

Commissioners, Firemen Clash on Fire Truck Driver

Health Office Will Institute New Type Clinic

Dr. N. T. Ennett Reports 75 to 80 Children Need Tonsillectomies

Monday's tonsil clinic for school children was so successful that two more are planned between now and Christmas, Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, county health officer, stated today.

Four children had tonsillectomies Monday, Dr. Ennett explained, and it is planned to make five such operations at each future clinic.

The health officer announced that in addition to the two clinics between now and Christmas, two will be held each month from January through the end of the school year. Dr. Ennett reported that 75 to 80 underprivileged children had been found to be in need of operations.

Children requiring treatment are examined first by Dr. Ennett at the school. Their parents are then notified that an operation is necessary. Arrangements are made with the surgeon for the child to see him several days before the operation and he is given another examination and preparatory treatment. On the morning of the operation he goes to the hospital, his tonsils are removed, he spends the night in the hospital and returns home the next day. Every safeguard to protect the child is taken before, during and after the operation, the health officer remarked.

Appropriation for tonsil clinics was made by the last legislature. Only those children who come from underprivileged families are treated.

Local surgeons and the hospital are cooperating wholeheartedly in the clinics, the health officer emphasized, particularly when it comes to reducing fees so that more children can be treated.

Parents also are responding nicely to the program, he said. It is particularly important that each child be present at the clinic to which he is assigned, he said, because they may not have another opportunity to have the operation performed.

The health officer concluded by saying that a large number of the children examined and found in need of a tonsillectomy are from families who are not eligible to have the state pay for the operation. Nevertheless, he cautioned, the operation should be performed since diseased tonsils are often forerunners of deafness.

Court Denies Plea for Divorce

Motion for the divorce of Moody Lewis from Lillian W. Lewis was denied by Judge R. Hunt Parker in this week's session of superior court when the plaintiff testified that previously he had been found guilty of abandonment of his wife and children.

While on the witness stand Lewis is stated that in the October, 1944, term of superior court he had been found guilty of "criminal and wilful abandonment of his wife and children without providing for them adequate support in violation of the criminal law of the state."

Judge Rules
Judge Parker ruled that to allow Lewis to sue for divorce action in civil court would go against the intent of the previous verdict delivered in criminal court.

The judge stated that to allow such an action would be "to blow hot and cold in the same breath. The law is not interested in such double-dealing or sleight-of-hand performance."

Case Not-Suited
The case was non-suited and Lewis taxed with the costs. However, Mrs. Lewis still may sue for divorce at any time she sees fit, the judge said.

Action of Elton Edwards and co-action of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Johnson, each suing the other for damages in an automobile accident in Hickory on July 2, 1948, was dismissed after the litigants agreed to settle the matter among themselves. The defendant, Johnson, was ordered to pay the costs.

Attorney for the defendants in the use of Broome Wood Products, Inc., versus V. E. Bullou and Son, COURT DENIES, Page 3

Sparks flew at the Beaufort commissioners meeting Monday night in Beaufort town hall and though there wasn't an actual fire, the acting fire chief, fire commissioner and chief elected for 1950 submitted their resignations.

The resignations were the result of a town board-fire

Norfolk-Southern Officials Inspect Line Into Morehead

Officials of the Norfolk and Southern railway visited Morehead City in private Pullman Wednesday and Thursday. The train arrived Wednesday night from Norfolk and departed yesterday morning. While here they conferred with Ed Buchan, official of the Atlantic and East Carolina railroad.

It is rumored that Norfolk and Southern is interested in taking over the A&EC line but no verification of that information could be obtained.

Agriculturists Lay Groundwork For PMA Election

Community Nominating Committees Selected This Week, Polls Open Dec. 15

Community nominating committees for PMA officers for 1950 were selected this week throughout Carteret county. PMA officer B. J. May reported today.

Community chairmen and election officials chosen will meet Monday night at 7:30 in the PMA office, Beaufort, to receive supplies and instructions on how to conduct the county PMA elections Dec. 15.

Fifteen regular community committees and 10 alternates will be chosen that day. Also, delegates to the county PMA convention will meet in the PMA office Dec. 16 for the purpose of electing three regular and two alternate county committeemen.

Cotton Quotas

Farmers will vote also on the 15th to determine whether marketing quotas on cotton will be in effect on the 1950 cotton crop. Ballots on cotton quotas will be available at all polling places and any farmer who is an owner, tenant, or sharecropper who grew cotton in 1949 will be eligible to vote.

