

## Board of Equalization Acts On Property Valuation Issues

### M. F. Perry, Curator, Begins Work on Fort Macon Museum

M. F. Perry, historian and archaeologist, has begun work at Fort Macon, carrying out State Board of Conservation and Development plans to transform the fort into a museum.

Perry, who has been affiliated with the Williamsburg, Va., restoration project for the past six years, reported Friday that the interior museum work at the fort will be in four parts: fortifications prior to the present fort, the war period, and Macon since the war between the states.

Perry is most enthusiastic about the work and has already turned up numerous interesting facts, maps, photographs, and drawings. In Raleigh he uncovered a sheaf of photographs believed to be the earliest known pictures. They were taken in 1866. Three water colors of the fort and the immediate area, done by a Yankee soldier in 1863, have also been found.

There are photostats of the original maps made in Washington, D. C., and water colors of Fort Hampton, Macon's predecessor. Some of these items have come to light at Raleigh in the state museum and others at the nation's capital.

At the fort the soldiers' living quarters will be restored and displays will show how soldiers spent leisure time at the fort, how they dressed, and what they fought with.

Perry is earnestly hoping to locate the "post cemetery." The cemetery is referred to frequently in writings dealing with the fort, but no one has been able to locate it. Buried in the cemetery is a young soldier, 20 years old, shot by a sentry who believed him an intruder, and also a young girl whose body was washed ashore.

Another fond hope of Macon's historian and archaeologist is to find some authentic cannon to mount on the battlements. Perry expresses despair on this point, however; he says locating such weapons almost a hundred years later and three wars since the civil war, is practically an impossibility.

Perry believes that residents of this area can shed lots of light on clouded facts about Macon. He is also interested in obtaining relics. Persons who have relics with Fort Macon significance would like to loan or give them for display should write M. F. Perry, Curator, Fort Macon State Park.

The exterior of the fort will not be completely restored. One portion will be left as it is now so that sightseers will be able to note the contrast between the restored and the original.

Supplementing the museum itself will be a free brochure to be distributed to sightseers and also a more formal history booklet of the fort which will be sold for about 50 cents. The curator is planning to do a catalogue with a card for each soldier stationed at the fort at the time of its surrender to Northern forces.

Perry, a graduate of William and Mary college, is a native of Bertie county, but has lived most of his life in Virginia. He did graduate work at William and Mary and then became associated with Colonial Williamsburg as craft shop assistant and later archaeological assistant in charge of the archaeological laboratory in the museum.

Guides will conduct sightseers on tours through the fort this summer, as in the past. There is no charge now, nor will there be in the future, to go through the famous military installation.

## County Agriculture Leaders Report on Recent Meetings

### Agent Speaks on Farm Program to Rotarians

R. M. Williams, county farm agent, spoke to Morehead City Rotarians Thursday night on the farm program. The program is in a state of change, the farmers are getting modern conveniences and increasing their standard of living, said Williams. They are able to get more yield per acre today than ever before and they are changing to more profitable crops such as tobacco, truck crops, and raising cattle, dairy cows and poultry.

Another visitor was John C. Noe of Raleigh. Noe is advisor of safety education, state department of public instruction.

### Four to Attend Meeting

Four Carteret educators will attend the state NCEA meeting at Asheville March 27-29. They are H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools; Fred Lewis, teacher supervisor; B. E. Tarkenton, principal of Smyrna school; and G. T. Windell, principal of Morehead City school.

## Two Defendants Found Guilty

### Harkless Wooten, Charles Holland Out on Bond; Wooten Appeals

Harkless Wooten, Morehead City, was found guilty in superior court Thursday of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and Charles Holland was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon. Wooten, who was given a sentence of three to five years on the roads, gave notice of appeal to the supreme court and was placed under \$3,200 bond.

In the Holland case, sentence will not be issued until the June term of superior court because Holland still has the bullet in him allegedly fired by Wooten. Both were involved in a disturbance at the Edgewater hotel several months ago wherein Holland alleges that Wooten shot him and Wooten alleges that he shot because Holland was coming at him with a knife.

