

National Red Cross Okays County Chapter in Carteret

Consolidation of the Morehead City and Beaufort Red Cross chapters has been approved by the Red Cross national board of governors, according to an announcement today by W. W. Jefferson of Atlanta, manager of the organization's Southeastern Area.

The new unit, to be known as the Carteret County Red Cross Chapter, will have its headquarters in Beaufort, with I. W. Davis of Davis as chapter chairman. Other officers are Charles Willis of Morehead City, vice-chairman and Mrs. E. H. Potter of Beaufort, treasurer. Mrs. James D. Rumley is home service secretary.

Consolidation Strengthens

In making the announcement Mr. Jefferson said that consolidation had been effected "in the interest of strengthening Red Cross organization and service throughout Carteret County."

Action for merging the two chapters, both of which were originally chartered in 1917, was taken by the board of governors at a recent meeting in Washington. It was brought about at the request of 30 citizens of the county who petitioned for consolidation.

30 Petition

Those signing were Charles Willis, Henry White, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Dill Jr., James B. Webb, J. C. Harvell, Herbert O. Phillips III, Edward Dixon, James R. Sanders, Frank Moran, Gordon C. Willis, E. S. Davis Jr., D. G. Bell and Lockwood Phillips, all of Morehead City.

Mrs. E. H. Potter, Mrs. James D. Rumley, Braxton Adair, Nicholas L. Walker, Mrs. Duke Howard, W. L. Rudder, J. L. Duncan Jr., J. Webster Willis, Florence T. Brooks, C. T. Lewis, and Dan L. Walker, all of Beaufort.

Mrs. Nellie Cannon Garner of Newport, Mrs. Earl Davis of Harkers Island, Mrs. Brantley Morris of Atlantic, A. B. Cooper of Atlantic Beach, and Mrs. J. I. Mizelle of Newport.

Liquor Sales Total \$63,593

Sales at Carteret County liquor stores during December totaled \$63,593.30, according to the report presented at the meeting of the county board of commissioners yesterday at the courthouse.

Sales at the Morehead City store amounted to \$31,468.05, at Beaufort \$22,898.80 and at Newport \$9,226.45. Allotments received by the three towns were as follows: Morehead City \$14,339.85, Beaufort \$1,048 and Newport \$422.29.

Gross profit amounted to \$15,742.44, operating expenses were \$4,644.25 and sales tax amounted to \$5,390.45. Estimated net profit to the county was \$2,797.60.

Cash on hand at the end of December was \$49,131.27 and accounts payable were \$29,763.52. Value of liquor in stock Nov. 30, 1953 was \$104,265.11, and value of liquor in stock Dec. 31 was \$85,943.67. Decrease in stock was \$18,641.44.

Two New Year Babies Arrive at Hospital

Two babies were born on New Year's Day at the Morehead City Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lawrence Robinson of Beaufort and Atlantic are the proud parents of a son, Roy Lawrence Jr., born at 10:16 a.m. Friday at the Morehead City Hospital, making Roy Jr. the first baby born in Carteret County in 1954.

Mrs. Robinson is the former Julia Kelly of Beaufort. Mr. Robinson, of Atlantic, is stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas. He is here now with his wife and new son.

The second baby of the new year was born to Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Rose of Harkers Island. Their daughter was born at 6:53 p.m. Friday.

Truman Kemp, Abe Silverman Win Promotions

Mrs. Edna M. Jackson, president of Morehead City Garment Co. announced today that Truman Kemp and Abe Silverman have been elected members of the company's board of directors.

Election to the board also carried with it promotions for Mr. Kemp and Mr. Silverman as well as a promotion for C. V. (Pete) Hooper.

Mr. Kemp was made treasurer and general manager, Mr. Silverman secretary and superintendent of the finishing and shipping departments. Mr. Hooper was made assistant secretary.

"The selection of these men," Mrs. Jackson said, "reflects the confidence of the company in them and is recognition of their constant and faithful services."

Mr. Silverman has been with the company since 1939, Mr. Hooper since 1947 and Mr. Kemp since 1949.

Bankers Sponsor Oratory Contest

High School Students Will Compete for \$6,000 in Prizes; Finals March 31

High school students of Carteret County today were invited to participate in a statewide contest offering more than \$6,000 in prizes.

The invitation was extended by bankers of Carteret County who are promoting "The Big Change," an oratorical contest sponsored by the North Carolina Bankers Association.

The contest is designed to call attention to North Carolina's progress since the turn of the century, and to cause high school students to devote some thought to how this progress may be continued in the future, announced I. E. Pittman of the Morehead City First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co.

The contest will begin with high school eliminations during the first week of March 1954. The winners from each high school in the county will compete on March 10 to determine the county winner.

