

### Court

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charged with violation of election laws, was reopened Tuesday and Judge Morris, finding probable cause, bound Thomas over to superior court and placed him under \$150 bond.

Carol Eubanks, found guilty of drunken driving, was given a six months' suspended sentence on condition he pay \$125 and costs within 30 days. Sam Salter, Jr., charged with drunken driving, was found guilty of reckless driving and ordered to pay \$100 and costs.

For being drunk on a public highway Alice Davis was given a 30-day sentence, suspended on condition she pay court costs. Kate Cotten Best, charged with hitting a parked car at Atlantic Beach and failing to stop at the scene, was found guilty of reckless driving and ordered to pay \$10 and costs. The case against her husband, Marion William Best, charged with drunk driving and hit and run, was dismissed.

The court ordered that the car belonging to Beulah Godette, which was seized by county officers for being used in transportation of non tax-paid whiskey, was ordered confiscated and sold. Sentence was suspended in the case of Charles E. Davis, charged with abandoning his wife and failing to support her. The suspension conditions specified that the two live together as

man and wife and that court costs be paid within two weeks.

Defendants convicted of speeding and the penalties levied against them follow: Charles W. Jackson, \$10 and costs; Ralph Gillikin, \$10 and costs; and Gema Lee C. Williams, costs.

Richard D. Cherry, for using loud, boisterous and obscene language in a public place, paid \$10 and costs. Convicted of having faulty mufflers were Neal Bridges Crocker, Rex K. Calmes, and Robert Roy Wall. All paid costs.

#### Pleads Guilty

James Coleman Rose pleaded guilty to driving without clearance lights and paid costs. Costs were also paid by Reginald Earl Gillikin who pleaded guilty to failing to stop at a stop sign. Ernest Barrett, for being drunk in public and disturbing the peace, paid \$10 and costs.

The prosecuting witness withdrew charges and paid the costs in the case of Wallace Willis charged with public drunkenness. Leon Lewis, charged with being drunk on the highway, paid costs. The state decided not to prosecute the case against George Worthy charged with public drunkenness.

Bonds were forfeited by the following: Maynard Newton Moseley, Theodore Ricks, James Cecil Jones, Jesse Aubrey Broome, Robert White, and Walter Lukey. All were charged with violation of the motor vehicle laws, with the exception of Ricks who was charged with public drunkenness.

Cases against the following were continued: Lowell Ray Hacker, Theodore Smith, Primrose Mason, James Harrell Johnson, Wayne E. Ziegenhorn, Charlie T. Worthy, George C. Holland, Jr., Harriette Thompson, Elton Smith, James H. Carroll, Bernard Harold Taylor, and Kenneth Earl Skinner.

### Conservation

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its April decision of prohibiting night shrimping in inside waters under state jurisdiction. A delegation of shrimp fishermen appeared before the board Monday asking the regulation be changed.

On motion of Dr. C. Sylvester Green of Chapel Hill, head of the board's parks committee, the board approved a plan to ask the next three sessions of the general assembly for \$5,250,000 for permanent improvements of the state's 14 parks. The money would be spent over a six-year period. Dr. Green said attendance at the state parks for the first six months of this year increased 23 1/2 per cent over the same period last year.

Acting at the request of W. B. Austin of Jefferson, chairman, and other members of its minerals resources committee, the board pledged its support to a number of local groups in western North Carolina and the National Park Service in establishment of a minerals museum on the Blue Ridge parkway.

The board averted a possible fight by deferring until its November meeting a proposal by W. Lunsford Long of Warren, president of the Tunstun Mining corporation, for permission to explore huge Lake Phelps for ilmenite and associated minerals. The lake is a part of state-owned Pettigrew State park in Washington and Tyrrell counties.

#### Promised Fight

Charles H. Jenkins, board member from Ashokie, told reporters he was "prepared to fight the proposal vigorously" if it came before the board. Long agreed to Damtoft's proposal that action on the matter be deferred until George R. Ross, C and D director, and State Geologist J. L. Stuckey could investigate and report back to the board next November. The matter never was placed before the board officially.

