

Chamber Officials Report Response To Fund Pleas

Manager Pleased With Current Efforts, Hopes For Continued Cooperation

A recent editorial in the Carteret County NEWS-TIMES, plus a letter from Chamber President Lou Gore, calling attention to the immediate necessity for additional funds to operate the Morehead City chamber of commerce for the remainder of the current fiscal year, is resulting in an unequalled vote of confidence by its members according to Robert G. Lowe, manager of the chamber. If funds continue to come in at the present rate there will be no question of financing the organization throughout the remainder of the period ending May 1, Mr. Lowe remarked.

The Morehead City chamber was organized in October 1939. They immediately launched a program of work which was successful from the outset. The efforts continued with increasingly apparent benefits to the entire community until the beginning of the war.

During the war years a skelton organization was maintained and routine activities were carried on almost entirely by the efforts of John L. Crump and I. E. Pittman; and almost entirely at their own expense, Mr. Lowe stated.

Steps To Reorganize

Following the war, in 1945, steps were taken to reorganize and place the chamber on a substantial operating basis. This movement was accomplished in the early months of 1946. W. C. Carlton was appointed full time executive secretary. Under his administration the present progressive program was inaugurated. Mr. Carlton was succeeded in 1948 by the present general manager, Mr. Lowe. The Morehead City chamber of commerce has earned the respect of the entire state of North Carolina and the Southeast for the progress citizens, the manager commented.

An all-out campaign to finance the Chamber's activities was staged in 1946. Until the present time it has not been necessary to undertake a similar project. It will be required at the beginning of the new fiscal year on May 1, Chamber officials announce.

Plea Successful

The recent plea, both to paid up members and to those who had not yet made their current chamber of commerce investment has met with outstanding initial success. If the remainder of those contacted respond with equal enthusiasm as have those already heard from, the Chamber's finances are assured for the remainder of the present fiscal period, Mr. Gore stated.

The current financial crisis has not been without its value, he continued. It is always necessary to keep the activities of any civic organization in the eyes of the public which it serves and which supports it.

Thinking Crystallized

The need for interim financing has crystallized public thinking and has emphasized the value to the community of the activities of its Chamber of Commerce, the president added.

When faced with the alternative of making funds available to operation or eliminating the Chamber of Commerce from active service, there was no question raised as to the value of this cooperative effort, Mr. Gore declared.

"A chamber of commerce is the means through which individual citizens can render service to the city in which they live and earn their living. It is the means through which civic, commercial and industrial progress is made on a full time basis by the combined efforts of all forward looking citizens. It is an organization which no progressive community can afford to be without. In the words of General George C. Marshall, "As long as there is a difference between what a city is and what it should be, there is a need for its Chamber of Commerce," concluded the president.

Medical Society Sponsors High School Essay Contest

The Medical Society of the State of North Carolina announced yesterday the opening of an essay contest for all high school students in the state. This contest begins March 1 and closes March 20. Its subject will be "Doctors I Have Known," and as first prize the Society is offering a \$600 college scholarship. Second and third prizes will also be awarded.

The purpose of this contest is to further education in matters related to the public health of the State and to encourage students to consider the medical profession and its allied fields in choosing their life careers.

Coal Strike Death Grip By-Passes Carteret Area

The coal strike's death grip on the nation has failed to paralyze operations in this area.

This is due, for the most part, to Carteret county's experiencing one of the mildest winters in years. Necessity for fuel has been at a minimum.

H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, said that the coal supply for the schools was put in during the summer, and that these institutions would not have been affected had the winter been cold.

Less coal, he reported, has been burned this school year than in 1948-49.

J. Godwin Heads Havelock Jaycees

Newly-Organized Group Elects Officers, Adopts Constitution

James Godwin has been elected president of the newly-organized Havelock Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Officers chosen to serve with him are Robert Rose and Al Rachide, vice-presidents, William Vernon, secretary, the Rev. Maness Mitchell, treasurer, and Ted Shapiro, Robert Bell, and Robert Hayes, directors.

The election was held and the constitution and by-laws adopted Tuesday night at a meeting at the Rose Motor company. Twenty-two young men of Havelock attended.

Mr. Rose opened the session with a report on a previous meeting when he was elected temporary chairman of the proposed organization and Mr. Godwin was selected to head the constitution and by-laws committee.

