

Eastern Towns To Enter Girl In Beach Contest

Beauty Will Be Selected At Sea Level Inn; Roy Eubanks is Chairman

The down-east areas of the county will select July 24 a beauty contestant who will enter the South-eastern North Carolina Beach Association beauty contest at Carolina Beach in August.

Selection of the winner here will take place at the Sea Level Inn. Chairman of the contest is Roy Eubanks, Beaufort. There will also be a clam-shucking contest that night.

Each of the communities east of Beaufort has been requested to enter girls in the contest. From certain communities two have been entered. Mr. Eubanks said that one will be chosen to represent the community and the other girl will be her attendant.

Entered thus far are the following: Hazel Lynch and Varena Willis, Smyrna; Diane Daniels and Nancy Nelson, Atlantic; Myrna Merrill, Gloucester; Edna Chadwick and Jeannette Whitehurst, Straits.

Wanda Brown and Rebecca Hill, Stacy; Nancy Willis and Betty Gillikin, Williston; Lorraine Styron and Fran Smith, Davis, and Shirley Pittman, Merrimon.

Judges for the beauty contest will be selected within the next week or 10 days, Mr. Eubanks said. The pageant itself will be staged between the inn and the waterfront.

Mr. Eubanks has requested that the following communities send their contestants to his photography studio in Beaufort just as soon as possible: Marshhallberg, Bettie, Otway, Sea Level, Ocracoke, Harkers Island and Cedar Island.

The girls should bring their bathing suits with them so that they may have their pictures taken.

The contest is being sponsored by the Sea Level Chamber of Commerce.

Fire Department Adds Members

Two new members were taken in and two members were added to the honorary list at the monthly meeting of the Beaufort Fire Department Monday night. The meeting was held in the fire station.

Haywood Snell and Haywood J. McManus were taken in as members and Charles Hassell and Julius Duncan were placed on the honorary list at their request.

At the meeting it was agreed that no drills were to be held Monday night but the firemen would go through their drills as usual last night.

Two films were shown at the end of the meeting. They were "Train We Must" and "Fire On The Farm." Both were 20-minute movies.

Visitors at the meeting were Clayton Murphy, Ernest Cole, Leslie Springle and Mayor Clifford Lewis.

Tugboat Operator Honors Home County in Naming Tugs



In honor of the county of his birth, C. G. Willis, president of C. G. Willis, Inc., Norfolk, largest cargo carrier on the Atlantic coast, has named his latest fleet addition "Carteret."

The Carteret is an all-steel 97-foot long tug, 24 feet wide and 11 feet deep, from deck to keel. It is powered by a 1000 horsepower GM diesel and manned by a crew of eight.

The Carteret passed through the Morehead City draw during the past weekend enroute from Savannah to Philadelphia pushing a barge loaded with 2,700 tons of cargo.

Another of the Willis, Inc. fleet, the Williston, named in honor of Mr. Willis' birthplace has been seen frequently in local waters for the past six years.

The Williston is 91 feet long, 20 feet wide, and 10 feet deep from deck to keel. It likewise is powered by a 1000 horsepower GM diesel and is manned by a crew of eight.

Willis, Inc. owns and operates six tugs, eight barges, two motor vessels and a 75-foot yacht, the Nancy. Mr. Willis docked at Morehead City Friday aboard the Nancy enroute to Ocracoke to witness the Monday pony penning. He said that as changes are made in his fleet, all names of tugs, barges, motor vessels will be those identified with the Carteret County area.

Chamber Starts \$500 Mosquito Spray Project

The area from Cedar Island to North River will be sprayed within the next week or 10 days with a DDT-equipped plane, announces J. A. DuBois, manager of the Sea Level Chamber of Commerce. Cost of the spraying, to kill swarms of mosquitoes, will be \$500 and will be financed by the chamber.

The chamber Board of Directors appropriated the money Tuesday night at a meeting at Harkers Lodge, Harkers Island.

