

State Education Board Defers Decision on Stella Matter

Annual Meeting

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he asked. He termed as heresy the idea that some school boards have to Mr. Herring said that the people can't be trusted."

Keep People Informed
He called that factor the "greatest shortcoming" of school boards. Citing experiences in his own county, Mr. Herring said that the people there were acquainted with the schools throughout their county by the showing of slides and films on the schools. Citizens committees were formed. They visited the schools. They learned firsthand what the school problems were.

As a result, he said, several communities have petitioned the County Board of Education for consolidation, a thing that has caused in other counties nothing but strife. The school board's most potent weapon, the speaker said, is an informed people.

A school board's fourth responsibility is to be true to oneself, Mr. Herring concluded.

He was introduced to the group by Mr. Joslyn who also introduced Mr. Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton spoke on the Carteret County school system. He reported that the county has 13 schools, approximately 5,300 pupils and a total of 177 teachers.

Total valuation of county schools is \$2,276,000. In 1953 \$702,000 was spent on schools and of that \$307,000 was received from the federal government.

Mr. Hamilton paid tribute to Mr. Joslyn and the work he has done, to the County Board of Education and to the County Board of Commissioners for supporting the school program.

Dean Guy Phillips of the School of Education, University of North Carolina, told the audience that the gathering was the largest ever to attend a district School Board Association meeting in the state. He commended Mr. Herring and said that the speaker had been invited by the National Citizens Committee for Education to attend a recent meeting in California. Mr. Herring represented this state.

Institutes Scheduled
Dean Phillips announced that two-day institutes are being scheduled for this summer at Chapel Hill, Greenville, Boone and Cullowhee. He also urged the various counties to train their own graduates to enter the teacher profession so that they may return to their counties and fill faculty vacancies.

Mr. Joslyn welcomed the group after they assembled in the school auditorium. The bags of clams, chicken, carrots, onions and potatoes were served indoors in the classrooms and cafeteria. The Morehead City School band played prior to the business meeting.

Mr. Joslyn introduced Elmer Willis of Williston, who prepared the food, as "Mr. Clambake." Assisting in serving the food were members of the Smyrna PTA.

In addition to Dean Phillips, special guests were Dr. W. E. Rosenstengel of the School of Education, UNC; N. H. Shope, editor of the North Carolina School Board Association Bulletin and Allen S. Hurlburt, Assistant Superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh.

During the business session minutes of the last meeting at Dixon in March 1953 were read by George R. Hughes, secretary. Invitations to meet in their towns next year were made by association members from Pink Hill and Jacksonville.

Dean Phillips commented that there may be more than one meeting per year in the future. City school systems represented were New Bern, Goldsboro, and Clinton; county school systems, Craven, Lenoir, Pender, Greene, Pamlico, Jones, Onslow, Duplin, Wayne, Sampson, New Hanover, Brunswick and Carteret which had 72 members present.

The State Board of Education, meeting in Raleigh Thursday, took no action on the issue regarding Stella children and which school they shall attend. Decision was deferred until the board's meeting in May.

Three attorneys appeared before the board and were spokesmen for parties involved in the matter. They were Luther Hamilton, Morehead City, John Larkins, Trenton, and Jesse Jones, Kinston.

Some of the parents in Stella want their children to go to the White Oak School (both an elementary and high school) rather than to Jones County schools at Maysville and Trenton.

The Carteret Board of Education at their March meeting passed a resolution recommending that the children go to Jones County. They based their decision on the fact that the Jones Central School at Trenton offers a wider curriculum for high school students and on the fact that Jones County has been educating the Stella children for quite a few years and their system has been built to accommodate them.

The county board acted in the matter at the request of the State Board of Education. They felt, however, that the decision is one to be made by the State Board since the matter involves more than one county.

The Carteret resolution was sent to the State Board for approval. Believing that the State Board would discuss the matter at their Thursday meeting, large delegations of parents attended with the lawyers who represented factions in Jones, Onslow and Carteret.

Each lawyer was given 10 minutes to state his case. The State Board members said they were quite familiar with the controversy. None of the members of the delegation spoke. H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools for Carteret, was present as an observer.

Druggist Files Bankruptcy Petition at New Bern

New Bern — A Morehead City druggist filed a bankruptcy petition Tuesday in district court here, according to Mrs. Matilda H. Turner, clerk.

Thomas Eldridge Wade, acting through Attorney George W. Ball, filed for bankruptcy of the S and W Drug Store in Morehead City. The petition placed before Judge Don Gilliam said that liabilities had reached \$19,389.20 while assets were tabulated as \$17,594.75.

Joseph B. Cheshire Jr., of Raleigh was named referee in the case. A hearing of creditors will be held at a later date.

WOW Donates 2,000 Flags

Nearly 2,000 new U. S. flags are now flying over schools, churches, youth centers and public institutions throughout the country, the gifts last year of local Woodmen of the World Camps, according to a report received from national Woodmen headquarters by C. C. Fagle, local Field Representative.