District Officer Speaks
Bernard Leary of Morehead City, district eight vice-president of the Jaycees, spoke on organization of Junior Chambers of Commerce and explained principles of operation of the Jaycees.

Dan Walker, Beaufort, a former state and national director of the Jaycees, read each article and section of the proposed constitution and by-laws. Members raised questions, made desired changes, and their elected officers.

The group will meet at the Rose Motor company each Thursday at 8:30 p. m.

The following men represented Jaycees of Beaufort, Morehead City and New Bern: Dan Walker, Beaufort; Mr. Leary, Hubert Hepler, James Robert Sanders, Bruce Goodwin, O. H. Allen, Bud Dixon, Lester Willis, L. G. Dunn, Kenneth Wagner, and Russell Outlaw, Morehead City; Jack Taylor and Bill Barwick, New Bern.

Farm Officials Plan Rat Program

Plans are getting under way to conduct another rat control campaign throughout Carteret county Monday, March 6. Applications for rat poison should be turned in to community chairman by Tuesday, Feb. 28, R. M. Williams, county agent, announced.

Reports from a considerable number of farmers for the past two years indicate that the poison bait, prepared locally, has done a good job in controlling rats.

To make this campaign a success, farm families who have rats on their premises should take part in this project, the agent continued. A three-pound package, which is a sufficient quantity to treat the average size farm, costs \$1.

Poison bait will be delivered to the community campaign chairman on the morning of March 6.

The following is a list of the community chairman: Leland Morris, Allen Vinson, Mrs. Daisy Koonce, Clyde Garner, Lawrence Garner, Roy Garner, Lee Murdock, Thomas Olesby, Leslie Springle, Neal Campen, L. N. Conner, Guy Carraway, Herman Merrill, Roland Saffler, Gulon Lewis, Miss Florence Pigott, and Harry Chadwick.

Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Friday, Feb. 24	
12:56 a.m.	7:19 a.m.
1:06 p.m.	7:19 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 25	
1:49 a.m.	8:18 a.m.
2:02 p.m.	8:15 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 26	
2:48 a.m.	9:22 a.m.
3:06 p.m.	9:17 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 27	
3:49 a.m.	10:23 a.m.
4:08 p.m.	10:19 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 28	
4:43 a.m.	11:18 a.m.
5:06 p.m.	11:16 p.m.

Four County Officials Announce Political Intentions

Redon Harris of Stacy Cheats Death Four Times

By Wallace G. Styron

If you would like to see a man who has escaped death several times in a most miraculous manner, you should go to Stacy, N. C., and call for one Redon Harris. I used to think his name was Redding but later I found the name to be Redon. Anyway, they call him Red, at least many people do, and he doesn't mind.

Red is a kindly fellow about sixty years old, always jovial and will go to the limit to help his neighbors. It is a treat indeed to hear him tell of his narrow escapes from the Grim Reaper.

Red was the youngest of a family of seven boys and girls. His father died while he was yet a tiny tot. At the time of his first brush with death he was living with his mother at Rumley's Hammock across Barry's Bay east of Atlantic. She had a wharf where she kept her boat, for Miss Penny, as she was called, was a smart boatman and could catch fish and oysters as good as anyone and could handle a sailboat with the best.

Red Investigates
It was when the little Red was about four years old that he got interested in boats himself and decided he would go down to the wharf and look at the big water and walk out on the wharf by himself. Alas! his adventure came to grief. While walking out to the wharf his sea legs became wobbly and he fell into the water. There was no one near by to help him, but luck of a certain kind was there.

The wind was blowing on the shore and the waves were pretty large as they rolled in and so they soon washed him in on the seaweed in an unconscious state. His mother missed him, soon ran down to the shore and there more dead than alive, she found him. She soon revived him and thus you have his first narrow escape from the long sleep.

Red Marries
Time passed and Red grew up and married without any unusual thing happening to him other than now and then another addition to his family.

Then one day he started out to buy fish for some dealer in Morehead City. He took his wife and one of his boys with him as they wished to make the trip to town. We all had to go by boat in those days for there were no roads and cars here in the east then.

Well, Red got onboard his boat and was about to start the engine by striking a wire to the cylinder head when an explosion shook the whole boat and blew away part of the cabin. His wife and boy were blown overboard and Red being in the center of the boat, was not blown overboard but burned so badly that he was hospitalized for months. All were saved, however.

