

Ollie Lewis Pulls Knife on Planning Board Chairman

Majority of Carteret Clam Dealers Oppose Higher Tax

Carteret county clam dealers, with one exception, are firmly opposed to the recently-introduced legislative act which would give the state power to raise the tax on clams to 30 cents per bushel. The bill, HB 1130, was introduced last week by George W. Dill, jr., Carteret county's representative.

Opposed to the proposal, which would increase the tax on all clams shipped out of North Carolina in the shell, are Tilman Taylor, Sea Level; Grady Davis, Davis; Monroe Taylor and John Seitter, operating as Taylor and Seitter, Sea Level; Billy Smith, Atlantic; and Clayton Fulcher, jr., Atlantic.

In favor of the measure are the Willis Brothers of Williston. Elmer Willis, when queried by THE NEWS-TIMES Tuesday remarked that the state's clam beds are rapidly being depleted and that research directed toward replenishing clams should be started.

"The state doesn't have the money, so I say tax the clams and get the money or soon the clams will be all gone just like the oysters are," Willis declared.

He further stated that if the clams are kept in this county, bought here and shucked, more money will remain here. He estimates that an additional dollar per bushel would stay in Carteret if clams are not shipped to out-of-state dealers. Although the major part of the Willis Brothers business is in shucked clams, Willis estimates that they ship one and a half million pounds in the shell annually.

Morehead City Police Cars Get Radio Equipment

Radio equipment was installed Wednesday in Morehead City police cars and at the police station on South 8th street.

Cost of the installation, authorized several months ago, amounted to \$1401. The police have been assigned their own frequency and the Federal Communications Commission is expected to send them, in the very near future, their call signals.

Both the mayor, W. L. Derickson, and the town clerk, John Lashley, have helped "test" the system and are very well pleased with it.

Beaufort Rotary Club Hears Talk By Robert Lee

Peoples throughout the globe are looking for the United States to lead a war-torn and war-threatened world to a lasting peace. Robert E. Lee, former Morehead City Rotary club member now residing in Columbia, Pa., told Rotarians Tuesday night at Inlet inn.

Speaking on his interesting and educational hobby of foreign correspondence, Lee stated that Rotary, with its brotherhood-of-man policy, definitely has a part in this leadership. "I find that throughout the world people are hoping and praying for peace, and look to us for leadership," he said. "There's too much selfishness, greed and lust for power in the world today."

Lee, who corresponds with peoples of 37 nations, started his unusual hobby by collecting foreign handkerchiefs. He switched over to writing letters and sending packages to the needy because he wanted to "try to do what I can for my correspondents."

Taking Rotarians on an around-the-world travelogue, he visited, by proxy, Iceland, England, Greece, Spain, France, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Germany, Austria, Turkey, New Zealand, Australia, and South America, giving sidelights on their present living conditions.

Rationing, he said, hit most European countries quite hard. The British are allowed only three ounces of sweets and one pork chop apiece a week, while three ounces of butter and lard is the weekly limit for citizens of Greece.

"America is the only free nation on the face of the earth," Lee emphasized as he told of Austria's critical living conditions. Vienna is nothing but a mass of rubble with "people living in caves" (bombed out buildings). "They didn't want war," he exclaimed, "but war was forced on them by their rulers."

Then, too, a rigid censorship program employed by Russians in Austria makes life that much more distasteful. The only time Lee receives decent letters is when the Austrian correspondent mails letters from French or American zones.

So much was cut out by Russians in Poland, also, that Lee was forced to drop correspondence there.

Conditions are much better in Holland and the "down under" nations of New Zealand and Australia, where the past war wasn't felt so harshly. For example, a person can buy boiled hams in the Netherlands cheaper, after paying the import tax, than in the United States.

Africa isn't "dark anymore," according to Lee. Its diamonds and mahogany make it "among one of the world's richest countries. All Africa needs is further development," he added.

