

## OPERATION PIANO

### Everybody Gets in the Act

#### Morehead Buys Power Mower

Town Board Defers Action On Police Car Purchase; New Fire Chief Approved

A power mower for use in Morehead City's Bay View cemetery was ordered to be purchased Tuesday night at the town board meeting in the municipal building. The price quoted was \$571.

Bids on an additional police car were opened but none accepted, pending receipt of cash bids from the car dealers interested in making the sale. All bids, with the exception of one, gave prices on trade-in of the present paddy-wagon.

The town commissioners, however, believed that keeping the paddy wagon for use of the town crew, may be a better plan. This would mean outright purchase of the new car.

Bids were submitted by Sound Chevrolet, Inc., Robert L. Rose Motor Co., and Dick Parker Motor Co.

Installation of the police radio equipment will be delayed until the new car is obtained.

#### Hospital Requests

City Clerk John Lashley informed the board that the hospital had requested payment of \$7,365 owed the hospital by the town in order to meet an additional \$4,000 cost for the elevator being installed at the hospital.

The commissioners stated that payment of the \$7,365 debt was being paid off annually at \$2,000 and that no more money would be forthcoming from the town.

Bids on purchase of gas, oil and maintenance work on town vehicles were opened. The bids were submitted at the request of the town board at the January meeting. No action was taken.

Commissioner S. C. Holloway was authorized to make the decision on what types of steps should be built at the summer houses in the cemetery. Both concrete and wooden steps are under consideration.

#### Fire Chief Approved

The board gave tentative approval to selection of Grady Bell as See MOREHEAD CITY, Page 5

#### State Outlaws 200-Pound Dredge

Raleigh—Repeal of the temporary rule permitting the use of 200 pound dredges by oyster-men with power driven boats, was announced today by George R. Ross, director of the Department of Conservation and Development.

Ross said that the board voted to return to the original rule permitting power boats to use one dredge in oystering not in excess of 100 pounds, with each sail boat permitted to have two such dredges.

The amended rule was adopted at the Charlotte meeting of the Board of Conservation and Development last October, according to Ross, as a temporary measure pending further study of the matter. At a hearing which was conducted by the commercial fisheries committee at Swanquarter Feb. 3, the oyster-men voted unanimously to request the committee to return to the original rule.

They said that the 200-pound dredges tore up the oyster beds and crushed the shells. A preliminary investigation confirming this opinion was made by the Fisheries Institute at Morehead City, and W. A. Ellison, Jr., director of the institute, said that in his opinion the 200-pound dredge was doing damage.

The revocation of the use of the 200-pound dredge is effective immediately, said Ross, and the order is being issued by him under his authority as director of the department, after the board had voted to respect the wishes of the oyster-men and the opinion of the Institute.

#### 14-Foot Pilot Whale Washes Ashore Saturday Near Beaufort

A 14-foot 4-inch pilot whale, estimated to weigh approximately 1,200 pounds washed up on Sheepshead shoal, Beaufort, Saturday morning. The sea mammal, also known as black fish, was discovered by George Willis, of Beaufort, at 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

Willis notified Dr. Henry Kritzer, resident investigator at Duke Marine laboratory, who specializes in the study of whales and porpoises. When Dr. Kritzer reached

#### Workmen Uncover Pair Of Copper-Toed Boots

A little pair of copper-toed boots was uncovered in the former Episcopal rectory, Beaufort, several weeks ago as workmen were tearing down plaster in the process of remodeling the building into apartments.

The boots, estimated to fit a child about 4 years old, were discovered by a workman, Dewey Smith, Morehead City, as he was removing the ceiling in the living room of the first floor. The shoes were between the ceiling and the second floor.

The leather and soles are in good condition, but there were no laces. The uppers extend about 4 inches from the sole and across the toe is a narrow strip of copper. This prevented the youngsters from scuffing the toes out.

It is believed that the boots are well over 50 years old.

#### Jaycees Appoint Robert Howard To Defense Job

Robert Howard has been named by the Morehead City Jaycee board of directors as the town's co-chairman of civil defense. Robert G. Lowe, chairman, requested last week that a co-chairman be named from Jaycees ranks.

P. H. Geer, Jr., was appointed at the Monday night Jaycee meeting in the Hotel Fort Macon to the chairmanship of the 8th district Jaycee meeting which will be held in Morehead City in April.

#### Replies Received

President Bill Chalk announced that the group had received replies from Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor and Speaker of the House Frank Taylor. The Jaycees had written the state government leaders, urging that the school budget for the state not be reduced. Both men assured the Jaycees of their cooperation in helping to keep the education budget intact.