Warm February Brings Spring Flowers
Miss Annie Gaskill of Beaufort, offered further proof this week that Carteret county's winter has been mild, luring forth flowers that ordinarily are not blooming until March or April.

Within a radius of three blocks, on the course of her daily walks, Miss Annie has counted 29 blooming plants. They are listed below.

She also adds that during the last of January a lily was blooming in Mrs. Windley's outdoor pond on Craven street, and she saw outdoors a calla lily that was in bud. This is considered a potential, not hardy, and a much later bloomer.

Since Miss Annie made her "survey" about a week ago, early azaleas have also started blooming.

Her list is as follows: Sweet Alyssum, camellia-japonica, roses, marigolds, black-eyed Susans, daffodils, jonquil, narcissus, gallardia, stocks, bridal wreath, crocus, moss, geranium.

Petunia, lantana, snow-drop, pansies, nasturtiums, hyacinths, verbena, flowering quince, Turk's cap, pilox, box-vine, carnations (pinks), pear tree in blossom, and iris.

Miss Annie especially calls attention to Mrs. Jess Pagel's narcissus garden on Queen street.

Highway Officials Visit

Guy Hargett, second division highway commissioner, R. Markham and Mr. Pollock, engineers, conferred Tuesday with the mayor of Morehead City, George W. Dill, and the town board on expenditure of state highway funds in Morehead City.

Cub Pack Reorganization To Take Place Tuesday

The Cub Pack reorganization meeting scheduled twice during the past week has been scheduled again for Tuesday night at 7:30 in Franklin Memorial Methodist church.

W. C. Wall, New Bern, Scout executive, will be present, as well as Paul Mitchell, New Cub Scoutmaster and Theodore Phillips assistant Scoutmaster.

Parents of boys 8, 9, and 10 years of age who are interested in Cub Scouting are invited.

Superior Court To Hear Larceny Cases In March

William Fulford, Jr., Appeals to Higher Court, Bond Set at \$300

A jury trial was requested Tuesday morning in recorder's court in the case of James Daniels, charged with theft of clothing and money valued at \$290. It is alleged that Daniels took this property from the yacht "Spiffire" when it was en route through Morehead City to Florida in January.

The case was bound over to superior court. Judge Lambert R. Morris placed Daniels' bond at \$300.

Through counsel, William Fulford, Jr., entered an appeal to superior court when Judge Morris sentenced him to serve concurrent terms of a year and three months on the roads. Fulford is charged with stealing an auto radio valued at \$40 from a car which was at Sound Chevrolet company, Morehead City. He is alleged to have sold it for \$12.

Bond Set at \$300
The three month sentence was imposed for the radio theft, and the year sentence for violation of the terms in a suspended sentence March 22, 1949. Fulford's bond for his appearance in superior court was set at \$300.

Three cases were dismissed in Tuesday's court session. The defendants and charges were as follows: Alfred Anthony Ferretti, driving with improper license plates, Bob Garner permitting a dog to run at large, and Lemuel D. Golden, parking on the travel portion of a public highway.

The remaining cases dealt with violation of the motor vehicle code. Rebecca Jones pleaded guilty to driving without a license and paid \$10 plus costs. Robert Grady Bell, for having no valid license plates, paid half the costs. James Will See COURT, Page Three

County Agents Schedule Tractor Schools Tuesday

County farm agents, with the assistance of J. C. Ferguson of the Agricultural Engineering department, State college, will conduct two tractor maintenance schools in the county Tuesday.

The first of these will be held at 9 o'clock in the morning at the Gibbs Brothers farm east of Beaufort on highway 70. The second will be at the Vocational Agriculture department at Newport at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

Tractor owners and others who are interested are invited, R. M. Williams, county agent, announced. The following parts of tractor maintenance will be discussed: general principal of internal combustion engines, air cleaning system, oil cleaning system, ignition and magneto system, engine timing, and tractor safety.

"With the present high cost of tractors, we feel that every tractor owner should put forth a special effort to give his tractor the proper care and maintenance in order to prolong its life and economize in operating cost," remarked Al Stinson, assistant county agent.

Mr. Stinson, accompanied by several 4-H club members recently attended a tractor maintenance school at State college, Raleigh.

"We hope all tractor owners will avail themselves of this opportunity to learn more about better care for their tractors," concluded Mr. Williams.