Divisions Set Up

The county winners, in turn, will compete on March 17 in group eliminations. The state has been divided into ten groups for the contest, roughly ten counties to the group. Carteret is in Group 3 with Onslow, Duplin, Sampson, Jones, Lenoir, Craven, Pamlico and Wayne Counties.

On March 24 the ten division winners will compete in division eliminations. The state has been divided into three divisions for purposes of the contest.

On March 31 the three division winners will compete in the state finals in Raleigh.

There will be prizes on all levels, with the three finalists winning \$1,000, \$500 and \$250 respectively. Prizes have been arranged for each high school; each county winner will receive a \$25 Savings Bond; each group winner will receive a \$100 Savings Bond. The three division winners will receive \$500 cash.

Progress Emphasized

The Bankers Association, in sponsoring the contest, points to the remarkable progress made in North Carolina during the past half century—in education, in industry, in farming and in general welfare.

The number of school teachers today is almost three times as

Child Hit by Car; Two Cars Crash in Beaufort

A child was hit by a car Friday and two cars crashed together Sunday at an intersection during the New Year's weekend in Beaufort.

Margaret Louise Merrill, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Merrill, 314 Orange St., Beaufort, escaped serious injury when she was struck by a car at the Ann and Craven street intersection shortly before 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, New Year's Day.

The car was driven by R. E. Bradley, USMC, Cherry Point, whose home is Savannah, Ga. According to Chief of Police M. E. Guy, Bradley was going east on Ann street and the Merrill child, with another girl, was crossing the street.

She was knocked over and suffered skinned knees and a black eye, said the chief. He added that the Bradley car evidently was not going fast. The child, he said, refused to be taken to a doctor or to the hospital.

Bradley was driving a 1952 Chevrolet sedan. With him in the automobile were his wife, two children, and another passenger. No charges were placed against Bradley.

Raleigh Gilikin, Broad street, Beaufort, and James M. Ives, 707 Woodrow St., Wilson, will be tried in Beaufort Recorder's Court this afternoon on charges resulting from a collision at 9:45 a.m. Sunday.

Gilikin has been charged with careless and reckless driving and Ives with going through a stop sign, according to Officer Mack Wade of the Beaufort police force.

Officer Wade said Ives was going north on Marsh street and Gilikin east on Broad. The Gilikin automobile, a 1952 Nash, caught the Ives car on the left rear fender and knocked it across the street up against the curb. No one was hurt.

Officer Wade said he believes Gilikin was going faster than the 35-mile-limit allowed because his car skid 35 feet after the brakes were applied and before hitting the Ives automobile, a 1948 Hudson.

Damage to the Hudson is estimated at \$200. The left front fender and headlight on the Nash were smashed. Riding with Ives was his wife. Gilikin was alone.

Flames Damage House Sunday

Gilden Residence Catches Fire While Occupants Are Away

The one-story frame house, owned by Eddie Gilden, 1702 Bridges St., Morehead City, was damaged by fire to the extent of \$3,000 Sunday morning, Eldon Nelson, Morehead City fire chief, reported yesterday.

The alarm was turned in at 7 a.m. by a neighbor, Cecil Aster Raper, after a passerby noticed smoke coming from the roof, Chief Nelson said.

No one was home at the Gilden residence and the fire was probably smoldering a long time before flames were noticed. The fire is believed to have started in the chimney casing.

The flames destroyed floor and ceiling joists. Smoke and water damage also increased the loss which is reported covered by insurance.

County Board Deals With Tax, Road Problems

The County Board of Commissioners in a brief session that ended before noon yesterday dealt with road and tax problems.

J. Maynard Hicks, highway commissioner of the second district, wrote a letter to the board, informing commissioners that improvement of the Hibbs road cannot be taken care of in this year's program.

The road is 4.34 miles long and petitioners from the Newport section appeared at the last board meeting to request that the road be paved.

Dr. K. P. B. Bonner, chairman of the board, said the state's decision probably was based on the fact that there are very few houses on the road but he said it shortens the distance to the sound by five and a half miles.

Earl Campen appeared to ask again that a road adjoining highway 101 north of Beaufort be put on the highway system. He was present at the December meeting and was advised to get the proper petition to present to the board. Mr. Campen said the road is 730 yards long and runs into property owned by Dick Parker, Beaufort and a new farm he himself has opened up. The matter was referred to the State Highway Commission.

Wiley Taylor Jr., attorney, and Charles T. Dodrill, attorney from West Virginia, appeared before the board, representing C. H. Case who has recently "bought considerable property in Carteret County," according to Mr. Taylor.

The attorneys requested an adjustment in taxes from 1928 through 1949. The taxes totaled \$728 and the county board said they would accept one-half of that amount as settlement. The land involved is located at Stacy and in the Merrimon section.

The county board validated a deed belonging to Dan W. Smith Jr. proving him to be owner of 25 acres of "Campbell land" in Newport township.