They also decided that persons who contribute small amounts, just \$1 or \$2 toward mosquito control, will be given cards certifying their participation in the mosquito control project of the Sea Level Chamber of Commerce.

Leo Lawrence and Mrs. Elvora Lawrence collected recently, in Otway, \$15 from 14 persons. The money will be used to finance spraying. Contributors were Rumble Gillikin, Brady Gillikin, Charles Rose, Dewey Gillikin, Allen Gillikin, Henry McGee, Donald Brooks, Hattie Lawrence, Wheeler Lawrence, Myrtle Gillikin, Roy C. Willis, William Willis, Herman Gillikin and Mrs. Lawrence.

Speaking to the directors Tuesday night was Mr. Waite of Camp Butler whose topic was juvenile delinquency and treatment of insane patients at Butler.

Refreshments were served by Capt. Jim Harker.

Attending were M. L. Pigott, Leo Lawrence, Sam Davis, Leland Yeomans, Earl Day, Sam Letters, John Styron, Marshall Whisnani, J. R. Valentine, Monroe Gaskill, Captain Harker, Elwood Willis, Mrs. Lawrence, and Mr. DuBois.

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Sgt. Curtis R. Willis Attends School in Munich

Survivors Will Receive \$47,500

Filed this week in the office of the clerk of Superior Court, Beaufort, was a judgment for a total settlement of \$47,500 in the deaths of C. Claude Cummings and Ivey Taylor, both of Harlowe.

The judgment was against Karf Foods Co. Cummings and Taylor were killed in a truck accident Monday, April 5, at Havelock. The pick-up truck they were riding in was hit head-on by a Kraft Foods truck driven by Willard Haith, Greensboro.

Taylor was killed instantly and Cummings died later in the Kafer Memorial Hospital, New Bern. Haith was only slightly injured.

The settlement in Taylor's death is \$23,000 and in Cummings' \$24,500. A compromise agreement was reached in the suit which was filed by Judge Luther Hamilton, Morehead City.

The order was signed by the resident judge of this district, J. Paul Frizzelle.

Judge Hamilton said that in his recollection this is the largest settlement ever made in a case of this sort in this section of the state.

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A new melon variety is being tried there. It is expected to be disease resistant, a good melon for flavor, a good yielder and have superior shipping qualities.

4-H'ers Enter District Meet

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Coroner's Jury Rules Two County Deaths Accidental

A coroner's jury ruled Wednesday night at the courthouse, Beaufort, that Jack Rowles, Beaufort, died as the result of drowning late Saturday night. The same jury also ruled that 10-year-old Alford Perry, route 1 Beaufort, met his death as the result of an unavoidable automobile accident Saturday.

The boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Perry, was hit by a car driven by Duffy Guthrie, 1609 Arendell St., Morehead City.

After hearing testimony from four witnesses, the jury deliberated 15 minutes before returning its verdict.

The boy was struck in front of his home on U. S. Highway 70 two and a half miles east of Beaufort at 6:30 p.m. Saturday by a car driven by Mr. Guthrie. The boy died at 3:25 a.m. Sunday. Death was caused by a severe brain hemorrhage.

Testifying before the jury, State Highway Patrolman W. J. Smith said that when he arrived he found that the Perry youth had been struck by the Guthrie car. The car had skidded and went off to the right of the road.

A passing motorist, Henry Bellamy, Beaufort, took the boy to the hospital, he continued. Mr. Guthrie told him, the patrolman said, that he was going about 50 miles an hour when the boy darted in front of his car.

Mr. Guthrie had been following a car, headed toward Beaufort, driven by Mrs. Rena Salter, Davis, who saw the boy and swerved to right to miss him, Patrolman Smith said.

Mrs. Salter told the jury that the boy started out in front of her and she blew her horn. The boy kept on coming she said and she went over to the shoulder on her right to avoid hitting him.

William Knowles of Virginia, riding with Mr. Guthrie, stated that when Mrs. Salter blew her horn he looked up and there the boy was. He said that Mr. Guthrie applied the brakes, but that it was too late, he had already struck the boy.

