

REA Organizational Setup Explained to Pelletier Group

Instructions on how to go about obtaining phone service were relayed by tape recording to interested persons in Pelletier last Tuesday night when Dan Walker, Beaufort town clerk, took his tape recorder and a recorded speech by

REA engineer Walter Fuller, Raleigh, to Pelletier. The speech containing background information necessary for the forming of a telephone cooperative was recorded some time ago. In the speech, Fuller indicated that he was very glad for the interest shown in rural phone service. He says that some 50,000 persons are seeking rural phone service in the Tar Heel state right now. In North Carolina, he said, there are now some 32 electric member-

ship corporations serving over 150,000 rural establishments. He indicated that as of Jan. 1, 1948, there were 443,000 phones in North Carolina while on July 1, 1952, there were 627,000 phones in the state, representing an increase of 40 per cent. There are, however, still many without phone service in the Tar Heel state. And, he said, attention is being given to this deficiency. Under the law, Fuller said, the REA is required to work with rural leaders (members of chamber of commerce, home agents, farm bureaus, teachers, etc.) to gather information on where service is needed. A county survey is made to determine who and how much service is wanted and needed. This information is then plotted

Newport Man Elected Director

Lawrence A. Garner of Newport was re-elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the New Bern Production Credit association at the annual stockholders' meeting Saturday in New Bern. Garner has been serving on the board to fill the vacancy created by the death of Sam D. Edwards in 1950. The board represents members of the association in Craven, Carteret and Pamlico counties. Wade H. Davis, secretary-treasurer of the association, reported that in the 19 years of its existence the organization has made 6,670 loans totalling \$7,505,926. It has at present 807 members who own 82 per cent of the stock. L. Y. Ballentine, state commissioner of agriculture, told the group that a farmer today must be a good businessman and emphasized the importance of keeping good credit. Ballentine congratulated the association for its work in making short-term loans to farmers during the past 19 years. Others attending the meeting from Carteret county included R. M. Williams, county agent, and H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools. Joslyn is a former president of the association.

Store Hours Plans Changed

Plans for store hours in Morehead City during the Christmas season have been virtually scrapped, according to officials of the merchants association. Many members of the association have gone ahead and set up their own schedule of store hours. Original plans adopted by the association called for stores to stay closed on Wednesday afternoons until Dec. 24. The stores were to be open at night only on Dec. 20, 22, 23 and 24. Now, several of the merchants have decided to remain open every Wednesday afternoon. Many of them will also remain open Thursday nights until Christmas. It is believed that the action by some of the town's merchants will force the others to follow suit.

Welfare Head Offers Service

Miss Georgie Hughes, county superintendent of public welfare, has announced that her department will gladly cooperate with any group which desires to bring Christmas cheer to the county's needy. Miss Hughes said that the department will furnish information about the needs of the people to any organization or individual planning to help them at Christmas. The welfare department is closer to the problem than other groups and is in a better position to know who needs assistance and what they need. Miss Hughes also believes that working through the welfare department will prevent duplication of efforts. The welfare superintendent emphasized that it will take time to supply the information to those who desire to help. She has asked those who wish to make use of this service to make their requests as soon as possible. Miss Hughes said that there are many persons in the county who will be unable to purchase the things usually associated with a good Christmas. Aid from the welfare department provides nothing for such extras and some are ineligible to receive aid from the welfare department. Miss Hughes says that toys for the children of such families are especially welcome.

Small Wins Contest Finals

David Small, Morehead City high school junior, was the winner in the county finals of the "I Speak for Democracy" contest. The finals were held Monday afternoon over WMBL. The winner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Small of Morehead City. Small won out over 16 other contestants in a competition at the school to determine Morehead City high's representative in the county finals. The students were coached by Mrs. Rudolph Dowdy, a teacher at the school. Newport high school held an in-school competition but did not take part in the finals. Following the finals, Small and Mrs. Dowdy were guests at the meeting of the Morehead City Jaycees who sponsored the contest locally. Small gave his winning speech at the meeting and received the congratulations of the Jaycees. He will receive a \$25 defense bond as his prize for winning the county finals. Judges for the finals were the Rev. B. D. Critcher of Beaufort and E. W. Olschner and George H. McNeill of Morehead City. The contest is being sponsored nationally by the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of radio and television broadcasters. Small's speech will be recorded and forwarded to the state headquarters. The state winner will be chosen Dec. 11. State winners will compete Jan. 2 to determine four national winners.