Cotton allotment notices on 112 farms in the county have been mailed out, May continued. Any farmer not receiving an allotment who is interested in growing cotton in 1950 should make application immediately to the PMA office for a new grower's allotment.

Penalties Set Up

If 1950 quotas are approved, farmers growing cotton without an allotment will be penalized 50 per cent of the average price paid for cotton in 1949. This penalty must be paid before a marketing card will be issued, he said.

Polling places for the Dec. 15 election will open at 8 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. They will be at Pelletier's store, Stella; Unitarian church, Pelletier; Joe Taylor's store, Bogue; town hall, Newport; Lee Murdoch's store, Wildwood; C. G. Gaskill's store, Beaufort; Lionel Garner's, Harlowe; and Cleve Gillikin's store, Bettie.

Nurses' Club Aids County's Sick with Hospital Lending Kit

The pet project of the Carteret County Registered Nurses club is maintenance of a sick-room lending "kit." All the items available free of charge to persons with illness in the home certainly would overflow a "kit" however.

The sick-room supplies are kept at the Morehead City hospital and are available there except, of course, when they are in use.

The following can be borrowed: a hospital bed, bed and rails, crutches, infra lights, wheel-chair, bed pans, emesis pans, bed linen, irrigating set, wash pan, and serving tray.

Each of the following donated a pair of crutches: Alvah Joyner, Jr., Marshallberg; Harry Ball, Morehead City; Jean Jackson, Havelock; and Mrs. E. B. Whitley, 412 Fisher st., Morehead City, gave a wheel chair.

The remainder of the items have been purchased by the Nurses' club.

Among those who have availed themselves of the opportunity of using the supplies are Horace Lewis, George Norcom, Helen

department controversy over a fire truck driver to replace Edward Brock who has resigned.

A petition from Walter S. (Boo) Moore signed by 37 members of the 58-man fire department was presented, requesting Moore's appointment as fire truck driver. Also presented was a request from all officers of the fire department asking Roma Willis's appointment as driver.

'Request Unanimous'

Julius Duncan, Jr., fire commissioner, was at the meeting, as was Fire Chief Gilbert Glancy and several other firemen. Duncan stated that the request for Willis's appointment had the unanimous endorsement of the entire department.

When queried as to why 37 members had signed Moore's petition, Duncan replied that they had signed the petition before they had known that Willis was a candidate.

Moore Speaks

Moore defended himself and his petition and said he had the endorsement of every man whose signature appeared on the petition. He stated that he had been a member of the department for several years and had not attended many meetings because of ill health and being out of town.

The board discussed both candidates lengthily while the members of the fire department were present. Mayor Lawrence Hassell stated that he held nothing against either candidate and that though he did not have a vote in the matter, if he did vote, he would vote for the "home boy." He inferred that he was referring to Moore.

Firemen Leave

Finally members of the department were asked to leave so the board could discuss the two candidates further. After they had left, more discussion without any conclusion took place. It was suggested that the board see COMMISSIONERS, Page 3.

County Towns Receive \$635.32 Of Franchise Tax

Three Carteret county towns will receive a total of \$635.32 in the second quarterly distribution of the portion of the franchise tax which the 1949 general assembly assigned to the cities and towns.

The total amount distributed by the State revenue department amounted to \$126,972.39. This is slightly larger than the amount distributed Sept. 8 when the first distribution was made. Those funds, covering the three-month period ending June 30, accounted for \$118,759.92.

The checks mailed last week were for taxes collected during July, August and September.

The general assembly voted to apportion three-fourths of one per cent—slightly less than one-sixth—of the six per cent franchise tax to the municipalities. The municipal group had pressed for half of the franchise collections.

Beaufort received \$185.73, Morehead City \$416.95, and Newport \$32.64.

Wallace Applauded

Wallace was applauded for the fine work he had done in organizing the show and he thanked all Jaycees, the newspaper and radio, the Parent-Teacher association and Tressa Royal and Edith Davis, both of whom helped stage the production, for their assistance.

Bruce Goodwin brought up the matter of a Jaycee Christmas party for members and their wives. After considerable discussion of the time and place to hold the party the group voted to let the entertainment committee decide and report back to the club.