Brother Testifies David Perry, brother of Alford, said that he was on the side of the road with Alford and Alford started to run across the road. He said he yelled for Alford to come back, but he kept going.

David said the first car ran off the road to miss Alford, but the second car didn't have time to do that and hit Alford. He told the jury that Mr. Guthrie did none of the things that were possible to avoid hitting the child.

Members of the jury were C. L. Beam, E. W. Downum, Orville Gaskill, Robert Neal Willis, N. A. Avery, all of Beaufort, and M. M. Ayscue, Morehead City.

The jury ruled that the deaths were accidental.

The decision in the Rowles case was made by the same jury which heard evidence in the Perry case. Rowles, 33 years old, drowned late Saturday night in the channel opposite Aviation Fuel Terminals, Radio Island.

Testifying in the case were Dr. John Way, Beaufort physician, James Preston Fulcher, Harkers Island, who was with Rowles at the time; Hubert Davis and Gerald Salter of the United States Coast Guard; F. C. Raymond, Martin L. Willis and Archie Kennedy, all of Beaufort.

Fulcher told the jury that he and Rowles were returning from Morehead City in a boat owned by Manly Murphy and that he was using it because he was contemplating buying the boat from Murphy. The boat had been tied up at the dock at the old Coast Guard station, Lenoxxville.

The trailer in which Rowles and his family lived was nearby. Fulcher described the boat. It was 19 feet long, had an 85 HP Ford V-8 engine and no cabin. He told the jury and the coroner, Leslie Springle, that there were no life jackets aboard.

Fulcher said that the boat was going seven or eight miles an hour, toward Beaufort soon after 10 p.m. Saturday, when it started to ship water. Rowles, he said, was near the stern. He said Rowles was sitting on a seat with one foot dangling over the gunwale in the water.

Then Rowles put a foot down in the stern and when Fulcher said he felt the water up to his knees, he ran forward and the boat pitched and sank.

Fulcher said he called to Rowles to take his clothes off so that he wouldn't be hampered in swimming. The two swam and floated for an hour before they became separated. When he couldn't hear Rowles answer him any more, Fulcher said he started to call for help.

He estimated that it must have been about 15 minutes later that he was picked up by the Coast Guard.

It was brought out in testimony that the two men had "a couple beers" at Rowles' before they started out to Morehead City where they had dinner at Capt. Bill's Waterfront Restaurant and they also had several beers there.

They had borrowed \$10 from Mrs. Charles Hassell, Morehead City.

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Miss Beaufort To Start Pageant Trip Wednesday

Miss Merrill to Be Accompanied by Miss Pat Springle to Burlington

Miss Faye Merrill, Miss Beaufort of 1954, will leave Wednesday at 6 a.m. for Burlington to enter the Miss North Carolina Beauty Pageant which runs Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Going along as her companion will be Miss Pat Springle, Beaufort. The girls will drive to Burlington in a 1954 Ford convertible provided by Lofun Motor Co., Beaufort.

Charles Hester, Greensboro, will be Miss Merrill's escort. He will meet Miss Merrill and Miss Springle in Burlington.

As her talent, to be given before the judges at the beauty pageant, Miss Merrill will do a pantomime of singing star Betty Hutton, "Square in a Social Circle." The song will be recorded with Miss Merrill doing the action.

On the judging committee will be Barbara Ann Crockett of Winston-Salem, Miss North Carolina of 1953, and Evelyn Margaret Ay of Ephrata, Pa., Miss America of 1953.

Approximately 40 towns and cities in the state will be represented in the pageant.

Miss Ann May of Burlington will be the official hostess.

Miss North Carolina of 1954 will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and a complete wardrobe presented by the Celanese Corporation.

From this pageant she will go to Atlantic City, N. J., to compete in the Miss America Contest.

Newport Firemen See Two Films

At their monthly meeting Monday night Newport firemen saw two training films, "Train We Must" and "Fire on the Farm." The movies were sound color films.

