

## 47 Firemen Graduate Friday

Cards, wallet-size, to denote graduation from Carteret's first county-wide fire school, were presented Friday night to firemen at a dinner at the Sanitary Restaurant, Morehead City.

Presenting the cards was Capt. Otis Dowdy of the Charlotte Fire Department, who conducted the training sessions Tuesday through Thursday.

Vernon Guthrie, chief of the Morehead City Fire Department, acted as master of ceremonies. J. C. Robertson, Charlotte, introduced Lloyd Layman, Battle Creek, Mich., who spoke on the "indirect method" of fire fighting.

Mr. Layman is director of the fire services office, Federal Civil Defense Administration, and advocate of the method of fighting fire by breaking water into finely-divided particles rather than pouring it on flames in solid streams.

He is author of the book, *Fire Fighting Tactics*, and has written two brochures on his technique which have been translated into eight different languages.

Mr. Layman is former chief of the fire department at Parkersburg, Va., and was commandant of the U. S. Coast Guard Fire Fighting School at Fort McHenry during World War II.

Mr. Layman remarked that his theory of "indirect application and atmospheric displacement" was developed during his years at the fire-fighting school. Although his technique was not accepted readily at first, the value of it continues to be proved. The process means, Mr. Layman said, a conservation of water in fighting fires and very little damage from water.

"We know only a little bit about the extinguishing action of water," the speaker said, "but the National Research Council has now agreed to finance a continuing program on fire control and extinguishment."

Guest speakers at the meeting were Curtis Flannagan, Farmville, secretary of the State Firemen's Association, Cecil Lilly, Farmville; Moses Howard, chairman of the County Board of Commissioners.

Wilbur Garner, Newport fire commissioner, Chief Charles Harrell, Beaufort, Chief B. T. Smith Jr., Newport, Gerald Woodard, Beaufort, secretary of the fire school, and Leon Mann Jr., mayor of Newport.

J. Ludie Croom, former chief of the Wilmington Fire Department, showed slides on the devastating Wilmington port fire of 1953. Chief Croom was head of the Wilmington Fire Department 47 years.

## Mayor Dill's Mail Brings Two Interesting Letters

When a fellow's down, most of the time there's a helping hand nearby.

A Charlottesville, Va., citizen was that helping hand to Morehead City this week.

In a letter to Mayor George W. Dill, J. H. Ruffin, Charlottesville, enclosed a check for \$10. Mr. Ruffin asked that the mayor give the money to "some unfortunate sufferer from the hurricane" or turn it over to the Red Cross.

And then came another letter from James A. Parker of Brevard, N. C. Mr. Parker said that since there are "such violent storms" in these parts, he was wondering if some couple, middle-aged and without children, would like to move to Brevard, the woman to keep house for him and the husband to work on the farm and cut pulpwood.

If there is any couple who would like to consider moving to Brevard, they can contact Mayor Dill, but the mayor says, "The storms down here aren't THAT bad!"

The mayor says he is planning to turn the money over to the Red Cross.

## Traffic Flows Across North River Bridge

### State Gets Vehicles Across Friday Morning, Sooner Than After Hazel

The Marine ducks left North River at 3:30 Friday afternoon to return to Camp Lejeune and traffic started flowing across the bridge regularly about half an hour later.

The North River Bridge lost both its east and west ends in one and the State Highway Department started working on it Wednesday as soon as the wind and water went down, and lumber could be moved in. The bridge was also washed out by Hazel last year.

Traffic is only one way and will continue that way until guard rails can be put up.

J. L. Humphrey, county road superintendent, highly commended L. P. Jordan, bridge supervisor in this division, who accomplished the amazing task of getting the bridge back in operation in two days.

The ducks were obtained through the State Civil Defense office Tuesday. They were manned by Marines under the command of Lt. J. W. Harman.

State Civil Defense regulations prohibited carrying anything but people, food and mail. Some wholesalers who wanted other types of merchandise carried across were not pleased, but neither the Marine Corps nor state authorities were willing to authorize passage of general merchandise.

Emergency traffic was put across the bridge for the first time Friday morning.

The West Beaufort Road was opened yesterday and at present the only road remaining closed because of storm damage is the Hibbs Road. Mr. Humphrey said the roads that people live on were taken care of first.

Enough rock was stockpiled in this county, he said, to meet immediate needs after Hazel.

## Chief Vernon Guthrie paid high tribute Friday night to Capt. Otis Dowdy, Charlotte, who conducted the training sessions.

The school was in session Tuesday through Friday. Monday night's class was cancelled by Hazel.