Last year Lee sent 120 packages of food and clothing to lighten the burden of some of his most needy correspondents, besides his usual encouraging word by mail. His work has produced results, too, he says. One thoughtful Austrian sent two quarts of the finest wine for his birthday, and last month five pretty Argentine exchange students paid him a personal importment call.

Meeting Postponed
The Beaufort Armed Services Hospitality committee meeting, scheduled for Monday night, was postponed until Tuesday, April 17, at 7:30 at Beaufort town hall.

Taylor Opposed

Tilman Taylor, probably the biggest clam shipper in the county, says flatly, "I'm opposed to it. Of course, if they want to kill the clam business, that's what they should do." There's a 6 cent tax on every bushel now, also a closed season on shipping clams out of the state, from May 15 to Aug. 15.

"They knocked out the oyster business when they put a 50-cent tax on oysters, and I reckon they want to do the same thing with the clams," Taylor remarked.

Seitter, of the Taylor and Seitter co., Sea Level, declares, "I'm opposed to all kinds of taxes. We may as well go out of business if they're going to put a 30-cent tax on clams." In regard to the money-for-research argument, Seitter replied, "That's a lot of foolishness. What good has all this research done on other things they've been investigating?"

Grady Davis of Davis declared: "I'm not in favor of the tax raise. It makes it possible for one man of this county to monopolize the clam business."

"If they put the tax on, it will run all the Virginia buyers out of North Carolina," he continued. "And we've got to depend on the northern buyers. The clammers are getting 2 cents a pound this year, and before we had the Virginia market, they were getting only 1 1/4 and 1 1/2 cents a pound."

Closed Season
In regard to the closed season on shipping clams out of the state, Davis termed that law as nonsense. "They say it was put through to save the clams because that's when they spawn and all such as that. But they take clams here and sell them to be shucked all during those months, so what's the difference between that and shipping them out of the state?" he asked.

Fulcher, when queried as to the increased tax measure, replied, "I don't think much of it. Of course, it's a good law for somebody who's shucking them. But it will mean taking money away from the clammer." Fulcher added that he handles very few clams, however.

At the Luther Smith fish house, Atlantic, Billy Smith stated that the dealers can't afford to ship clams out if there's a 30-cent tax on them.

If the tax goes as high as 30 cents, the shipper, who would be

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Health Officer Cites Role On Vaccinating Dogs

Dr. N. T. Ennett, Carteret county health officer, in his official capacity as director of the program for dog vaccinations stated today that there is a state law which requires that all dogs of six months of age be vaccinated annually against rabies.

Dr. C. E. Paden, Beaufort, veterinarian, is the official rabies inspector for Carteret county. He will begin to hold clinics Wednesday, April 18. Schedules will be announced later. There is also a regulation which requires that all stray dogs be destroyed by the officers of the law, Dr. Ennett concluded.

House Passes Bill Restoring Hamilton Pay

Former Jurist of Morehead City Terms Legislative Act 'Great Vindication'

A better than 2 to 1 vote in the House Wednesday restored to Judge Luther Hamilton, Morehead City, retirement pay of \$555 a month as a former superior court judge. The House vote was 67-27 and a previous vote by the Senate on the bill was 29-14.

In a statement to THE NEWS-TIMES following the vote, Judge Hamilton remarked, "I feel this is a great vindication."

The judge was referring to the furor of several months ago when the superior court ruled that he had no right to hold court after having been retired because of ill health. Judge Hamilton's reply to the court decision was that he had been asked by Governor Kerr Scott, as a special favor, to hold court because of the extremely heavy schedule and the shortage of judges.

As the result of the supreme court opinion, the attorney general ordered the state auditor to stop Hamilton's retirement pay check.

In addition to restoring Judge Hamilton's pay, the bill which passed Wednesday makes a number of changes in the retirement law for judges. The measure passed only after one of the hottest debates seen in this session of the legislature.

