

Morehead Board Establishes Stand For Cabs on 9th

Commissioners Amend Ordinance, Make Temporary 60-Day Arrangement

Morehead City town commissioners in regular session Tuesday night designated 9th street, by Pender's store, as a taxi cab stand, amending the town ordinance which has prohibited on-the-street parking by taxi cabs.

This stand, a temporary 60-day arrangement will occupy a portion of the space which heretofore has been occupied by the Gillikin bus, and will be open to any Morehead City cab operator.

Request for on-street parking was made by Leroy Guthrie, owner and operator of the Seashore Taxi company. His cabs formerly operated from the lot now occupied by a used car dealer, 904 Arendell street.

Downtown Stand Essential

He told the commissioners that his efforts to rent vacant lots along the business section of the town had failed and that unless he got a stand downtown, he would have to go out of business. His cabs have been operating, since removal from 904 Arendell, from 18th street.

The board was hesitant in amending the ordinance prohibiting on-street parking, and when a vote was taken on establishing a temporary stand on 9th just south of Arendell, there was a tie, due to the absence of one commissioner.

Mayor Casts Vote

Mayor Dill cast the deciding vote, establishing an open taxi stand for a trial period of 60 days.

Mr. Guthrie assured the commissioners that he would abide by their decision at the end of 60 days, March 1, but said he believed there would be no quarrels about cabs from various companies parking there.

There was discussion on appointment of a new taxi commissioner since Commissioner D. G. Bell resigned from that position following a recent special meeting on the cab situation. Commissioner M. T. Mills was suggested to fill the place.

Santa Claus to Make Appearance Down Town

Santa Claus will make a special appearance under the auspices of the Morehead City fire department Thursday night, Dec. 22, at 7:30 p.m.

He will ride through the business section of town on a fire truck with a pack full of apples and oranges for all good girls and boys.

Rotarians Hear History of Club

Joseph House, Charter Member, Speaks at Christmas Meeting at Inn

The recollections of a charter member of the Beaufort Rotary club were brought to Beaufort Rotarians and their wives at the Christmas party Tuesday night in the Inlet Inn dining room.

Former Rotarian Joseph House told of events leading up to the organization of the club on March 18, 1928. It was sponsored by the Morehead City club with Dr. Ben Royal being chiefly responsible for organization of the Beaufort club.

Mr. House, who is a past president of the Beaufort club, said the late Col. Fairleigh S. Dickinson of New Jersey was highly interested in the organization and did much toward forwarding it.

Colonel Dickinson, in addition to promoting the club, donated a silk Rotary and United States Flag to the group when it was organized, Mr. House related.

Depression Hit

The Beaufort club had a tough time during depression days, the speaker continued, with its original 19 charter members dropping down to 10 or 11 members in the leanest times. However, he explained, it managed to keep intact and moved forward to its present active strength.

The Rev. Priestley Conyers, pastor of Webb Memorial Presbyterian church, Morehead City, delivered the invocation at the Christmas party and gave a brief talk on the significance of Christmas.

All Rotary members and their wives attended the party. The ladies were presented with corsages and favors. Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Paul, Mr. and Mrs. House and Mr. and Mrs. Conyers.

Searchers Find Boys Lost on Banks



Three boys on a search for a Christmas tree almost brought pre-Christmas tragedy to Morehead City Tuesday night. The boys, Vernon Guthrie, Jr., age 15, his brother Wayne, 10, and Ronnie Nance, 12, were lost for eight hours, from late Tuesday afternoon until 2 a.m. Wednesday, when they were found in the dense Bogue Banks woods by one of several large searching parties.

The boys went across to the banks in a skiff equipped with outboard motor Tuesday afternoon. When they hadn't returned by dark, their parents became alarmed and notified the Coast Guard. The youngsters hadn't been located by 11:15 p.m. and a general alarm was sounded from Morehead City fire station. Close to a hundred men, including firemen and members of the National Guard, went over to the banks to take up the search.

One group of men worked through the woods from Salter Path and another group plowed through the darkness and dense underbrush from the Atlantic Beach section. Soon after 2 a.m. three pistol shots were fired into the air, notifying the searchers that the boys had been found.

Boys Go to Sleep
About seven miles east of Salter Path in "Hoop Hole Woods" the youngsters had made a clearing, built a fire, curled up and went to sleep, waiting for daylight when they could find their way out.