Commissioner Walter Yeomans of Harkers Island was requested to contact Fernie Yeomans of Harkers Island in regards to paying taxes for the years 1952 and prior. The commissioners said they would like to have the matter settled.

Present at the board meeting in the courthouse were Commissioners Yeomans, E. H. Potter and Moses Howard, Dr. Bonner, and Clerk Irvin W. Davis. Commissioner Tilden Davis of Harkers Island was absent.

Five Arrested

Five men were arrested in Beaufort Saturday on charges of public drunkenness. They are Theodore Ricks, Charles Sumpter, Arion Gadsen, Roy Ellett and Ben Hopkins. Officers making the arrests were Chief of Police M. E. Guy, Officer Mack Wade, Assistant Chief Carlton Garner and Officer Steve Beachem.

Old Buck Will Bring Christmas to Hatteras

Sometime after sundown tonight the eve of Old Christmas will be ushered in by Old Buck, who will come bellowing from his hideaway in Trent Woods to start the 202nd year of Old Christmas on Hatteras Island.

Old Buck will travel to Chicamocomico, some 25 miles to the northward, stopping enroute to punish children who have not minded their parents.

As he enters the outskirts of the village, the young will clutch their mothers skirts and some of the older men will dash forth to do battle with the old "dragon."

Battle Ensues

After a terrific battle, with horrendous bellows from Old Buck and grunts from the valorous defenders, Old Buck will retire from the field of battle and stagger back to the woods.

To celebrate another victory over the fearful dragon, the villagers, who have sought refuge in the Coast Guard Station, will make merry with songs, dancing and exchanging of gifts.

An old drum will beat furiously to sound the victory over old Buck. The evening will end in the traditional oyster roast.

Old Buck is a survival of the legend of St. George and the Dragon which is straight out of English mythology. He is supposed to be a massive ox.

Nobody has ever actually seen Old Buck. Fleeting glimpses of the "dragon" have been permitted for those bold enough to peep out of windows during the battle to catch a momentary shake of the terrible horns or the ferocious swishing of the tail.

Old Buck's bellow has been a standard rule for quelling unruly children on Hatteras. The mere mention of his name and punishment he brings turns the most rebellious urchin into a virtual angel, the mothers say.

So tonight Old Buck will come snorting and bellowing up from the woods and threaten the villagers at Chicamocomico. He will be dealt with as he has been in the past and righteousness will prevail for the moment. Naughty children will be forgiven for their small sins and be welcomed to share the generosity of Santa Claus.

Thus will Old Christmas be ushered in on Hatteras Island; a tradition and a legend, but still a part of life in this part of the world.

Elks Hope to Establish Boys Camp on Bogue Banks

The North Carolina Elks are attempting to raise \$40,000 to purchase a camp site on Bogue Banks for "worthy and deserving boys" of Eastern North Carolina. The site under consideration is part of the Roosevelt property located west of Atlantic Beach and bounded by the Atlantic Ocean and Bogue Sound.

Proceeds from the Elks Bowl game Jan. 2 at Greenville, will go toward the camp fund. E. L. Nelson, Morehead City, former grand exalter ruler of Morehead City Beaufort Lodge No. 1710 is a member of the camp committee.

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What's in Store for Folks in 1954?

Politics

Prices and "pinks"—cost of living and Communists—are going to be big political talking points next year when the Democrats and the GOP battle it out for control of Congress.

If the past is key to the future, the Democrats have a good chance of riding back into power in Senate and House. The party division is almost even now, and it is more or less true that the party which wins a presidential election loses some Congressional seats two years later.

Top Republicans are counting heavily on President Eisenhower's personal popularity and the Communists—in-government issue to overcome this in 1954.

Democrats are getting set to bear down on the pocketbook pinch and what they claim are broken Republican campaign promises.

Living costs have hit record highs several times in recent months, yet prices of farm products haven't kept pace. Regardless of what new farm program the Eisenhower administration turns up with, Congress appears bent on voting to keep high, rigid price supports for farmers.

The administration, furthermore, now concedes it can't balance the budget in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1954. It faces the embarrassing prospect of having to ask Congress to boost the \$75-billion-dollar limit on the national debt.

Douglas B. Cornell

Business

Caution is out-talking cockiness as business squares away for a new year. Those who think the adjustment to normal times from the Korean boom is going to be a piece-meal one, count these blessings as the new year starts:

Incomes are high—both individually and in national totals. Savings are high. Living standards were never higher.

If Americans go on buying at a normal rate, 1954 will be a good year—even if off a little from 1953, as most now expect.

The worst that can happen—the middle-of-the-roads believe—is an inventory readjustment in the first half of 1954, like 1948-49, with businessmen living off their stocks and factories cutting back production till orders pick up again.



Radio-TV

Color in television may not have a very big audience in 1954, but at least by another Christmas it should be well on its way.

