

Morehead Town Board Okays Sale of Former USO Building

Registrations At County Draft Office Hit Slump

18-Year-Olds, Veterans in Eligible Draft Age Group Must Report to Office

Draft registrations at the county selective service office have dropped off, Mrs. Ruby Holland, clerk, announced today.

The draft board reminds all young men that they must register within five days after reaching their 18th birthday. All men discharged from the service and who are in the age group covered by the selective service act, must report to the draft board within 30 days after discharge.

Mrs. Holland remarked, "It is believed that some boys who have made plans to enlist shortly after their 18th birthday do not realize that they must register just the same."

She further stated: "The Selective Service Act, as amended, will effect some changes in classification as to dependents. Therefore, it is suggested that all registrants who have had any changes in their dependency status advise the local board of these changes. Marriages and births must be supported by certificates.

"In order that the board may give due consideration to registrants who plan to continue their education, we must have by Aug. 20 a statement regarding the class standing for the previous year and certification of acceptance for the coming college year. The results of the Selective Service qualification tests taken May 26 and June 16 have been received by the local board and will be given to the registrant only."

The draft board office in the court house annex, Beaufort, will be closed today and Monday. Regular office hours 9 a. m. to 1 p. m., will be resumed Tuesday.

Mayor Suggests Special Mattress Ejectors

The Morehead City town board approved sale of the former USO building during their regular session Tuesday night at the municipal building.

The building, and all parts of it, with the exception of equipment or furniture deemed useable by the town, will be sold at public auction at 11 o'clock Saturday morning, Aug. 25. The heating system will not be sold, Mayor George W. Dill reported Wednesday. It will be moved to the municipal building to replace the system in use there.

Buildings Must be Moved

The highest bidder will be required to pay 25 per cent of his total bid in cash on the day of the sale and the building must be moved from the property within 60 days after the sale. Notice of sale will be published as required by law.

The board also passed a resolution giving the East Carolina Regional Housing authority the privilege to lay streets and sidewalks in the two proposed housing projects. There will be one white and one colored housing project for low-income groups.

The amount invested in laying the streets and sidewalks will be deducted from taxes on the property.

Replacement of the water meter near the school, knocked off by a piece of road machinery during repair of roads, will be referred to the insurance company.

Commissioners discussed the placing of red blinker light at 28th and Evans and also the possibility of directing traffic from Atlantic Beach to the right at Evans. They also talked of limiting parking on Evans street to one side only but no action on traffic matters was taken.

In regard to stray dogs roaming the town, Mayor Dill suggested that a dog catcher be hired on a percentage basis, the catcher to get \$3 for every dog caught. The \$3 would come from the \$5 owners would pay to reclaim their dogs and the other \$2 would be used to pay for boarding the dog prior to disposing of it, if it were unclaimed.

The mayor remarked that the only trouble with that system is that there will be no income from dogs not claimed. All commissioners agreed that ownerless dogs are on the increase and becoming a menace. It was suggested that a dog pound be built near the cemetery and that Walter Lewis, cemetery superintendent, be requested to consider the job of looking after impounded pups.

Under cross-examination Gooding said that when he got out of the car he took a "binder" with him, a metal tool used in logging which is about a foot and a half long and weighs about 12 pounds.

He said he didn't exactly know why he took it with him, except that Bateman had threatened to kill him; he was afraid, and he just picked it up as something for protection. Under questioning, he also said that his and Bateman's arguments over cars of wood have been frequent during the past six months.

A member of Gooding's logging crew, in the woods near the point where Bateman stopped his car, testified that he saw Bateman sitting in the car and later heard the shot allegedly fired at Gooding.

J. B. Taylor, a colored man working for Bateman, testified that his boss told him that he had "shot in the air" with a shotgun after Gooding left the truck.

The defendant admitted on the witness stand, "I was out there waiting for him. I loaded the shotgun when he (Gooding) started toward me with the binder and I shot. I didn't point the gun at him. I just wanted to see him run." Gooding denied that he had started toward Bateman. He said that he turned immediately as he got out of the truck and went in the opposite direction from the parked car.

Bateman later, under cross-examination, told the court that he was parked on the road because he was looking at a piece of Dickinson's timberland.

Testifying in behalf of the defendant, a witness by the name of Wiggins said he had to keep his children out of the road because of Gooding's truck's whizzing by, and that Gooding's reputation was "bad." He got off on a tale about his dog being killed by a truck, but he wasn't sure it was Gooding's truck, his 4-year-old child said one of the plaintiff's trucks had killed it.