On motion of Fred P. Latham, board member from Belhaven, the board instructed C. D. Kirkpatrick, state fisheries commissioner, to enforce the law regarding oystering in closed oyster beds. Violators will be penalized upon conviction by losing their permits for a year. It also ruled that no dredge weighing more than 100 pounds may be used by small boats under 25 feet in length and that boats over 25 feet cannot use dredges for oystering in excess of 165 pounds.

The board heard a report from Kirkpatrick on a survey being made by the Institute of Government with a view to asking the 1953 general assembly to restore the dealers' severance tax on shrimp, clams, scallops and crabs. The tax, repealed by the 1951 general assembly, has denied the fisheries receipts by about \$30,000 a year, Kirkpatrick said. Action will probably be taken on the severance tax at the board's November meeting.

Aubrey Cavanaugh of Warsaw, chairman of the board's water resources committee, told the board that his group plans another meeting after receipt of the report and recommendations of Bert Robb, director of the Michigan State Waterways commission, with regard to further development and use of the state's numerous inland ports and waterways. Robb made a three-day inspection of several inland ports last week and reported informally to the board at its Monday session. Robb proposed that the state spend \$7 million in developing its inland ports and waterways and said that if the state will repeal its law regarding rebates to boatmen using its waters the \$7-

### Jaycees Repair Equipment Room

Beaufort Jaycees completed the building of shelves in the football equipment room at the Beaufort gym Wednesday night. The Jaycees agreed at their meeting Monday night at the Inlet inn, Beaufort, to outfitting a football equipment room, including repair of the roof.

Wiley Taylor, Jr., president of the Jaycees, said yesterday that the county board of education will furnish the materials.

Reports of standing committees were heard Monday night. The committee working on construction of a concrete block fence around the football field is drawing up an advertising schedule for the fence and as soon as it is approved, selling of ad space will begin.

The president said he had written the chief of real property acquisition and utilization of this postal district in regard to the town's taking a revocable lease on the post office dock. As yet no reply has been received.

The Jaycees football committee reports that the fall schedule is complete with the exception of one game. They are looking for an away game Sept. 19. If that date is not filled, the first game of the season will be Sept. 26.

Dick Parker, Holden Ballou, Vic Bellamah and Taylor attended the Jaycees district meeting at Greenville last week. The report given by the Beaufort club was termed the most outstanding one presented.

#### Receives Discharge

Sgt. Frank E. Springe, 208 Fulford st., Beaufort, completed processing for relief from active military duty at the Separation Center, Fort Jackson, S. C., Saturday. As a civilian Sergeant Springe will continue to serve in the N. C. National Guard to complete his original National Guard enlistment.

000,000 indebtedness for ports improvements can be wiped out in 15 years on basis of the present rebates to boatmen. Cavanaugh said he plans to hold a hearing "for all those interested" in inland ports developments.

#### Request Denied

The board turned down a request of the Webb Memorial Presbyterian church and other Morehead City interests that it sell or lease portions of the 18 acres of land owned by the board.

"We recognize that the sale or lease of any portion of this property would unequivocally jeopardize the state's future development," the board said in a statement placed in its records. "Our mandate of stewardship does not countenance such jeopardy."

In addition to the church folk, a group representing an outdoor theatre wanted some of the state-owned land. However, the board said it has no objection to use of the property for purely local non-profit activities such as an athletic field for the Morehead City high school.

The board heard a report from Frank Brandt, landscape engineer for the State Highway commission, on development of the system of roadside parks and picnic stands as was first originated by the board two years ago. The number of roadside picnic tables, Brandt said, increased by 117 during the past fiscal year.

Its busy three days at an end, the board adjourned to meet in Raleigh next November.

### Jaycees

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night, at 6 o'clock, at Capt. Bill's Waterfront restaurant in Morehead City.