Holland's bond for appearance in court in June is \$500. Both men have posted bond.

In the case of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Williams, the two were found guilty on charges of drunken driving, driving without a license, and Williams of allowing his wife to drive while she was under the influence of alcoholic beverages.

Williams was given a one-year sentence, suspended providing he pay \$100 and costs, \$75 to W. H. Benson whose car was damaged in an accident in which the Williams were involved, remain on good behavior three years, surrender his driver's license for one year and stay sober.

Mrs. Williams was given a six-month sentence, suspended on payment of \$100 and costs. She was ordered to remain on good behavior two years and refrain from use of alcoholic drink.

Horace Jones was adjudged a chronic alcoholic and was ordered to prison for three months with direction that treatment be given to aid in his rehabilitation.

Judge Burney ruled that Plymouth Taylor has violated a probation judgment and extended the period of probation one year. He also sent back to recorder's court the case of Albert Wade and Dessie Wade, charged with assault.

James Sidney Moore, charged with speeding, forfeited bond for failure to appear. The judge served a bench warrant and continued the case.

Continued were the cases of William Bell and Horace Eli Hatley.

## Morehead City Police Recover Stolen Automobile

A 1948 Ford, stolen from the Wagon Wheel Sunday night at 8:30 and reported to the Morehead City police at 9 p.m., was picked up on Arendell street near the Gulf station at 10:45 p.m. by Captain Buck Newsome.

He was unable to locate the driver of the stolen automobile, who evidently used it for transportation into town and then abandoned it, he said.

The owner of the car was Lem H. Gibble, Newport.

## Beaufort Seeks Police Officer

The Beaufort town board is accepting applications for a police officer to replace Officer Bertie C. Piner who will leave the force March 31.

Dan Walker, town clerk, stated today that the position pays \$192.50 a month or \$2,310 a year and the hours amount to 68 a week during the day.

He added that the board is contemplating enlarging the force in June in order to permit men on the force a day off each week. The board is also interested in someone who would attend a patrolman's school and therefore the applicant should have a high school diploma.

The town is also planning to install radio equipment in the police car and station next year.

Applications should be submitted in writing to Mayor L. W. Hassell or to the town clerk at the town hall.

## Chicken Supper Saturday

The Carteret B&PW club is serving a chicken salad supper Saturday. All plates will be delivered. Persons wishing to purchase a supper should phone Mrs. D. F. Merrill, 2-5341, or Mrs. Violet Howard, 6-4346.

The county board of commissioners, sitting yesterday morning in annual session as a board of equalization, set values on new properties in Morehead City and heard other matters dealing with valuation.

Values on new properties are as follows: Eastman Furniture building, \$10,000, lot \$2,500; Morehead theatre, \$17,500, lot \$2,500; Belk's, \$30,000, lot \$2,500; Irene's Gift shop, \$3,000, lot \$2,500. All these properties are located in the Morehead City business section.

Valuation on 13 acres of C. C. Dennis land in Whiteoak township was reduced from \$30 per acre to \$10 per acre pending investigation and verification. Dennis said that the land is no longer cultivated and is grown up in woods.

F. R. Seeley, appearing for Mrs. Daisy Hattell, Queen st., Beaufort, said Mrs. Hattell felt her property valuation was out of line. Latham Willis, Walter Yeomans, Jr., and Andrew Guthrie, all of Harkers Island, asked that their valuation be changed. The board directed that all four matters be investigated.

William Way and W. V. B. Potter, Beaufort, appeared to ask that the valuation of the machinery in the Beaufort Ice plant be reduced from \$8,000 to \$5,000 for 1951 and years to come. The board agreed to the reduction but expressed doubt as to the legality of reducing it for 1951, a year already past. They said the matter would be investigated and Way notified of the decision.

Mrs. Nellie R. Cook appeared before the board and said she regretted that taxes for 1939 and prior, amounting to \$183.30, on the David Richardson property, Ann st., Beaufort, had not been paid, and further said she objected to the 1951 increase in valuation of 10 per cent. (In 1951 all property valuations in the county were raised 10 per cent.)

