

Morehead Annexation Election Is Tomorrow

Tomorrow not more than 162 voters will decide whether or not Morehead City will extend its corporate limits.

The annexation election tomorrow covers the state property west of Thirty-fourth street south of the railroad; the area west of Twenty-fifth street between the railroad and highway 70 to the western limit of the state property; and the area between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-eighth streets north to Calico creek.

When the registration books closed two weeks ago, 162 residents of the area had qualified themselves as voters and put their names on the books. The polling place will be at the Clyde Jones building on West Arendell street.

If a majority of the registered voters in the area cast their ballots to join the city, the areas will be taken into the city; otherwise they will not.

Judges for the election are John T. Conner of 2716 Arvon street and Luther Norris of 2172 Homes drive. Clyde Jones is the registrar. The election is being run by the Carteret county board of elections. Fred R. Seeley is chairman of the board of elections.

Registration and voting in the election is restricted by state law to residents of the area who are qualified state and county voters. No absentee ballots will be accepted in the election.

The city has promised to give the residents and property owners of the area six kinds of service if they are incorporated. These services include water mains for fire hydrants, street lights, guaranteed fire protection, police protection, street maintenance, and zoning and city planning.

In explaining the proposal, Mayor George W. Dill has said, "Our primary purpose is to insure the orderly growth of Morehead City and only secondary is the matter of tax revenue. This property will have to be in the city several years before the gain in taxes will offset our immediate expenses in giving services to the area."

Leading the opposition to annexation has been O. O. Fulcher. A petition asking for a referendum on the question and voting opposition to the proposal was presented at a public hearing April 6 by Claude Wheatly, attorney for Mr. Fulcher and others. The petition was signed by 104 residents.

Many of the residents of the area feel that the election will be decided by a close vote. They point out that there are few residents who are undecided on the issue and most have definite opinions on the annexation problem.

Jaycees Favor Coastal Highway

At Monday night's meeting, the Morehead City Jaycees unanimously adopted a resolution in support of the coastal highway proposed by the chamber of commerce.

Joe DuBois, manager of the chamber of commerce, asked the club to adopt the resolution after citing the advantages of a highway along the outer banks and connecting with US 70 at Cedar Island or Atlantic.

Jimmy Wallace, chairman of the Miss North Carolina pageant, reported that 34 clubs throughout the state have indicated that they will sponsor contestants in the pageant. He said that arrangements are being made for prizes for the winner of the pageant and other plans for the pageant are rapidly nearing completion.

Sam Guthrie and James Webb reported on the results of the Miss Morehead City pageant held last week. The club gave a vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the contest a success.

Bobby Bell conducted balloting for the Rudolph Dowdy award given each year to the external committee which does the best work during the year. Results of the voting will be announced at Monday's meeting.

The directors of the club announced that the governmental affairs committee had been chosen as the best internal committee during the past year. Herbert Phillips, chairman of the committee, was named to the post of state director.

Several of the members reported on the events at last week's state convention in Asheville and the election of Jimmy Wallace as national director.

Bernard Leary, a former president of the club, presented Mr. Wallace with his national director's pin. Mr. Wallace then thanked the club for its support before and during the convention. He also expressed his thanks to those from other clubs who had supported him at the convention.

Oscar Joslyn was elected to the office of sheriff to replace L. G. Dunn.

Air Base Carnival Stirs Much Debate

A carnival show including some gambling was held at Cherry Point this week for the benefit of the Navy Relief society and became the subject of debate throughout the state.

Brigadier General William G. Manley, commanding general of the air station, commented that he could see "nothing wrong" with the carnival.

The carnival and its attendant gambling became the objects of considerable discussion this week after Captain Lewis Session told a state newspaper that enlisted men were excused from duty Tuesday afternoon after being paid on condition that they attend the carnival at the drill hall.

General Manley in a statement said that no person was under duress to attend the carnival. During the first day of the carnival, he pointed out that some 5,000 attended the show spending an average of slightly more than \$2 apiece including the 25-cent admission charge. General Manley indicated that there are approximately 15,000 men on the base plus their families.

General Manley acknowledged that the carnival included "some games of chance" but in the main there were typical carnival booths. The base rented the carnival equipment from a professional company but all of the booths were operated

by marine personnel. All of the profit from the carnival will go to the Navy Relief society.

The society takes care of military personnel in need either by direct gifts or by loans. The air station hopes to raise a total of more than \$30,000 through all phases of the drive this month.