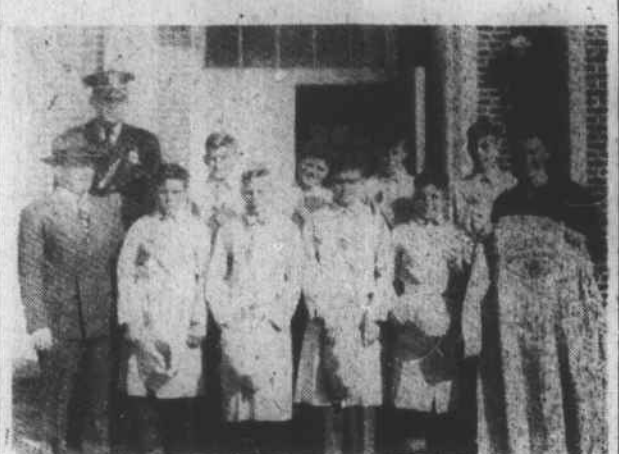
Christmas Service

Woody Caviness announced that a Christmas program with all churches in the community and the high school band and glee club participating would be held Sunday night at the school auditorium at 7:30. He urged all Jaycees and their families to attend.

Luther Lewis reported that Morehead City school children responded favorably to the picture show with toys as admission Saturday. He said toys collected by the Jaycees would be repaired and distributed to children at the Jaycee Christmas party Dec. 21.

Menhaden Vessel Sinks Near Ocracoke

Patrol Receives New Outfits



The Beaufort school safety patrol is shown here decked out in their new raincoats, Sam Brown belts, and badges presented to them by Beaufort Jaycees.

Morehead City safety patrol received new equipment at the beginning of the school year. Theirs consisted of movable Stop and Go signals and red metal uniformed figures to stand in the middle of the highway in front of the school. Principals of both schools report that their patrols are doing an excellent job in protecting pupils crossing the street.

Pictured above, left to right in the first row are Gene Smith, Jaycee who spoke on safety at the recent assembly program in which the equipment was presented, Gerry Thomas, Hugh Mason, George Lewis, Bruce Edwards and Al Stinson, chairman of the Jaycee safety committee.

Congregations Will Unite For Christmas Service

Education Board to Let Contracts Within 30 Days

The county board of education plans to let the contract on the annex to the Morehead City white school within the next 30 days.

The board was in session all afternoon Tuesday receiving and opening bids. Prices are in line with the amount earmarked for the work and board members said they were satisfied with the number of bids submitted.

Work is progressing nicely on the school at Atlantic, contracts have already been let on the Morehead City colored school and the proposed construction on the white school will make the third major school project underway in the county.

Jaycees Take In \$380 on 'Then, Later, and Now'

"Then, Later, and Now," the theatrical put on by Morehead City Jaycees last weekend, was a huge success. Jaycees were told at their Monday night meeting in the Fort Macon hotel dining room.

Jimmy Wallace, Jaycee chairman in charge of the show, said that more than \$380 was taken in from several sources and that expenses would run between \$125 and \$150.

Federal Lawyers Expected At Newport Next Week

Federal government lawyers are expected at Newport Tuesday to discuss the transfer of land from Croatan National forest to the town of Newport for a housing project site.

George Ball, town attorney, told the Newport board in session Tuesday night that the government has accepted title to the land being given in exchange for the federal property.

The commissioners also discussed surveying of the site and other plans regarding the beginning of the housing project in which Cherry Point and Havelock veterans are interested.

The board also authorized the purchase of more tile to drain property.

Road Prediction

John L. Humphrey, highway engineer for Carteret county, said this week that the Merrimon road paving project would be complete within the next few days. Work is then scheduled to start on the road in the Mill Creek section.

Coast Guard Believes Cozart Beyond Salvage

First Baptist Church, Beaufort, Plans to Build Sanctuary, Sunday School Rooms to Be Erected Next to Present Church

The building committee of the First Baptist church, Beaufort, at a meeting Sunday night was authorized to proceed with plans for the new sanctuary and Sunday school rooms.

The addition to the church will be built on the lot to the west of the present church for use as a Sunday school.

The immediate project will be the building of a new sanctuary and rooms to accommodate 200 Sunday School pupils. A future project will be the renovation of the present church for use as a Sunday school.

The Rev. Winfrey Davis, pastor of the church, said that no final decision has been made as to the type of finishing material to be used in the new structure. It is hoped that actual building will get underway by spring.