43 Attend Eye Clinic At County Health Office

A total of 43 children and adults attended last week's eye clinic in the county health department. Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, health officer, announced this week. Dr. Ennett said much was accomplished during the one-day clinic.

Fifteen adults and 28 children were present. Recommendations made by the specialist in charge, Dr. J. B. Hawes, included glasses for 10 adults and 20 children, surgery for four adults and five children, blind school attendance for one child, rehabilitation school for one adult and change of classroom seat for one child.

The clinic was a joint program of the school health service, the county welfare department, the State Commission for the Blind and the Morehead City Lions club.

Sheriff, Register of Deeds, Judge, Solicitor to Run

More brush strokes were added to Carteret's political picture today with official statements from Sheriff Gehrman C. Holland, Register of Deeds Irvin W. Davis, Recorder's Court Judge Lambert Morris and County Solicitor M. Leslie Davis that they are candidates for re-election to their respective posts in the May 27 primaries.

The picture, in complete detail, must await deadline dates for filing for various offices which occasionally brings breathless shifts in political allegiance which characterize all elections.

Candidates for state offices and for U. S. congressman and U. S. senator have until noon, March 18, to file; for county and city offices until 6 p. m., April 15.

The four announcing today constitute less than half of the incumbent county office holders.

Term Question Arises
A. H. James, clerk of superior court, is in the odd predicament of not knowing whether his term of office expires this year or continues two more years until December, 1952.

H. S. Gibbs, assemblyman, is waiting for indications from his constituents as to whether they want him to run.

None of the five county commissioners has announced an intention to stand for re-election although it is believed that at least four of them will. One may step aside to permit a change in county representation.

Lawrence Hassell's "Scott Ticklet" is still in the threat stage, no one having announced himself, or been announced, as candidate for any state or county office under the banner of the Beaufort mayor who gained political importance by a well-timed stand for Scott in 1948. On the state level, emergence of Willis Smith, Raleigh attorney as a possible aspirant for the U. S. Senate seat of Scott-appointed Frank P. Graham, was being viewed today as having power to blast the Carteret political picture into a state of unrecognizable shape.

Mr. Smith, counsel on numerous private matters of legal import in this county, has a summer home at Atlantic Beach which he frequents both summer and winter. Mr. James was appointed clerk

Legion Auxiliary Memorializes War Dead With Books.

Women Give Two Volumes In Honor of Sgt. Austin, Lieutenant Jones

The American Legion Auxiliary of Beaufort this week undertook its program of giving in memorial a book to the Carteret County public library for each Beaufort boy who gave his life during the recent world war.

The first two to be honored are S/Sgt. Roy Austin and Lt. Hugh Jones. American Guide to Travel by Hastings has been given in memory of Sergeant Austin and The Birds of America by John James Audubon, in memory of Lieutenant Jones.

Mrs. L. A. Oakley, librarian, said the library is delighted to receive the books and will make every effort to cooperate with the auxiliary in selection of the volumes.

In the front of each book is placed a small bookplate stating that the book belongs to the Carteret County Public Library and was given as a memorial by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Sergeant Austin, a paratrooper, was killed at Bastogne Jan. 15, 1945. His body was returned to Beaufort in November, 1948. He was the son of Mrs. Mabel Austin, 312 Ann street, and J. F. Austin, of New York.

Lieutenant Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jones, Queen st., Beaufort, was killed May 10, 1944 at Glossop, England, while flying a P-38. He is buried at Cambridge.

Morehead JCs OK Candidacy Of M. F. Browne

Morehead City Jaycees went on record at their Monday night meeting in the Fort Mason hotel dining room to support Miron F. Browne, North Carolina Jaycee president, for the office of president of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Four delegates to the Jaycee quarterly board meeting in Greensboro last week-end, Bernard Leary, Elton Davis, Jimmy Wallace and Bobby Bell, reported that delegates to the state meeting had proposed Browne's candidacy for the national presidency. All four said they felt this year was a most opportune time for North Carolina to have a representative from this state elected to the national office.

Approval Unanimous
A resolution giving the local group's support of this candidacy was passed unanimously.

Bruce Goodwin, chairman of the Jaycee football committee, reported that work toward initiating football as a sport at Morehead City high school was far from complete and there appeared little chance at present of having the sport instituted.

This is due, Goodwin disclosed, to the fact that there is no member of the high school faculty who is trained to coach football and unless a new faculty member is allotted for next year there would be none.