General Manley said the funds would go "for the best cause in the world — right back to the boys." In his comments to the newspaper, Captain Sessions said that he did not object to the society but felt that the "men should give voluntarily instead of gambling."

The midway games included throwing games and other so-called "skill games" and some dice games and spinning wheel games. General Manley said that there were no roulette-type games in the carnival.

Outside the drill hall rides such as ferris wheels and others were installed.

The carnival is only one of several activities being staged at the base to raise funds for Navy Relief. A ball will be held, and several other committees are hard at work on the base promoting the drive and making collections to support its activities. The Navy Relief society is administered through the chaplains' office.

Beaufort High to Hold Class Night Exercises

Commencement exercises at Beaufort high school will begin with senior class night exercises at 8 p.m. today in the school auditorium.

Baccalaureate services will be held Sunday morning, and graduation exercises, at which 55 seniors will receive their diplomas, will be held Monday night.

Andy Mason will be salutatorian at tonight's class night exercises, and Corinne Scurlough will be valedictorian. Others taking part in the exercises will be Carol Jones, historian; Patsy Sadler, statistician; Joan Chipman, poet; Barbara McKay, testator; Ann Noe, grumbler; Wilma Woodard, prophet; and Clyde Bell, giftorian.

Words for the farewell song were written by Bitsy Brooks, Jean Taylor and Bobby Smith. Words for other songs to be sung during the exercises were written by Wilma Woodard, Frank Gillikin and Bobby Smith.

The Rev. James P. Dees, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, will preach the sermon at the baccalaureate services at 11:15 a.m. Sunday in the school auditorium.

The Rev. L. A. Lewis, pastor of the Beaufort Methodist circuit, will give the invocation. The Rev. B. D. Critcher, pastor of Ann Street Methodist church, will read the scripture and will lead the prayer. The Rev. James E. Howard, pastor of the Free Will Baptist church, will give the benediction.

The school glee club will sing several hymns during the service.

B. E. Tarkington, principal of the school, will present diplomas to the graduating seniors and will also award medals at the graduation exercises at 8 p.m. Monday in the school auditorium.

Speakers at the graduation and their subjects will be Phyllis Piner, The True Glory of a Nation; Elizabeth Woodard, Faith; Jean Carol Taylor, The Higher Patriotism; Donald Taylor, The Aristocracy of Service; Fay Merrell, The Weaving of Our Destiny, and Lewis Woodard, Every Man's Responsibility.

Gordon Davis will present the class gift which will be accepted by Raymond Ball. Ted Spivey will present the mascots' diplomas.

Music during the exercises will be provided by Barbara Harris, pianist; Patricia Daniels, soloist; and the school glee club.

Graduating seniors are Inez Smith Baker, Edwin Beeton, Patsy Beeton, Carl Bell, Clyde Bell, Johnny Ets, Bitsy Brooks, Margaret Bryant, Verna Carraway, Joan Chipman, Roy Clemmons, Wallace Conner, Thelma Darling, Gordon Davis.

Nellie Ward Demole, Jackie Dickinson, Peggy Dixon, Christine Dunn, Beaulah Eubanks, Billy Eudy, Charles Farlow, Frank Gillikin, Virginia Hill, Molly Hopkins, Carol Jones, Kay Lewis, William Longest, Andy Mason.

Lou Ann Mason, Barbara Goodwin McKay, Fay Merrell, Joyce Merrell, Jimmy Modlin, Ann Noe, Johnnie Olund, B. G. O'Neal, Ann Owens, Minnie Pake, Phyllis Piner. See BEAUFORT, Page 2

Power Interruptions Affect Whole County

Power stoppages Sunday from 5 to 6 a.m. and 7 to 7:30 p.m. will cut off electricity to all of Carteret county, Havelock and Slocum Village and the area served by the Carteret-Craven Electric Membership corporation except for the Maysville area.

George B. Stovall, district manager for the Carolina Power and Light company, reported that the cut-off was necessary to install a larger transformer to meet the company's increasing load.

Tomorrow from 9 to 11 a.m. power will be cut off east of Smyrna. Those communities affected will be Davis, Williston, Stacy, Sea Level, Atlantic, and Cedar Island. This interruption will allow the company to re-locate lines at the Sea Level hospital.

Mr. Stovall pointed out that the interruptions would be made, weather permitting.