Jimmy Meeks, member of the community piano committee, reported on the plans for purchasing a piano for the school and asked the Jaycees to contribute.

#### Report Made

Bernard Leary and Geer attended the board meeting at Winston-Salem last weekend and reported that it was the largest Jaycee board meeting ever held in North Carolina. Governor Scott attended.

Jasper Bell, chairman of the scrap paper drive for March, told Jaycees he hopes to cover a wider area next month in collection of paper and to increase the contribution from residences.

The next meeting Monday night will be a joint meeting of Beaufort and Morehead Jaycees in Morehead City. They will hear Jimmy Rowe, 8th district vice-president.

#### Rotarians Add Two New Members

Voted into membership Tuesday night at the Beaufort Rotary club were Glenn Adair and Jack Crawford. Grayden Paul, a former member, was re-instated.

Rotarians were reminded that the Japanese student being supported by the 179th Rotary district, which includes Carteret county, will be present at next Tuesday's meeting.

Gene Smith, civil defense director, told of the civil defense program in Beaufort, and President T. R. Jenkins reminded Rotarians that the district conference will take place April 12 and 13 at Greenville. Dr. Walter Chipman was appointed to recruit men to attend the conference.

Guests at Tuesday's meeting were three Morehead City Rotarians: Dr. Al Chestnut, W. C. Matthews, and Thomas C. McGinnis.

Mrs. D. G. Bell (Miss Madie that is), in making her Operation Piano collection Wednesday, was eager to make the First Citizens Bank and Trust company a "Hundred Per Center" and while the employees were coming up with their dollar bills, John Tillery, colored janitor, said he wanted to be counted in, and he gave his dollar too.

To raise the money for a grand piano for Morehead City school, the Morehead City Woman's club has launched a campaign to collect \$1 from each of 3,000 persons. Canvassing of the town by blocks began Wednesday and will end tomorrow.

Every business firm and every block that contributes \$1 for each person in it will be eligible for the "Hundred Per Centers" club.

#### \$1 from Everybody

In line with the plan of giving \$1 for every member in the family, Mrs. E. A. Council, president of the Morehead City Woman's club, has contributed a dollar for herself, a dollar for Little Uzzie and a dollar for Admiral Nippie Neptune. Little Uzzie and the Admiral are her two pups.

At 10:30 Saturday morning the Morehead City band will lead a parade through downtown Morehead City. Everyone is urged to join in the parade, declared Mrs. Darden Eure, who is supervising Operation Piano. All canvassers have been requested to report their progress in the chamber of commerce office, municipal building, at 10 a.m. and a special program will begin on the steps of the town hall at 11:15 a.m., featuring Mrs. Council, president of the Woman's club and Mrs. Eure.

George Dill, former mayor of Morehead City, and Carteret county's representative in the state legislature, will speak at another program at the municipal building at 4:30 Saturday afternoon.

#### Farm Bureau Members to Hear Reports Monday

Raymond Ball, president of the Carteret county Farm Bureau, and Milton Truckner, vice-president, have sent special letters of invitation to all Farm Bureau members to attend a meeting at 7:30 Monday night at the court house.

At the meeting delegates to the state and national Farm Bureau conventions will make reports.

President Ball commented, "It is impossible to understand and fully appreciate the many activities and different phases of the farm program that your Farm Bureau is attempting to sponsor without attending one of the convention meetings."

"Problems in agriculture are growing more complicated each year. Science and Research is playing an important part in finding out new facts and developing new and different techniques in agriculture."

"We either go forward or backward in agriculture as well as in all other activities that we engage in. The farmer who keeps himself best informed of the problems and is willing to meet the challenge in an intelligent manner will be the ones who will remain in the front agriculture defense lines," he concluded.

Milton Truckner added: "It has been pointed out that agriculture is at the cross roads and needs to take careful inventory of its position. We need as never before a strong farm organization to voice the best interest of agriculture on a state and national level."

"We invite you to allow your Farm Bureau delegates to the state and national convention an opportunity to explain some of the farm problems that the future might hold for us."

#### Marine Corps Major Speaks At Men's Club Meeting

Major General L. E. Woods, USMC, commanding general Second Marine Air Wing, Cherry Point, outlined his personal reasons for faith in God at the monthly meeting of the Men's club of St. Paul's Episcopal church in the parish house, Beaufort, last night.

He was accompanied to the meeting by Lieutenant P. C. Bentley, USN, Episcopal Chaplain, Cherry Point, who also spoke.

Both were guests of H. Earle Mobley, vestryman. Presiding was Richard McClain, president of the club.

False Alarm Beaufort women answered a false alarm at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon. The alarm was turned in from box 32 at Ann and Gordon streets.