The bill went through with one amendment proposed by Rep. David Henderson of Mecklenburg. The amendment states that when a judge is retired for disability and later recovers his faculties, the Governor and Council of State can cut off his retirement pay. "If he gets well, I don't see that the people of North Carolina should be required to support him any longer," said Henderson. A recovered judge could easily go to work as counsel for a corporation and still receive his old retirement pay without the amendment, Henderson said.

The measure now goes back to the Senate for concurrence. The Senate will find an entirely new bill, however. The original Senate measure was rewritten in a House committee.

Carteret county's representative in the legislature, George W. Dill, jr., voted for the bill.

OPS Office Issues Deadline Memo

Raleigh — A round-up of basic OPS requirements affecting thousands of Eastern North Carolina manufacturers, retailers and wholesalers has been released by the District Office of Price Stabilization (OPS) here.

All grocers, wholesale and retail, independent and chain, must report to the Raleigh OPS office by April 30 the trade group which classifies his business. The four grocery trade groups established by OPS law are described in Ceiling Price Regulations 14, 15, and 16.

Department, jewelry, furniture, music and sporting goods stores must submit pricing charts to the Raleigh OPS office before April 30 under CPR 7. A recent CPR 7 amendment brought jewelry, crockery, sports goods, musical instruments and pawn shop items under the regulation.

Food cost per dollar of sale reports are due here now from all restaurants (including concessions, stands and soda fountains) and every four months hereafter under CPR 11.

All manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers still must maintain records of costs and prices for the GCPR "base period", December 19, 1950, to January 25, 1951.

Used car sellers must report the used car sales guide in use during January, 1951.

A clinic on price regulation will be conducted at New Bern Thursday, April 19, and Dan Walker, manager of the Beaufort chamber of commerce, requests that Beaufort merchants contact him by 4 p.m. Tuesday if they expect to go. Transportation will be available for those who do not have cars.

Pupils Visit Capitol
Seventh grade pupils of Morehead City school visited the state legislature at Raleigh Tuesday. They were accompanied by their teachers, Mrs. Robert Taylor, Mrs. Treasure Malone, and Charles Hester.

Housing Expediter Visits This Area

Cherry Point—Federal Housing Expediter Tighe E. Woods advised citizens near Marine bases in eastern North Carolina this week that defeat unfair rent practices by registering all rental units.

The housing expert met with Major General L. E. Woods, Commanding General of the Second Marine Air Wing, Major General Ray A. Robinson, Commanding General of Camp Lejeune and Herbert Eastwood, mayor of Jacksonville, North Carolina, at Camp Lejeune.

Expediter Woods stated at a Kiwanis club luncheon following the conference that most of the citizens were giving the Marines a fair deal.

He added, "A small percentage who are preying on Marines with high rent, will give the entire area a bad name."

The conference and speech launched a new rent control program for coastal Carolina, which is expected to coordinate the civilian agencies with those of the Marine Corps.

Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Friday, April 13	LOW
12:31 a.m.	7:02 a.m.	
1:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	
Saturday, April 14		
1:26 a.m.	7:58 a.m.	
1:59 p.m.	8:04 p.m.	
Sunday, April 15		
2:26 a.m.	8:56 a.m.	
3:01 p.m.	9:09 p.m.	
Monday, April 16		
3:27 a.m.	9:51 a.m.	
3:58 p.m.	10:11 p.m.	
Tuesday, April 17		
4:24 a.m.	10:41 a.m.	
4:50 p.m.	11:07 p.m.	

County Education Board Names School Committees

H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, today announced school committee appointments made by the county board of education. The committees will serve for the coming two years, with the exception of Beaufort and Morehead City where terms are staggered. Two appointments have been made to each of those boards. The appointees serve three-year terms.

Beaufort: R. Hugh Hill (re-appointed), Robert W. Safrit. Also on the board are Raymond Ball, chairman, Halsey D. Paul, and Joseph House.

