

James D. Potter Fills Post Of Civil Defense Director

James D. Potter, Beaufort, was appointed county civil defense director at a meeting of the County Board of Commissioners yesterday at the courthouse, Beaufort.

The appointment was made following the reading of a letter from the civil defense chairman of the Carteret Business and Professional Women's Club, Miss Georgie Hughes.

The club suggested that a county civil defense director be appointed and offered its cooperation to such a director if he would be named. The county has been without a civil defense director for many months.

Men named to the position previously were unable, because of other duties, to continue as director.

Before routine business was considered, A. H. James, clerk of Superior Court, swore in the commissioners elected Nov. 2. They were Dr. K. P. B. Bonner, Moses C. Howard, Walter Yeomans and E. H. Potter. Alvah Taylor, Sea Level, was not present.

Dr. Bonner was re-elected chairman of the board and Mr. Howard vice-chairman. The chairman said that he considered it a great honor and a pleasure to serve as head of the board. Dr. Bonner said he would continue to serve the residents of the county in the same manner as he has in the past.

He added that he attributed the many achievements the board has made to the "harmonious action" of the entire board. James D. Potter, auditor, Eugene O. Moore, tax collector, and Alvah Hamilton, county attorney, were reappointed to serve during the term of the present board, four years.

The auditor was given the authority to supervise and hire or fire courthouse custodians. Present custodians are John Johnson and Robert Mades.

The board went on record requesting that all county offices stay open, during regular working days, from 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. In rare instances, Mr. Moore said, the tax collecting office may have to be closed over the noon hour, but otherwise the board felt that office should be the only exception.

Miss Hughes and Stanley Woodland, chairman of the County Welfare Board, requested the county for funds to renovate a part of the second floor of the courthouse annex for use as welfare working space.

Plans for complete renovation were presented by Gray Hassell, engineer. He estimated the cost would be \$8,000. Sheriff Hugh Seal appeared and said that he felt no expenditure should be made of that type until a new jail is built.

The county authorized that \$300 be given the welfare department for renovation that would amount to \$1,000, if other federal funds could be obtained to make up the \$1,000.

Jack Lewis and J. G. Bennett Jr. of the Commercial National Bank, Morehead City, requested that the board authorize their bank as a depository for county funds. The board agreed to take the matter under consideration.

The board went on record authorizing the age of each tax lister to be taken at the coming listing. Prior to this time the age of women and the age of men over 50 was not required but now such records stand as proof of age which will enable residents to establish eligibility for social security payments.

The board discussed improvements to county buildings which must be made during the next four years and the inequality of assessed valuations listed on tax books. No action was taken.

Hit and Run Driver Sideswipes Parked Car

A 1946 Hudson, belonging to A. B. (Jack) Roberts, was sideswiped Sunday night after 10 o'clock by a hit and run driver. The car was parked in front of Mr. Roberts' home, 1503 Arendell St., Morehead City, when it was struck.

Sgt. C. L. Bunch investigated the accident and estimated that \$50 damage was done to the left rear fender of the Roberts car.

Investigation of the accident was continuing yesterday.

Mats, Brooms Sold

The Lions club members sold brooms and floor mats in Beaufort Thursday night instead of having their weekly meeting.

2 1/2-Year-Old Boy Suffers from Burns

Ivey Chadwick Jr., 2 1/2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Chadwick, Highland Park, Beaufort, was still confined to the Morehead City Hospital yesterday suffering from severe burns.

The toddler was burned at 6 p. m. Thursday when he pulled a hot deep fat fryer over on himself. He was rushed to the hospital by his mother and his uncle, Woodrow Chadwick.

The child was burned on his arms, legs, chest, stomach and forehead. The little boy has three older sisters, Joyce, Jean and Linda.

New Bridge to Cedar Island Opens Tuesday

The new draw span across the Thoroughfare between Atlantic and Cedar Island opened to all traffic last Tuesday.

The bridge, built at a cost of \$162,000 by the state, replaces an antiquated hand-operated draw bridge. Because the former bridge was so rickety, children riding school buses walked across the bridge and then boarded the bus again on the other side.

Bridge operators are Ralph Morris and Clyde Willis, both of Atlantic.

John L. Humphrey, county road superintendent, said the school bus had been permitted to use the bridge for some time prior to its being opened to all traffic.

