

Tears, Smiles Will Signal Opening of Schools Next Week



Carteret county mothers will lead their young ones to school on opening day, Sept. 2. For some of the children it will be a terrifying new experience. For others it will be a chance to renew old friendships.

A familiar scene will be repeated in all of the county's towns Sept. 2. Small children, protesting valiantly but vainly, will be dragged through the doors of the local schools. In some instances though, children feel they have "grown up," and look forward happily to the first day of school.

Police Investigate Four Accidents

Morehead City police investigated four accidents recently. Charles Thomas Irvine of Tennessee was proceeding west on Evans st. Saturday at 5:20 in the afternoon, and was struck in the rear left side and fender, at the intersection of 20th and Evans by a car driven by Barbara Joyce Willis.

Miss Willis had stopped for the stop sign on 20th and then continued across Evans. Police stated that bushes blocked the view and Miss Willis did not see the car coming as she came out of the side street.

Damage to each car was estimated at \$75. Patrolman Carl Bunch was the investigating officer.

Franz Robert Lunsford of Durham and Charles Otto Schick of Maryland were involved in an accident at 8th and Evans st. Friday at 11 a.m. The Oldsmobile driven by Lunsford was going east on Evans and started to turn north into 8th. He told police he had signal lights on. The Schick car, also going east, struck him on the left rear fender.

Schick said he did not see the signal lights and struck the car with his right front fender. Damage to the car driven by Lunsford amounted to \$30 and to the Schick car, \$150. Patrolman Bruce Edwards and Capt. Herbert Griffin investigated.

At 3:55 the same afternoon, at the intersection of 18th and Arendell st., a car driven by Roper Van Horn of Morehead City was struck in the rear by Meredith Gray Gillikin of Beaufort.

Van Horn, who was proceeding west on Arendell, made a left turn into 18th and was struck on the rear by the Gillikin car which was headed east on Arendell. Damage to the Van Horn car was \$140 and to the Gillikin car, \$60. Patrolmen Edwards and Bunch investigated.

Lonnie Best of Beaufort and Leslie G. Long of Morehead City had an accident at the intersection of 10th and Bridges st. Aug. 17 at 10 p.m. A Buick, driven by Best, was headed west on Bridges and the taxi, owned by Parker Guthrie and driven by Long, was going north on 10th.

The Best car hit the taxi in the right side as the taxi turned into Bridges st., according to police. Damage to the Best car was \$900 and to the taxi, \$300. Patrolman Carl Bunch and Lt. Carl Blomberg investigated.

Towns to Share Gas Tax Funds

The State Highway commission has announced that Morehead City and Beaufort will receive \$26,273.07 as their share of Powell bill funds for this year. Morehead City will receive \$17,721.65 and Beaufort will get \$8,551.22. The money is to be used for improvement of non-highway system streets.

The fund, which amounts to \$4,948,434, will be divided among 388 North Carolina cities and towns. The money comes from a half-cent per gallon gasoline tax collected during the past fiscal year.

Checks will be mailed to the towns in mid-September. Allocations are based on population determined by the 1950 census and on the municipality's relative mileage of non-highway system streets.

Six Marines Hurt in Crash on Bridges St.

Four Marines were seriously injured and two others slightly injured in a four-truck smash-up on Bridges st., Morehead City, at 7:30 yesterday morning.

Four of the Marines, Pfc. T. R. Higgins, H/M R. E. Weaver, Cpl. J. V. West, and Pfc. M. A. Boccaccio were given emergency treatment at Morehead City hospital and then transferred to the hospital at Camp Lejeune. They sustained fractures. The two others did not require hospitalization.

According to Lt. N. K. Quinn, USMC, military policeman who investigated, the four trucks involved were in a 14-vehicle convoy of the Second Motor Transport battalion, Camp Lejeune, and were enroute from Lejeune to the Morehead City port.

Part of the convoy stopped due to the inability of a "commercial vehicle" to proceed on Bridges st. That "commercial vehicle" had stopped, according to Lieutenant Quinn's report filed with the Morehead City police department, because a military convoy was proceeding west and vehicles in an east-bound convoy had stalled.

The stalled vehicles pulled partially off the highway and the first six behind them came to a complete stop, but others following were not able to stop and they telescoped into each other.

The collision occurred between 22nd and 23rd streets on Bridges. All the trucks were loaded with troops.

Morehead City police officers who went to the scene of the tie-up were Chief of Police E. J. Willis, Capt. Herbert Griffin, Lt. Guy Springle, and Patrolman Homer Lewis. State Highway Patrolman W. J. Smith was also present.

Until the highway was cleared, officers directed traffic from Bridges to Arendell and Fisher streets. In the officers' opinion, the vehicles were traveling too close together for safety.