## Archie Wallace Remains in Jail; Theft Of Station Wagon Connected With Fire

### Colored Youth To Serve One Year on Roads

Charles Hester, colored youth of Beaufort, was sentenced to a year on the roads Tuesday morning by Judge Lambert Morris in recorder's court. Hester was found guilty of indecent exposure and resisting arrest. The case was first heard in Beaufort's mayor's court and was bound over to recorder's court when probable cause was found.

Tilman Taylor, Sea Level, did not contest charges of shipping oysters without a license, shipping oysters in shells without a license, and shipping scallops and clams in cans without labels showing the tax had been paid. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs.

#### Found Guilty

Robert D. Lancaster, charged with public drunkenness, use of vile language, disorderly conduct, and interfering with an officer in performance of his duty, was found guilty. His six-month road sentence will not be served providing he remain on good behavior and stays sober three years and pays \$50 plus costs of court.

Elvin Henry was found guilty on charges of abandonment and non-support. His two-year road sentence was suspended providing he pay \$10 a week to his wife for support of their child and pay court costs within 30 days.

The same sentence was passed in the case of Henry Williams, Jr., who was also charged with non-support. Delmas L. Guthrie was found guilty of abandonment and non-support. His two-year sentence will not be served providing he pays the clerk of court \$65 a month.

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### Two Groups To Meet at USO

Two organizations will meet during April in the former USO, Morehead City. The Veterans of Foreign Wars will gather there two days, April 21 and 22, and district home demonstration clubs will meet there April 27.

The Morehead City town board, in session Tuesday night at the municipal building, clarified its rule on use of the building, stating that \$20 is the minimum charge and only well-established organizations may make use of it.

Discussion of the building's rental raised a question on the activity or lack of activity on the part of the municipal recreation committee. Dr. Darden Eure, a member of the recreation committee who was at the meeting, stated that it was intended to have a letter in the hands of the town board that night which would have informed the board of the recreation committee's actions.

Because there was no letter, Dr. Darden Eure reported that the committee decided that the amount of money obtained for municipal recreation, by tax levy, was insufficient to operate the former USO, the building would not be used.

He said that rather than try to spread \$3,000 thinly over 12 months the committee has decided to operate the program this year for three summer months, hiring both a white and colored recreation director.

On behalf of the Morehead City chamber of commerce of which Dr. Eure is president, the town board authorized the city treasurer to give to the chamber of commerce the balance of the \$400 which was set up in the budget for chamber of commerce advertising at the beginning of the fiscal year. Commissioner D. G. Bell stated that only \$100 to \$150 of the \$400 had been spent.

#### Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar			
HIGH	Friday, Feb. 23	LOW	
9:11 a.m.	2:58 a.m.		
9:27 p.m.	3:20 p.m.		
Saturday, Feb. 24			
9:50 a.m.	3:39 a.m.		
10:09 p.m.	3:55 p.m.		
Sunday, Feb. 25			
10:31 a.m.	4:24 a.m.		
10:54 p.m.	4:34 p.m.		
Monday, Feb. 26			
11:14 a.m.	5:13 a.m.		
11:44 p.m.	5:19 p.m.		
Tuesday, Feb. 27			
12 Midnight	6:07 a.m.		
12:03 p.m.	6:10 p.m.		

### Adrian Salter, Former Resident Of Sea Level, Wins Commendation

New York, N. Y. — Rear Admiral Louis B. Olson, commander of the Coast Guard's Eastern Area Third District, recently presented a letter of commendation to Chief Boatswain Adrian Salter, USCG, 160 Van Winkle ave., Jersey City, during a brief ceremony at Coast Guard district headquarters here. Salter is a native of Carteret county. The commendation signed by Vice-Admiral Merlin O'Neill, Coast Guard commandant, describes Salter's heroism while he was a passenger aboard an 83-foot cutter patrolling the annual tuna tournament near Manasquan Inlet, N.J., Aug. 31, 1949.

The cutter's crew sighted Enos Zappillo, a local fisherman, struggling in the heavy swells off the jetty, and brought the patrol boat about to approach him. Realizing it would take several minutes for the boat to reverse its course and reach the fisherman, Salter jumped overboard, without taking time to don a life-jacket, and swam to Zappillo who was then floundering weakly below the surface. As Salter struggled and brought the victim to the surface, the patrol boat crew threw a life jacket which he succeeded in fastening around the man. He then swam with him to the patrol boat where artificial respiration was administered and the patient revived.