Weight Limit On Bridge Will Be Lifted Friday

T. B. Gunter Jr., bridge engineer, Raleigh, reports that the five-ton gross weight limit on the bridge across Gallants Channel will be removed, barring unforeseen difficulties, by Friday, Dec. 10.

State bridge crews are now removing one of the old piers underdredging during the hurricane. After this is done and the timber bents strengthened, the "bridge will be in satisfactory condition for legal loads and the load restriction will be removed," Mr. Gunter said.

Bad weather this week may set the removing of the load limit later than the 10th. But Mr. Gunter says the state highway crews "are exerting every reasonable effort to complete repairs so that the load restriction can be removed at the earliest possible time."

At present passenger buses and heavy trucks must park west of the bridge or else reach Beaufort by taking route 101 from Newport.

School Official Hails S-D Day

Raleigh — "S-D Day" — "Safe Driving Day" — was hailed today by Charles F. Carroll, state superintendent of public instruction, as "a real opportunity for our schools to show that youth can contribute to community traffic safety."

"S-D Day" is Wednesday, Dec. 15. It is sponsored by the President's Action Committee for Traffic Safety in cooperation with all public officials and various national organizations interested in traffic accident prevention, as a demonstration that traffic accidents can be eliminated if people in every community are willing to make the effort.

Mr. Carroll said: "We believe that our children do a pretty good job as pedestrians, especially on their way to and from school each day. Most teachers devote time to the traffic safety problem, and help children develop safe practices for walking and riding bicycles."

"Many of our schools have had safety patrols for years, and patrol experience is an important factor in helping thousands of youngsters appreciate the dangers of today's traffic. Our school bus drivers, too, have an enviable record, but are always alert to improve it still further."

"Through driver education programs in many of the high schools, more and more of our young people are learning how to operate cars safely and courteously. They, too, have a real opportunity to see that the goal of the December 15th S-D Day is achieved in their communities."

"I commend S-D Day to all school officials in North Carolina and urge them to support it with appropriate educational activities. The values of well planned activities in the schools will extend far beyond the 24 hours of S-D Day, and will help our state to conserve its richest source — our children and youth."

Three Win Cash Prizes In Beaufort Saturday

Winners of the cash prizes given from the Pirate's Chest of Silver in Beaufort Saturday afternoon were Asa Buck, Beaufort, Mrs. Julian Hamilton, Beaufort, and Leslie Gillikin, Otway.

Mr. Buck got the biggest prize of \$50 and Mrs. Hamilton and Gillikin got \$25 apiece.

Another \$100 will be given away Saturday.

Burglar Enters Beaufort Home, Steals Money

Intruder Gains Entry To Queen Street Home By Using Window

A burglar escaped with \$7 and some change Sunday night when he entered the John S. Johnson home, 119 Queen St., Beaufort.

The intruder gained entry to the house through a window on the back porch. Judy Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, woke during the night and saw a man crawling on the floor at the foot of her bed.

Paralyzed with fright, she gave the man time to get out of the house, then awakened her parents. Judy is a junior at Beaufort High School.

It was discovered that \$7 was taken from Mr. Johnson's wallet which was on top of a chest of drawers in his room and the burglar also escaped with Judy's wallet. He is believed to have left by the same window he entered.

The Johnsons live in the home formerly used as the Methodist parsonage.

This is the seventh incident of this type in Beaufort since the last of October. Apprehended last week was one man who is charged with five separate charges involving breaking and entering. The person who entered the Eastman home in November has not yet been apprehended.

7-Year-Old Boy Struck by Car Sunday Night

Steve Arnold Roberts Jr., 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Roberts, 1901 Arendell St., Morehead City, was struck by a car at Bridges and 19th Streets, Morehead City, Sunday night at 9 o'clock. Police said the car was driven by Kenneth Guthrie, Morehead City.

According to Capt. Buck Newsome, the boy ran out in front of the 1946 Chevrolet being driven by Mr. Guthrie. The car was proceeding east on Bridges St.

The boy was taken to the Morehead City Hospital by Captain Newsome and was X-rayed. He had minor head injuries and a broken arm.

Steve stayed in the hospital and was to be X-rayed again yesterday morning.

Court Grants 11 Divorces

Eleven divorces were granted in yesterday morning's session of Superior Court at the courthouse, Beaufort.