Although very few men could attend all the sessions, cards were presented to any who were able to attend at least one.

Recipients are the following: Beaufort—Norwood E. Gaskill, Gerald Woodard, Earl T. Willis, Thomas V. Woodard, Maurice V. Peterson, Freddie Snooks, James L. Range, Neal Willis.

C. L. Davis Jr., Roma Willis, A. B. Buck, Allen Conway, J. B. Loftin, B. A. Merrill, Edward Paul, E. D. Rhue, Frank Garner, and Chief Charles Harrell.

Morehead City—Charles Edwards, Ernest O. Lewis, Robert W. McCabe, Edward Arendell, John Parker, Eric Lewis, John D. Ballou.

Robert T. Garner, D. J. Hall Jr., John A. Pavone, Sammy L. Hughes, Hubert Fulcher, Nolan McCabe, Lindsey Guthrie, Mack Edwards and Fire Chief Vernon Guthrie.

Newport—Charles Gould Jr., Milton Gould, Douglas C. Henderson, Swindell Garner, George W. Greene, Bennie R. Garner, M. C. Howard, W. J. Kirby, William Carroll, Ira J. Jones, Alton L. Garner, Frank Warner, and Chief B. T. Smith Jr.

Atlantic Beach—Shelby Freeman and Earl Dunn.

The school was conducted by the three fire departments who joined to pay the expenses of Captain Dowdy's week of instruction. It is hoped that the school will become an annual event.

## U. S. Civil Defense Director Surveys Storm Damage

Gov. Val Peterson, with his aides, came into North Carolina Friday night. He had dinner with Gov. and Mrs. Luther Hodges and met Saturday morning with state and federal officials before again boarding a Conair 340 to fly to the Beaufort-Morehead City airport.

After leaving here the Federal Civil Defense Administration director went to New Bern and from there to Washington, N. C., "where," he said, "we'll walk through fields to see the saltwater damage."

Officials here were informed Friday that Governor Peterson wanted to make a brief tour of the county. But when he arrived, he said that time did not permit and he visited only a few moments at Atlantic Beach.

County Commissioner Moses Howard and Newport Mayor Leon Mann Jr. were disappointed that the national administrator did not tour the Newport area as they requested.

In Governor Peterson's party were Thomas Goodman, regional administrator, FCDA, Thomasville, Ga.; L. B. Ullstrom, executive secretary to Governor Peterson; Miss Clara McGaha, FCDA, Washington, D. C.; Dial Sweeney, assistant to Mr. Goodman, Thomasville.

Earl Mader, FCDA engineer, Miss Nelle Williams, FCDA, Pete Craig, FCDA, Frank Pollard of the Farmers Home Administration, all of Thomasville.

Horace J. Isenhour, State FHA director; David S. Weaver, head of the North Carolina Extension Service; Dr. Robert Rice, of the State Civil Defense office; and General Griffin, state Civil Defense director.

In addition to them, the following attended the luncheon: Mayor Leon Mann Jr., Moses Howard, both of Newport; B. J. May, Miss Gray Hughes, James D. Potter, Gray Hassell, Charles Laughinghouse, and Miss Ruth Peeling, all of Beaufort.

Alvah Hamilton, D. G. Bell, both of Morehead City; State Highway Patrolmen J. W. Sykes, C. J. Cole and W. E. Pickard; and the following members of the plane crew, who are with the Special Mission Squad, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D. C.: Maj. H. B. Berk, Capt. V. D. Hubbard, T/Sgt. J. R. Beaulieu; and A 1/c Timothy J. Sullivan.

## Waterspouts Seen Off Bogue Banks

Ben Day, 1404 Arendell St., Morehead City, reported sighting one large waterspout and several smaller ones off Atlantic Beach Sunday afternoon.

His reports were verified by Chief Boatswain Kenneth Baum, commanding officer of Fort Macon Coast Guard Station.

The location was south southwest of the Coast Guard Station about a mile offshore, and the time was between 3 and 4 o'clock.

A waterspout is a funnel-shaped or tubular cloud extending from an ordinary cloud down to a cloud of spray torn up by whirling winds along the surface of the ocean. It moves in rapid rotation, sometimes straight and sometimes twisted. The "spout," or funnel cloud, pours down fresh water.

Dynamic Val Peterson, former governor of Nebraska and now head of the Federal Civil Defense Administration dipped out of the blue in a mammoth plane Saturday about noon to look over county hurricane damage.