Their boat had been pulled far up on the shore and was not discernible from the channel in which the Coast Guard boat had to move. Mrs. Vernon Guthrie, mother of the two boys, said yesterday morning, "I didn't know what suspense was until last night." She said the boys were all right and all they needed was a good sleep.

"A woman told them she would like to have a Christmas tree, so I believe they went over to the banks looking for that. Vernon likes to hunt, so he took his gun along," she added.

Bonnie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Nance, neighbors of the Guthrie's on the Bogue Sound road.

Education Facilities Valued At \$1,018,450 in Carteret

Contractor Begins Work on Colored School, Morehead

Layout and excavation work on the new colored school building in Morehead City began Monday morning.

Material for concrete footing has been placed on the plot, located between 16th and 17th streets, Fisher and Bay, and concrete blocks were being laid early this week.

Raymond Ransom, building contractor, commented that the property is one of the most desirable sites possible for a school of that size. The building will consist of 10 classrooms, book room, main office and lavatories.

Fifteen men are employed now at the site and Mr. Ransom believes construction will be completed in about five months. His bid of \$93,290.90 was the lowest submitted to the county board of education last month. Heating, plumbing, and electrical contracts have been let to other concerns.

H. L. Joslyn, superintendent of schools, reported that a great deal of progress has been made on the new school building at Atlantic. Walls are almost up and steel is being laid for the floors.

Health Nurse Completes Special Course at Durham

Mrs. Leonard Lewis of Morehead City, public health nurse with the county health department, has just returned from the Durham county health department, where she was enrolled in a public health orientation course.

Mrs. Lewis will take up her public health work in the western section of the county as soon as the Christmas holidays are over. Dr. N. T. Ennett, health officer, explained that she studied at Durham because any nurse taking up public health work is required to have at least six weeks of specialized training in addition to her regular nursing training.

Land, building and equipment used for educational purposes in Carteret county is valued at \$1,018,450 according to the 1948-49 audit recently completed and released by H. L. Joslyn, superintendent of schools.

At the close of the fiscal year, June 30, 1948, the education board's total assets amounted to \$1,095,384.40. Bonded debt, however, is \$307,784 with interest in default amounting to \$14,279.12, a total of \$322,063.12.

State Loans

Loans payable to the state come to \$122,464.54. Of this \$40,495.50 is state literary loans and \$81,969.04 a special building fund loan. Receipts during the year amounted to \$504,898.45.

Insurance recovery on the White Oak school which burned last winter was \$24,700. Received from the state for the nine months school term was \$369,783.18. Among other sources of revenue were the following: vocational education allotment, \$9,676.19; veterans training program, \$10,182.69; lunchroom programs, \$11,117.69; textbook commission, \$606.53; fines and forfeitures, \$337.25; ad valorem taxes, \$19,392.83.

Tax Revenue

Poll taxes, \$3,304; dog taxes, \$695; state intangible taxes, \$704.43; ABC board, \$20,012.63; tuition Morehead City commercial school, \$846; insurance refunds, \$221.02; prior years checks cancelled, \$23.23; diplomas, \$178; pupils bus accident insurance, \$403.25; miscellaneous sales, \$224.62; rental of school property, \$198.58.

Total disbursements were \$479,097.51 which does not include expenditures for debt service. Debt service expenditures for the schools are made by the county debt service fund.

Mayor Sends Case To Judge Morris

Fred Mallette, colored man, was placed under \$100 bond by Mayor L. W. Hassell Monday afternoon and ordered to appear in recorder's court on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, inflicting serious injury on Nelson Fulford.

The two men were involved in a fight, police reported, Saturday night at Queen and Pine streets, Beaufort.

Two colored girls, Mabel Bryant and Elizabeth Richardson, were fined \$5 and costs each on a charge of fighting on the streets of the town Sunday night.

The case of Clayton Steel, Negro, charged with assault with a deadly weapon was postponed until the next session of mayor's court. Ten other cases were also continued because they involved crewmen of menhaden boats.

Mayor Hassell stated that he is lenient in that matter because weather has been poor for fishing.

JCs Start Program to Select Morehead 'Man of the Year'

Work has already begun to select a young man for the Jaycee Distinguished Service award. Morehead City Jaycees were told at their Monday night meeting in the Fort Macon hotel dining room.

Bob Lowe has been appointed chairman of the Jaycee committee to select the DSA winner. Lowe was recipient of the award when it was given in January of this year.