Superior Court To Hear Cases

Three men were bound over to superior court after hearings Monday in Morehead City recorder's court. A fourth served notice of appeal to superior court after he received 90 days on the roads.

One of the defendants was ordered held for the grand jury on morals charges, and two were bound over for an investigation of their sanity.

Vernon Robert (Red) Sanders, Morehead City taxi driver, was bound over to superior court after preliminary hearing in recorder's court on three morals charges involving high school boys.

Sanders was charged with committing "the abominable and detestable" crime against nature with mankind, attempting to commit such a crime and possession of obscene literature for purpose of distribution.

After hearing testimony by several high school boys, Judge George H. McNeil found probable cause and ordered Sanders held for grand jury action. He is being held in the county jail under a \$1,500 bond.

Sanders was arrested last week after a long investigation by Morehead City police officers. Walter Murrell of Morehead City was also bound over to the superior court for an inquisition into his sanity. Judge McNeil said that since about 40 people had signed an affidavit that Murrell was mentally deranged he did not believe that he was capable of standing trial.

Murrell was charged with assault with a deadly weapon, two counts of using loud and profane language, threatening with a loaded rifle, transporting loaded guns in a car and threatening people at the Broadway cafe.

Judge McNeil ordered that Murrell be held without bond since he believed him to be a danger to himself and the community.

Samuel Forechette, who gave his address as Minneapolis, Minn., was also bound over to superior court for a sanity hearing. He is also being held without bond.

Forechette was charged with larceny of a motor vehicle, driving without a license and driving a motor vehicle without lights. Judge McNeil said that he doubted that Forechette was capable of being tried on the charges.

Cecil Guthrie was sentenced to 90 days on the roads after his trial on three charges. Guthrie was given 30 days for trespassing, 30 days for public drunkenness and 30 days for using loud and profane language. The sentences are to be served consecutively. Guthrie was found not guilty of peeping.

Guthrie served notice of an appeal to superior court and bond was set at \$100.

Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Friday, May 22	LOW
3:01 a.m.	9:26 a.m.	
3:43 p.m.	10:08 p.m.	
Saturday, May 23		
3:55 a.m.	10:13 a.m.	
4:31 p.m.	11:00 p.m.	
Sunday, May 24		
4:45 a.m.	10:57 a.m.	
5:16 p.m.	11:48 p.m.	
Monday, May 25		
5:34 a.m.	11:39 a.m.	
6:01 p.m.		
Tuesday, May 26		
6:21 a.m.	12:33 a.m.	
6:44 p.m.	12:21 p.m.	

Mary F. Paul Wins Beaufort Pageant

Mary Frazier Paul won the Miss Beaufort beauty title at the Jaycees' pageant Wednesday night at the Heart of the Beach club, Atlantic Beach.

Second place in the contest went to Faye Merrell, and third place went to Molly Hopkins.

Judges for the contest were Mayor George W. Dill, Jr., of Morehead City, Grover Munden of Morehead City, Robert L. Rose of Havelock, Lt. Floreda B. Duke of Cherry Point and Col. Donald Yost of Cherry Point. Wiley H. Taylor, Jr., served as auditor.

The 15 contestants were judged on the basis of their appearance in evening gowns and bathing suits. After the bathing suit competition, six of the entrants were chosen as finalists, and the winner and runners-up were picked from among them.

Other contestants in the pageant were Margaret Bryant, Patsy Sadler, Bitsy Brooks, Emma Perry, Vickie Taylor, Ann Owens, Jackie Dickinson, Kay Lewis, Ann Noe, Jean Taylor, Marie Webb and Jane Davis.

Miss Beaufort was crowned by Mayor Dill who presented her with a bouquet. Mr. Rose has offered her a car for her use during the Miss North Carolina pageant in July.

Miss Paul will be Beaufort's entrant in the Miss North Carolina pageant to be held July 15-17 in Morehead City. The winner of the state pageant will take part in the Miss America pageant in Atlantic City, N. J.

Chuck Stephens' orchestra played during the contest and for the dancing which followed it. During the intermission, the Harmonicas, Cherry Point's harmonica trio, entertained the audience.

Comedy routines were provided by John Duncan and A. C. Blankenship of the Beaufort Jaycees. Ronald Earl Mason, who acted as master of ceremonies for the pageant, served as straight man for the two comedians.