On the D. J. Hall property, an abandoned farm in Newport township, a reduction to \$10 per acre on 30 acres was granted. Other valuations were set as follows: James W. Taylor property, Beaufort RFD, \$400; Horace Lewis property, Harkers Island, \$1,500; and Earl Jones property, Harkers Island, \$300.

## Marine Unit Will Leave Here Today

More than 600 Marines from Camp Lejeune will leave Morehead City today for a month of training in air and Naval gunfire coordination on the tiny Caribbean island of Culebra. Arriving this morning were the personnel transports Sanborn and Navarro. The personnel division air-Naval gunfire liaison company (ANGLICO) and the Second ANGLICO, force troops, Atlantic, make up the training task force.

Three firing ships of the Atlantic fleet and a squadron of Panther jets from the Marine Corps Air station, Cherry Point, will provide live air strikes and Naval bombardment for the training exercise. The exercise has been named Anglex-52.

Lt. Col. Elmer A. Wrenn, former Greensboro (N.C.) high school and University of North Carolina athlete, is in charge of the training unit.

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## Chairman Issues Call for Money Pledged to USO

### A. B. Roberts, Chairman Of Build for Youth Com- mittee, Seeks \$2,100

A. B. Roberts, chairman of the Build for Youth committee, Morehead City, today issued a call for all money pledged for renovation of the former USO building, Shepard st.

"Approximately \$2,100 in pledges is yet to be paid," Roberts declared, "and work remaining to be done on the building cannot be completed until that money comes in. Spent thus far is \$2,200 and there are no bills unpaid."

The money should be sent immediately to Bill Norwood, Treasurer, Build for Youth Committee, Morehead City.

If repairs move along as scheduled, the building is expected to open April 1.

To date, flooring has been repaired, a new roof put on the front, doors and windows repaired, and wallboard replaced on the inside where necessary. Outside painting is scheduled to begin next week and will be done by the Jaycees.

Roberts commented that practically all the labor thus far has been donated.

With the money yet to come in from pledges interior work will be done, including laying of asphalt tile in the front section, interior painting, and repair of furniture, if funds go that far.

## Junior Woman's Club Plans Spring Bulb, Flower Sale

The beginning date of the Morehead City Junior Woman's club spring plant and bulb sale will be no later than April 2, Mrs. Eugene Roelofs, chairman of the club ways and means committee, stated yesterday. The date of sale may even be earlier, she remarked, depending upon information from the nursery through which the plants and bulbs are obtained.

The Junior Woman's club expresses the hope that anyone planning for spring flowers will order their plants and bulbs through the club. The price, Mrs. Roelofs said, will be no higher than it would be if homeowners ordered directly. The nursery pays the club a commission on all sales.

### Fall Sale Successful

The fall flower sale was very successful, the club realizing about \$143 and persons who ordered plants reported that they were quite pleased with the condition in which the plants arrived and the results after they were placed in the ground, said Mrs. Roelofs.

The town has been zoned and each Junior Woman's club member assigned a section, therefore each resident should be contacted in the near future. If they are not called upon by a Junior Woman's club member, they should contact Mrs. Roelofs, 6-3842.

### Committee Named

Assisting on the flower sale committee are Mrs. H. C. Barrow, Miss Elizabeth Lambeth, Mrs. S. W. Hatcher, Mrs. Frank Pigford, and Mrs. W. B. Chaik.

The committee reminds homeowners that petunias will definitely be among the plants offered.

## Car, Truck Collide In Morehead Saturday

An estimated damage of \$240 was caused to an automobile Saturday at 9:50 p.m. in Morehead City when it was struck in the rear by a truck. The accident occurred between 12th and 13th streets on Bridges street. Damage to the truck was estimated at \$300.

The car, driven by Walter Edward Tootle, is owned by W. C. Matthews of the Morehead City drug store and the truck was driven by Davis Walker Wray. Wray was charged with running too close behind a vehicle. Lt. Carl Bloomberg and Patrolman Bruce Edwards investigated.