Civic Groups to Vote

Various civic groups will be asked to nominate the person they feel most worthy of the honor. Lowe's committee will tabulate the votes received and make arrangements for a banquet in January when the award will be given.

To be eligible the winner must be between the ages of 21 and 35 and have done the most outstanding work for the community in 1949. It is not necessary to be a Jaycee to be eligible.

Money Discussion

Jaycees discussed what disposition should be made of the proceeds from the recent theatrical

they staged. After heated discussion, it was decided to set aside the money in a special fund and decide upon its disposition later.

Luther Lewis, chairman of the Jaycee Christmas activities committee, said a large number of toys had been collected for the Jaycee Christmas party for children but that the committee was receiving little cooperation. He appealed to members of the group to give their services when called upon.

Deficit Incurred

Dom Femia reported that only \$31 had been received for meals served at the Jaycee Christmas party Friday night at the Recreational center. He said management at the center had been promised at least \$75 and that meals had been prepared accordingly. The club appropriated \$24 to make up the deficit.

A motion was made that in the future a list should be taken of all persons who state that they intend to attend a Jaycee social. See JAYCEES, Page Six

Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar

HIGH	Friday, Dec. 23	LOW
10:49 a.m.	4:28 a.m.	
11:16 p.m.	2:15 p.m.	
HIGH	Saturday, Dec. 24	LOW
11:34 a.m.	5:19 a.m.	
12 Noon	6:00 p.m.	
HIGH	Sunday, Dec. 25	LOW
12:07 a.m.	6:11 a.m.	
12:21 p.m.	6:46 p.m.	
HIGH	Monday, Dec. 26	LOW
1:00 a.m.	7:07 a.m.	
2:09 p.m.	7:34 p.m.	
HIGH	Tuesday, Dec. 27	LOW
1:53 a.m.	8:06 a.m.	
2:00 p.m.	8:22 p.m.	

Curb Market Friday

Because of Christmas the curb market, 13th and Evans st., Morehead City, will be open Friday morning, Dec. 23, rather than Saturday, Dec. 24.

Library to Close

The Carteret County Public Library will close Thursday afternoon, Dec. 22 and will re-open Thursday morning, Dec. 29.

Sales Center For Tags Moves

The office for sale of automobile and truck license tags has been moved from the Parker Motor company to a small office just west of Sound Chevrolet company, 1310 Arendell street, Morehead City.

To date only 400 plates have been sold, according to Mrs. Robert Lowe, who is in charge of sales. Approximately 5,000 plates are expected to be bought in the county. Deadline for having new plates on motor vehicles is Jan. 31, 1950.

The license tag office is open each day from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. except Wednesday and Saturday when it is open from 9 a. m. to noon. Town tags in both Beaufort and Morehead City are available now. Morehead City tags may be purchased at the clerk's office in the municipal building and Beaufort tags at the town hall or the Front street police station.

Police Collect Fewer Fines; City Operates at Loss

Collection of police fines for the fiscal year 1948-49 amounted to \$1,390, about one half of those during the 1947-48 fiscal year, according to the audit presented to Morehead City commissioners Tuesday night. The board was also informed that it operated at an \$11,000 deficit for the year ending June 30, 1949.

During the year previous, it operated at a \$7,000 deficit, said L. R. Ausbon, auditor from the firm of Williams and Wall, Raleigh.

Tax Collection Lower

Almost 89 per cent of the 1948-49 tax levy was collected, but that per centage was smaller than it had been for the past five years, Mr. Ausbon commented. Seventy per cent of the current levy has been collected, commented John Lashley, city clerk.

The hospital's expenses for the latest fiscal year exceeded receipts by \$5,097.67 and on the books, due from patients, is \$52,473. Many of these debts were incurred when the hospital first went into operation. The auditor recommended that they be charged off.

Notes Uncollected

Several notes held by the town, 15 years of age, were recommended to be charged off if collections cannot be made. The bonded debt now stands at \$626,000.

Commissioners approved the audit and tabled for 30 days the request by Mr. Ausbon for the contract next year. Cost of the audit is \$500 with \$100 paid by the hospital whose books are audited along with the town's.

Government Needs Clerk At Harkers Isle Postoffice

The United States Civil Service commission has announced an open competitive examination for the position of substitute clerk at the Harkers Island postoffice. Entrance salary is \$1.04 per hour. Competitors should report for a written examination at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, at the postoffice building, Morehead City. Full information and application blanks can be obtained from the Harkers Island postmaster.