She will be guest of honor at 8 o'clock Wednesday night at the Morehead City dog track when the Miss North Carolina handicap will be run.

Miss Harris and her companion will go on a trip aboard the S. S. Stevenson yacht, Triple-Eas III, at 10:30 Thursday morning. They will have lunch aboard the yacht.

Miss North Carolina Night at the Blue Ribbon club will begin at 8:30 Thursday night. The Salisbury beauty and her party will be the guests of Ray Garrett of the Blue Ribbon club.

Friday will be Miss North Carolina Day at Cherry Point Marine Air base. Miss Harris will be

### Budget

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mately \$20,000 less than operating expenses for 1950-51. Kirkpatrick said this was done by cutting full-time employees to part time and taking other short-cuts to hold the budget within the smaller sum available because of the lost tax revenue.

Estimated cost of operation for the department in the current fiscal year is \$130,882, for 1953-54 \$143,680, and for 1954-55 \$143,680. Receipts in 1951-52 were \$67,370, estimated income for 1952-53 is \$79,300, and \$73,680 for each of the years of the 1953-55 biennium.

Cost of operation of state patrol boats for the first six months of this year follow: the Albemarle \$4,002.89, the Atlantic \$2,115.97, the Cape Fear \$4,244.21, the Cape Lookout, \$5,058.26, the Neuse \$1,415.88, Croatan \$4,366.93, and the Mars \$5,504.24. (Figures include salaries of crews, fuel, and maintenance.)

Thirty-six fisheries law violators were prosecuted from Sneads Ferry to the South Carolina line from Jan. 1 through June 30. Total violations detected were 83.

Catches for the first six months of this year follow: oysters (tubs) 96,157, shrimp (pounds) 1,219,338, clams (bushels) 76,000, soft crabs (dozen) 14,334, hard crabs (barrels) 11,384, scallops 26,769; herring (number) 12,000,000, food fish (all types in pounds) 4,639,000, menhaden (tons), 1,948, and scrap fish (pounds) 853,600.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick's comments on the fisheries for the first six months, follow:

Oysters: Season was better than usual and the quality of oysters best for the past five years.

Shrimp: A greater volume of shrimp was harvested; due largely to 15-day longer season. Season opened May 15.

Clams: Season about the same, as well as production.

Crabs: The crab season was slightly later than last year, but the quality of crabs at the present time is better than last year.

Escallops: Escallops are here in greater quantities and are in production in a greater area; scallops are now found all the way along the outer banks to Hatteras.

Food fish: The production of food fish was slightly better this year than last year, due to the catch of croakers on the outside. The shad season was the best in a number of years, both as to quantity and quality, roe shad running from four to six pounds.

Menhaden: The menhaden season was largely in the fall, increase over 1951 was due largely to operation in Southport area.

### Committee

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"But, we look with favor upon a temporary agreement that would make it possible for local citizens—continuously cooperative with us in so many gracious ways—to use this property for purely local non-profit activities such as an athletic field for the students of the Morehead City high school as proposed by the Morehead City Jaycees and that the director be instructed to make an agreement with prescribed time limits on the use of such property."

Members of the committee were Charles Jenkins, Aubrey Cavanaugh, and Dr. Sylvester Green.

The conservation and development board's meeting opened Wednesday morning in the commercial fisheries building, Camp Glenn.

The group was welcomed by Dr. B. F. Royal of Morehead City who remarked that the board has problems to cope with that are bigger than they are, both individually and collectively.

The only way to attack the problems is piecemeal, he added, and remarked that the board was fortunate in having the tools to work with. He commented on the \$7 1/2 million invested during the past few years in development of state ports, but added that the expenditure will be "almost a total loss unless we have the interests to use those ports."

The response to Dr. Royal's welcome was given by Fred Davis, Zebulon, members of the board.

#### Arrest Made

Walter Lukey was arrested at 6 p.m. Monday by Beaufort police on a charge of crashing a red light and speeding. He was cited to recorder's court Tuesday and upon failure to appear forfeited a \$35 bond.

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