

Two Towns, County Adopt Plan for Police Radio System

Driver Strikes Parked Autos

Four parked cars were wrecked Saturday night on Bridges street, Morehead City, when they were struck by a 1948 Cadillac operated by a Camp Lejeune marine. The owners of the four cars were all marines stationed at Cherry Point. M/Sgt. William E. Steigerwald of Bellevue, Ky., driver of the Cadillac, told police that he was driving at a speed of about ten miles per hour when a car pulled out in front of him. He said that he swerved to the right and struck the line of parked cars.

The car which he hit, a 1947 Buick convertible owned by Capt. William D. Fries, was driven forward a distance of 45 feet. It struck the rear end of a 1949 Ford owned by Bobby A. Hughes of Valdosta, Ga. The Ford travelled approximately 20 feet before hitting another Ford owned by Nick E. Comsia, jr. Comsia's car struck a Mercury convertible owned by Robert Joyce. The owners of the cars all live in the 1000 block of Bridges street.

Fries' car was a total wreck. Both ends were crushed and the front axle was bent. The gas tank was broken, spewing gasoline all over the street. Hughes' car also was a total wreck. Comsia's car was badly damaged but can be repaired. Joyce's convertible suffered minor damage. Steigerwald was treated for a laceration of the lower lip and taken to the Morehead City jail where he was charged with careless and reckless driving and driving while under the influence of alcohol. He posted \$250 bond for his appearance Nov. 17 in recorder's court.

Permit Issued To Davis House

The Davis House, Beaufort, has been issued a permit and is operating again. A. D. Fulford, acting as an agent for the State Health department, says that he inspected the establishment on Thursday afternoon, found in "very satisfactory" condition, and issued the permit which enables Davis to resume operation. Fulford says that Davis has complied with the law and that he made a real effort to correct the situation which caused him to be closed by legal action. Very shortly after Fulford made the inspection which resulted in court action, Davis had painters and other workers busy in order that his establishment might be brought up to standards required by law.

Davis had been ordered to close down by the Beaufort Municipal recorder's court on Thursday morning and not to resume operation until his place had met the standards required by law. At the same time, Fulford had been asked by Judge Earl Mason to make an inspection at the earliest possible date when requested to do so by Davis.

No rating of the Davis House has yet been issued and will not be until a two week period has elapsed. Under state law, the rating cannot be issued until that time after a permit has been revoked. Fulford reports that the Davis House will probably be inspected once or twice more before the rating is issued.

Dill Heads League Panel

George Dill, jr., mayor of Morehead City, will preside at a sectional meeting of mayors and governing board members of cities of less than 10,000 population at 9 a.m. this morning at the 43rd annual convention of the North Carolina League of Municipalities.

The three-day convention, meeting at the Sir Walter hotel in Raleigh, was devoted to a discussion of problems faced by cities of all sizes. The convention opened Sunday.

Also attending the convention, in addition to Dill, are Dan Walker, Beaufort town clerk, Wiley Taylor, jr., Beaufort town attorney, John Lashley, Morehead City town clerk, and Mrs. Blanda McLohon, Morehead City treasurer.

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Edward H. Potter of Beaufort Appointed To Vacancy on Board of Commissioners

County Recorder's Court Hears Varied Cases Friday

Public Invited To Congress

The public is invited to attend the conservation congress to be held in Raleigh on Nov. 17, 18 and 19 in the hall of the house of representatives in the state capitol, according to George R. Ross, director of the North Carolina department of conservation and development.

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St. Paul's Men To Hear Doctor

Members of the St. Paul's Men's club will hear a talk by Dr. E. R. Hering, Camp Lejeune, at their meeting tomorrow night at the parish house, Beaufort.

Dr. Hering, who will discuss the care and evacuation of casualties, is commanding officer of a medical school for training doctors, corporals, and medical service corps officers for combat in Korea.