Judge Lambert Morris cut short the defendant's story about the dog and after hearing defense counsel plead that Bateman shot in self defense, ruled that the defendant was guilty.

"He forced Gooding to leave a public road, a place he had a right to be," Judge Morris declared.

Court Finds Joe G. Bateman Guilty of Assault

Joe G. Bateman, charged with assault with a deadly weapon without inflicting serious or bodily injury, was found guilty in recorder's court Tuesday. He was ordered to pay \$10 and costs.

Bateman allegedly shot at Herbert Gooding, Negro of North Harlowe, Thursday. According to testimony, the shooting followed a dispute over consignment of a box car of wood.

Gooding testified that Bateman argued with him over whose wood was in the box car and said to Gooding, "You black s---, I'm going to kill you. I'm going to kill you, you just wait!"

The plaintiff said that he called Bateman a s--- right back. That afternoon, Gooding continued, he was driving home, down a road near Raymond Dickinson's place, and ahead of him he saw Bateman's car parked.

He told the court that Bateman was sitting in the car with the door open. Gooding said he stopped his truck approximately 75 yards from Bateman and got out of the truck, turned and started running back toward Dickinson's home. "Then he shot after me," declared the plaintiff.

Jaycees to Stage Second Fish Fry

Last week's Jaycee fish fry was such a big success that Morehead Jaycees, in session Monday night at the Hotel Fort Macon, decided to stage another. Paul Cordova was named chairman of the fish fry committee. Expressions of appreciation for cooperation in the July 11 fry were extended to Clyde Jones, Bill Orton, Sam Adler, and J. B. Willis.

The Jaycee-sponsored scrap drive Aug. 5 will not only include the town, Jaycees decided, but also the Noyes avenue section and Mansfield Park.

Jaycee Bernard Leary, trustee on the State Jaycee board for the Small Business Management Institute, announced that the one-week course, offered for the first time last year, will start Monday at Chapel Hill and continue through Friday.

The instructor will be Dr. Earl P. Strong, University of Illinois. Leary attended the course last year and stated that it is worth any small businessman's time to attend. Those interested should contact Leary at Leary's Men's store, Morehead City.

Leary also reported that grass will be sown on the Morehead City athletic field week. Several Jaycees will meet at the field Wednesday to begin the work.

It was announced that the 8th district meeting will be held in New Bern Aug. 14 and the first quarterly board meeting in Rocky Mount Aug. 25 and 26.

Walter Morris was named to plan entertainment at Monday night's meeting which will be held at Capt. Bill's restaurant, and Bob Popik will be in charge of entertainment Aug. 6.

Guests were Ben Phipps and Willy Hicks.

George Kennedy, SBI Agent, Speaks to Morehead Police

Members of the force are E. J. Liles force heard a lecture Tuesday afternoon on "Responsibility of the Police Force to the Public." The lecture, given by George Kennedy of the State Bureau of Investigation, is the first of a series designed to train officers in their duty.

The lecture took place in the municipal building.

Members of the force are E. J. Willis, chief, Hubert Fulcher, Herbert Griffin, Carl Blomberg, Edmond Willis, Buck Newsome, Preston Edwards and Bill Dugas.

Committee Meets

Routine business was conducted yesterday morning at the meeting of the Institute of Fisheries Research executive committee. The meeting took place at the Institute, Camp Glenn.

Beaufort Police Arrest Ex-Convict

Dive-Bomber in Action



A mockingbird in St. Petersburg, Fla., has turned himself into a dive bomber. He chases dogs, cats and even sea gulls. But this cat, owned by C. Winn Upchurch, is more interested in food. Carteret county's brand of mockingbird is no less belligerent, however. They have been known to attack humans.

Board Takes 'No Action' Charity Patients Admitted

Hoyle Green, Morehead City hospital administrator, stated Tuesday that the Morehead City hospital board of trustees "took no action" in regard to the welfare department's proposal at their meeting July 12.

Meanwhile, he added, the hospital is accepting indigent patients with the understanding that welfare department will pay \$5 per day for an unlimited number of days in each charity case.

The welfare department proposed the \$5 a day payment, with no maximum on the number of days, for a trial period.

Safety Plaque To Hang in Town Hall, Morehead

The picture-plaque safety award presented the town of Morehead City Monday afternoon will be hung in the hall of the municipal building.