County Superintendent of Schools, H. L. Joslyn, has suggested that Morehead City and Beaufort boys combine into one team with Beaufort coach, T. H. McQuaid, in charge, Goodwin went on. With this arrangement Morehead City boys would be able to participate in the sport under a trained football coach, he said.

Considerable discussion took place in favor of obtaining a coach for the Morehead City team.

As entertainment a musical program was presented by the Utah Centennial chorus of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Ice and Coal Company Wins Second Safety Award

For the second consecutive year the Carteret Ice and Coal company, Morehead City, has received the safety award from the department of labor, state of North Carolina, for the outstanding record of no accidents during 1949.

The Carteret Ice and Coal company first received this award last year in the form of a framed certificate. The second symbol of recognition is a blue ribbon attached to a gold seal.

Ocracoke IS on the Map

Ocracoke is often left off the map of the United States—it, and its north and south neighbor-islands are so low and thin that cartographers have a tendency to omit them. This was true in a recent issue of LIFE magazine; the whole North Carolina reef was totally missing. Notified of the fact by the Ocracoke school children, LIFE defended itself by saying that this particular map was drawn to show the road building going on in the interior.

This explanation but adds insult to injury since the year 1950 is bringing state road-building to the North Carolina reefs and Ocracoke has just become a part of the state highway system: proposed plans for 1 9-10 miles of paved stretches (not streets) have been approved by the State Highway Commission.

Mainlanders Worry
A great many mainlanders are unduly worried about this trend toward mainland-insanity; many have written protesting the "spoiling" of their summer paradise. They picture a web of paved streets, and their great concern is lest Ocracoke's "main thoroughfare" with its beautiful overhanging water-oaks, its white fences, its hundred-year-old homes be sacrificed to cold, gray concrete. They fail to realize that the resident Islanders also prize these quaint thoroughfares and old trees.

There is the story of an elderly Island lady who took her place in her yard day after day as the Navy's hard-surfaced road in 1941 came nearer and nearer to her beautiful oaks, watching its course carefully until she was assured the trees would not be sacrificed. But it is not alone the trees which will save the beautiful sandy lanes; here and there on each of them are the little family graveyards which must not be molested. So these "main thoroughfares" will become side streets when new paved strips by-pass them on the way between the Island's stores and other business centers and the freight docks.

No three-lane highways are expected; few two-lane roadways are anticipated; the Island's hope is for just about two miles of solid pavement on the shortest lines between the stores and the docks; pavement to carry the trucks where now the sand lets them down. This is the chief hope of

the men folk; to this the women folk add "and dry-shod to Church and to school."

To summer visitors this postscript may seem strange, since in the three months—June, July, August—when there are so many visitors, the Island's roads are usually dry and sandy. But in the fall and winter, (this present one is an exception) there come the rains, day after day, and the large low places form deep puddles which get deeper and deeper as vehicles drive through them.

Planned, Practical Paving
Based on definite proposals at a community meeting, Ocracoke's paved roads have been planned as simple pavements for practical use, simple enough for any mainland Ocracoke-enthusiast to approve in absentia. Where width is at a premium, they will be "one lane," where space is ample, "two-lane." A mere 1 9-10 miles will connect the Island's two churches, one post office, one ice-plant, one movie, two hotels, three repair shops, and six stores with food, ice, lumber, fuel, oil, and other needs in transit, and it should be remembered that with the exception of seafood and early spring vegetables, all of the Island's daily necessities come in by boat from the mainland thirty to sixty miles away.

Most motor vehicles on the Island at present are jeeps or trucks. Accustomed to driving anywhere and everywhere over the sand—a road on Monday may be obliterated by high tides on Tuesday—Island drivers may at first feel somewhat "curbed" by the confines of pavement, and will undoubtedly take to the sand dunes now and then in memory of the "good old days." And, they will have bright new license plates.

There is a mistaken idea abroad the mainland about taxes on Ocracoke: many are under the impression that because there are no sheriffs, no jails, no doctors, no dentists, no etc., etc., there are no taxes. This is stretching the imagination further than the tax collectors do. It is true that there have been no license plates in the past, but car owners have had to pay the gas tax, and have some times grumbled about it. Whether or not the paved roads will bring more cars to the Island is doubtful.

Passenger cars are pure luxury; See OCRACOKE, Page Three