With him were 12 state and federal officials and six newspaper reporters. Escorted by the State Highway Patrol, Governor Peterson dined at the Sanitary Restaurant in Morehead City where he heard reports on storm damage. Then the group went to Atlantic Beach.

What was he here for? In Governor Peterson's own words: "I want to talk to mayors of the towns to determine whether the federal government has done all that can be done for hurricane relief and I want to see how these beach areas have been affected."

Will he be able to see that more money is channeled into North Carolina?

Disaster Fund Runs Out  
In answer to that, Governor Peterson said that federal agencies have already the authority and the money to make loans. As for a limitless disaster fund, he remarked that as a result of the tremendous loss in New England, the fund was not sufficient to meet needs and money had to be taken from the Corps of Engineers fund.

So if Carteret Countians and North Carolinians believe that Governor Peterson's visit will mean a loosening of purse strings, they probably will be disappointed. The disaster fund has already been spent — and whether the government can scrape together any more remains to be seen.

The FCDA head took a keen interest in the brief reports made while he was thoroughly enjoying Capt. Tony Seamon and Ted Garner's shrimp salad and crab meat.

Seeing the basket of hush puppies, he asked, "What are those?"  
"Cornbread," someone said.  
"Hush puppies," said Gen. Ed Griffin, head of State Civil Defense.

Liked Hush Puppies  
Governor Peterson took a bite. "They're wonderful," he remarked. He ordered a second plate of seafood, and hush puppies rapidly disappeared.

The first report came from Miss Georgie Hughes, head of the County Welfare Department, who told Governor Peterson that the effects of the hurricanes would probably be felt in this county for the next five years.

B. J. May, head of the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation office, reported on crop losses. "Our farmers have nothing to live on through the winter," he said. "They need, at the very least, long term loans."

Engineer Reports  
Gray Hassell, engineer for the town of Beaufort and engineer consultant for the county, told the governor that the damage is hard to see. Sanitary and storm sewers are clogged and the trouble is aggravated now by merely normal tides. He pointed out that Newport needs repairs to its water tank, that down-east communities lost their waterfronts and as a result tides are going up under homes and that the beach, from Fort Macon to Swansboro on Bogue Banks, has been cut back as much as a hundred feet in some places.

Governor Peterson remarked that the whole east coast has the same problem. "Folks on Long Island and all the way up to Maine are coping with the same problem you have at this beach," he said.

Chairman Moses Howard of the County Board of Commissioners commented on the terrific farm loss at Newport.

Disaster Insurance  
Then Governor Peterson came up with a telling comment: "Out of these hurricanes and flash floods, there must come into being some type of disaster insurance. It would seem that there is some way we could work out a system where a company would write insurance and the government back it. That's easier to say than do, but that doesn't keep us from trying."

Mayor Leon Mann Jr., described the Newport River problem and the need for dredging. He also

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## Miller Home Damaged by Fire

Considerable fire damage was caused at 1:15 Saturday morning to the home of Louis W. Miller, 1502 Front St., Beaufort.

Mr. Miller, who was home alone at the time, was awakened by the odor of smoke. He rushed across the street to the home of Mrs. Emma Webb and there a call was made by Mrs. Webb's daughter, Pat, for the fire department.

One room, the den, was reported seriously damaged and the entire house was damaged by smoke. The fire is believed to have started from defective wiring.

Mr. Miller said he had no idea of the dollars and cents damage, but the loss is insured at least partially. The Millers expect to move until renovation is completed.

Mrs. Miller has been visiting in New York and Mr. Miller's son and his family had been staying at the house during the week, but they left the day before the fire.

Water from the tank truck was used to put out the blaze.

## Property Owners Attend Meeting at Beach Saturday

Thirty-five property owners attended the Atlantic Beach town board meeting Saturday morning and discussed plans for getting some type of permanent protection in front of their cottages.

Mayor A. B. Cooper called the special meeting when it was learned that Civil Defense was considering rejection of the plan to pay for erection of a temporary seawall. The property owners had hoped to make up the difference in the cost between a temporary and permanent structure so that a seawall could be built that would serve as better protection than dunes.

Property-owners agreed to take care of their property, individually, for the rest of the hurricane season, and no request for dunes will be made anymore this season.

"Dunes are mighty temporary," Mayor A. B. Cooper commented yesterday, "and we're certainly disappointed that Civil Defense can't see that our plan for a permanent seawall would be saving the government money in the long run."

The town board is primarily concerned with protecting the property within the limits of the town of Atlantic Beach but is working with property owners in the unincorporated areas who also want a seawall put up.