As a member of the National Safety council, Morehead City was one of more than 300 towns eligible for the award if they completed 19, 50 without any fatalities within the town limits. The picture-plaque have been awarded by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Only 16 towns in North Carolina qualified.

"I hope we can maintain this record," remarked Mayor George W. Dill. "What is appalling about this is that so few towns have won them," he continued.

In addition to Morehead City, towns receiving the highway safety division awards were Chapel Hill, Asheboro, Reidsville, Salisbury, Mooresville, Belmont, Kings Mountain, Lincolnton, Lenoir, Canton, Waynesville, Smithfield, Dunn, Laurinburg and Tarboro.

H. D. (Tarvia) Jones, director of the highway safety division, and Z. E. Helms, head of the driver improvement division, made the picture-plaque presentation to Mayor Dill. Referring to all the cities which won the award, Jones said, "We are particularly encouraged and gratified at the fine record these communities have established. It is our belief that a lot of credit is due to the intensive training and guidance our young people are getting through the Driver Education Program being conducted in many of our schools. These youngsters are going to be driving automobiles soon and the correct driving habits they are learning now may save a life when they take the wheel of a car later on."

Helms recommended while in Morehead City Monday that a blinker light be placed at the intersection of 28th and Bridges st. The board discussed the recommendation Tuesday night but no action was taken.

Four to Attend 4-H Club Week

Four Carteret county 4-H club members will go to Raleigh next week to attend Farm and Home week at State college. The program opens Monday and continues through Saturday.

The 4-H club members will be accompanied by James Allgood, 4-H club adviser. They are Inez Smith, Anita Copeland, both of Beaufort, Sadie Harris, North Harlowe, and Leton Allgood, Davis.

Miss Smith and Allgood, recently selected 4-H queen and king of health, will compete in the state 4-H health contest. Allgood has also been selected as one of 16 boys who will usher at Friday morning's program.

Among the speakers will be Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, president of Eastern Airlines; Chancellor J. W. Harrelson, State college; David S. Weaver, director of extension service, State college; Dean J. H. Hilton, State college; and Dr. Elizabeth L. Kemble, dean of the School of Nursing, University of North Carolina.

Parents of 4-H club members and all farmers and their wives in Carteret county are invited to the annual farm and home week which will take place July 30 through Aug. 2 at State college. Those interested in going should contact R. M. Williams, farm agent, Beaufort.

Brinson, Clark Cases to be Tried Later This Month

The case of Curtis Brinson, Beaufort, charged with breaking and entering Hattell's Electric shop, and the case of H. M. Clark, Elizabethtown, charged with shooting a Marine at Atlantic Beach, were scheduled Tuesday for trial later this month.

Dave Bell, colored, Morehead City, was found guilty of public drunkenness and possession of non-tax-paid whiskey Tuesday in recorder's court and sent to the roads for 90 days with the recommendation that he be given medical treatment.

Dismissed were the cases of Billy Ruffin, charged with larceny of \$20; Raymond Leslie Garner, failure to stop at a stop sign; Robert A. Courtney, charged with illegal passing, and Oga Ragalki, charged with driving a car with an expired learner's permit.

Ruffin was charged with taking money from the cash register at the Beachhead at Atlantic Beach. His employer, Gus Davis, the plaintiff, testified that Ruffin "was always playing with the cash register," that he took dimes and quarters from it to play the juke box, and at one time he saw the boy take a dollar bill from the cash register, put it in a paper cup and carry it to the back of the place of business and toss it behind some crates of bottles.

Davis told the court that when he asked Ruffin why he did that, Ruffin replied that a Marine had left the dollar bill on the counter.

The Beachhead owner said \$20 was missing from his cash register one night right before closing and he strongly suspected that Ruffin had taken it.

He told the court that when he See BRINSON, Page 6

State Calls for Bid On Paving Laurel Road

A road project in Carteret county was one of 33 throughout the state on which the highway commission called for bids Tuesday.

This is a bond project, 2.26 miles in length. Hardsurfacing will begin at the junction of the Laurel road and route 101, approximately 6.5 miles north of Beaufort and go eastward to the junction with the Beaufort-Merrimon road.

Bids will be opened July 31 and the commission will canvass low bids at its meeting Aug. 2.

County's June Liquor Sales Total \$58,272.25

Carteret county's June liquor sales totaled \$58,272.25. Morehead City's sales were \$34,805.75, Beaufort's \$15,037.00, and Newport's \$8,429.50.