Salter has been a Coast Guardsman for over 19 years, and holds similar letters of commendation for previous rescues. While assigned to the Toms River (N.J.) Lifeboat station in 1934, he battled heavy surf at Seaside Park and successfully rescued a man from drowning. In December, 1947, he was instrumental in rescuing nine people from the fishing boat Paramount V. when that vessel capsized in Manasquan. Together with the letters of commendation, Mr. Salter has received six official letters of appreciation and several from persons who directly or indirectly benefited from his recurrent displays of bravery.

#### Native Of Sea Level

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Kilby Salter, of Sea Level, N. C., Chief Boatswain Salter has two brothers in the Coast Guard. One, Lieutenant John Salter, is now retired and resides at Lavallette, N. J. The other, Harvey Salter, is a boatswain's mate, first class, at the Atlantic, N. C. Lifeboat station.

Upon graduation in 1928 from Atlantic high school, Atlantic, N. C., Salter attended the Norfolk Business college. He enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1931, and was assigned to various lifeboat stations along the New Jersey and Long Island coasts, where he became an expert in lifesaving and small boat work. In 1942, he was given command of an 83-foot cutter assigned to New York and Norfolk. His command recovered many pilots who had crashed near their carriers during the intensive pilot training then being conducted.

#### Moves West

The following year, Salter moved to the west coast, to attend a school for gunnery officers at Pacific Beach, Calif. His next billet was aboard the 143-foot ocean going LT 455, whose first cruise was a two-month tow from San Pedro to New Caledonia, with an urgent mission.

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Chief Boatswain Adrian Salter, USCG, left, receives letter of commendation from Rear Admiral Louis B. Olson, right.

### Apartment-Building is Booming in Beaufort

#### Director Terms Air Raid Alert A Big Success

Gene Smith, Beaufort civil defense director, remarked yesterday that he was extremely pleased with the practice air raid alert in Beaufort Tuesday afternoon.

There will be another alert soon, he said, but no date has been set. He added that it will probably be a night alert.

The only criticism on Tuesday's alert is that the siren is not loud enough, Smith stated. Methods of correcting the situation were discussed last night at the civil defense meeting in the Merrill building.

The state highway patrol, Beaufort police and the fire department cooperated splendidly, the defense director stated.

Fire trucks, blowing their sirens, left the station. One remained there, but the others left town, one to the end of Front street extended, another out the Lennoxville road to Mack's place, and the other out Broad to Queen then north on Queen by the colored school and east on Mulberry street past the Beaufort school and thence out highway 70 to Huntley's.

Pedestrians got off the streets and the Beaufort police car, sounding its siren, traveled streets and ordered motorists to pull aside.

A car, equipped with public address system, courtesy of Neal Wilcox radio shop, cruised the streets and told people what was happening and what course of action they should follow. The car was driven by Willis and the information given by Glenn Adair, civil defense communications chairman.

Twenty-five apartments have been added or are in the process of being added to the available living space in Beaufort.

Many of these are already rented although they are not completed, while others already have occupants. The building spree in apartments during the past two months is unprecedented in the town's history.

The building of several new homes will also make the former residences of the new-home occupants available.

The building on Turner street, on the west side of Beaufort, has been converted into four apartments by Mr. and Mrs. John Jones. Three of the apartments are complete and the one at the rear will be finished tomorrow. All are rented.

This building formerly housed offices and a pool hall.

The large home owned by Dick Felton, Ann and Queen streets, is being converted into four apartments. Work there began about two weeks ago.

In the former Beaufort News building, Craven street, carpenters have been busy for the past month. D. F. Merrill, owner of the building, is converting it into three apartments.

The former Episcopal rectory, Moore street, is being remodeled into two apartments and will be ready for occupancy in several weeks. The property is owned by R. J. Mebane, Greensboro, and the contractor in charge of conversion of the dwelling is Grady Rich, Morehead City.

In the planning stage only are eight efficiency apartments in the present Channel club which is owned by Roy Eubanks. Blueprints for the apartments have already been drawn.

Recently completed by C. R. Wheatly, Jr., is the conversion of the old Manson house, Front street, into four apartments.

No further arrests have been made concerning the attempted court house burglary which occurred last Sunday and almost resulted in destruction of the court house by fire. Archie Wallace, Beaufort Negro, remains in jail charged with theft of United States government property, theft of county property, breaking and entering the court house and county garage, and driving without a driver's license.

The driving without a license and theft of government property charges have been connected by authorities with the fact that the 1947 Ford super deluxe station wagon was stolen from the United States Fisheries lab garage, Piver's Island, Saturday night. The station wagon was returned, however, several hours after it was taken. Unconfirmed reports say that Wallace has admitted taking the car.