Broad Creek Boy Wins Scholarship

Robert T. Adams, Broad Creek, a 1952 graduate of Morehead City high school, has won a \$4,800 Naval ROTC four-year scholarship to the University of South Carolina at Columbia.

The scholarship covers all college expenses. Adams competed nationally with all other selected candidates in taking the Navy college aptitude tests.

He is the grandson of Borden Adams, Broad Creek. He was president of the Bus Drivers club during his senior year, was in the senior play and was a member of the Hi-Y.

Scholastically he ranked fourth in the class of 38. G. T. Windell, principal, yesterday expressed pleasure and pride in Adams' winning the scholarship.

Another Morehead City graduate, Perry Gorham, class of 1951, won a Naval ROTC scholarship last year while in his freshman year at Duke university.

Work to Start On Golf Course

Work is expected to be started in September on the Morehead City Country Club at Crab Point. The architect, C. C. McCubbin of Fort Bragg, and representatives of the Barrus Construction company surveyed the site of the proposed golf course over the weekend. They determined that it will be necessary to clear 25 acres for construction of the first nine holes.

The work of clearing the land will be done by bulldozers owned by the Barrus Construction company of Kinston. Raymond Brown of T. A. Lovin company has offered the services of his company in laying water pipes.

Original stockholders who have not as yet secured additional stockholders have been urged to sell one share of stock to a new member as soon as possible. There now are 133 stockholders.

Forests Burn Wednesday At Otway, Harkers Island

Two forest fires occurred in the county Wednesday afternoon. Twenty-eight acres of "unsatisfactory stand" burned near the fire tower at Otway and five acres of young growth and marshy area burned at Harkers Island.

E. M. Foreman, county forest ranger, said that the damage in the Otway fire ran close to \$100. He said the origin of the fire had not been determined. Fire fighters put it out in about four hours.

The Harkers Island fire was northeast of the old ferry dock and was started by boys who were in the woods cooking. Forest Ranger Foreman fought that fire all night and was finally aided by rain in getting it out.

Town Says It Can't Stop Pollution Of Waters in Crab Point Section

Nothing can be done at the present time to alleviate the pollution of Calico creek and Newport river, it was disclosed at Thursday night's meeting of the Morehead City board of commissioners.

W. J. Blair of Crab Point appeared before the board to protest the contamination of the streams. He said that sewage from the new Huntley-Prest subdivision has ruined oyster beds and reduced property values in the section.

Blair asked why septic tanks were not used in the subdivision. Mayor Dill said that the heavy clay in the area makes the use of tanks impossible.

The mayor said that an engineer from the state health department examined Calico creek and reported that there was sufficient flow to carry off sewage. According to the report, the streams would not be polluted any more than they were at that time.

Blair said that the streams were clean until the sewage from the subdivision was introduced into them. He said that he was granted a seven-acre oyster lease in 1944. The lease was revoked after recent tests showed contamination.

D. G. Bell said that the only solution to the problem is a sewage disposal plant which the town cannot afford at this time. Mayor Dill stated that the town cannot legally build such a plant. He said that the Local Government commission will not allow the town to issue bonds to cover the cost of the plant.

Dill said that there is nothing which the town can do about the pollution at the present time.

The commissioners ordered the erection of a stop light at 20th and Bridges. The light was ordered after a group of residents of the area petitioned for control of traffic entering town on Bridges st. The petition, signed by 35 people, was presented by Roy Beck, 2100 Bridges st.

D. G. Bell suggested that the light at 21st and Evans be moved to 20th and Bridges. John Lashley, town clerk, reported that it would be unnecessary to move a light. He said that the town has a traffic light which is not in use.

Beck asked that a light also be installed at 24th and Bridges. The board decided that this cannot be done until the new bridge is finished and it is determined how traffic from the bridge will affect 24th st.

Mayor Dill reported that little can be done to control traffic on Bridges st. without the cooperation of the state. Since the street is a highway, speed limits are set by the state. Dill said that the town has asked that the speed limit be reduced to 25 miles per hour. He said that the state has taken no action on the matter.

Beck also asked the commissioners to turn the old rifle range into a park. Dill stated that the range, See POLLUTION, Page 2

Walkertown Pupils Get Free Vacations Here

Every summer outstanding pupils of Walkertown school receive a free two-week vacation at Morehead City as the guests of Mrs. Julia Holt.

This unique award for achievement was started in the summer of 1950 by Mrs. Holt's late husband, John, whose hometown was Walkertown. That first summer the Holts' guests were two boys and two girls from the sixth and seventh grades.

Last year there were three boys and three girls from the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades, and this summer there were two boys and two girls from the seventh. The girls were here in June and the boys in July.

