19 a.m.
10:39 p.m.	4:39 p.m.

## Ivey Mason Receives County Commissioner Appointment

### MCTI Adds Four New Courses

RALEIGH — In an attempt to expand its services to North Carolina industries, the Morehead City Technical Institute, a branch of N. C. State college, has revised its courses and has added four curricula effective with the opening of the fall school term on September 19.

Announcement of the enlarged training program was made here today by Director Edward W. Ruggles of the College's Extension division. Students wishing to take the instruction may register immediately, he said.

The four main curricula, Ruggles said, are building construction technology, drafting and mechanical technology, electrical technology, and internal combustion engines.

A wide range of technical courses, plus instruction in the liberal arts and basic sciences, will be offered. Graduates, Ruggles stated will be prepared to handle scores of industrial jobs requiring skilled personnel.

The technical institute, he reported, has added intricate laboratory facilities essential for providing the training. The faculty has also been strengthened.

A catalog outlining the new courses in detail may be secured free of charge by writing to Director Edward W. Ruggles, Extension Division, N. C. State College, Raleigh.

### Lightning Causes Power Cut-off In Newport Area

Electric power in the Newport-Wildwood area was cut off early Friday morning when lightning struck two light poles between the two communities and broke power lines.

Tide Water Power Company received a call at 7 a.m. and immediately sent repairmen to check the situation. They found that lightning had struck one pole, splintering it, and then skipped an adjoining pole to splinter the third one in line.

## Vanceboro Child Dies in Accident

James Robert Hudson, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Hudson of the Vanceboro section, Craven county, was fatally injured Wednesday afternoon when he ran into the side of a 1947 Pontiac being driven by Ashton Willis, Morehead City.

The accident occurred about Vanceboro at 6 p.m. The child four and a half miles north of died an hour later in the Tayloe hospital, Washington.

Mr. Willis, according to the investigating highway patrolman, was headed south and was passing a parked car at about 40 miles per hour. He swerved his car to go around a dog on the highway when the little boy ran from behind the parked car and into the side of Willis' automobile.

The child was taken to Tayloe hospital in Washington but never regained consciousness. No arrest had been made Thursday morning and Patrolman J. M. Davis said the incident was apparently unavoidable.

After the business changed hands, Luther and Harvey moved to Morehead City where they could, respectively, engage in law and insurance, Atlantic, at that time, being too isolated a community in which to engage in those pursuits.

Luther, as all know, became a leader in North Carolina's legal profession and a Superior Court Justice.

S. E. Hamilton & Sons was in 1919, as it had been throughout the preceding 50 years, the largest general mercantile business in all of Carteret County. Less than \$5,000 in debts were on its books when it was turned over to Capt. Mason and his son, Ivey.

Ivey managed the business well. But as the years passed, roads were built to Atlantic and people no longer had to depend entirely on boats to get to other places. And with the roads came automobiles and with the automobiles came the urge to look at the greener pastures on the other side of the fence. And the people of Atlantic began to shop elsewhere.

Then the great depression of the 30's hit. In 1936 Ivey closed up See MASON Page Three