Attendance at the pageant was about 700 persons, and the Jaycees were pleased with the success of the pageant. The club has expressed its thanks to the NEWS-TIMES, WMBL, Willard Avery Television service, the management of the Heart of the Beach, the sheriff's department, the judges, the contestants, the Morehead City Jaycees who helped with the sale of tickets, Miss Betty Lou Merrill who served as directress of the pageant and all who helped to make it a success.

Morehead City Seniors To Hear Dr. C. S. Green

Emeritus Club Hears Editor

Sanford Martin, editor of the Winston-Salem Sentinel, spoke to the Emeritus Civic club Monday night on "Some Symbols of Unity in the Free World."

Basing his talk on information he obtained while attending a newspaper conference in Paris, France, Mr. Martin described the North Atlantic Treaty Organization as the "best instrument to keep world peace."

The International Press Institute was formed as a permanent organization at the Paris meeting. Editors representing 35 democratic nations met at the founding conference.

"If the free nations of the world stay united," Mr. Martin said, "there will not be a third world war."

He predicted the continued co-operation of the United States and England and the continued adherence of Japan to the family of democratic nations.

At the next regular meeting of the Emeritus club, Colonel H. N. Blanchard, retired chaplain of the U. S. Army and a member of the club, will give an informal talk.

U. E. Swann of Beaufort was elected to membership at the meeting. Monday's meeting of the club was held at the Rex restaurant. Mr. Martin was introduced by Dr. G. C. Cooke. R. H. Dowdy, president of the club, presided at the meeting.

Atlantic Seniors To Hear Hurlburt At Commencement

Dr. Allen S. Hurlburt, director of the educational research division of the University of North Carolina, will be the speaker at Atlantic high school's commencement exercises at 8 p.m. Monday in the school auditorium.

H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, will present the diplomas to the 14 members of the graduating class, according to A. W. Pridden, principal of the school. Class valedictorian will be Linda Smith. The salutatorian was to have been chosen yesterday after final marks were compiled.

Baccalaureate services will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday in the auditorium. The Rev. T. C. Smith of the Sea Level Baptist church will preach the sermon.

Members of the graduating class are Emma Dora Hill, Lois Caroline Rose, Linda Smith, Wilma Joyce Styron, Ruth Aleene Taylor, Pauline Taylor, Dolores B. Willis, Frances Fulcher Willis, Teresa G. Willis, John Franklin Gillikin, Ray Evan Harris, Dennis Bryan Willis, Don E. Willis and Manley Roger Willis.

Long Bay Area Produces Nearly 400,000 Pounds

According to reliable estimates made by fisheries experts, local shrimpers took \$100,000 worth of shrimp out of the Long Bay area in the 48-hour period beginning Monday morning and ending Wednesday morning this week.

During the period, it is estimated that between 375,000 and 400,000 pounds of shrimp were caught in Long Bay which is west of Cedar Island. Shrimpers have been getting 30 cents per pound for the early brown spotted shrimp.

W. A. Ellison, Jr., director of the Institute of Fisheries Research which originally discovered the primarily nocturnal spotted shrimp, reported that the count has been running at approximately 35 shrimp per pound. He pointed out that this is a very good count.

"The shrimp are as fine as I have ever seen," Mr. Ellison commented.

The shrimp hit in abundance one week after the season was opened on May 10. Mr. Ellison said that the shrimping was fair during the first week, and that as late as Saturday the shrimp had not appeared in the abundance which characterized the first part of this week. The big strike started early Monday morning.

One small shrimp boat took 750 pounds of shrimp in slightly less than six hours while other small boats were making as much as \$750 a day during the heavy strike. Reports from the eastern end of Carteret county indicated that some local shrimpers in large boats made hauls during the 48-hour period which grossed more than \$4,000.

Before 1951, the shrimp season was generally opened July 1 to close Dec. 1; but in 1950, the research institute discovered the brown spotted shrimp, and on its recommendations the season has been opened around the middle of May since 1951.

This year the Board of Conservation and Development left the opening of the season to George R. Ross, director of the department, and C. D. Kirkpatrick, commissioner of commercial fisheries, upon the recommendation of the institute.

In past years the value of the spotted shrimp catch has been estimated at \$250,000 to the fishermen. The brown spotted shrimp is primarily nocturnal which is the reason for the lateness of its discovery.