## Freddy Jones Waits in Jail For Trial on Two Counts

In the county jail under \$100 bond is Freddy Jones who was arrested Sunday on a charge of being drunk and disturbing the peace.

Police Chief Carlton Garner reported that Jones was ordered out of the Pine Street Beauty Bar Saturday night and then returned and hurled a rock through the window. Officers Bertie Clyde Piner arrested Jones aboard the Simpson Brothers, menhaden boat. He is scheduled for trial in court today.

## Three Accidents Occur; Marine's Wife Hurt in Log Truck-Car Wreck

Icy road conditions caused a wreck on the Atlantic Beach bridge early Sunday morning and two accidents occurred Thursday on highway 70. Mrs. James DelGaudio, wife of a Cherry Point Marine, was slightly injured in a log truck-car wreck Thursday morning.

In the Sunday morning accident, a pick-up truck driven by Julius Woodson Willis, Beaufort, ran into the rear of a dump truck which had stopped just north of the Atlantic Beach draw.

The dump truck driver, Alpha Patrick Wooten, was putting out flares to indicate that his vehicle was stalled when the pick-up crashed into the dump truck from the rear. State Highway Patrolman J. W. Sykes said Willis applied no brakes and went into a skid. No one was injured.

No damage was caused to the dump truck which is owned by the state. Damage to the pick-up was estimated at \$150.

Two cars collided at 12:01 p.m. Thursday on highway 70 just east of the Homes drive section. Cal Whaley, Morehead City, was headed west in a 1951 automobile when another 1951 model car, driven by William Clay Croom, Kinston, and headed east attempted to turn left into the Pure Oil Bulk plant.

While Croom was making the turn, he collided with Whaley, causing \$300 damage to Whaley's automobile and \$50 to Croom's. Charges are pending, said Patrolman Sykes who investigated.

A pulpwood truck and an automobile collided at 7:30 Thursday morning on highway 70 one-quarter mile east of Newport. The truck was driven by Franklin Eugene Parker of Beaufort and the car, a 1951 model, by Carmine James DelGaudio, Cherry Point.

Both vehicles were proceeding west when the truck turned left into a dirt road that leads to NC route 24. As the truck turned, DelGaudio attempted to pass and his automobile hit the left rear wheel of the truck, causing the car to flip completely over. Damage to DelGaudio's automobile was estimated at \$2,500. Parker says he gave a hand signal, but the car driver said he didn't see one, according to Patrolman Sykes.

Riding with DelGaudio was his wife who suffered a hand injury, and another Marine Vincent Aquina, who escaped unhurt. With Parker in the truck was his brother, William. Damage to the truck was estimated at \$75. No charges were preferred.

## Newport Brownie Troops To Sponsor Play March 29

## Red Cross Funds Total \$401.86

Mrs. Duke Howard, chairman of the residential district for the Red Cross drive in Beaufort has announced that \$401.86 has been turned in to date.

Braxton Adair, fund chairman, has extended the drive for another week in hopes that Beaufort will meet its quota. He is asking persons east of the Newport river who have not been contacted by a Red Cross worker to please send their contributions to the Beaufort chapter, care of Mrs. E. H. Potter, chapter treasurer.

Aiding Mrs. Howard in the drive are Mrs. George Huntley, jr., Mrs. Frank King, Mrs. R. C. Slater, Mrs. Eugene Seelbinder, Mrs. John Staton, Miss Ethel Whitehurst and Mrs. Gerald Woolard, captains.

Working under the captains are Mrs. Oliver Davis, Mrs. Harry Gilikin, Mrs. Jack Longest, Mrs. Dick Parker, Mrs. Burton Daniels, Mrs. James Whitehurst, Mrs. Harold Simpson, Mrs. James Wheatley, Mrs. William Willis, Mrs. J. C. Keel, Mrs. Glenn Harris.

Mrs. Harry Whitehurst, Mrs. John Hill, Mrs. Alma Guthrie, Mrs. H. F. Prytherc, Mrs. Charles Jarman, Mrs. William Skarren, Mrs. R. N. Hudnal, Mrs. Vance Fulford, jr.

