

County Farm Loss Set at \$1,200,100

150 Attend Disaster Meeting at Courthouse

The average listener knew little more, after the disaster meeting at the courthouse Friday, than he knew before he went.

Directors Seek New Manager For Chamber

After accepting the resignation of Ted Davis, manager of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, the board of directors Thursday night decided to start accepting applications for the job.

The Thursday night meeting was a special session. The regular session was held last night.

The directors expressed their appreciation to Mr. Davis for his splendid service. The chamber manager has accepted a position with the commercial department of radio station WRAL, Raleigh.

Prior to coming here, Mr. Davis was head of Serv-Air Aviation, public relations firm at Stallings Air Force Base, Kinston. Mr. Davis was also affiliated at one time with his brothers, Ferd L. and Barrie S., in the commercial publishing house, Theo. Davis' Sons, Zebulon.

Mrs. Davis and their four children moved to Raleigh Saturday. Mr. Davis will leave here tomorrow.

At Thursday night's meeting the chamber directors voted to pay Mr. Davis for a two-week vacation which he did not take.

Pine Tree Inn Burns Yesterday

The Pine Tree Inn, west of Morehead City, burned to the ground at 1:30 yesterday morning.

The one-story frame building stood in a plot of pine trees on Highway 70, west of the Perry Park Motel. The inn had been closed because its beer license was suspended several months ago.

Some boys passing the building in a car reportedly saw the flames and Morehead City firemen were called. But the fire had too much of a head start and the building was beyond saving.

Sheriff Hugh Salter said yesterday that he believed the owners were out of town.

Beginners May Register Friday

For first graders who were not registered at the pre-school clinics in the spring, there will be pre-school registration at Camp Glenn and Morehead City Schools Friday from 9 a.m. to noon.

All children living on the west side of 24th street and from there westward will register at Camp Glenn school as they did last year. Those living on the east side of 24th Street and eastward will attend Morehead City School.

The principals, Ramie Davis of Camp Glenn and Lenwood Lee of Morehead City School, request parents to bring child's birth certificate. Beginners must be 6 years old on or before midnight Oct. 18, 1955.

Capt. Al Edwards Shows Boy Scouts How to March

Capt. Al Edwards presented the program for Newport Boy Scout Troop 61 Tuesday night. Captain Edwards explained and demonstrated the basic positions and formations in marching.

Dick Lockey of the Rotary Club is the new institutional representative for the troop. The National Camping Award was also received last week for the troop's activities in outdoor camping during the year.

The speakers, representing various government agencies, told what type of service they could offer—with all good intention. But as usual with government people, they cluttered what they had to say with recitation of public laws, rattled off percentage rates charged on loans, and talked about "what heading" such and such a law comes under.

As one reporter commented after the meeting: "What all this means is if you have a lot of money yourself, you'll be able to make out all right."

Apparently the best thing a person can do, if he needs help, is to go to the agency which can handle his case, tell them his problems and let the man in that office decide what kind of loan he can give him.

Interest rates are low and the loans do not have to be paid back as soon as do loans that are NOT obtained from the government. Interest is the amount of "rent" that has to be paid when you borrow money.

Speakers at Friday's meeting were Congressman Graham A. Barden, Gen. Edward Griffin, State Civil Defense director; John A. Winfield of the State Department of Agriculture; Miss Agnes Waldron, American Red Cross; N. M. Caldwell, district sanitarian, N. C. State Board of Health; Andrew H. Graham, Small Business Administration, New Bern; and C. H. Bacon, New Bern area director, American Red Cross.

Farmers Take Leaf to Market

A number of Carteret County farmers took their tobacco to market Thursday when the 17 markets of the eastern belt opened.

There was a lot of tobacco on the floors, quality was generally good but there was little interest on the part of buyers. Many farmers rejected the bids made and took their tobacco back home.

The general price average was approximately \$50 per hundred pounds; between 40 and 50 per cent of the leaf, however, went to the Flue Cured Stabilization Corp. W. P. Hedrick, tobacco marketing specialist with the State Department of Agriculture, warned farmers against rushing tobacco to market.

Committee chairmen of the American Association of University Women met at the civic center, Morehead City, last night.

Tide Table

Table with columns for Time (a.m., p.m.), Day, and Tide level (HIGH, LOW).

Blast Damages Boat



Photo by Jerry Schumacher

They still don't know what did it, but there's the hole. Sammy Hughes, Morehead City, left, owner of the 22-foot sail boat damaged by an explosion a week ago Sunday, surveys the hull with two of his friends. The second man from

the left with face hidden, could not be identified. The man closest the 16-inch hole is Gilbert Arthur, Morehead City, Miss Maxine McLohon, Morehead City, a passenger in the boat, was slightly injured but has fully recovered.

Marines in Car Clip Two Pedestrians with 'Stick'

Where to Seek Help

Where to apply for financial assistance if your farm, home or business was damaged in Connie or Diane:

IF YOU ARE A FARMER — Go to the office of Mr. B. J. May on the second floor of the postoffice building, Beaufort. There an application will be given you which you must fill out.

IF YOU ARE NOT A FARMER — If you are in any other occupation and need money to make business or home repairs, contact the Small Business Administration office at the postoffice building, New Bern.