For the past several years, Woodmen Camps have presented upwards of 1,000 flags annually to organizations, clubs and institutions as projects in the Society's "Fraternity in Action" program of community and patriotic services.

The report for 1953 of such services assisted by the Society's National Service Fund, also shows 1,238 American Patriot's Handbooks given to newly naturalized citizens, teachers and grade school pupils.

These community services are in addition to the fraternal services given Woodmen and their families.

Total Crowd of 10,000 Attends Store Opening

An ever-changing throng, estimated as more than 10,000 in the aggregate, filled Morehead City drug Co. on its formal opening day Saturday from early in the morning until 10 at night.

It was the greatest store opening ever staged in Carteret County.

When the drawing for the grand prizes was held at 8 p.m. in front of the old store the crowd filled almost the entire Morehead City Drug Co. Arendell street block from store fronts to the railroad tracks.

W. C. Matthews, owner-manager, did his best to welcome every visitor. He was assisted by Mrs. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Matthews Jr., and Bobby Matthews.

Mayor George Dill, at ribbon cutting ceremonies at 9 a.m. praised Mr. Matthews for his unexcelled contribution to the retail growth of Carteret County.

were presented to other visitors. Winners of the grand prizes were Patsy Lawrence, 1401 Shackelford St., Morehead City, a 21-inch G. E. Console television; Miss Madeline Royal, 801 Bridges St., Morehead City, Frigidaire automatic washer; Mrs. Otis Smith, address so far unknown (she has not claimed prize) G. E. double control electric blanket.

Cecil Powers, Morehead City, Apex vacuum cleaner; Mrs. Louise Harriett, RFD 1 Morehead City, 26-inch boy's Huffy bicycle; Miss Betty Joe Gray, RFD 1 Morehead City, Dormeyer Power Chef food mixer; Mrs. W. N. Beecroft, RFD 1 Morehead City, Philco table radio.

Mrs. Helen Walker, RFD 1, Morehead City, K. M. pop-up automatic toaster; Miss June Bell, 900 Fisher St., Morehead City, luggage; Bobby Robinson, 1005 Fisher St., Morehead City, tricycle.

President Eisenhower's signing of the general excise-tax bill reduced federal taxes on telegrams and phone service. The reduction went into effect Thursday.

Methodist Men Elect Officers

Members of the Ann Street Methodist Men's Club elected officers at their meeting Tuesday night in the Lottie Sanders building. They are John Butler, president; James Potter III, vice-president; Gerald Hill, secretary; E. W. Downum, treasurer; and Braxton Adair, recorder.

Truman Kemp, member of the Methodist Men's Club, Morehead City, was the speaker. He spoke on organization of the club and projects they can undertake. The Rev. J. D. Young, pastor, presided. Sixty-seven men attended. They cooked and served their dinner: hamburger steak, baked beans, french fried potatoes, hush puppies, apple pie and ice cream and coffee.

Chefs were Jarvis Herring, Mr. Young, Lance Smith and Charles Merrill.

The next meeting will be Friday night, April 30.

County Board

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chairman of the highway commission, for a report.

Request Denied
Thomas B. Lewis, Harkers Island, appeared before the board and requested a reduction in his 1951, '52 and '53 taxes. The board said that they could not grant him a reduction because the taxes are still current.

Mr. Lewis said that was all right with him, he'd just wait 'til they got old and then ask for a reduction. Dr. Bonner said that he's not sure that will work any more. He said years ago nobody wanted land on Harkers Island unless they were natives but now since the island has become less isolated the property can be sold for taxes and there are willing buyers.

List Taker Reports
James Willis, list taker for Morehead City, appeared before the board to give his report on recommendations for changing the value of the Belk, Morehead Theatre and Stroud Food Center Buildings.

O. J. Morrow, manager of the theatre and Carl Southland, manager of Belk's, were present but were told there was no need to wait for the board's decision. They had appeared before the Board of Equalization in March. Mr. Southland presented figures on the cost of putting up the building which now houses the theatre and the store.

Both Mr. Morrow and Mr. Southland are seeking a reduction in valuation.

Following Mr. Willis' recommendations, the board decided that owners of the buildings shall present affidavits attesting to the actual cost of the three buildings. After that information is supplied, Mr. Willis and James D. Potter, auditor, were empowered to make the decision regarding the valuation.

The board sold for \$50 a quarter acre of land on Harkers Island to Jesse Hamilton. The property, formerly owned by Jesse Hamilton heirs, had been taken over by the county for taxes.

Building Inspector Issues Five Permits

Five building permits were issued in Beaufort for the month of March, Gerald Woolard, building inspector announces.

The permits were as follows: Robert McLaren, build dwelling, Cedar street, \$3,000; Colie Windsor, build dwelling, Queen street, \$1,000; D. F. Merrill, alterations on dwelling, Ann street, \$500; Quinton Garris, alter business building, Broad street, \$125; and Carlton Davis, build dwelling, Craven street, \$1,000.