Scott Considers Protest On Condition of Bridge

Gov. W. Kerr Scott has under consideration this morning a protest from officials of the city of New Bern on the condition of the half-mile long bridge over the Trent river. The protest was occasioned by a near-fatal accident Wednesday morning involving a Richmond salesman. The salesman, John P. Schoenfeld, was thrown from his car as it plunged overboard after going out of control on the hole-dotted surface of the wooden bridge. Schoenfeld was seriously injured in the accident. Mayor George H. Roberts and City Manager C. L. Barnhardt have informed Governor Scott that they have repeatedly asked highway commission officials to take steps to replace the worn-out structure. They say that no action has been taken. Highway officials say that arrangements for replacing the bridge were begun several months ago. They claim that surveys have been made and a tentative line has been established for a right of way. In addition to thousands of civilian and military personnel traveling to and from Cherry Point Marine air base 18 miles away, the bridge is on the normal route for traffic from Morehead City's port terminal and Atlantic Beach. Long convoys of military equipment have frequently used the bridge and in event of a military emergency, this type of traffic would be multiplied.

Local Officials Join Protest over Bridge

The town of Morehead City, the Morehead City chamber of commerce and the town of Atlantic Beach have joined in the protest over the condition of the Trent river bridge at New Bern. Officials of the three groups yesterday morning sent telegrams to protest to Gov. W. Kerr Scott. The telegrams stressed the fact that U. S. 70, which crosses the bridge, is an important outlet to the west for this area. The telegrams urged that some action be taken to replace the bridge.

Republican Rally Tonight To Plan Party's Activities

The Republican party executive committee for Morehead City has urged all members of the party to attend a GOP rally at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Morehead City town hall. Vincent Lawrence, of the executive committee says that the rally will make plans for the party's activities in Morehead City during the coming year. The announcement of the rally says, "Plans are to be made and issues met before Jan. 1, 1953." The general public has been invited to attend.

Ellison Receives Suspended Term Assigned to Clean Court As Condition of Release After Pleading Guilty

John Ellison, colored, of Beaufort was given a year's suspended sentence Tuesday in Beaufort recorder's court after he entered a plea of guilty to a charge of public drunkenness. The state declined to prosecute him on a charge of indecent exposure. Ellison's jail sentence was suspended on condition that he pay the costs of court and clean up the courtroom. Judge Earl Mason was informed that Ellison's application for admission to a veterans hospital is being processed. Calvin Newkirk was given a six-month suspended sentence on charges of public drunkenness, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and assault on a police officer. Sentence suspended on condition that Newkirk remain on good behavior for a period of two years and pay the costs of court. Tom Rhodes, colored, was sentenced to six months in jail on an assault charge. The sentence was suspended on condition that he pay \$40 for doctor's bills and pay the costs of court. Mack Lett was given a 30-day suspended sentence on a charge of failing to stop at two stop signs. The sentence was suspended upon payment of costs. Malicious prosecution was ruled. See ELLISON, Page 7

Beaufort Greets Santa Claus

Hundreds of children and a great many adults welcomed Santa Claus to Beaufort Wednesday afternoon. Santa, assisted by the Boy Scouts, gave away some 3,000 tiny stockings of Christmas candy to the crowd gathered around him. He arrived in Beaufort by boat at the post office dock and was driven down Front street in the Beaufort fire truck. Santa stopped in front of the Paul Motor company on Front st. where he distributed the candy and talked to his admirers. The Queen street high school and the Beaufort high school bands both participated in the parade leading down Front street. The affair was sponsored by the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce. Jack Barnes is chairman of the merchants committee and George Taylor was chairman of the parade committee.

Elks to Observe Lodge of Sorrow

Morehead City-Beaufort lodge of Elks will hold a Lodge of Sorrow at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the First Methodist church, Morehead City. The Lodge of Sorrow is held every year on the first Sunday of December in memory of deceased members of the lodge. Robert L. Pugh of New Bern, Craven county superintendent of schools, will be the principal speaker at the memorial service. A special musical program has been arranged by Ralph T. Wade. Miss Ann Arthur will play the organ and Billy Oglesby will render a special solo. This will be the first time in the six-year history of the local lodge that the service has been held outside the lodge rooms. E. L. Nelson, exalted ruler, has invited the public to attend.