The board is waiting now to see how much money can be obtained through Civil Defense and will receive a price from a contractor on how much the wall will cost.

## Jaycees Collect Bedding for New Bern Storm Victims

Dr. Russell Outlaw, president of the Morehead City Jaycees, reported yesterday on the amount of bedding that was collected here for relief of disaster victims at New Bern.

From Friday night to Sunday night, 224 pillow cases were donated, 108 sheets, 63 blankets, 19 towels, 10 wash cloths, six pillows and a small amount of clothing.

The request for the bedding was made by the Salvation Army, and Jaycees of the 9th district, which includes this area, undertook the project.

The material was collected at the Busy-Bee Restaurant, Morehead City. Jaycees took it to Salvation Army headquarters in New Bern Sunday night.

## Chicken Raiser Goes to Court

Guy Dudley, Bay Street, Morehead City, appeared in Morehead City Recorder's Court again yesterday to answer charges that he has been maintaining a public nuisance, a chicken yard, in his neighborhood.

E. J. Willis, superintendent of public safety, said that Dudley last week was given one week to clean his place up. Superintendent Willis and the county sanitarian, A. D. Fulford, visited the place the end of the week, but found it required more cleaning than Dudley had undertaken.

Therefore the defendant was ordered to appear in court again yesterday. He was granted one more week to comply with the law.

## Judge Imposes Two Heavy Fines

Donald W. Mouser and Charles E. King, VMR 252, Cherry Point, were fined in Morehead City Recorder's Court yesterday and Mouser was put under a six-month suspended sentence.

Mouser was involved in an accident Saturday night at 9:10 and in the car with him was King. Judge Herbert Phillips ordered Mouser to pay \$150 and costs and King \$100 and costs.

Mouser was charged with careless and reckless driving and driving drunk and King with aiding and abetting a drunken driver, and public drunkenness. King was owner of the car, a 1949 two-door sedan.

According to State Highway Patrolman R. H. Brown, Mouser was proceeding east on Highway 70 and cut across the path of a car proceeding west. He was headed for the Airport Grill. Driver of the other car, a 1948 Pontiac, was Ed L. Billington, SMS, Cherry Point.

Riding with Billington was Fred Mellus, also of Cherry Point. No one was hurt but damage to the Ford was estimated at \$150 and to the Pontiac \$200.

## Heavy Boat Unit Meets Tomorrow

The newly-organized 824th Heavy Boat Company, Army Reserve unit, will meet at 7:30 tomorrow night at 433 Front St., over House's Drug Store.

Lt. Leon A. Mann Jr., commanding officer, reports that 13 have already joined the new company. Thirty-five men were present at the first organizational meeting last week.

Vacancies still exist for warrant officers, master sergeants, sergeants first class and all other grades.

The unit's authorized complement is four officers, 23 warrant officers and 105 enlisted men. Meetings will be held regularly each Wednesday. For each two-hour period attended, a full day's pay will be given.

Men between the ages of 17 and 34 are eligible for enlistment. Lieutenant Mann said, "The boat unit is a natural for the Beaufort-Morehead City area. I expect to fill up the unit in a short time so I urge all young men to get in on the ground floor while so many good assignments are open."

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## A&EC President Expects Trains Here This Week

### New Bern SBA Office to Open

Businessmen and fishermen of this area who need loans to help them get back into business following the last hurricane may apply at the Small Business Administration office at New Bern.

According to the New Bern Chamber of Commerce, the office will be open in the Chamber of Commerce building, Broad Street, New Bern, tomorrow.

Gen. Edward Griffin, State Civil Defense director, said Saturday that men from that office will come into Carteret County to accept applications here, but that schedule had not yet been set up.

## Driver Found Guilty Thursday

James Edward Lawrence, charged with driving drunk, was found guilty of careless and reckless driving by Judge L. R. Morris in County Recorder's Court Thursday and fined \$50 and costs. He was also given a suspended three months' roads sentence.

James Don Allan was fined \$10 and costs when he pled guilty to speeding and improper passing. Tuley Williamson was assessed costs for no operator's license.

Bonds were forfeited by Harold Marshall Copeland and Bobby Harold Gouge, speeding; Leon Pickered and George Equils, public drunkenness, and William Thomas McKay, traffic violation.

The charge of speeding against John Norman Osborne was dropped.

Cases against the following are continued: Ervan Hancecy, James Smith, James Taylor, Kenard Andrew Taylor, Lassalie Hankins, William Roger Hardy, John Ebron, James E. Moody.

