

## Superintendent Reports on County Road Projects

### Adams Creek, Ball Roads Will Be Paved; Others Graded, Rocked

J. L. Humphrey, county road superintendent, announced yesterday that the Ball road, from highway 101 to the Adams Creek road will be graded and hard-surfaced and work will be started the latter part of this week on the road from Kuhn's to the Onslow county line, Stella.

The Ball road, 1.1 mile in length, was brought to the attention of county commissioners at a recent meeting. Raymond Ball made the request that it be paved when work is done on the Adams Creek road.

The State Highway commission will ask for bids on the Adams Creek road Tuesday. This project calls for hard-surfacing of 11.28 miles from NC 101 at Harlowe northeast to Adams creek.

Grading on the road at Stella will be followed by a covering of Belgrade rock. The Wiggins Neck road will be stoned this winter also, Mr. Humphrey said.

## Cement or Not?

As for the Salter Path road, highway officials say a boatload of cement is coming to Morehead City Oct. 10 and the cement will be used in paving that road. At the port, spokesmen say they have had no notification of the arrival of a boatload of cement.

## Onslow Project

Bids will be asked Tuesday also on a project in Onslow county, 6.7 miles on NC 24 from a point approximately 4.2 miles east of Piney Green thence east to beginning of a 2.2-foot pavement 1.7 miles from the White Oak River bridge at Swansboro.

If satisfactory bids are received on these projects the State Highway commission will award contracts at its next regular meeting Friday, Sept. 29.

## PTA Group Hears Report on Camp Glenn Enrollment

Members of the Camp Glenn PTA met Tuesday night in the new school lunchroom for their first 1950-51 session. Manley Fulcher, principal, reported that 280 pupils are enrolled and the first three grades are very crowded.

There are 52 pupils in the first grade and efforts are being made to obtain another teacher for the school so that the first year pupils can be split into two classes.

## Teachers Welcomed

The principal welcomed the new teachers and introduced each one. The teachers will appoint their own grade mothers and it was decided that parents could pay for school lunches by the day, week, or month.

Membership dues collected amounted to \$27.50. The seventh grade, R. D. Davis, teacher, had the highest per centage of parents present.

## Committees Appointed

After the secretary-treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Fred Willis, Mr. Price appointed committees. They are as follows:

Membership committee: Mrs. Hamlin Salter, Crab Point; Mrs. E. D. Jones, Broad Creek; Mrs. Jack Powell and Mrs. James Ross, Camp Glenn.

Program committee: Mrs. Nat Russell, Mrs. James Mason, and Mr. R. W. Davis.

Refreshment committee: Mrs. Joe Smith, Mrs. Julius Nelson, Mrs. Mamie Swain, Mrs. Cecil Oglesby, and Mrs. Leslie Brinson.

Publicity committee: Mrs. M. L. Mansfield and Mrs. Fred Willis.

Investigating committee: Mrs. Thomas Oglesby, Earl Lewis, and Manly Fulcher. This committee is to go over the school building and grounds, and make a detailed report of what the school needs in facilities and equipment. This report will be presented to Mr. Price for approval, and then sent to the county board of education.

At the end of the meeting soft drinks and cookies were served by the lunchroom workers.

# State REA Director Harkens Island Telephone Troubles

## Ocracoke Paving Project Nears Completion This Week

By Alice K. Rondthaler

The paved road project on Ocracoke Island is nearing completion this week. The three men in charge of the work, Fred N. Poole, superintendent, C. Y. Griffin, engineer, and L. L. Bishop, foreman, were entertained last Friday night by the local roads committee members at the home of Carleton Kelly. Besides giving the three "mainlanders" plenty of Pamlico Sound shrimp, Ocracoke fried chicken, and Carolina strawberry shortcake, with accessories to match, the committee recognized their services to the island with letters of commendation and with souvenir photographs of historic Ocracoke Light-house. Members of the local committee are Theodore Rondthaler, R. S. Wahab, Benjamin E. Spencer, Carleton Kelly, and Clarence Scarborough.