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Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar

HIGH	Friday, Dec. 5	LOW
10:35 a.m.	4:20 a.m.	
10:57 p.m.	5:08 p.m.	
	Saturday, Dec. 6	
11:15 a.m.	5:04 a.m.	
11:44 p.m.	5:49 p.m.	
	Sunday, Dec. 7	
11:57 a.m.	5:50 a.m.	
	6:31 p.m.	
	Monday, Dec. 8	
12:33 a.m.	6:41 a.m.	
12:42 p.m.	7:16 p.m.	
	Tuesday, Dec. 9	
1:23 a.m.	7:35 a.m.	
1:31 p.m.	8:05 p.m.	

Small Amount of Rainfall Recorded Here on Tuesday

The temperature reached a high of 57 in the county this week and a low of 32 up to Thursday morning. The wind was from the northeast and clear on Monday, from the southeast with rain on Tuesday when 1.5 inches of rain fell in the county.

Max. Min.	Monday, Dec. 1	Tuesday, Dec. 2	Wednesday, Dec. 3
	47 32	57 38	55 49

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Child Hits Car, Escapes Injury

An eight-year-old Morehead City boy escaped injury Monday afternoon when he ran into the side of an automobile on Bridges street. Morris E. Jeffers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Jeffers of 800 1/2 Bridges street, was unhurt after he struck the side of a car operated by George Ball of Morehead City. Ball told police that he was proceeding east on Bridges when he saw the boy dart from a driveway on the south side of the street. Ball stopped, but the boy ran into the side of the car. Ball determined that the child was not hurt and reported the accident to the Morehead City police. Capt. Herbert Griffin and Sgt. Bruce Edwards investigated.

Five Alarms, Four False

The Morehead City fire department answered five alarms in the first four days of this week and each time returned to the station without using a drop of water. Only one of the five alarms was for a real fire, but it had been extinguished before firemen arrived. The small blaze, a flash fire in a boat at the yacht basin Wednesday morning, was put out by employees at the yacht basin. The fire caused no damage. The first four alarms were all false. The fire department answered two of them Sunday night, one Monday night and one Tuesday night.

Drunk Driver Receives Suspended Jail Sentence

Harold J. Padgett was sentenced to six months on the road after his conviction on a charge of drunken driving Tuesday in Carteret county recorder's court. The sentence was suspended on condition that Padgett pay a fine of \$100 and costs within three months. George W. Gray was sentenced to 30 days in jail on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. He was charged with receiving money for work which he failed to perform. Gray's sentence was suspended on condition that he pay the prosecuting witness, A. R. Craig, \$80 within 90 days and pay the costs of court. Bobby Ray Willis was sentenced to 60 days in jail after pleading guilty to a charge of driving without a license. The sentence was suspended on condition that he pay the costs within 30 days. Ralph Locky entered a plea of guilty to a charge of issuing worthless checks. He was ordered to make good the checks and pay the costs of court. Arthur B. Lewis was ordered to pay costs after pleading guilty to a charge of speeding. Malicious prosecution was ruled in the case of Christopher Towles, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, a knife. Virgil Wayne Stroud was ordered to pay half of the costs on a charge of operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes. Bonds were forfeited by Elbert Hosah Brown and Delmas Willis. Cases were continued against Adrian Dearest Willis, James Allen Salter, Allen Murray, Ralph Mayo, John Tyson, jr., Fannie S. Cannon, Jack B. Stallings, Ray Jones, Ernest Lee Allen and Rose K. Farmer. The court session was held in the grand jury room at the county courthouse while the superior court was in session in the courtroom.