Morehead City: Mrs. George W. Dill, jr., Dr. D. J. Eure. Remaining members on the board are W. C. Matthews, R. T. Willis, jr., and Mrs. R. W. Taylor.

Atlantic: Clayton Fulcher, Cecil Morris, both of Atlantic; Mrs. Dora Day, Lola; A. B. Taylor, Sea Level; John Styrone, Stacy.

Camp Glenn: Abbott Morris, Morehead City; M. L. Mansfield, jr., Leslie Brinson, Fred S. Willis, all of Morehead route 1; Earl Lewis, Newport, route 1.

Harkers Island: Henry Davis, Ivey Gaskill, Charlie Hancock, jr., Floyd Yeomans, M. L. Yeomans, all of Harkers Island.

Newport: M. C. Howard, Lawrence A. Garner, Dr. Manly Mason, Smyrna, Lewis Smith, Smyrna; Alvan Davis, Chapel Nelson, Marshallberg; Bill Pigott, Gloucester; Roland Salter, Bettie Otway, Dola Lewis, Stella, L. W. Pelletier; and Salter Path, George W. Smith.

H. F. Lindsay To Speak Sunday At VFW Service

Proceeds from Saturday Night Dance Will Go to National VFW Home

H. F. Lindsay, Morehead City, will deliver the address at the memorial service to be conducted Sunday afternoon by the Veterans of Foreign Wars at their district meeting in the Carteret Recreation Center, Morehead City.

The service, which will be attended by post members and the VFW auxiliary, will begin at 1:30 and will be in honor of VFW members who have died during the past year.

The two-day meeting of district four will open at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon with registration at the recreation center. A seafood dinner will be served at 6:30 and at 9 p.m. there will be a dance with music supplied by Herb Carter and his orchestra from East Carolina college.

Dance Open to Public
The dance will be informal and open to the public. Proceeds will be used to finance the building of a North Carolina cottage at the National VFW home.

Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, followed by the memorial service. At 2:30 p.m. the posts and auxiliaries will conduct separate business meetings. District officers will be nominated and elected.

Commander of the district is Harold Dale of Clinton and senior vice-commander is Hugh Salter of Beaufort. District auxiliary president is Mrs. Irvin Verone, New Bern.

Officers of the Beaufort Jones-Austin post, VFW auxiliary, were elected last week. Names of officers and posts they hold appeared incorrectly in Tuesday's paper. They are as follows:

Mrs. Frances Mitchell, Morehead City, president; Mrs. Julia Holt, Morehead City, senior vice-president; Mrs. Blanche Salter, Beaufort, junior vice-president.

Mrs. Lyndall Moffitt, Beaufort, treasurer; Mrs. Novella Dunn, Morehead City, secretary; Mrs. Carrie Styrone, Morehead City, chaplain; Mrs. Julia Basden, Beaufort, conductress; Mrs. May Keagle, Havelock, patriotic instructor.

Mrs. Edna Heslep, Beaufort, trustee; Mrs. Agnes Davis, Morehead City, guard; Mrs. Lillian Pickett, Beaufort, musician; Mrs. Moffitt, Mrs. Luey Eubanks, Beaufort; Mrs. Dorothy English, Morehead City; and Mrs. Marian Gilmore, Beaufort, color bearers.

Donald Fulcher Injured in Wreck

Donald Fulcher, son of Mrs. Ruth Fulcher, Atlantic, is recuperating at his home from injuries received Thursday in an automobile accident on highway 70 between Atlantic and Sea Level.

Donald, who is a sophomore at Atlantic high school, sustained a broken leg. He was taken to Morehead City hospital after the accident and was discharged Saturday.

Two other boys in the car, which turned over on a sharp curve, were uninjured. They were Billy Ricks, a senior at Atlantic high school, and Freddy Smith, a freshman.

The accident occurred about noon Thursday. The car, owned by Jesse McDaniel, principal of Atlantic school, was reported to be demolished. The boys said they were going on an errand for McDaniel when the mishap occurred. They were proceeding from Atlantic toward Sea Level.