Pupils who win the vacations are selected by the principal and the Parent-Teacher association. While here they go swimming, boating and fishing. Mrs. Holt added that Douglas Starr, superintendent of Fort Macon State park, offered the youngsters, free of charge, a locker at Fort Macon State park, and added that persons who have heard of the project have been most helpful in showing the kids a good time.

Mr. Holt drowned last October when he was attempting to return from Portsmouth with Hoke Matthews of Beaufort in a 22-foot skiff. Mrs. Holt said that the school officials were surprised to learn that she wanted to continue offering the free vacations.

"Why shouldn't I?" she asked.

Inspector Calls Beaufort Jail 'A Fire Trap'

State Welfare Official Says Prisoners in Danger, Urges Closing of Jail

T. A. Early, jail inspector from the state department of public welfare, has informed Mayor L. W. Hassell of Beaufort that the Beaufort town jail is a fire trap and "a grave danger to anyone confined."

Early made his observations in a letter to the mayor following his visit to Beaufort several weeks ago, and further recommended that arrangements be made with the county to confine all town prisoners in the county jail. The letter appears below.

In a letter to Sheriff C. Gerhmann Holland, Early made the same recommendation and commented on conditions he found in the county jail on a recent visit there.

He remarked that "the jail was clean and gave evidence of good management." He further stated that he was glad that meals were being served three times a day instead of two, but Sheriff Holland said yesterday that for the past 12 years three meals have been served every day.

After commenting that the county jail is "seriously limited as to adequate compartments," Early, in his letter to the sheriff said: "We hope, too, that you and your county governing body have not given up the idea of arranging for an addition to this jail, particularly in view of the fact that the use of the Beaufort town jail should be discontinued because of the very serious fire hazard existing and we are again making this recommendation to the Mayor and the Town Council. Their compliance with this request would make it necessary for additional space for the housing of those persons arrested within the city limits and who would normally be confined in the town lockup."

"It does not seem practical for two jails to be operated within the same block at any county seat where the overall population is as limited as that in your county. The town building is so constructed that a flash fire during a high wind would make it impossible to rescue anyone who might be confined within the cells and we feel that no one should be called upon to shoulder a responsibility so great as the continued use of this city building presents."

"We hope an agreeable arrangement can be worked out between the county and the town governing bodies for the handling of all town prisoners in the county jail."

The letter to Mayor Hassell follows:

North Carolina
State Board of Public Welfare
August 19, 1952
Mr. L. W. Hassell, Mayor
Beaufort, N. C.
Dear Mayor Hassell:

On August 13 I was in Beaufort
See JAIL, Page 2

32 Enrollments In Fill Course

Thirty-two have enrolled in the Morehead City post-graduate commercial course, G. T. Windell, principal, announced yesterday. The class is closed and no more students will be accepted. The commercial teacher will be Mrs. Lila Porgas, formerly of New York City.

Because state and federal funds were cut off last spring it was feared that the course could not be continued this year. But the tuition has been raised to \$50 a semester, making it possible to offer the course again this year.

The principal remarked that there is evidently a great demand for the training.

Students enrolled are the following: Jean Morton, Frances Brinson, Virginia Fulcher, Ann Norris, Mrs. Laura Bland, Mrs. Rhonette Phillips, Mrs. Lucille D. Faglie, Mrs. Jimmie Bell, and Nellie Gray Harris, all of Morehead City.

Lydia Paul, Mrs. Elizabeth Eubanks, Edith Ann Willis, Mrs. Mildred Whitehurst, Mrs. Zary Pake, Mrs. Audrey Lewis, Mrs. Edith Mason, all of Beaufort, and Iva Belle Lawrence, Beaufort RFD.

Margaret Davis, Davis; Barbara Ann Fulcher, Mrs. Pauline Willis, Billy Neal and Barbara Fulcher, all of Marshallberg; Ann McGee, Straits; Jennette Wade, Williston; Avis Lynell Davis, Gloucester.

Mrs. Aileen Garner, Alstein Quinn, Lorraine Higgins, Rose Smith, Dean Quinn, Mildred C. Gillikin, and Mrs. Catherine Garner, all of Newport.

Sanitation Engineer Comments On Polluted Morehead Waters

Edward Willis, district sanitation engineer with the state commercial fisheries division, told THE NEWS-TIMES yesterday that a survey of waters in the Morehead City area, Calico creek and Bogue sound, was run in 1945 and that these waters were declared "unsafe quite a few years ago" for growing of oysters.

When asked if the oyster bed leased to W. J. Blair was in the waters that evidently have been contaminated for quite some time, Willis said that he didn't know because he does not know where the Blair bed is located.

"As the town grows," Willis commented, "more sewage flows into the water and periodically we have to move the boundary lines to include areas which have become contaminated."

Mayor George W. Dill, Morehead City, told THE NEWS-TIMES Saturday that according to information he had obtained, the areas that are being claimed as only recently contaminated were polluted as long ago as 1944.