He has spent 22 years in the naval medical services, sixteen of which were spent in Marine campaigns in the Aleutians, Tarawa, Okinawa, and in the Korean-Seoul operation.

Dr. Hering has been decorated many times for combat services. He holds ribbons for four stars for the Pacific campaign, three stars for the Korean campaign, and has received a presidential unit citation with two stars.

His specialty is surgery and much of his service has been with combat units. James Davis Potter is club president. Dr. N. Thos. Ennett is program chairman.

Fifty Years of Happiness - Maxwells Mark it Wednesday

Fifty years of a love that has endured and grown with each passing year will be observed Wednesday night by Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Maxwell, Beaufort.

Friends from all over Carteret county will be pouring into the Maxwell home at 111 Pollock st. to add their good wishes to those of the family gathered to observe the Golden Wedding anniversary of the Maxwells. The Maxwells are holding an open house from 8 to 11 p.m. and they are still in the process of calling their many friends to ask them to stop by for a little while.

"Miss Addie" and Dr. Maxwell were married on Nov. 13, 1902 in her home at 215 Front st. in Beaufort. They were married in front of an altar built of greens and white carnations. The wedding was before dawn and a wedding breakfast served immediately afterward. The wedding was scheduled for that hour because the newlyweds were leaving for Mt. Olive, quite a trip for those days. They left Beaufort by boat for Morehead City, boarded a train in Morehead City, and went from there to Goldsboro where an uncle of the doctor's had prepared a huge wedding dinner for the couple. From there they went on to Mt. Olive.

"Miss Addie's" wedding suit was blue and her "second day" dress was of black satin.

Music for the impressive ceremony was furnished by the late Leslie Davis and his sister. Mr. Davis played the violin and his sister played the piano. Although Mrs. Maxwell says she can't recall what the song was, Mr. Davis also sang a solo.

The bride was given away by her father, T. M. Thomas. Attendants Listed

Hunting Now Banned In County and State

All hunting was banned in Carteret county yesterday as well as in all other North Carolina counties, Leroy McIntosh, county game warden, announced.

The Wildlife commission was forced to make this ruling because of the fire hazard due to lack of rain.

McIntosh stated that anyone caught hunting will be prosecuted on a charge of hunting out of season.

The ban does not effect trapping or the training of dogs in the field. Neither does it effect the wildfowl season which comes under federal jurisdiction and is scheduled to open on Nov. 17.

A guilty plea to a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicants and narcotics, resulted in a six months sentence suspended on payment of \$100 and court costs within a period of 30 days.

Hubert Gaskins, charged with operating a motor vehicle while carrying a piece of timber extending out over the rear without a flag and without being properly braced, resulting in an accident, was sentenced to three months in jail, to work the roads, the judgment not to be served.

Assault Case Set for Court

One assault case, several drunk charges, a charge of failing to stop at a stop sign and a charge of striking an officer will be heard in the Beaufort Municipal recorder's court on Thursday.

Jack Garrison, colored, is charged with assaulting his wife, Evelyn Garrison, with a blunt instrument, a heavy cup, and further assaulting her with his fists, resulting in serious injuries. He was arrested Sunday by Beaufort Police Chief Carlton Garner and Lt. Otis Willis.

The chief and Willis took Mrs. Garrison to the Morehead City hospital on Saturday night and report that five stitches were necessary to close the wounds in her head.

Garrison is free on \$500 bond. William Lawyer Hardesty, colored, Beaufort, is charged with being in a house where he had no right to be, drunkenness, and striking an officer. Hardesty was arrested Sunday afternoon by Chief Garner and resisted arrest by striking at the chief. He is free on \$200 bond.

The court will hear two charges of public drunkenness against George Worthy, colored. He was first arrested Saturday night by Capt. Maxwell Wade and Chief Garner and posted \$35 bond. He was picked up again on Sunday at 3 p.m. and is now in jail under another \$35 bond.