Paid to the Morehead City hospital was \$1,592.36, to Beaufort \$687.99, and to Newport \$385.61. The North Carolina sales tax was \$4,953.14. Operating expenses \$2,880.89 and the net profit \$5,127.03.

Morehead City Will Undergo Blackout Monday

Civil Defense Personnel Will Meet at Civic Center at 8 O'Clock

Morehead City will undergo its second blackout in recent weeks at 9:15 p. m. Monday. The alert will continue until 9:30 p. m.

Prior to that time, at 8 p. m., zone wardens, sector wardens, and special service committee heads will meet at the civic center. Wardens will be given their tin hats at that time, announced Lonnie Dill, director of civil defense.

First One Successful

Morehead City's first blackout under the new civil defense program took place June 1. Director Dill termed it successful and said he was particularly pleased with cooperation given by businessmen.

The signal to be used at 9:15 will be of three minutes duration. There will be a series of five blasts followed by three seconds of silence and warbling signals of varying pitch by sirens. The signal at 9:30 will be a series of three one-minute blasts interrupted by silent periods of two minutes each.

Rules Set Forth

Dr. Russell Outlaw, chief air raid warden urges each resident and businessman in Morehead City to follow these rules:

1. Businessmen should have all lights extinguished at their downtown place of business. Dr. Outlaw suggests that these be turned off today at the close of business.
2. Homeowners should turn off all lights in the house and remain inside.
3. Motorists should pull to curb and turn off lights. They may proceed when "all clear" is sounded.

Hubert McKennon, Colored, Caught Looting Cars

Hubert McKennon, 22-year-old colored man with a five-year prison record, was arrested at 9 o'clock Tuesday night on Front st., Beaufort, by Officer Carl Garner.

McKennon, who is being held in the county jail without bond, was caught in the act of removing a .33 pistol from the car of Garrett Gillikin, Bettie. As the officers apprehended him, McKennon was in the process of emptying bullets from the pistol into his pocket.

Get Search Warrant

Obtaining a search warrant, Chief of Police Louis B. Willis, accompanied by Officer Guy Springle, ABC Officer M. M. Ayscove, and State Patrolman W. E. Piekar, went to McKennon's home on Lennoxville road and there discovered loot believed to have been removed from cars over a period of months.

Among items recovered was the pocketbook belonging to Mrs. Harry Gillikin, Beaufort, which she reported stolen from her car Saturday night. At the same time, her husband's fishing tackle and line had been removed from the car. In the pocketbook was \$7 and Mrs. Gillikin's driver's license.

McKennon told police there was only \$3 in the bag. Both Gillikin cars were looted as they were parked in the vicinity of Way's fish house. To obtain the pistol, police said McKennon broke into the car's glove compartment.

Gray Hassell, Beaufort, reported that Monday night he went to his car, which was parked in the Beaufort business section, and a Negro was sitting in it. He asked him what he was doing there, the chief reported, and the man replied that he had gotten into the car by mistake.

Hassell said that after the fellow left, he saw that everything in the car had been ransacked.

Whiskey Discovered

While searching McKennon's quarters, non tax-paid whiskey was discovered and in addition to larceny charges, he is also booked on whiskey law violations. McKennon said another man who had been living with him has gone up north.

Among the recovered items found by police are clothes believed to have been stolen in June from a car owned by a Mr. McCoy of Radford, Va. Articles taken from McKennon's house are in the sheriff's office. There are flash lights, a small camera, electric clock, and "piles of clothes," remarked Chief Willis.

McKennon was released from Newport prison camp in September 1949. Originally from Fayetteville, he served five years on a crime against nature charge and gambling charge.

During his stay in jail he has broken off a lock on a jail door and battered the door itself. Declares Chief Willis, "He's a bad actor."

Elections Board Names Mrs. G. M. Paul as Registrar

Mrs. Grayden Paul Front street extended, has been named registrar for the coming referendum in Beaufort on extension of the town limits.

Her appointment was announced Wednesday by F. R. Sealey, chairman of the county board of elections. Judges for the election will be appointed within the next two weeks, the elections board chairman stated. All elections officials must take an oath that they will not attempt to influence voters for or against the proposition being voted on. Sealey remarked.

Registration for the special referendum begins at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning and will continue until sundown. The registrar will be in the court house annex.

Only qualified residents in the area proposed for annexation may vote. But no one will be permitted to cast a ballot unless he has registered.