## Freight trains will be rolling into Morehead City sometime this week, E. R. Buchan, president of the Atlantic and East Carolina Railway Co., reports.

Negotiations with Atlantic Coast Line to handle A&EC freight over its tracks from New Bern to Jacksonville were satisfactorily completed Sunday, Mr. Buchan said.

The U.S. Marine Corps will permit use of its trackage from Camp Lejeune to Cherry Point where connection will be made again with the A&EC facilities.

The A&EC bridge over the Trent River is now being repaired by Tidewater Construction Co. The work may be completed in as few as 40 days, Mr. Buchan said.

A&EC trains are now running from Goldsboro to Kingston and it is expected that all trackage from Goldsboro to New Bern will be in use by tomorrow.

Trains were not run from New Bern to Morehead City for two days after hurricanes Connie and Diane, because of the uncertain conditions of the bridges over the Trent and Newport Rivers.

Hurricane Ione partially wrecked the long bridge over the Trent. This brought A&EC schedules to a definite lengthy standstill, the longest in the history of the railroad.

The state highway department needed 200 cars of rock for repair of roads in this section, but rather than wait for rail repairs, the highway has started to truck the rock in.

Marilyn Brittingham, 14 and Carolyn Eubanks, 13, both of Mansfield Parkway, today are the owners of new pairs of earrings as the result of finding a bottle which washed ashore on Bogue Banks last month.

Inside the bottle was an ad for Guinness Stout, an English beer. A message also said that if the finder returned to London a form stating where the bottle was found, the finder would receive a souvenir and information on where the bottle was thrown overboard.

## Moving Car Rams Parked Auto

A 1952 Buick sedan ran into the rear of a parked Chevrolet at 6:45 p.m. Sunday on Arendell Street.

Sgt. Carl Bunch of the Morehead City Police Department, said that the Buick was driven by T/Sgt. Raymond B. McCormick, Towson, Md.

McCormick said that he tried to brush a bug away from his face and when he looked up again he was so close to the parked car he could do nothing but crash into it.

The Chevrolet was owned by J. H. Mills, 2912 Arendell St., and was parked in front of the Mills house. The front of the Buick was smashed in and damage to it was estimated at \$400. Damage to the rear of the Chevrolet was estimated at \$300.

## G. W. Vickroy Plans Inland Waterway Project

George W. Vickroy, Beaufort, has applied for a permit to dredge and to build a bulkhead on the east side of the inland waterway a mile and a quarter south of the Core Creek Bridge.

The Corps of Engineers, Wilmington, which receives such applications report that Vickroy plans to dredge two basins to a depth of 8 feet at mean low water. Approximately 6,000 cubic yards of material will be deposited behind bulkheads.

Plans for the work may be seen at the Beaufort postoffice. Objections to the proposal, if any, should be sent to the engineers' office no later than Oct. 3, 1955.

## Insurance Men Honored

T. D. Phillips, Morehead City, and Robert L. Ross, Beaufort, have qualified for their company's top honor group, the Lawrence Lee Club of the Occidental Life Insurance Co.

## ASC Approves Financial Aid For Salty Soil

### B. J. May, ASC Manager, Says Soil Analysis Must Be Made First

B. J. May, manager of the county Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation office, announced yesterday that gypsum or gypsum and limestone practices have been approved by ASC.

This means that the farmer can get financial help on getting soil, covered by saltwater, back into production. On each ton of gypsum the federal government will pay \$12 and on each ton of limestone \$4.50.

Mr. May emphasized, however, that no purchase order for these materials can be written unless the farmer has an analysis made of the soil he wishes to treat. Without this analysis, it can't be determined how much gypsum or gypsum and limestone is needed.

Farmers who have already received a report from Raleigh on their soil samples, may apply to Mr. May's office for help immediately. Others should pick up soil box samples at the county agent's office and send off a sample immediately.

Gypsum, or gypsum and limestone where the soil is acid, helps hasten the leaching out of salt under normal rainfall conditions.

Mr. May said that he was contacting Raleigh yesterday relative to obtaining ASC assistance on cleaning out clogged drainage ditches.

## English Company Sends Girls Earrings for Finding Bottle

The bottle was thrown overboard from the SS Bruno, owned by Sauguey Terminals Ltd. June 14, at a point in the Atlantic Ocean east of the West Indies and north of Venezuela, according to the Guinness firm.

A letter accompanying the earrings and this information thanked the girls for a letter they had written and asked for a copy of THE NEWS-TIMES in which the story of their find appeared.

Marilyn and Carolyn found the bottle near the Alice Hoffman

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