Beaufort Board Creates Police Job, Asks Mayor to Name Commissioner

Hospital Bound Woman Hurt In Early Morning Car Wreck

An accident at the corner of Ann and Turner st. in Beaufort last Tuesday resulted in injury to one person and damage to two automobiles. Injured was Mrs. Willie Harkley, colored, a passenger in a 1952 Ford, driven by William Ennett Pettaway, colored. Also in the car was Willie Harkley, Mrs. Harkley was on her way to the Morehead City hospital where her baby was born shortly after the accident occurred. The other car involved in the accident was driven by Pete James Anderson, Front st. extension. He was driving a 1941 Pontiac, going north on Turner st. The Ford, belonging to Rosetta Williams, colored, 509 Queen st., was a total loss. Damage to the Anderson car was estimated at two to three hundred dollars.

Ship 'Surprises' Port Officials

Special banana conveyors sent down from Norfolk completed the unloading yesterday of the first banana ship to dock at Wilmington in more than a decade. According to Col. G. W. Gillette, director of the State Ports Authority, the ship put into Wilmington only because of low fuel supply. Its original destination, the SPA head averred, was Norfolk. However as the SS Lewis Fraser docked with its 5,000 ton load, representatives of D. E. Taylor and company of Norfolk, importers and operators of the banana ship, were already on hand as well as SPA dignitaries to surprise themselves by being party to a big welcoming celebration. The Wilmington Shipping company had already arranged for stevedores. Plans as prepared by B. H. Stephens, architect, will result in an approximate expenditure of \$120,000. The money is being provided from federal funds under public law 815 passed by the 81st Congress to aid schools in military areas. The building, which will stand at the rear of the present structure and be connected with it by a passageway, will contain 15,000 square feet. It will contain eight classrooms and a general purpose room. Upon completion, five classrooms in the present Newport school will be abandoned. They were formerly toilets, redone as a measure of expediency to care for the increase in pupils from the Marine base area.

School Board Seeks Bids

Bids for erection of an addition to the Newport graded school will be opened at 2 p.m. Dec. 18, in the office of the Carteret county board of education, Beaufort. Plans as prepared by B. H. Stephens, architect, will result in an approximate expenditure of \$120,000. The money is being provided from federal funds under public law 815 passed by the 81st Congress to aid schools in military areas. The building, which will stand at the rear of the present structure and be connected with it by a passageway, will contain 15,000 square feet. It will contain eight classrooms and a general purpose room. Upon completion, five classrooms in the present Newport school will be abandoned. They were formerly toilets, redone as a measure of expediency to care for the increase in pupils from the Marine base area.

Newport Rotary Plans Assembly

President C. S. Long announced at Monday night's meeting that the Newport Rotary club will hold a full club assembly on Jan. 19. President Long reported that he is trying to get Stanley Woodland, district governor, to appear at the assembly. The club voted to hold its Dec. 22 meeting in the agriculture workshop at the Newport school. The move was made necessary by the moving of the school lunchroom which is scheduled for that time. The club usually meets in the lunchroom. W. D. Roberts addressed the meeting on the procedure of receiving new members into the club. Roberts stressed the importance of club growth and emphasized the fact that there are numerous classifications still unfilled in the Newport club. It was also announced at the meeting that the election of officers will be held March 16.

Flash Fire Hits Menhaden Boat

A menhaden boat owned by the Fish Meal company, Beaufort, caught fire yesterday morning about 6 o'clock and had to be towed in by another boat. No one was injured in the flash fire in the engine room. The engine room was completely burned. The menhaden boat, the Mattie Phillips, captained by Berkley Simpson, was about half way from the Beaufort bar to Cape Lookout when the fire occurred. The fire was extinguished, according to Simpson, by crewmen of two other boats owned by his company, which came to the rescue when the boat was towed in. Captain Simpson says they hope to have the Mattie Phillips back in operation by Monday. The cause of the flash fire is not known.

Beaufort Parking Meters Operate on Wednesdays

Beaufort Police Chief Carlton Garner says that the parking meters will be in operation on Wednesday afternoons from now until Christmas. The stores in Beaufort are remaining open (with two exceptions) and makes necessary the metered parking. Meters in Morehead City will remain free on Wednesday afternoons, as they have in the past. Most of the stores in Morehead City will continue to close on Wednesday afternoons prior to the holidays.