IF YOU CAN'T WAIT FOR A LOAN — If you need money to buy food for your family, make a necessary repair to your home or need any kind of help immediately to carry on routine living, go to the Red Cross office on the second floor of the courthouse annex, Beaufort.

IF YOU STILL NEED MORE INFORMATION on where or how to apply for a loan, contact the town clerks in either Beaufort or Morehead City, or inquire at the auditor's office in the courthouse, Beaufort.

State Commission Sends Spraying Equipment Here

Schools Will Open At 8:30 Tuesday

Schools throughout the county will open their doors next Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 8:30 a.m., as summer vacations come to an end for another year.

According to H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent, it is his hope that the students will go to school a full day on opening day but he stated that it was up to the individual principals to decide that matter.

10-Year-Old Turned Over To Juvenile Authorities

Turned over to the juvenile court last week was a 10-year-old boy from the western part of the county.

According to Sheriff Hugh Salter, the lad took a radio out of Ed Caraway's electric shop, took a check-writing machine from Hibbs Furniture Store and "loaded up with ice cream" at the Penguin Co. in Newport.

Preliminary investigation of the case was made by Newport's auxiliary police. The missing goods were returned within a short time.

Tanker Loses Kerosene Friday In Morehead Port

Vessel Hits 'Submerged Object,' Hole Ripped In Hull

Kerosene floated all over Morehead City harbor Friday when the Esso Charlotte lost part of its cargo due to a hole ripped in her hull.

The Charlotte came into port Friday from Baton Rouge with kerosene and other petroleum products for the Esso terminal.

Thomas K. Laughton, captain of the tanker, said he "felt a jar" but heard no explosion. Neither the captain nor other members of the crew could state exactly when the jar occurred.

It is not known whether the accident occurred within the harbor or during the approach to the Beaufort bar.

The Coast Guard reported that the Charlotte lost its port anchor. At 3 p.m. Friday the Coast Guard was summoned to the port with fire-fighting equipment to guard against fire outbreak, since the floating kerosene constituted a dangerous hazard.

The Coast Guard stayed on the alert 53 hours, until the danger was past.

Mr. Hoke said no estimate was made on cost of repairs to the tanker. The hole was knocked "right in the bottom" and was spread over two compartments.

Agents Hear Talk By John Curtis

John Curtis, marketing specialist of the farm management department, Raleigh, spoke at the six-county Farm Agents meeting Friday at the civic center, Morehead City.

Mr. Curtis discussed corn, commenting on grain damaged in the storms and the supply of corn in the country and in this state.

Beach Mayor Seeks Immediate Action

A. B. Cooper, mayor of Atlantic Beach, urges ocean front property owners to take action immediately to push up dunes in front of their homes or establish some protection against future storms.

At the disaster meeting at the courthouse in Beaufort Friday, Mayor Cooper asked Gen. Edward Griffin of the State Civil Defense Administration, what could be done to help us today?

At Long Last

Dredge Widens Mouth Of Pelletier Creek

Mayor George Dill announced yesterday that the mouth of Pelletier Creek is being dredged.

This action has been long sought by boat-owners in this area because the creek, west of Morehead City, is a refuge for boats during severe storms.

The mouth of the creek, however, is shoaled over and vessels have been having difficulty entering.

Hurricane Headed North

Hurricane Damage Group to Organize

Carteret's agriculture losses as the result of the two recent hurricanes have been estimated at \$1,200,100 by county agriculture agencies.

The estimate was made at the request of Dr. C. B. Ratchford, assistant director of the state agriculture extension service.

The extension division has also requested that a committee, composed largely of farm leaders, be organized here "to meet the emergency now existing" and to deal with agriculture problems which may arise in the future as the result of storms.

Committee Members

Members of the committee are R. M. Williams, county agent; B. J. May, ASC manager; David Jones, county soil conservationist; Neal Campen, chairman of the Soil Conservation Supervisors; Roy Keller, chairman of the ASC county committee.

J. D. Holt, state port manager, commended longshoremen for a "good job" in loading the MS Baerstein with tobacco Friday.

The cargo was provided by an Eastern Carolina shipper and will be delivered at Hamburg to one of Germany's largest tobacco dealers. Mr. Holt said the tobacco was the seventh through Morehead City this year.

The damage to crops in dollars and cents and the percentage of the total crop loss breaks down as follows:

Table listing crop types and their respective percentage of loss (e.g., Corn, \$112,500 - 40 per cent; Cotton, \$6,000 - 50 per cent).

20 Farmers Apply For FHA Loans

I. M. Robbins, FHA supervisor, who had office hours at the ASC office, Beaufort, Thursday, said approximately 20 farmers applied to him for loans.

FHA offers various types of loans to farmers, long term real estate loans for purchase of farms, loans for improvement of farm buildings, for drainage and since the hurricanes a "production emergency loan" has been set up which will allow the farmer to borrow money at 3 per cent. The loan can be obtained for as long as 10 years, depending on the borrower's ability to pay.

Sign Goes Up At Wood Plot

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The sign at the plot was paid for by the Carteret-Craven Electric Membership Corp., W. C. Carlton, manager. The firm also paid for erecting the sign.

Morehead City firemen answered a false alarm Saturday at 4:30 p.m. The alarm was sent in from box 28 at Shackelford and 17th Streets.