He stated that the Huntley-Prest development at Crab Point, started in 1950, cannot be pinpointed as the cause of pollution and added that when that development was contemplated, a state sanitation engineer was called here to make a survey to determine whether the waters could carry off the sewage.

When the engineer gave his report in the affirmative, the town then agreed to include the area in the town limits and put in sewage lines.

Wilmington Men To Tour County

A group of eight Wilmington businessmen will tour Carteret county today. The tour conducted by R. M. Williams, Carteret county agent, will familiarize the men with agricultural practices in the county.

The tour is one of several promoted by the Wilmington chamber of commerce. The chamber's program is designed to give the town's businessmen a better knowledge of the 20 counties which make up the Wilmington trading area.

During the morning, the men will visit the eastern part of the county. After a luncheon sponsored by the Beaufort chamber of commerce, the group will tour the western section of Carteret county. Williams has urged local businessmen to accompany the visitors.

Making the tour are C. H. McAllister, C. E. Fondelle, Lusk Stubbsfield, Lloyd Elkins, jr., William J. Burt, Charles J. Bekaert, William K. Stewart, jr., and the Rev. James Crisp.

Car Hits Mule, Passenger Hurt

A mule was killed and a woman passenger in an automobile slightly injured at 10:30 Wednesday night on highway 24 when the car in which the woman was riding struck the mule.

The accident occurred seven miles east of Swansboro. Driving the car was James Natallo of Cherry Point. His wife sustained a minor laceration on her arm.

State Highway Patrolman J. W. Sykes who investigated, said that Natallo was proceeding at about 50 miles an hour when the mule ran in front of his car. The impact threw the animal on to the hood of the car and into the windshield, causing approximately \$500 damage to the 1949 model automobile.

The mule was killed instantly. According to the patrolman, the animal was owned by a man by the name of Croom who lived nearby. Mrs. Natallo was not hospitalized.

"Why shouldn't I?" she asked.

Rotary Club Sees Movies

CP&L Men Show Films Of Power Discussion By Chapman, Sutton

E. N. Pope, Jack Riley and Jack Oakley of the Carolina Power and Light company were guests at the Morehead City Rotary club Thursday night. Pope is director of advertising, Riley is director of public relations and Oakley is with the local staff.

They were introduced by the president, W. C. Carlton, and they showed a movie recording of television programs occurring in July, at which time secretary of the interior, Oscar Chapman and CP&L president, L. V. Sutton, discussed several aspects of the public power program.

Chapman was interviewed concerning the tidelands oil ownership and the multi-purpose power dams built by the federal government. He stated that 80 per cent of the electric power is generated by the private utilities, 10 per cent by municipalities and industries and 10 per cent by the federal government.

He explained that power generated at public dams is offered first to the public bodies such as municipalities and "farmer co-ops" and then to the private utility industry.

Sutton, who is a summer resident of Carteret county, in his appearance on the telecast, set forth in able fashion the position of the private utility industry in combating federal multi-purpose dams in which power generation is one of the functions.

He stated that his company in particular is providing ample power for all needs in his area and would continue to do so. The program was given in true Rotary fashion whereby both sides of a controversial issue are presented for study and discussion.

Visiting Rotarians were Lawrence Stroud of Greenville, Robert Exum and R. L. Hart of Snow Hill, Robert Lawrence of Panama City, Fla., L. P. Zachary of Taylorsville, Lloyd Gilbert of Smithfield and Garland Braxton of Kinston.

With the Armed Forces Sgt. Peter C. Beam Receives Medal for Service in Korea

With IX Corps in Korea — Sergeant first class Peter C. Beam of Beaufort has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service in Korea.

He was cited for his service from Oct. 5, 1951 to July 10, 1952.

Beam is a motor sergeant in the 92nd Armored Field Artillery battalion, which provides artillery support for front line infantry units in Korea.

His citation reads in part: "Sergeant Beam, as motor sergeant, worked long and arduous hours training the personnel of his section, who, while inexperienced, soon responded to his capable leadership, aggressive spirit and excellent judgment, and attained a high standard of motor maintenance."

"His initiative, cheerfulness and cooperative spirit under adverse conditions of weather and terrain were an inspiration to all members of the battery."

Pvt. David A. Harrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Harrell of 2306 Fisher st., last week completed his basic training at the Quartermaster Replacement training center, Ft. Lee, Va.

He was inducted into the Army June 9. Before entering the service, he attended Havelock high school.

With the 1st Cavalry Div. in Japan — Pfc. Edgar A. Taylor, 304 N. 15th st., Morehead City, is now on security duty with the 1st Cavalry division in Japan.

His unit, one of the first to fight in Korea, currently is undergoing See ARMED FORCES, Page 2