They were as follows: Fannie S. Cannon vs. Troy M. Cannon, Alla Cola Teel vs. Moses Hampton Teel, Eugene A. Hessee vs. Evelyn C. Hessee.

Gertrude S. Horne vs. Donald C. Horne, Mary G. Hill vs. Hilton Hill, Helen Nelson Walsh vs. Eugene Walsh, Janice L. Toms vs. Bedford Toms.

Ethel Mae Avery Lee vs. Robert E. Lee, Hilda V. Gillikin Bandy vs. James E. Bandy, Nannie D. Ward vs. Fred W. Ward and Susan Russell vs. Robert L. Russell.

The presiding officer is Judge Joseph W. Parker, Windsor. Court opened at 10:10 a. m.

Former Closed Area Open for Oystering

Elimination of pollution has enabled the opening of a third of the closed oyster territory in Myrtle Sound, New Hanover County.

C. G. Holland, assistant commercial fisheries commissioner, says Hurricane Hazel did some good—the storm is credited with making changes in water and inlets which now makes oystering safe.

Old Man Winter Hurls Sleet, Snow at County Yesterday

More Than 2,000 Go To Annual REA Meeting

More than 2,000 members of the Carteret-Craven Electric Membership Corp. attended the 14th annual meeting Saturday in Morehead City.

The members registered in the Morehead City High School gym where exhibits had been set up. A barbecue dinner was served at noon and then the members moved into the high school auditorium for the business meeting.

Ted Davis, manager of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, welcomed the group.

During the meeting the present board of directors were re-elected. They are W. J. Wynne Jr., Havelock; Everett Koonce, Bogue; Earl C. Day, Cedar Island; Clarence E. Millis, Newport; Gordon K. Laughlin, Crab Point; Lionel W. Pelletier, Stella; Gilbert Whitehurst, Straits; George W. Ball Harlowe; and Roger W. Jones, Broad Creek.

The group heard the president's report by G. W. Ball, attorney for the corporation, and L. W. Pelletier gave the treasurer's report.

E. L. Allred, electrical advisor, gave a few remarks on the duties and responsibilities of an electrical co-op advisor.

A drawing for door prizes was held. The major winners live on route 6, Havelock.

They are G. H. Taylor, General Electric washer, given by City Appliance Co. and C. M. Hill Hard ware Co.; F. L. Ball, Hotpoint electric range, donated by Blanchard's Electric Service and Beaufort Plumbing and Supply Co., and Vernon Lee Hancock, the Frigidaire refrigerator given by Sound Appliance Co.

Over 40 other prizes were also given away.

Director Names Nativity Cast

Miss Joyce Willis, Morehead City, director of the Nativity Scene to be staged by the Carteret Community Theatre Dec. 21 through 24, yesterday announced members of the cast.

Portraying Mary on the different nights will be Pat Webb, Edith Lewis, Ellen Broad and Marie Stoller; Joseph, James Lucas, Walton Hamilton, Elmer D. Willis and Clifton Guthrie.

Wise Men, Horace Loftin, Lillian F. Giddens, Ed Walston, Sammy Daniels, Ethel Davis, Floyd Stewart, Carter Broad, Ted Davis, Lynne Davis, H. F. Lindsay, Thomas Respass, and Susan Bridgeman; Shepherds, Dennis Davis and Donnie Smith.

The narrator will be Lynn Stoller.

On Tuesday through Thursday of the week before Christmas the scene will be shown at 7:30, 8, 8:30, 9, 9:30 and 10 p. m. On Christmas Eve the showing will be continuous 9 p. m. through 10:30.

The scene will be produced outdoors on the west side of the Recreation Center, Morehead City. No admission will be charged nor will an offering be collected.

Miss Willis calls motorists' attention to the fact that the log enclosure around the stable setting extends over the alley which runs from Evans to Shepard on the west side of the Recreation Center.

The alley will be obstructed in this way until Christmas and she asked that motorists who use the alley either drive around it or observe other instructions the town street department has made.

Algie W. Bell, Serves In Pacific Aboard Hanna

Pacific Fleet — Algie W. Bell, chief boatswain's mate, USN, son of Mrs. Lillie Willis of Smyrna, and husband of the former Miss Mary Hoey of Rosinland, Mass., is serving aboard the escort vessel USS Hanna with the Pacific Fleet.

Before entering the Navy in October 1939, he was graduated from Smyrna High School.