Superintendent Poole believes that the problems of road building on Ocracoke Island are unique in the state of North Carolina. Roads have been built at other places on the Outer Banks, but never before at a place where equipment and supplies could not be brought in by truck. The only connection with Ocracoke is by boat and the shortest distance from any mainland town is 30 miles.

All cement for the job was brought from the factory at Norfolk by way of two Ocracoke boats. So heavy is the present demand for cement that the bags were put aboard the boats by mechanical conveyor straight from the grinding machines, and the freshly made cement was too hot to handle with human hands. With hatches closed against rain and sea, the heat of the cement in the hold opened up the seams of one of the boats engaged in the hauling and forced it to drop out of the work. Fourteen round trips Ocracoke to Norfolk were required to haul the cement alone, or a total of 3,360 miles by water.

Water for the cement work had caused concern to the highway authorities at Raleigh, but proved no problem. It had been reported that the Navy, for its cement work during the war, had hauled in water by the barge-load to Ocracoke. Actually, the Navy had hauled in water, but it was drinking water, after the great storm of '44 had splashed salt water into the Navy's cisterns. Water for the recent road building was found in abundance 3 to 4 feet below the surface everywhere on the Island.

## Sea Sand Used

It had been doubted whether sea sand (the only kind available on Ocracoke) would serve for road building. Examination showed, however, that a half mile of road laid by the Navy seven years ago had been made of cement and sea sand and has stood up with very little wear and tear. So the recent roads were made of sea sand and cement. Cutting and filling has been virtually unnecessary in the road building here. The concrete strip has simply adopted everywhere the "natural" level of the sand, which means that nearly all of it is actually lying for the most part between 2 and 3 feet above sea level. At one point, for a few hundred feet, it climbs to perhaps 7 feet above sea level in crossing a small "hill" created by pumpings from a dredging operation.

L. L. Bishop, foreman, has been charged with the difficult task of creating satisfactory shoulders for the road. Since there is no earth or stone on Ocracoke, (only sand), nothing but vegetative growth can make a road shoulder stay where it is put. Foreman Bishop, having sought advice from local residents about "the best" grass to plant, has received many differing opinions—none perhaps more sound than that "take the salt-water grass that grows here naturally, and use it as turf. Then the first sea water that comes over in a storm won't kill it."

The bringing of heavy equipment across from the mainland was nearly the Waterloo of the project. The loan of a sectional barge by Camp Lejeune was promised to the State.

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## Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Friday, Sept. 22	
5:06 a.m.	11:19 a.m.
5:36 p.m.	12 Midnight
Saturday, Sept. 23	
6:02 a.m.	12:02 a.m.
6:27 p.m.	12:15 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 24	
6:50 a.m.	12:46 a.m.
7:10 p.m.	1:05 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 25	
7:34 a.m.	1:26 a.m.
7:50 p.m.	1:50 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 26	
8:15 a.m.	2:03 p.m.
8:27 p.m.	2:31 p.m.

## Woman's Club Pushes Program For Better Garbage Collection

Members of the Beaufort's Woman's club, the town clerk, and members of the town crew met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. L. Woodard, Woman's club president, to discuss garbage collection methods and regulations.

The Woman's club has undertaken as one of its projects this year systematized collection of garbage. One suggested regulation, elimination of all backyard collections, except at the rear of stores or where there are through alleys, was met with enthusiastic approval by the town crew.

## Governor Approves Fund For Bridge to Beach

Gov. Kerr Scott yesterday approved a special highway fund allocation for bridges which includes the project "across Bogue Sound between Morehead City and Atlantic Beach in Carteret County."

It has not been specified whether repairs will be made to the present bridge or a new one built. Residents in this area have long hoped for a completely new structure.

The total allocation is \$3,475,000 for six bridge projects in North Carolina. These projects, recently urged by federal engineers as national defense measures, will be financed from the year-end highway surplus, the governor said.