Mrs. Charles Hudgins, Mrs. H. Pomeroy Springle, Mrs. James H. Potter, III, Mrs. Lydia Lee Paul, Mrs. Roma Noe, Mrs. Clarence Whitehurst, Mrs. W. G. Temple.

Mrs. Weenie Mason, Miss Janet Davis, Mrs. D. F. Merrill, Mrs. C. Z. Chappell, Mrs. O. S. Clawson, Mrs. Tommy Piner, Mrs. Frank Jordan, Miss Amy Muse and Mrs. J. H. Davis.

## VFW to Organize

There will be a VFW Post organization meeting at the civic center tonight at 7:30. All veterans of foreign wars are urged to attend.

## Morehead City to Participate In Carolina Power Contest

## 34 School Bus Drivers Attend Friday Luncheon

Thirty-four Carteret county school bus drivers were entertained at a barbecue lunch Friday in the Beaufort school gym and heard a talk by John C. Noe, safety education adviser, State Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh.

Among the guests, in addition to the bus drivers, were H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, James Potter, county auditor, and Mrs. Lucia Hutchinson, New Bern, field representative for the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles' safety division.

Superintendent Joslyn pointed out that each of Carteret's 33 busses average 31.4 miles of travel daily, with the total daily mileage 1,040.7. Transported in this county are 1,370 elementary school children and 430 high school pupils, making a total of 1,800 a day.

The longest run for a single bus is one carrying children to Queen Street school, 59.4 miles, and the shortest run is on Harkers Island, 4.4 miles.

All the drivers are students with the exception of one teacher, Corbett Davis, at Smyrna. This same bus then is taken on another run by another pupil, thus accounting for more drivers at Friday's luncheon than there are busses.

Each school bus driver, if he has a driver's license, receives a period of schooling in preparation for driving a bus and there are bus driving tests. If they pass those road tests, they receive a bus driver's license.

The drivers usually get up about 5 o'clock in the morning, depending on the length of their run, and their pay is \$20 a month.

Friday's lunch for school bus drivers was the first get-together of its type in several years. There are bus drivers' clubs at individual schools.

Morehead City will participate in the Carolina Power and Light co. municipalities contest with the Calendar of Events club acting as steering committee. Members of the calendar committee set 7 p.m. tomorrow night to meet and elect a general chairman for the project. The meeting will take place at the Waterfront cafe, Morehead City. All civic organizations are expected to be represented.

In addition to electing a general chairman, the group will select five civic projects to carry out, with hopes of completion by Oct. 31, 1952, in accordance with contest rules. Also, to be appointed are project chairmen. Ways will be discussed of coordinating efforts of all organizations to make Morehead City "Carolina's Finest."

Cash prizes being offered in the contest amount to \$8,750.

At a meeting of the Calendar of Events club Thursday night at the civic center, the following projects for civic improvement were suggested: more and better schools and school facilities, city park, a real city beautification program, golf course, recreation center, new bus terminal.

More paved streets, rest rooms for tourists, more books for library, mosquito control, better water supply and pressure, more street lights, better street markings, remove grand stand at school, build gymnasium, back a county bond issue for schools, rest rooms at athletic field, extension of city sewers, program to attract farmers to shopping district.

Presiding at the meeting was G. T. Windell, president. Election of a secretary was postponed until the next regular meeting.

The group commented that the events calendar was meeting with approval and that it is of value in preventing conflict in dates.

The Carolina Power and Light contest was explained by J. A. DuBois, manager of the Morehead City chapter of commerce.

## Jaycees to Stage Minstrel March 27

Thursday, March 27, has been set as the date for production of Beaufort Jaycees' Victory Minstrel highlighted by tuncful hits, among them My Little Yankee Rose and Dancin' on the Steamboat Tonight. Tickets for the show, to start at 8 p.m. in the Beaufort school auditorium, go on sale today at the Beaufort Bar, Holden's restaurant, Jeff's Barber shop, House, Bell and Guthrie-Jones' drug stores.