Town Board Discusses Sewer Fee Thursday

In special session at the municipal building Thursday night the Morehead City Town Board set Dec. 15 as date the sewer fee ordinance will go into effect. The first bill will go out in January with water bills, according to present plans.

Mayor George W. Dill explained that with a sewer fee, only the persons benefiting from sewers will be required to pay for their upkeep. At present, he said, persons who have septic tanks pay taxes for maintenance of sewers used by other businesses and homes.

The board gave a vote of thanks to the clerk, John Lashley, for helping the retail merchants committee of the Chamber of Commerce get the Christmas lights up.

Commissioner D. G. Bell said that last year the town washed its hands of Christmas decorations but this year, again, the town got pleas to help out.

"If we hadn't helped, those lights wouldn't be up yet," Mr. Bell said. Mr. Lashley was delegated to do what he could to help the merchants committee. He said Carolina Power and Light strung the lights spanning Arendell Street.

The mayor reported that the town wrote Cherry Point commanding Sgt. Paul Bray, commanding officer of the military police unit here. The mayor said that since Sergeant Bray has been stationed here, the relationship between the military police, Marines, and town police officers has improved considerably and the whole town has benefited.

Commissioner Ted Garner asked the clerk to check on the placing of no parking signs on the east side of 10th Street between Arendell and Evans. Mr. Lashley said the signs would be put up as soon as possible. The move is necessary, Commissioner Garner said, to eliminate congestion in that block.

The board also discussed the police department and purchase of a new cemetery. No decisions or policy was adopted in either matter.

Morehead City Rotarians Hear Address on CARE

Duffy Rowe spoke to the Morehead City Rotary Club Thursday night at their weekly meeting at Fleming's Restaurant.

Mr. Rowe spoke on CARE and told the group of the plan by which the government is sending excess farm products to needy nations through the Care program.

He said that for 50 cents a person can be accredited with one of the packages the government is sending. He explained that the 50 cents would cover transportation charges on the package.

He also pointed out that for five dollars a person could get a receipted delivery slip from the people to whom the package was delivered.

Visitors at the meeting were Lee Nance, Ayden, and Bill Mason, Oriental. A guest was John Dupfield, Charlotte.

Wounded Hunter Leaves Sea Level Hospital

Eugene Styron, Cedar Island, was discharged from the Sea Level Hospital Sunday.

Mr. Styron was treated for shotgun wounds he received about his face and neck while hunting on Cedar Island Thursday. The wounds were inflicted accidentally by another hunter.

Old Man Winter threw everything in the book at the county yesterday. Soon after midnight hard rains, pushed by gusty north winds, came pouring down. Early yesterday morning, the rain turned to sleet and the wind picked up momentum, blowing at 35 miles an hour.

Later in the morning the sleet turned to "hominy snow." E. Stamey Davis, county weather observer, said the snow was the result of rain falling through a cold strata close to the earth.

Freezing temperatures were reported throughout the rest of the state, with snow along the coast and in the mountains. The weather forecast was for clearer skies last night.

Motorists were hesitant about taking cars out all day yesterday and the State Highway Patrol urged drivers who had to be on the streets and highways to proceed with caution.

Because of the bad weather, Newport Rotary Club and several church groups cancelled their scheduled meetings. Certain telephone lines were out of order and schools dismissed early so buses could get the rural children home before road conditions got worse.

Saturday and Sunday were like June days. "You might have known it couldn't last," folks remarked ruefully yesterday. The temperature hit a high of 65 Sunday, but fell fast when Sunday night's rain came.

The sleet and snow lay about an inch deep at noon yesterday, giving the county an appropriate look for the Yuletide season.

Temperatures since Wednesday follow:

Table with 4 columns: Day, Max., Min., Wind. Wednesday: 56, 35, SW. Thursday: 54, 41, NW. Friday: 49, 32, W. Saturday: 55, 33, NW. Sunday: 65, 40, SE.

Kindergarten Visits Newspaper

Pupils in the Jack and Jill Kindergarten, Morehead City, visited THE NEWS-TIMES last Tuesday. The children were accompanied by their teacher, Mrs. John Fussell, and two mothers, Mrs. Percy Deyo and Mrs. Kenneth Broadhurst.

Pupils who were conducted through the office and plant were Mary Ruth Howland, Jeff Hardy, Mary Welby Wattles, Mary Lou Nelson, Betty Lou Seamon.