Pontiac Stolen Saturday Night from Leon Parker

Morehead City police were notified Saturday night that a dark green 1952 Pontiac was stolen from the premises of Leon W. Parker, Bogue.

The State Highway Patrol and county officers have been alerted. Sgt. Bruce Edwards of the Morehead City police force said yesterday that no word had been received by Monday of the car's being located.

Beaufort Firemen Answer Sunday Morning Alarm

The Beaufort Fire Department put out a fire at the two-story dwelling of Sug Nelson at 10:30 Sunday morning. The alarm was turned in at Mulberry and Marsh streets.

Firemen say sparks coming out of a chimney set the flimsy roof afire. Firemen returned to the station in about half an hour.

Flowers Bloom

Picture spot of the county this week is the courthouse square, Beaufort. Azaleas, jonquils, daffodils and dogwood are in bloom.

NEWS-TIMES to Carry Easter Service Notices

In the issue of Friday, April 16, THE NEWS-TIMES will carry notices of Easter services in churches throughout the county. The information on Easter services, and Good Friday services as well, should be mailed, phoned or brought in to THE NEWS-TIMES office no later than noon next Tuesday, April 13.

The deadline for notices about Palm Sunday and Holy Week services should be in THE NEWS-TIMES office no later than noon tomorrow.

March Building Totals \$66,650

Numerous additions and alterations to Morehead City business and residential structures were approved during March by A. B. Roberts, building inspector. One new structure, a store building, was in the month's listing. Permits for the month total \$66,650.

The largest item in the addition line was a permit issued the Trumbull Asphalt Co. for the erection of six steel tanks to their present number for the storage of asphalt, as a cost of \$55,000. Marvin Piner has under construction a new store building at 24th and Bridges streets to cost \$5,000.

Residential additions and alteration permits were granted the following: Mrs. Eddie Warnett, Avery street \$500; G. D. Gamble, Evans street, \$1,400; Sanitary Fish Market, dining room, \$1,500; James Robinson, Fisher street, \$450; Clyde W. Young, Homes Drive, \$200; Lewis Hinson, Evans street, \$300. A garage costing \$850 to be built by David Munday, Evans street, and a wash house by George Murray, Fisher street, \$450.

Total amount of permits covering all types of construction for the first quarter of 1954 amount to \$141,139; January \$9,089, February \$65,400, March \$66,650.

Longshoremen Change Affiliation

The International Longshoremen's Local voted to pull out of the American Federation of Labor Independent International Longshoremen's Association Thursday night at a special meeting at the union's club room on Arendell street.

The local longshoremen will tie up with the AFL International Longshoremen's Association, Leroy Guthrie, local president, said. He said that the independents were the ones involved in most of the strikes in New York.

At the meeting, the union voted to meet every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. instead of monthly.

The change was made to handle problems with more ease, Mr. Guthrie stated.

Symphony Members Should Mail Checks to Chapel Hill

Beaufort Has No Auto Accidents During March

Beaufort police chief, M. E. Guy, announced today that Beaufort went through the month of March without one motor vehicle accident.

Chief Guy commended motorists for their cooperation with the police force in obeying traffic rules. "When the laws of the streets and highways are observed by everyone, accidents are rare occurrences," he said.

He also attributed the month's safety record to the fact that motorists have been obeying laws because the police force has been cracking down on red light and stop sign crashes and speeders.

Letters have been mailed to all members of the Little Symphony asking them to send their checks for membership for next season to Chapel Hill.

S. A. Chalk Jr., president of the Carteret County Chapter, has announced that all former members are being contacted by mail from Chapel Hill, and new members will be contacted by membership chairmen when the chapter puts on its drive on April 26.

Symphony headquarters in Chapel Hill will notify membership chairmen of those who have renewed their membership, so there will be no duplication in the drive.

Mr. Chalk has announced that the county officers hope the Symphony headquarters in Chapel Hill will have a generous response from

Toastmasters Open Club To All County Residents

Ronald Earl Mason, temporary chairman of the Toastmasters Club, Beaufort, announced Friday that men from the entire county are eligible to join.

At an organizational meeting at 7:30 Thursday night in the courtroom of the Beaufort town hall officers will be elected. Plans have been made to apply for a charter.

The club met Thursday at the town hall and plans for this week's meeting were made.

former members. This method of membership renewal has been adopted to lighten the job of local workers during the scheduled drive.

Potentate Offers Prizes to Shriners

Warrenton—An all-expense trip to Atlantic City has been offered by Potentate J. Edward Rooker Jr., to the Shriner who secures the most candidates for the Spring Ceremony of Sudan Temple at Greenville, N. C. May 25-26. The Atlantic City trip will be in conjunction with the Imperial Council Meeting in June.

Two other prizes have been offered by the Sudan Potentate personally. They include a wrist watch with diamond studded Shrine emblem in center and genuine Shrine lapel pin to second and third place winners.

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