Commissioners Name Listers

The Carteret county commissioners at their monthly meeting Monday appointed 14 tax listers for the 13 townships which make up the county. The list includes one woman, Mrs. Dora Day of Cedar Island township. Two tax listers, F. R. Seeley and John Brooks, were named for Beaufort township. Other tax listers named were Walter Smith, Atlantic-Sea Level township; Alvin Davis, Stacy-Davis township; George W. Davis, Williston-Smyrna township; James Gillikin, Marshallberg township; Charles Hancock, Harkers Island township; William Gillikin, Straits township; Peter Carraway, Merrimon-Lukens township; Raymond Ball, Harlowe township; Sam B. Meadows, White Oak township; Charles V. Webb, Morehead township; and Prentice Garner, Newport township.

Work Continues On New Field

Work on the new athletic field is moving along rapidly, it was reported at Monday night's meeting of the Morehead City Jaycees. All machine work has been completed and the remaining work must be done by hand. Members of the club will work on the field tomorrow to clear away the remaining brush and prepare it for grading and planting grass. It was reported that top soil is available at the Open Grounds farm. Ralph Gardner reported that minimum lighting for the field will require about 20 times more bulbs than are presently in use at Wade Brothers stadium. It was reported that very little of the Scotchline safety tape is left. The club turned down a motion to sell the remaining tape to used car dealers in town. The committee in charge of sales was told to use its own discretion in disposing of the tape. The Rev. Friestley Conyers, III, thanked the club for its cooperation in sponsoring the union service held Sunday night at the high school auditorium. The service was sponsored jointly by the Jaycees and the ministerial association. Jimmy Wallace, chairman of the Miss North Carolina contest, reported that Miss America of 1952 will be present and will serve as a judge at the contest. Mike Brady was named chairman of the Christmas activity committee, and Ralph Gardner and Jimmy Wallace were named to assist him. Tentative plans have been made for movies on Dec. 20 and for a Christmas party at the recreation center. David Small, winner of the "I Speak for Democracy" contest was presented at the meeting. He was accompanied by Mrs. Rudolph Dowdy, a teacher at the Morehead City school, who served as Small's coach.

Driver Arrested After Wreck

A 22-year-old Beaufort man was arrested early Tuesday morning after the truck which he was driving turned over on U.S. 70 near Highland park, east of Beaufort. John Wilson, Rt. 1, Beaufort, was charged with drunken driving, careless and reckless driving and resisting arrest. He was arrested by Highway Patrolmen Robert Brown and J. W. Sykes. Wilson said that he turned over when he tried to avoid another car. Wilson's truck, heading toward Beaufort, skidded 97 steps before coming to rest on its side against a telephone pole which was snapped by the impact. When informed that he was under arrest, the driver began to curse the two patrolmen and refused to enter the police car. It took the efforts of both Brown and Sykes to put Wilson in the car. After he was placed in the car, Wilson continued his struggle with the officers. They were forced to handcuff him in order to transport him to the county jail. At the jail, Wilson continued to curse the patrolmen and threatened to "get" both of them. Wilson was released Tuesday morning on \$150 bond. He will be tried next Tuesday in county recorder's court.

Superior Court Has Short, Light Session

The December session of superior court, in session to hear civil cases only, was very light and lasted only three days, from Dec. 1 to Dec. 3. Settled by agreement of the defendant and the plaintiff was a suit brought by Ruth W. Lewis against E. W. Downum (Fox-Downum Co.). She brought the suit after she fell in front of the defendant's place of business around March 3, 1950. The defendant paid \$300 to satisfy the claim and the suit was dismissed. S. A. Dowdell was ordered by the court to pay \$300.17 with interest at six per cent from January 30, 1952, to the Machine and Supply Co., Inc. J. C. Deibert and his wife, Thelma C. Deibert, were found by the jury to have closed and attempted to block a road generally described as being an extension of Mansfield Parkway which joins the Villa hotel premises (Bogue Sound club) with U.S. highway 70. The suit, brought by Robert C. Sutton and his wife, Josephine Sutton, also said that this action divided the property of the defendants which crosses the A and NC railroad track, passing the area previously occupied by Mansfield station and postoffice, the road being approximately 30 feet in width and bounded by large trees. The suit also alleged that the defendant removed a culvert essential to drainage of the road. The jury found this allegation true also. The court ordered that the Deiberts refrain from closing the road and ordered them to replace the culvert within 60 days. See COURT, Page 7

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