Leading members of the cast are Grayden Paul, interlocutor, Tom H. Potter, Warren Grant, Gene Smith, Robert Davis, Claud Wheatly, and Hugh Salter, end men.

In addition to the chorus, numbers will be sung by a quartet composed of Earl Lewis, Earl Willis, James Davis, and Holden Ballou.

End men are named for battle spots of world war II and all are former GIs. Odell Merrill, producer, terms the show most outstanding and featuring the best music of any Jaycee minstrel.

Assisting the men in direction and production are Mrs. James Steed and Mrs. Wiley H. Taylor, jr.

## Old Man Winter Sends Snowflakes

Old Man Winter, in a frivolous mood, sent giant snowflakes to Carteret county Saturday afternoon. He gave an encore again Sunday morning at 5 a.m., but the flakes, like leftovers, were much smaller in size.

Saturday's snowfall, accompanied by rain, was driven earthward by north winds and a 56-degree temperature Saturday shivered downward to a freezing 30 degrees early Sunday morning.

Saturday winds shifted from northeast to north-northwest. Sunday brought sunny weather but the temperatures remained low, a minimum of 33 degrees being registered early yesterday morning.

Temperatures since Thursday were reported yesterday by E. Stamey Davis, official weather observer, as follows:

	Max.	Min.
Thursday	69	50
Friday	55	50
Saturday	56	35
Sunday	48	30
Monday	.....	33

## Grand Jury Returns Report

### Bulk of Findings Deals With County Schools, Suggestions for Repair

Following four days of work, Monday through Thursday of last week, the grand jury for the March term of superior court, H. C. Taylor, foreman, filed their report late Thursday.

The bulk of the report dealt with schools and recommendations for school building improvements. The jury acted on all bills of indictment, and upon investigation filed a presentment in the case of Harkless Wooten, Morehead City, charged with keeping and maintaining a house for the purpose of prostitution or assignation.

The grand jury recommended that copies of their report be given the superintendent of schools, the newspaper, and that one be filed in the office of the clerk of superior court.

The grand jury's findings in regard to inspection of county offices and schools, follow:

We have made an examination of all county offices and find them all in good condition. We have visited the jail and find that additional rooms are needed for prisoners. A report has been rendered us by the State Highway patrol, who examined all school buses and found them all O.K. We checked the records in the clerk of superior court office and found that all justice of the peace have filed their reports, according to law, and all reports of guardians, administrators and executors are up to date.

We make recommendations for the following schools which we have visited.

Beaufort school: The roof leaks which caused the celotex and plastering to fall out. A paint job is needed on the inside. We also find over the stairway a section of plaster which is liable to fall at any time causing injury to some student. We recommend that this be repaired immediately.

Beaufort Colored school: We recommend additional class rooms, See GRAND JURY, Page 2

## County Council Sponsors Contest

The Carteret County Council of Home Demonstration clubs has announced a contest for writing a homemaker's creed for North Carolina Home Demonstration club women. This contest is open to all Home Demonstration club members of the county, announced Miss Martha Barnett, home agent. All members interested in the contest should write their creed at once and submit it to the home agent's office by March 28. A committee will judge the creeds and the best one will be read by the author at the district federation meeting.

The National Home Demonstration creed reads as follows: "I believe in the open country and the rural life in the country; I believe that through working together in a group we can enlarge the opportunities and enrich the life of rural people; I believe that the greatest force that molds character comes from the home and I pledge myself to create a home which is morally wholesome, spiritually satisfying and physically healthful and convenient; I believe in my own work as a homemaker, and accept the responsibilities it offers to be helpful to others and to create a more contented family and community life, so that in the end farm life will be most satisfying."

The creeds submitted should be similar to this creed in thought, said Miss Barnett.

The winning county creeds will compete for first place in the district. The winning six creeds in the state will be combined into a state creed, presented on State Federation Day, and included in the year book.

## Pastures Tour Today

Contestants in the "Green Pastures" speaking contest will tour Hugh Swann's farm, six miles east of Beaufort on highway 70 at 10:40 a.m. today. A tour of pasturelands is required of the contestants who are students in high school.