The registrar will be in the court house annex each Saturday from tomorrow through Aug. 4. Persons may also register by contacting her on other days.

Those who are believed to be unqualified to vote will be challenged Aug. 4.

Polls in the court house annex will be open at 6:30 a. m. Aug. 11 and close at 6:30 p. m. Persons will vote for or against Front and Ann streets extended, Highland and Hancock Parks becoming a part of the town of Beaufort.

Three Men Hurt Near Swansboro

Three men were injured at 11:50 Wednesday night a mile east of Swansboro on highway 24. John Franklin Dennis, colored, Newport route 1, is recovering today in Morehead City hospital, and two Marines, Charles W. Ray and Leroy J. Carmeren, were taken to the Naval hospital at Camp LeJeune.

Dennis suffered internal injuries and hip bruises, Ray had a lacerated head and knee and Cameron a fractured hand.

According to Patrolman R. H. Brown who investigated, Dennis in a pick-up truck, was proceeding toward Swansboro, as was Ray in a 1951 model car. Ray, who is being charged with careless and reckless driving and damage to personal property, attempted to pass a car behind the truck and the truck.

When he pulled out of the line of traffic, a car approaching from the opposite direction caused him to cut back of the truck. As he did so, he struck the left rear of the pick-up. The truck was propelled 289 feet ahead on the road and Ray's car hurtled 238 feet into the woods, coming to rest 64 feet from the hard surface.

Both vehicles were demolished. Ray's car had only 1,800 miles on it. Ambulances took the injured to the hospital.

Park Popularity Continues to Rise

Fort Macon State park is the second best attended state park in North Carolina, Douglas Starr, superintendent, announced today. It has come up, during the first six months of this year, from fifth place and is now trailing Morrow Mountain State park, Charlotte, by about 6,000.

Thomas Morse, superintendent of state parks, who visited at the park Thursday, and Friday, expressed surprise at the large attendance and said that patronage of that volume calls for enlargement of all facilities.

Sunday's attendance totaled 6,015. There were 1,200 children, 4,015 adults, 375 picnickers, 2,150 swimmers, 395 fishermen, and 1,685 visitors to the fort.

Saturday's attendance was 2,523. There were 450 children, 2,073 adults, 195 picnickers, 675 swimmers, 210 fishermen, and 750 visitors to the fort.

Two Cars Collide Thursday At Morehead Intersection

Two cars collided at 9th and Evans st., Morehead City, at 2:25 last Thursday afternoon. No one was injured, but fenders were crumpled.

According to Officer Buck New-Carter, Stella, pulled out into the path of a car being driven by Norman Lockety, cab driver, 1310 Shackelford st. The car driven by Lockety is owned by Leroy Guthrie, Morehead City.

The left fender and door of the car driven by the woman was damaged and the right fender of the cab was dented. No charges were preferred.

13-Year-Old David Windley Saves Two Swimmers

David Windley, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. David C. Windley of Havelock, saved the lives of two children July 11 at Cherry Point.

David was canoeing with a friend near the boat house at Sloucom Creek park when he saw that two children, who were about 5 years old, were in trouble. He went to them and succeeded in holding them up until an adult was able to swim out from shore.

As a result of David's action, his name has been turned in to the local Boy Scout authorities as being eligible for the Scout lifesaving medal.

While living in Beaufort, David, who was 8 at the time, saved a 10-year-old boy from drowning.

Men May Make Choice Of Service Until July 31

Men who have received their pre-induction call may still choose the armed service branch they prefer, Sgt. Jack Buchanan, Carteret county recruiting officer, reported today. This will be permitted until July 31.

According to selective service regulations heretofore, July 15 was the deadline.

Further information may be obtained from Sergeant Buchanan who has office hours from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. in the American Legion hut, Beaufort.

General Says Cherry Point Air Station is Permanent

How big and how permanent is Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station, the two paramount questions in Carteret county, were answered by Maj. Gen. W. L. McKittick, USMC, commanding officer of the Second Marine Air Wing, at the annual Beaufort chamber of commerce dinner meeting in the Legion last Tuesday night.

A third and most vital question, but not of immediate interest to landlords and businessmen, was posed by General McKittick and answered by the general in characteristic Marine fashion.

"Is Cherry Point ready for war?" "Yes, Cherry Point is ready for war!" he declared.

Cherry Point is here to stay, General McKittick said, and then cited facts to prove his assertion.

When the 1400 housing units under construction outside the