This year's opening price of 30 cents per pound to the fishermen is nearly 50 per cent higher than last year's opening. A general shortage of shrimp in other coastal regions accounts for the higher price. Reports have come from some areas that the Florida shrimping has been very poor during recent weeks and that some of North Carolina's catch has been going to that state. Most of the local catch is shipped to northern markets, however, with the New York market taking most of the catch.

B&PW Club Hears Avera

N. W. Avera, manager of the Wilmington social security office, described the social security program to members of the Carteret B&PW club at a meeting Wednesday night in the auditorium over the Morehead City fire department.

Mr. Avera told the club members that there are too few social security employees to look into old age records to determine who is eligible for social security. As a result, he said, many people who are eligible are not receiving the benefits to which they are entitled.

He said that the social security program could not exist without the help of organizations like the B&PW club which is working to obtain benefits for those who do not realize that they are entitled to them.

He also urged club members to support the extension of social security to farm workers and domestic servants who are not now covered. He said that these groups are the lowest paid workers in the country and often need assistance in their old age. He maintained that social security would be the easiest and cheapest way to provide this assistance.

Mr. Avera described the operation of the program which he called a 15 1/2 billion dollar interest-bearing trust fund. He said that the interest on the fund now more than covers the amount which is paid out in benefits. He also emphasized that social security is not socialism.

Mr. Avera illustrated his discussion with slides and a movie.

Morehead City Merchants Study Hours Change

The Morehead City Merchants association voted at a meeting Tuesday to take no action on changes in store hours pending a mail ballot by all members of the association.

The members will be asked to vote on whether or not to continue the Wednesday afternoon and Friday night store hours adopted at a recent meeting. Ballots must be returned by Saturday noon in order to be counted.

The meeting was called to decide on continuation of the hours after several merchants expressed a desire to return to the old hours.

The members present first voted to discontinue the policy of keeping their stores open Friday nights. They then voted not to stay open any night.

A motion was then passed which would require any merchant unable to abide by the hours adopted at the meeting to withdraw from the association.

One member withdrew from the association since he said that the hours had been adopted by a majority of the members and he did not believe that they should suddenly be changed.

The members then voted to discontinue the Wednesday afternoon store hours. The question of when to make the change effective was then debated at great length. Several members said that they could not close this Wednesday because they had already advertised that they would be open. It was suggested that the change be made effective on the first Wednesday in June.

A motion was then introduced to disband the association since the members could not agree on "such a small matter as store hours." The motion was not seconded.

Clyde Jones, a guest at the meeting, said that he felt that a merchants association was needed and that he did not think it should disband over the matter of store hours. He suggested that the matter of hours be left up to the individual merchants.

Mr. Jones said that there were many important things which a merchants association could do besides regulate store hours. He suggested that the association sponsor a collection agency which would make it easier for members to collect overdue bills.

A motion to allow each individual merchant to set his own hours was not voted upon.

It was then voted to take a mail poll of all members of the association in order to insure that any hours established would be agreeable to the majority of the members.

It was pointed out that unless the majority of the members were in favor of changing the hours there would be no point in changing them since any group could form a majority at the next meeting and vote a return to the old hours.

The vote on the motion resulted in a tie, and Bob Howard, presiding at the meeting, cast the deciding vote in favor of the mail poll.

Smyrna School To Graduate 27 Monday Night

Smyrna high school will graduate 27 seniors at commencement exercises at 8 p.m. Monday in the school auditorium. Stanley Dail, principal of the school, will present the diplomas to the members of the graduating class.

Valedictorian for the graduating class will be Wilma Piner, and Osborne C. Davis will be the salutatorian.

Baccalaureate services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Sunday in the school auditorium. The Rev. Zeph N. Deshields, pastor of the Otway Christian church will preach at the service.

Graduating seniors will be Samuel Lee Willis, Laura Frances Gillikin, Jessie Lee Davis, Rhoda Hill Gillikin, Jacqueline Lynch, Esther Lee Lewis, Doris Hill Rose, Joseph Carol Lina, Anita Joyce Willis, Wilma Piner, Sylvia Janet Nelson, Edith Willis, Betty Jane Willis.

Anita Louise Willis, Wilford Arlin Dixon, Osborne C. Davis, Hedrick D. Arthur, Rolans S. Lewis, Ralph W. Lawrence, Hedrick Gillikin, Leland Gillikin, Alton W. Paul, John E. Paige, William L. Sutton, Janice Lorraine Davis, James Allen Rose, Cecil Harold Gillikin and Edna Wiggins.