## Carteret County Librarian Resigns

Mrs. L. A. Oakley Will Be Succeeded by Mrs. Paul Woodard, Beaufort

Mrs. L. A. Oakley, librarian at the Carteret County Public Library, Beaufort, for four years, has resigned. Taking her place will be Mrs. Paul Woodard, Beaufort.

She was appointed at a meeting of the library board Thursday, Sept. 14, and will assume fulltime duties the latter part of this month.

## Morehead City Town Board Accepts Audit, Hears Salesmen

The Morehead City town board accepted the audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1950, heard two fire equipment salesmen, and handled routine matters at their board meeting in the municipal building Tuesday night.

The town ended the year with a \$3,877.85 deficit and total general fund deficit of \$102,813.63.

Taxes and penalties collected during the year amounted to \$84,104.17. Beer and wine taxes from the state brought in \$4,646.38, auto, bicycle, and dog licenses, \$6,253.

Parking meter revenue amounted to \$7,225.75; cemetery revenue, \$316; building permits, \$730; race track dividend, \$33,000; and hospital receipts amounted to \$169,776.66.

\$72,581 Owed Hospital

L. A. Ausbon, auditor, commented that accounts receivable at the hospital amount to \$72,581.36, and that most of these are uncollectable.

He suggested that the town board urge the hospital board of trustees to write these debts off rather than carry them on the books year after year.

"The hospital administrator said he first wanted to go through all the accounts and itemize them, and I reckon maybe he will," remarked the auditor, "but every other hospital administrator has promised that too and it has never been done."

Cash on hand and on deposit at the end of the year amounted to \$51,509.39, but this amount is secured by the bank only up to \$26,000, Mr. Ausbon said. The board agreed that the First Citizens Bank and Trust company should post security bonds to cover the full amount on deposit.

The 1949-50 year's uncollected taxes amount to \$58,766.08. Collections represent 90.46 per cent of the total levy. Collections in 1948 amounted to only 88.74 per cent of the levy.

Turned over to the hospital from the ABC store was \$14,047.17. In the hospital fund now is \$43,470.38. The town's bonded debt is \$615,690.32 and in the debt service fund on June 30, 1950 was \$67,519.32.

Since the port terminal has been turned over to the state, Mr. Ausbon suggested that the town request a ruling from Attorney General Harry McMullan on placing money in the port terminal fund in the general fund.

Disbursements

Paid out from the general fund last year was \$83,081.22: from debt service, \$27,796.83; paid on parking meter debt, \$3,027.31; to the chamber of commerce, \$3,500; street and sewer projects, \$12,713.72; Carteret Recreation association, \$3,500; purchase of garbage truck and motor grader, \$8,450; Morehead City hospital annex, \$3,273; hospital operating expenses \$168,909.81.

(The complete condensed financial statement will appear in Tuesday's NEWS-TIMES.)

John Barnes, representative of the Oren Fire Equipment company and Bill Morgan, representative of American LaFrance, attempted to sell fire equipment to the town board, but action was impossible because the full board was not present.

The board adopted a ruling a-boat a year ago stating that no purchase over \$500 could be made

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## Negro Fishermen Sing Their Way into National Spotlight

Capt. Roy Goodwin of Lennoxville is again in the news. Last fall and the year before it was because of his depth-recorder or radar fish-finder which he uses on his boat. This year his Negro crewmen's chants, sung as they pull in the nets, have been recorded and played over national radio hook-ups. Music critics claim a new discovery has been made in American folk music.

## Reservists on the Range



Official USMC Photo.

Members of the 339th Induction Station, United States Army Reserve, are shown above after a recent practice session on the firing range at the Marine Corps air station at Cherry Point.

Standing in the rear, from left to right, Lt. Lester Moore, Sgt. Charles Lincoln, Cpl. Sigmond Saratowski and Lt. James Sykes, all of Morehead City.

In the second row are Lt. Odell Merrill of Beaufort, Robert G. Lowe and George R. Wallace of Morehead City, civilian visitors with the unit. In the front row are Lt. Col. McNeill and Capt. H. S. Gibbs, Jr., of Morehead City. The induction station has its headquarters in Morehead City.