Members of the building committee are Halsey Paul, chairman, George Loughton, B. F. Copeland, Earl Taylor, Elmore Davis, Mrs. C. L. Beam, and Mrs. Gerald Hill.

Town Board Gives Taxi Companies Extra Permits

Five Morehead City cab companies were granted additional permits at a meeting of Morehead City commissioners Monday afternoon, in the municipal building.

These companies were Veterans Service, City, Quincy Hester, and Harkless Wooten. The number of permits for Red Bird and Sea Shore companies remain the same.

The board also adopted a new cab ordinance which states that any permit issued which is not put into use within 60 days will become void and any cab operator who holds a permit without using it for a period of 60 days automatically voids that permit.

This action was taken, Mayor George W. Dill explained, because large cab companies had more permits than smaller companies and therefore could put on more cabs during the summer season. Small cab companies could not increase their number of cabs under the former town ordinance which froze, when it was adopted, the number of taxis then in use in the town.

In an effort to settle grievances among cab owners, a Cab association was formed about a year ago and this group makes recommendations to the town board in regard to settlement of their problems.

B. R. Garner Heads Firemen

Members of the Newport Fire department recently elected Benie R. Garner chief for the year 1950.

Other officers are William B. Allen, assistant chief, W. L. Carroll, captain, Frank Warren, lieutenant, and Redmond S. Pringle, secretary-treasurer.

The Newport fire department has erected and decorated the community Christmas tree at the depot and with the assistance of the Newport Legion post, Santa Claus has been scheduled to appear at the tree from 2 to 7 p.m. the day before Christmas. Refreshments will be given to children.

Although it is not yet official, Newport firemen have been informed that their bid on a fire truck at Cherry Point was the highest. Bids were opened Wednesday.

Should the deal go through, the contract for the truck is expected to be received in Newport Monday. The hoped-for truck is a vital part of the recently-organized Rural Fire Protection association at Newport.

The U. H. Cozart, menhaden boat owned by the Phillips Fish factory, Morehead City, is believed beyond salvage, according to reports from the Coast Guard.

The Cozart sank late Monday afternoon nine miles from Ocracoke and only about 300 yards from shore, the first major disaster of the current fishing season. It is believed she struck a wreck, although no wrecks are charted in the waters where the boat went down.

According to reports from the crew, all of whom were saved, water was over the Cozart's engines 7 minutes after she struck. It was believed at first that she had gone aground. The 83-footer from Ocracoke Coast Guard station was sent to the rescue, but the crew, most of them from Virginia, were picked up by the Charlie Mason, a Harvey Smith menhaden boat, and taken into Ocracoke.

The Phillips fishery then sent another of its boats, the Mattie Hyles Phillips, from Morehead City late Monday night to pick up the crew and the purse boats from the Cozart. Then the Mattie Hyles fished its way back to Morehead City.

The Coast Guard reported that no fish were aboard at the time the Cozart went down, but everything salvageable has been taken from the boat.

Postmasters Voice Usual Yule Plea

Christmas Parcels Should Be in Mail by Tomorrow, Cards by Dec. 15

Postmasters of both Morehead City and Beaufort are singing the same tune these days, as a matter of fact, a duet: Do Your Christmas Mailing Early!

C. Z. Chappell, Beaufort, pleads for cooperation, saying, "Don't pile all that mail on us at once. Start getting Christmas cards and packages in the postoffice now!"

Postmaster Harold W. Webb, Morehead City, said, "This year's deluge of Christmas mail will strain postoffice facilities severely, but we'll get everything delivered by Christmas, if the public cooperates wholeheartedly."

Christmas packages for distant States should be mailed by tomorrow. All Yuletide parcel post should be on its way by Dec. 15.

Christmas cards to friends and loved ones in other states should be deposited by Dec. 15. Greetings for local delivery should click through the stamp cancellation machines at least a week before Christmas.

To keep Christmas mail on schedule, postmasters ask that you—

1. Stop at the postoffice now to purchase the extra stamps you're going to need, thus avoiding last-minute crowds. When buying stamps for Christmas cards, bear in mind the desirability of sending the cards as first class mail; also the fact that the rate for unsealed cards has been increased from 1½ cents to 2 cents each.

2. Check and revise your Christmas card address list this weekend. Purchase your Christmas cards early and address and stamp them at once. Then stack them in a convenient place for mailing at the proper time.