Michael Salter, Mike McBride, Robbie Hicks, Sammy Gianitasso, David Sledge, Jackie Lawrence, Nancy Wester, Johnny Fussell, Kenny Broadhurst.

Patricia Howland, Martha Sandy, Tyre Lassiter, Joanna Broadhurst, Leslie Long, and Cheryl Adams.

The children each received a slug of type with their name and a copy of Tuesday's issue.

Following is a letter the children wrote to THE NEWS-TIMES. Their teacher, Mrs. Fussell, said they dictated the letter to her: Dear Miss Peeling,

I liked when they made the papers. I liked when the machine was going fast. I liked when you gave us a paper. I liked when they printed the newspaper. I liked when the man made my name.

I liked when the metal melted. I liked when the man picked up the letters and dropped them down. When you (meaning Mrs. Fussell) said we were going to the newspaper I didn't know it would be so much fun.

Tell all the people who helped make us happy "Thank You." Love, The Jack 'n Jill Kindergarten

Contract Let On Little Deep Creek Project

Major Land Improvement Near Newport to Get Underway This Week

C. D. Hodges Jr., Trenton, has received the contract to dig and clear the right of way for the 11,600-foot Little Deep Creek drainage project, according to David Jones, county soil conservationist.

The project will have a 65-foot right of way through the swamp and an estimated 21,184 cubic yards of earth will be removed. A total of 8.3 acres will be cleared for the right of way.

The project will start with a 9-foot bottom width, will narrow down to 8 feet, and then down to a 5-foot bottom width. Mr. Jones explained. It will have a 1 1/2 to 1-foot side slope.

The bids were let Tuesday at 2 o'clock at Carl Garner's home in Newport. Mr. Garner is secretary and treasurer of the drainage project.

Surveying for the job is scheduled to start tomorrow. Land owners who will be involved in the project are L. D. Garner, M. E. Smith, Carl W. Garner, J. C. Garner, the Claud Garner estate, J. P. Garner, Upton Miller, S. M. Rhue, Mrs. Lena Garner, F. E. Elliott, and Charles Elliott.

Fisherman Put Under \$500 Bond

Leonard Alridge, fisherman from El Paso, Tex., was placed under a \$500 bond in Beaufort Sunday following the stabbing of Canady Austin aboard the J. Earl Morris, a menhaden boat.

Alridge allegedly stabbed Austin in the back, side and about the head.

Assistant Police Chief Carlton Garner, Beaufort, saw Austin standing on Front Street in Beaufort, bleeding profusely, and he and Officer Steve Beacham took Austin to the Morehead City Hospital.

They got a warrant for the arrest of Alridge and went aboard several menhaden boats before they found him aboard the J. Earl Morris, asleep.

Alridge admitted the stabbing and said that he did it to protect himself from Austin who had threatened to assault him with an iron bar.

Four men were also cited in Beaufort over the weekend on charges of public drunkenness. A public drunkenness citation was issued Thursday also.

Receiving citations Sunday were George Dean, Mobile, Ala., and Herman Brown and Pherron Johnston, both of Bolivia, N. C. Freddy Jones, Wilmington, was cited Saturday and Ben Hopkins, Beaufort, was given a citation Thursday.

Marines Leave Jail Under Bond

Four Marines have been released from the county jail under \$150 bond each. Two of them, Pfc. Alton G. Ayres and Pfc. Talmage Boyer, Cherry Point, were apprehended Thursday night at Newport by Constable Bill Dugee and Deputy Sheriff Bobby Bell.

Constable Dugee said he came upon the two as they were taking hose and gasoline cans out of a car trunk, preparatory to siphoning gas out of cars parked at the Newport Theatre.

Later that night Constable Dugee and Deputy Bell came upon two other Marines, Cpl. Wayne Erwin and Pfc. Howard Brooks, Cherry Point, who were taking parts off a 1949 Plymouth parked at the rear of Moses Howard's garage, Newport.

Erwin and Brooks were driving a 1949 Plymouth and evidently wanted spare parts, the officers said. Erwin and Brooks claimed they did not know Ayres and Boyer and that neither party was affiliated with the other in their enterprises.

Tags on Sale

The motor vehicle license tags for 1955 are on sale at the Loan Department of the First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co., Morehead City. They will be on sale through January.