## New School Wing Will Be Ready Next Week

Although it was hoped that the new wing of Morehead City school could be accepted from the contractor today, the date will probably be next Wednesday, G. T. Windell, principal, announced yesterday.

After the new wing is accepted by the county board of education, Mr. Windell said the luncheon should be open within a day or two following.

## District B&PW Clubs Will Meet At Beaufort

The Carteret Business and Professional Women's club will be hosts Sunday afternoon to district seven, Business and Professional Women's clubs at Beaufort school. Dinner will be served at 12:30 p. m. in the school dining hall by the Beaufort Parent-Teacher association ways and means committee.

Miss Ruth Peeling, president of the Carteret club, will preside. Mrs. Ladigole Lindsay, Morehead City, will give the invocation, and Mrs. Roma Noe, Beaufort, will welcome the guests.

## JC Scrap Drive To Begin Oct. 1

Morehead City's scrap paper and rags drive is due to start in 10 days, on Oct. 1, and an all-out effort will be made to scour the town clean. Drive Chairman Warren Beck told Jaycees at their Monday night meeting in the Fort Macon hotel.

Beck said teams of Jaycees would be organized to collect all paper and rags available. Also, he said, plans call for building a large bin in downtown Morehead City where scrap can be dumped at any time for Jaycees to pick up.

Those persons or concerns who already have an accumulation of scrap paper or rags and want it collected now should dial 6-4452 and the scrap will be picked up. He urged all business concerns to save corrugated cardboard containers for the scrap drive.

## Beaufort Reduces Bill To Tide Water to \$580.79

Dan Walker, Beaufort town clerk, reported Wednesday that the \$4,097.37 bill owed Tide Water Power company by the town, has been reduced to \$580.79.

Tide Water Power company's town taxes amounted to \$3,516.58 net. This amount, deducted from the light bill, accumulated since September 1949, leaves a balance of \$580.79.

The \$4,097.37 does not include the \$3,972.27 the power company claims the town owes for fire hydrant rental. This amount accumulated because of a mistake in the power company's books. Rental for hydrants was written off when sewer tanks were removed, instead of rental for the tanks, which was less than for hydrants.

## Surveying Begins on New Low-Cost Housing Site

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He has asked the town planning board to meet with Emmett Powell, Goldsboro, regional housing representative in this area. Mr. Powell was expected to inform the town clerk, Dan Walker, by phone yesterday on the date he could meet with the board.

## Public Health Nurses Attend District Conference

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These conferences are being held throughout the state by the State Health department to inform local health department personnel of the latest school health programs and procedures.

## Judge Imposes Light Sentence On Braxton Hall

Braxton Hall, charged with assault with a deadly weapon near the Sombbrero hotel, Atlantic Beach, early last Saturday morning, was ordered to pay a \$10 fine and costs in recorder's court Tuesday.

## Woman Injured When Cars Crash

A colored woman was injured and two cars damaged to the extent of \$610 Sunday morning at 9:30 a. m. near Copeland's Motor court, two miles west of Morehead City.

Mary McNeil, colored, sustained cuts on her cheek and right knee when the car in which she was riding collided with another. She was taken to Morehead City hospital by State Highway Patrolman W. J. Smith, jr., where she was treated and discharged.

## Left Purse

As they were leaving, the Spray woman remembered that she had left her pocketbook inside the cab and asked Hall to go back for it. He turned back and called for Disney, thinking that by the time he would have calmed down.

Hall asked Disney to get the pocketbook. He went into the cab and got it and came back to the car. Hall then rolled down the window of the car to take it from him, still thinking that Disney was no longer angry.

## Pulls Knife

Finally Hall said he grew desperate. He pulled out a knife and slashed at Disney's arm. After a few passes, across Disney's lower right arm Disney decided to give up and withdrew his arm, allowing Hall and the Spray woman to leave.

This all took place across from the Sombbrero in front of Newman Willis's service station, according to court records.

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