Charges of public drunkenness against Nathaniel Watson, colored, giving his address as Pittsburgh, Va., will also be heard in the court on Thursday. Capt. Wade and Chief Garner arrested him Saturday night, took him to jail under \$35 bond. He will also be charged with damaging the county jail by breaking in.

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Boy Arrested For Burglary

A 14-year-old boy was arrested Sunday night for a break at the home of a neighbor off highway 70 west of Morehead City. The boy was ordered to appear yesterday morning before A. H. James, clerk of court. He was arrested by Deputy Sheriffs Hugh Salter and Marshall Ayscue.

The break occurred at the home of Marine Sgt. Peter Pagano. Pagano and his wife discovered the break when they returned from the movies at 9:15 p.m. They found the padlock knocked off the front door of the house.

Pagano's watch and about \$2 in change were missing. Clothing valued at \$200 was untouched as were several souvenirs of Sergeant Pagano's service in the Pacific during World War II.

Pagano called the Morehead City police who notified Salter. As Salter and Ayscue were examining the scene of the break, a neighbor appeared and announced that his son had confessed the theft.

The boy returned the watch and money to Pagano. He was released in the custody of his parents.

Junior Women Aid Hospital

The Junior Woman's club in Morehead City is installing the card system in the Morehead City hospital in an effort to help regulate visiting privileges at the Morehead City hospital.

Club members will begin work on Sunday at the hospital and will install a system which calls for a family card for each patient as well as two visitors cards for each patient. When these cards are in use, no other visitor will be permitted to visit a patient until a card has been returned.

The project undertaken by the club members should be of great aid, according to H. L. Greene, superintendent at the hospital, if the public will co-operate in the attempt to regulate the visiting hours.

He says that the women are giving their time to this project and will begin work on it Sunday, Nov. 16. Each Sunday the club will send one or more members to the hospital to work at the reception desk and distribute the cards to visitors.

Greene says that morning visiting hours at the hospital are still prohibited. Afternoon visiting hours at the hospital are from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and evening hours are from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Five Countians Lose Licenses

Five residents of Carteret county have lost their licenses to operate motor vehicles, according to a report from the state highway patrol. Three of the licenses were revoked and two were suspended.

The license of Dederic Morris, Beaufort, was revoked after he was convicted of reckless driving and speeding in recorders' court, Hillsboro.

The license of James Sanford, Newport, was revoked following a drunken driving conviction in Washington recorder's court. Calvin Hyde Swain of Beaufort had his license revoked in Carteret county recorder's court. He was convicted on a charge of careless and reckless driving. It was his second offense.

The licenses of Thomas Kirk Bridges and Jesse W. Long, both of Morehead City, were suspended. Kirk's license was suspended for failure to maintain proof of financial responsibility. The suspension of Long's license was the result of an unsatisfied judgement.

Bond Dance Plans Made

Plans are underway for the second annual Bond dance at the Cherry Point air station.

The dance will be held on Friday, Dec. 5, from 9 until 1. Music will be furnished by the station orchestra. There will also be a floor show.

A straight drawing for as much as one \$500 defense bond and several bonds of smaller denominations will be made.

The dance is sponsored by the Supervisors association and the Station Shop committee, working with the general chairman, W. G. Andrews, employee relations counsel for the air station.

Last year's dance was attended by nearly two-thousand persons. Harley F. Lindsay is publicity chairman.

Edward H. Potter, retired Beaufort businessman, took office yesterday as a member of the Carteret county board of commissioners. He will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Hugh Salter, also of Beaufort. Salter resigned in July to accept a position as deputy sheriff.

George Eastman appeared before the commissioners to ask that the assessed value of his place of business in Morehead City be reduced from \$10,000 to \$7,500. He was represented by attorney Claud Wheatley.

Wheatley reported that the valuation on the lot had been raised from \$1,600 to \$2,500. He said that the valuation of the building was set at \$10,000. Eastman said that the building had been erected at a cost of only \$22,000.