Two networks, NBC and CBS, already are equipped for color transmission and are expected to be the most active in presenting tinted shows. They also were the principals in the color fight, the compatible system advocated by the former finally winning out.

Charles E. Butterfield

Sure Things?

Among things most likely to happen in 1954: a million school children will be injected with gamma globulin or polio vaccine; aircraft will be faster and look more streamlined; bathing suits will be skimpier but there will be few complaints; machinery will turn out more machinery.



Aviation

You can expect the first flight of the first U. S.-built jet transport in 1954.

Boeing Airplane Company expects by midyear to fly its first model. Officially it's designed as a jet tanker for the refueling of B52s, B47s and fast jet fighters.

Most American buyers have turned thumbs down on the British jet Comet, flying on foreign routes for the past year and a half, as too small and too costly. Lockheed and Douglas are working on jet transport projects too, and may have something to show in 1954.

The Air Force plans to inaugurate its 1,000-mile-long guided missile range from Florida's Cape Canaveral to Puerto Rico in the coming year. And the first Martin Matador guided missile unit is to be sent to Europe.

Vern Haugland

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Negro Woman Found Guilty On Charge of Shoplifting

Court costs were paid by Mary Ferguson, Negro woman of Morehead City, yesterday in Morehead City Recorder's Court. She was found guilty of stealing silk stockings from the Morehead City Colonial Store.

The defendant was arrested Thursday afternoon by Morehead City police. Beatrice Monroe of Morehead City was taken into custody at the same time, charged with being her accomplice.

Both were arrested after E. B. Thompson, Colonial Store manager, reported to police that the two women had taken some silk hose from the store, police said.

They were taken back to the Colonial Store after police apprehended them in front of Freeman & Nelson's store on Arendell street. Six pairs of silk hose were found on Mary Ferguson, but nothing was found on Beatrice Monroe, police said.

Police reported that the Ferguson woman admitted she took the hose. A warrant was made out charging her with petty larceny. Police then obtained a search warrant to search Beatrice Monroe's residence.

Sgt. Bruce Edwards testified that upon arriving there a teen-aged girl was seen leaving with a paper bag. Police said it contained packages of meat with the Colonial Store label. They also said that the girl told them she was told to take the bag and hide it.

The girl was taken to headquarters where she signed a statement to that effect and Beatrice Monroe was then charged with receiving stolen goods. According to police the packages of meat were intact in their cellophane wrappings.

The court after hearing the testimony stated that more evidence was needed on the charge against Beatrice Monroe and decided not to prosecute the case at this time.

The sheriff's department reported that a large number of sheets belonging to the National Linen Co., Wilmington, were found in the Monroe house over the weekend. Beatrice Monroe, who has been repeatedly booked on liquor charges in the county, said that the "sheets got mixed up" with her things when they were at the laundry.

Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Tuesday, Jan. 5	LOW
8:41 a.m.	3:26 a.m.	
8:58 p.m.	3:13 p.m.	
Wednesday, Jan. 6		
9:33 a.m.	4:19 a.m.	
9:51 p.m.	4:06 p.m.	
Thursday, Jan. 7		
10:25 a.m.	5:12 a.m.	
10:43 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	
Friday, Jan. 8		
11:18 a.m.	6:05 a.m.	
11:36 p.m.	5:53 p.m.	

Labor

Never since the Taft-Hartley labor relations law was enacted in 1947 has a year gone by without bitter political scrapping over moves to change its terms. It appears 1954, another political year, will be no exception.

President Eisenhower has promised to outline proposals to Congress in January for revising T-H. Whatever he recommends is bound to touch off controversy. Management would rather leave the law unchanged—or make it tougher on the unions. The unions want it repealed or at least weakened.

The AFL and CIO enter the new year moving slowly in the direction

Education

The crest of the pupil flood will begin to hit American schools in the fall of 1954. Enrollment in the first grade will reach its peak then. High schools will catch the crest in 1952, colleges in 1956.

The U. S. Office of Education and the National Education Association

Mercury Goes Up To 69 Jan. 3

Sunday started the new year in Carteret County with a touch of spring as the thermometer rose to 69, warmest temperature posted in two weeks.

Shirt sleeves and light sweaters were the costume of the day. Many folks took advantage of the weather to do a little sight seeing.

It cooled off after the sun went down. The temperature went down to 51.

Around 3 a.m. Sunday morning a thundershower came up and 3 of an inch of rain fell, according to Stamey Davis, weather observer in Morehead City.

Temperatures have been rising steadily since last Thursday. Lowest temperature recorded was 28 degrees on Friday and Saturday. Yesterday's temperatures were not available as THE NEWS-TIMES went to press.

Temperature readings follow:
Max. Min.
Thursday..... 56 45
Friday..... 55 38
Saturday..... 58 38
Sunday..... 69 51