The first was produced by the National Board of Fire Underwriters in cooperation with volunteer fire departments of New York and Maryland and the second was produced under the auspices of Iowa State College.

Two men were added to the fire department membership. They are Sgt. Andrew Jackson and David Clements.

Firemen also saw a demonstration on wet water, a chemical that has superior flame-dousing qualities.

Fire Chief Leon Mann Jr. conducted the meeting.

Two Vehicles Collide Monday

A 1953 Pontiac driven by the Rev. Thurman C. Smith, Sea Level, and a 1949 Willys station wagon driven by Ira Vernon Mason, Sea Level mail carrier, collided at 9 a.m. Monday in front of T. A. Taylor's fish house, Sea Level.

According to State Highway Patrolman R. H. Brown, the Rev. Mr. Smith backed into the station wagon as it was moving along the road in front of the fish house.

Mr. Mason said he applied his brakes but not soon enough to avoid a collision. Damage to the car was estimated at \$150 and damage to the station wagon was estimated at \$100.

No one was hurt and no charges were preferred.

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Fire Association Elects Officers

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The only change in officers was Mrs. W. J. Ippock's replacing Grayden Paul as secretary.

Officers who were re-elected are Leslie Springle, chairman, Neal Campen, vice-chairman, and John Miller, treasurer.

The meeting was opened by the reading of the minutes by the secretary and Mr. Miller gave the treasurer's report. He reported that the organization had a balance of \$201.12 in the bank at the end of the present fiscal year.

Expenses Listed He announced that the organization had spent \$1,500 for a truck, \$240 for parts and labor, \$402.03 for garage and \$21.35 for miscellaneous bringing the total expenditures to \$2,163.38 as of July 1, 1954, which is the end of the organization's term. Collected in membership fees was \$2,364.50.

Mr. Springle reported that the organization's truck had made 18 calls during the past year. He went on to say that the truck and the firemen had saved eight homes, one church, one warehouse, and one outhouse in areas outside of the city limits which are not covered by the Beaufort Fire Department. Value of the property saved from fire was estimated at \$164,000.

He commented, "I feel each member of this association should be proud of the work this truck has done."

Mr. Springle asked permission to have 20,000 copies of a 25-step pamphlet printed which shows what to do in case of fire. The copies would cost \$22. Dr. Henry Kritzer moved that the organization grant the money and the motion was passed.

Assessment Suggested Mr. Springle also suggested that each member be assessed \$5 per year.

Dr. Kritzer asked how many of the people in the area covered pay for the services they receive. J. P. Harris, Beaufort fire commissioner who is on the advisory committee of the association, said that less than 50 per cent are paying. He pointed out that people who receive service in case of fire are billed afterwards if they aren't members of the association.

Mr. Harris concluded by saying that the organization had to have the funds and that it was up to the members to bring their neighbors into the association.

Dr. Kritzer moved that the members be assessed \$5 per year with the stipulation that every house in the area be personally solicited. The motion was passed.

Along with the election of officers there was also an election of executive committee members.

The executive committee is composed of representatives from each area covered by the association.

On the executive committee are Fred Garner, Lenoxxville; George Broda, Highway 101, Roy Keller, Highway 70, G. V. Troyer, causeway, and Albert Chappell, Front and Ann Streets.

While attending summer school at Virginia State Teachers College, Mrs. Hassell served as organist in the First Baptist Church, Radford, Va., for two summers and was accompanist for the Male Glee Club of Radford, as well as other organizations.

At present she is director of the Beaufort Choral Club.

Mrs. Hassell has studied piano, voice and organ with private teachers and has taken courses at Woman's College, Greensboro; Southern Conservatory, Durham; and Virginia State Teachers College, Radford, Va.

While at the conservatory she received the award for attaining highest honors in the sophomore class. Mrs. Hassell also holds a North Carolina teaching certificate.

Beaufort Rotarians held a regular business meeting Tuesday in the Inlet Inn. No special program was presented.

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