Scientists and residents on the island had not missed the vehicle. Not until police went to the island in the process of making a routine check on all station wagons in the vicinity was it learned that the car had been out of the garage.

Wet mud was discovered on the bumpers and sides. It is believed that the "borrower" of the station wagon broke into the radio-isotope laboratory and removed the keys from the desk of Dr. Walter Chipman who uses the car.

Entrance to the lab was gained through a double door that leads into the store room. The door was jimmied open but no tell-tale marks were left. Foot prints were also discovered on the water side of the radio-isotope lab which is located just east of the bridge leading from highway 70.

No doors on the garage made it unnecessary for the thief to pry his way into that building. The station wagon was reported to be in the garage at 4 p.m. Saturday night. It was apparently returned to the island early Sunday morning shortly after the fire alarm sounded, calling firemen to the court house.

Insurance adjusters have estimated damage to the tax collector's office at \$2,000. The fire is believed to have started when Wallace, allegedly, tried to open the safe with an acetylene torch.

The torch equipment was stolen from the county garage located five blocks from the court house.

### Priest Leaves For Loretto, Pa.

The Rev. Elmer J. Landser, T. O. R., pastor of St. Eibert's Catholic church, Morehead City, since May 1, 1945, left today to assume new duties as director of Laymen's Retreats at the Franciscan monastery, Loretto, Pa.

His pastorate has been filled by the Rev. Gabriel Stephens, T.O.R., who arrived at St. Eibert's this week from Woonsocket, S. D., where he was pastor of St. Wilfrid's Catholic church.

The Rev. Martin Yanicko, T. O. R., assistant pastor of St. Eibert's since Oct. 1, 1950, will continue in that capacity.

Father Landser came to Morehead City from St. Francis' college, Loretto, Pa., where he served as Prior.

Announcing his departure for his new duties, Father Landser said: "I met some of the finest people I have ever met in my life in Morehead City and Carteret county."

At recent gatherings in his honor Father Landser was the recipient of a radio from the Ladies Auxiliary and a gift certificate from the Holy Name society.

### Two Boats Make Large Croaker Catches Wednesday

The Dixie B of Beaufort and the Sweet Pea of Morehead City made large catches of croakers Wednesday 30 miles north of Hatteras.

The Dixie B. came in with 203 boxes and the Sweet Pea with more than 400 boxes. These are the first major catches of food fish for several months.

#### Permit Issued

The permit for the building of the new Bell's department store, Morehead City, has been issued. It was also announced this week that foundations for the building in Morehead City, to be occupied by Eastman Furniture Co., will be laid as soon as weather permits.

### Town Planning Board Answers Questions on Annexation

To clarify the issues involved in the proposed expansion of Beaufort's town limits, THE NEWS-TIMES compiled the following questions. The answers have been given by the Beaufort Planning board.

Further explanation and more detailed information may be obtained on the proposed expansion program at the meeting at 8 o'clock tonight at Beaufort school. All citizens of Beaufort and the outlying areas are invited.

(The following questions are based on assumption that annexation will be effected. The term "new citizens" refers to those who will become a part of the town of Beaufort if the present expansion project materializes.)

1. When will the new citizens start paying taxes to the town?

If it is agreeable with the new citizens we will propose to have them pay taxes retroactive to January 1, 1951. That is, the first taxes will be due October 1, 1951.

2. Will there be a reduction on

fire insurance rates? If so, approximately how much?

Yes. It now appears that there will be a substantial reduction. According to present rate schedules reductions would be on the order of fifty percent. i.e. For approved type roof in town is 28¢ per hundred, out of town 52¢ per hundred—unapproved roof in town is 35¢ per hundred, out of town 87¢ per hundred.

3. How can the fire department offer protection when there are no water mains?

By taking water from approved drafting points, and by the use of auxiliary chemicals.

4. Will Tide Water Power company put in water mains and hydrants? If so, when?

Yes. When material is available.

5. How frequently will garbage be collected?

Twice a week. In certain areas of the town it is now collected three times a week, in the annexation proposal the entire town will be twice a week.

6. What exactly does the town propose when it offers "police protection?"

First, the police department will be enlarged by two additional patrolmen and the departmental efficiency will be increased through the facility of a two-way radio.

7. Will there be a reduction in certain phone rates, if so, how much and under what conditions?

Definitely! In the case of a four party line it would be reduced \$1.92 annually for a phone one and a quarter miles from the telephone office or \$7.56 annually for a private line one and a quarter miles from the telephone office. Those phones located further than one and one quarter miles would be reduced by this same amount for each quarter mile difference. An important telephone improvement would be the eventual elimination of ten-party lines as this service is designed for rural areas only.

8. How will the new citizens know whether their tax money is

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