3. Lay in adequate supplies of heavy cardboard, sturdy outer paper, strong cord, and printed Fourth Class labels for wrapping parcel post. Packages are limited to 70 pounds in weight, and must not measure more than 100 inches in length and girth combined. Repeat the address inside the outer wrappings, in case they are damaged in transit.

Smyrna PTA to Sponsor Clam Bake, Square Dance

The Smyrna PTA is sponsoring an old-fashioned clam-bake Saturday, Dec. 10, 1949, at 8 p.m. at the Willis Brothers clam house in Williston. A square dance, featuring the music of the Lilly Brothers, will follow in the Smyrna School gymnasium. Admission for the clam bake and square dance will be \$1.50 per person. Tickets are available now.

"Buy yours immediately and enjoy the well-known hospitality of the Willis Brothers in this annual 'get together,'" said B. E. Tarkington, Smyrna school principal.

All proceeds will be used for permanent improvements at the Smyrna school.

Charles Hassell Receives Highest Scouting Award

Beaufort Scoutmaster Presented Order of Silver Beaver Tuesday Night

Charles Hassell, for 12 years a leader of Boy Scouts in Beaufort, was awarded the highest honor for outstanding service in Scouting at the annual meeting of the East Carolina council Tuesday night at Greenville.

This award, the Order of the Silver Beaver, was presented to four men, two of whom were Mr. Hassell and W. S. Nicholson, former principal of the Harkers Island school. Mr. Nicholson is now teaching in Pamlico county. Only 40 Orders of the Silver Beaver have been awarded in the Eastern Carolina council during the past 18 years.

County Leader

Since 1937 Mr. Hassell has been Scoutmaster of troop 51 and an outstanding Scout leader, not only in Beaufort but in the county. The award, a silver beaver struck in metal and attached to a blue and white ribbon, was presented by Lowell Powell, of Aboskie, a member of the district executive board.

Attending the dinner meeting, which was held in the banquet hall of East Carolina Teachers college, were six other Scout leaders from Carteret county in addition to Mr. Hassell: Numa F. Eure, Dr. W. L. Woodward, James D. Potter, L. W. Hassell, all of Beaufort, Floyd Chadwick, Jr., and Bob Howard, both of Morehead City.

Dobson Speaks

Speaker at the banquet was Dobby Dobson, chief executive of ages 6 with headquarters at Atlanta.

W. C. Chadwick of New Bern was elected president of the council, and James D. Potter, chairman of the Carteret county district Scout committee was appointed a member-at-large.

Two hundred seventy-eight persons attended the affair.

Second 'Claudia' Performance Will Be Given Tonight

Tonight will be the last opportunity to see the play, "Claudia," staged by the Little Theatre.

The players turned in a notable performance at the first presentation last night in the Carteret Recreation center, Morehead City.

Of the cast of eight, only five speak out-and-out American. Fritz and Bertha, the cook and the house man, are German and speak with an accent, as well as Daruschka, a Russian opera singer who lends a rare comedy note to the play.

Fritz is played by Bill Godwin and Bertha by Charlotte Guthrie. Daruschka is portrayed by Ruth Peeling.

Paula Keyser and Ken Johnson play the leads, with Charles Markey and Carol Jarvis in the supporting cast.

The director, Carter Broad, was assisted by Miss Doris Leach, set was designed by D. G. Bell, and Miss Viola Styron is business manager.

In charge of properties is Gwen Willis; makeup, Mrs. W. C. Carlton; electrician, Delmas Willis. Assisting with scenery were Eugene Roelofs, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Salisbury, Jack Jarvis, Jeffery Jarvis, Ansil Chapin, and Miss Leach.

Furniture was lent by Jenkins Furniture company, lamps and pictures are from Dee Gee's shop, and books from the library of A. B. Chapin.

Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Friday, Dec. 9	LOW
10:36 a.m.		4:07 a.m.
10:37 p.m.		5:04 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 10		
11:22 a.m.		4:55 a.m.
11:48 p.m.		5:48 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 11		
12 midnight		5:51 a.m.
12:13 p.m.		6:38 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 12		
12:46 a.m.		6:55 a.m.
1:11 p.m.		7:32 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 13		
1:40 a.m.		8:04 a.m.
2:07 p.m.		8:31 p.m.