Wheatley and Eastman asked that the commissioners follow their usual practice and set the valuation of the building at one-third of the cost of construction. The commissioners agreed that there had been an error in the valuation of the property and reduced it to \$7,500.

A petition that the Wilson road in Marshallberg be taken into the county system was referred to the state highway commission for their action. The board had already approved the adoption of the road into the system.

Judge J. F. Duncan appeared to recommend that the commissioners accept settlements of back taxes in several cases in which he has brought suit on behalf of the county.

The taxes of W. J. Johnson for 1936 and prior were settled for \$87.83 including court costs. The taxes of Allen C. Willis were settled for \$57 including costs. The taxes were for the years 1932 and 1936.

The commissioners accepted \$96.13 including costs as settlement for the back taxes of Julius Willis. The taxes of Leslie Styron were settled for \$99.88 including costs of court. Those of C. V. Styron were settled for \$86.81 including costs.

The commissioners ordered a non-suit in the case of Dorothy D. Patrick for back taxes on property which she purchased in Morehead City. It was learned that the property was sold for taxes in 1948 by the town of Morehead City. The county never received its share of the money. The board ordered that steps be taken to get the money from the town.

The commissioners voted to ask the welfare department to check on the ability to pay of Dennert Smith of Morehead City. Smith has asked that he be relieved of paying \$200 in back taxes.

The commissioners took no action on the appointment of a solicitor for the county recorder's court. The post has been vacant since the recent death of M. Leslie Davis. The commissioners decided to defer action pending a recommendation from the county bar association.

Irate Woman Beats Husband

Mrs. Mary Virginia Mason was arrested early Sunday morning after she allegedly assaulted her husband in a parking lot at 18th and Bridges streets, Morehead City. She was charged with public drunkenness, disturbing the peace, assault with a deadly weapon, using loud and profane language, fighting and resisting arrest.

Her husband, Don Mason, was taken to the Morehead City hospital where five stitches were taken to close a wound in his forehead. The wound allegedly was opened when his wife struck him with a coffee cup. Witnesses say that she also struck him with her shoe and then kicked him as he lay unconscious on the ground.

Witnesses called Morehead City police to the scene. Mrs. Mason began to struggle with Officer Homer Lewis when he attempted to arrest her. She tried to kick him and several bystanders who attempted to assist him. Lewis finally subdued her with the aid of bystanders and took her to the police station.

The woman was locked up in the police station and later was transferred to the county jail in Beaufort. She was released on \$200 bond Sunday morning. Her case was to be heard yesterday in the Morehead City recorder's court.

Hospital Beds Are Secured For Some School Patients

The county health department has been able recently to secure hospital facilities for tonsil and adenoid patients through the school health co-ordinating services, according to Dr. N. Thos. Ennett, local health officer.

Dr. Ennett says that as beds are made available in the Morehead City hospital, school nurses will be able to arrange operations for other deserving cases.

Conservation Men Will Meet Here

Board of Supervisors To See Open Grounds On First Visit Here

The Board of Supervisors of the Lower Neuse Soil Conservation district will meet at the recreation center in Morehead City on Thursday, Nov. 13, at 11 a.m.

The meeting is sponsored by the agricultural committee of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce. It is the first such meeting to be held here. Previously, the group has met in New Bern.

Here for the meeting will be board members from this county, Onslow county, Craven county, Pamlico county, and Jones county. The program will consist of a business session by the board members, including the study of the progress of work, discussion on the election of supervisors, and consideration for acceptance of a memorandum of understanding between district and the North Carolina forest service.

At 11 a.m. Fred A. Hardison will talk on the background and functions of soil conservation districts, followed by Supervisor Charlie Davis presenting the "Program for greater service," with emphasis on See CONSERVATION, Page 6

County Growing Population Wise

Carteret county's population has grown 26.1 per cent in the last ten years, according to the 1950 census. Figures showing the North Carolina population change are contained in a table released by the Institute for Research in Social Science at the University of North Carolina.