Ricks, who was driving, drove one of the Beaufort school buses when he attended Beaufort school last year.

Fulcher's leg had been broken once before in a ball game and has now been placed in a cast.

Beaufort Jaycees Elect Gene Smith President for 1951-52

Six new officers were elected by Beaufort Jaycees Monday night at Inlet inn. Gene Smith heads the new officers as president. Willard Willis was elected internal vice-president, Jarvis Herring, external vice-president, Odell Merrill, treasurer, Jack Barnes, corresponding secretary, and Charles Jarman, recording secretary.

By secret ballot Smith won over Jarvis Herring, Willis over Leslie Davis and Jarman, Herring over Tom Potter and Bob Stephens, Merrill over Osborne Davis and Dick Parker, Barnes over Joe House, and Jarman over Ed Paul and Leslie Davis.

Board Nominated
Nominations for the board of directors were Dan Walker, Ken Johnson, Potter, Stephens, L. Davis, House and Parker. The board will be elected at the next meeting, while officers take over their new positions May 1.

Johnson and Barnes head a committee which is planning a combination installation and ladies' night ceremony the second Monday in May.

No Show
Members agreed to dispense with the minstrel show to devote their full time to June, July, August, and September scrap paper drives.

Jarman reported that Mr. and Mrs. Grayden Paul had agreed to assume master of ceremonies and directorship duties for the May 3-4 beauty pageant. Contestants will be judged on the first day, with the

Doctors Attend Lejeune Meeting

Four members of the Carteret County Medical society attended the Camp Lejeune Medical society meeting Tuesday night. They heard a discussion on "Medical Defense Against the Atomic Bomb."

An invitation to attend the meeting was presented to the Carteret society at its regular meeting Monday night at Morehead City hospital where the doctors were guests of the hospital at dinner.

The invitation was presented by Dr. B. F. Royal of Morehead City. Those who went to Lejeune were Dr. Royal and Dr. John Morris, Morehead City, Dr. C. S. Maxwell, and Dr. N. T. Ennett, Beaufort.

No scientific papers were presented at Monday night's meeting, but the group discussed voluntary health insurance.

No Court Tuesday
There was no recorder's court Tuesday due to the solicitor, Mr. Leslie Davis, being unable to attend.

Club to Meet
The Young Men and Young Women's club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the home agent's office, Beaufort. The program will deal with highway safety.

Ollie Lewis, a resident of the area proposed for annexation by Beaufort, was forcibly ushered out of Wednesday night's meeting at the town hall after he pulled a knife on Dr. W. L. Woodard, chairman of the Beaufort Planning board.

Lewis, in full view of 75 spectators, advanced across the Beaufort town hall office and with drawn knife stood 6 feet from Dr. Woodard, who was seated, and accused the planning board chairman of being the instigator of the plan to extend Beaufort's limits.

For three full minutes Lewis accused and threatened, clenching an open pen knife in his right hand and daring Dr. Woodard to "come outside."

There were several audible whispers. "Get the sheriff, get the sheriff," while Mayor L. W. Hassell rose and attempted to dial the police station. Attorney Harvey Hamilton, Morehead City, who pleaded the case for residents opposed to joining the town, walked over to Lewis and asked him to stop.

When Lewis refused, Hamilton walked away, shaking his head. "I'm not going to do anything as long as he's got that knife."

Chief Enters
At that point Chief of Police Louis B. Willis walked into the room and Lewis started backing toward the side of the room where he had been standing.

The chief walked up to him and asked, "What's the matter, you causing trouble?"

Lewis hurled back an incoherent answer and the chief grasped him by the arm and marched him out of the room. Even that failed to subdue the would-be knifer. He continued outdoors his harangue against Dr. Woodard.

The argument started after Hamilton asked Dr. Woodard whether the town would, in case it could not retire its bonded debt on time, use some of the tax money from the contemplated new residents, to meet the present town debt.

While the planning board chairman was attempting to answer, Lewis advanced from behind a small filing case where he was standing and told Dr. Woodard if he had only "kept his big mouth out" the proposed annexation would never have been brought up.

The planning board chairman told him that if he wanted to engage in that kind of talk they should go outside. Lewis immediately jerked his head toward the door and told the town official to go outside with him. Woodard replied that he had no intention of "starting trouble."

Lewis kept repeating the invitation, coughed in daring and threatening language, while holding the open knife. "I know all about you and Pamlico county," Lewis remarked hotly. "I know everything about where you came from."

(Dr. Woodard, a number of years ago in Pamlico county, advocated the establishment of a consolidated school, a proposal which was opposed by quite a few of the county residents).

Huntley Shouts
After Lewis was taken out of the room and an attempt was made to get the meeting back in hand, George Huntley, jr., shouted, "Why See OLLIE LEWIS, Page 6"

House Approves \$500,000 Loan To A&NC Road

The House this week passed a Senate bill authorizing a loan of \$500,000 to the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad, lessors of the Atlantic and East Carolina line which services Morehead City. The loan would be used to repair roadbed and track and for the "purchase of one or more Diesel locomotives."

Also passed was HB 1130 which would raise the tax on clams exported from North Carolina; HB 1129 which creates the Newport Township Zoning commission; the Senate approved HB 347 which allows transfer of delinquent taxes collected in Carteret county to the debt service fund.

Following is the action taken by the legislature on bills of local interest, in addition to those listed above, up to Friday, April 6: SB 442, treating swine diseases, passed Senate, reported favorably by House committee.

HB 644, county officials pay, See LEGISLATURE, Page 6

Morehead City Seniors to Give Play at 8 Tonight

Morehead City seniors trod the boards tonight as they present their annual play. The curtain will rise at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium on the comedy, "Who Wouldn't Be Crazy?"

Playing the roles are Billy McClain, Helen Guthrie, Suzanne Land, Tom Wetherington, Judy Perry, Douglas King, Crump Fulcher, Sue Willis, Marlene Kittrell, Talmadge Lockhart, Perry Gorman, Elbert Pittman, Tommie Guthrie, Patty Jean Scarborough, Barbara Willis and Shirley Farrior.

Action takes place in a mental institute where Speedy (McClain) is taken by mistake. His father, however, decides to leave him there because he is a speed maniac of various capacities.

Speedy, however, after acclimating himself to his new surroundings, gets to like the sanitarium and its girls, and doesn't care to leave the institution once his father decides to take him out.

Evelyn, a wealthy inmate, who has lost her mind over her wandering finance, regains sanity when he finally comes back to her. Meanwhile, the colored helpers in the institution, Pluribus and Pendie, have a laughable love affair of their own.

Directing the play is Mrs. Waldron Bailey, jr., senior class adviser.

Night Policeman Arrests Man in Davis Fish House

Harold Hargett, Beaufort Negro, was charged with breaking, entry, and larceny when the night policeman, Maxwell Wade, arrested him in Davis' Fish house early Wednesday morning.

Police believe that he jimmied a window in the retail department and unlatched the door to get at five pounds of speckled trout and a quart of oysters, valued at \$4.50.

Hargett's case will be heard in recorder's court Tuesday.

Police also picked up another Negro, Jack Chadwick, Wednesday night for public intoxication.

Extension Specialist To Conduct School Friday

Miss Pauline Gordon, Raleigh, extension specialist in homemaking and home furnishings will conduct a course-making school for Home Demonstration club women Friday, April 20, at the home agent's office, Beaufort.

The school will be attended by club homemaking and home furnishing specialists and will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Home Demonstration club meetings scheduled for next week are as follows: Merrimon, 2:30 Monday with Mrs. Fanny Wallace; Wiregrass, 7:30 Monday with Mrs. Kerney Merrill; Pelletier, 2:30 Tuesday with Mrs. Herman Taylor.