

County Legislator Commends Folks for Interest in Schools

By RUTH PEELING
D. G. Bell, county legislator, in an interview Wednesday, said that he is gratified at the interest being shown in the Pearsall plan in this county.

The Pearsall plan is the proposal to allow the state to continue its segregated schools without violating the United States constitution.

Mr. Bell said that in quite a few of the counties there has been no interest whatever in the program. During last week alone he spoke on the plan to four different groups: the Morehead City Jaycees, Beaufort Rotary Club, Morehead City Lions Club and the Jacqueline Eure Sunday School class of the First Methodist Church, Morehead City.

The legislator will speak at an open meeting at the Beaufort School at 7:30 Friday night, Sept. 7, explaining the Pearsall proposal. People will vote on it at the polls Saturday, Sept. 8. He has been requested to speak that week also at an open meeting at the Morehead City School. The date has not been set.

To date no Negro groups, such

as Parent-Teacher Associations or churches, have invited Mr. Bell to explain the plan to them, "but I will be glad to do so if requested," he said.

The Pearsall plan is so named because Thomas Pearsall headed the North Carolina Advisory Committee on Education which proposed the program.

What Plan Means
On Sept. 8 when people go to the polls they will vote on one school amendment, which if it passes, will change the state constitution. This amendment will allow local school units to vote (if they want to) to close the schools if race problems develop.

It will also allow the state to pay \$135 per year to a child who withdraws from school because he does not want to attend school with a member of another race.

Mr. Bell said that the Pearsall plan was an outgrowth of two basic factors:

1. The majority of Negroes are interested in better education and not integration
2. Regardless what some claim, North Carolina is not ready for integration

"Some people say the Pearsall plan will close all the schools," Mr.

Bell said, "but if some plan isn't put into effect, I can assure you the schools ARE going to close!"

He made it clear that people voting in favor of the school amendment Sept. 8 are NOT voting to close the schools. They are merely voting to alter the constitution so that people in local school districts MAY vote to close schools if necessary.

The legislator said, "There is a large group of people in the state among the lower white classes who would willingly close the schools. Add to this group those who have never been in favor of public education in the first place, then start integration—and there won't be any public schools."

Assignment Law
Mr. Bell continued, "Some factions contend that the 1955 local assignment law is enough to meet the problem, but it isn't. It was merely a stalling measure that could keep schools operating for 18 to 24 months."

"Something had to be done in addition to that," the legislator said. "I believe the Pearsall plan is the answer."

The local assignment law re-
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Coast Guard To Station Tug Here Nov. 1

205-Foot Navy Type Fleet Tug Will Handle Towing Jobs on This Coast

The 205-foot tug, Chilula (pronounced Chy-lula), will be stationed at Morehead City beginning Nov. 1, Coast Guard headquarters, Norfolk, announced yesterday.

The Chilula is a Navy-type fleet tug, like the Cherokee, which operates for the Coast Guard out of Norfolk. It will handle towing jobs.

The Chilula is now in the yards at Baltimore where she will be commissioned. Officers and crew will number at least 50.

The tug draws 15 feet of water and for that reason State Port Authority officials have been contacted relative to giving the tug permanent docking space at the Morehead City port. The water depth at Fort Macon Coast Guard base is too shallow.

According to the Norfolk report, the "Agassiz most likely will be transferred." The Agassiz is the Coast Guard cutter now stationed at Fort Macon.

CWO James Hunnings, who is now commanding officer at Fort Macon station, has been transferred to the Chilula. He will report to Baltimore Sept. 4.

Wednesday's Nor'easter Brings First Mullet Run

Lightning Lights the Skies



Lightning danced in the skies over Carteret Sunday night. This bolt occurred over the weather tower on Shepard Street, Morehead City.

Wednesday's nor'easter, a mullet blow, brought thousands of fishermen along the shore from Salter Path to Cape Lookout. It was the first mullet blow of the season.

Harkers Island crews fishing on the cape were reported to have taken five to six thousand pounds a crew. Salter Path crews, hauling nets all along Bogue Banks, also made good catches.

Crews are fishing for Capt. Ottis Purifoy, V. J. (Puck) O'Neal, Albert Lea, John Seitter, all of Morehead City; C. G. Austin, Beaufort, and Clayton Fulcher, Atlantic, as well as dealers in other communities throughout the eastern half of the county.

The fish being taken are the summer mullet. The market is reported to be spotty. While some are being shipped, dealers report that most are being disposed of locally.

Mullet is not a fish generally preserved by freezing. The only ones frozen usually are the small ones which are used for sportsfish bait.

The coveted roe mullet which usually show up in October are frozen if a ready market is not found, and coastal folks believe nothing is quite so delicious as dried roe.

Wholesale prices of mullet run 5 to 10 cents a pound, according to size.

Nets were set again yesterday and by noon quite a few boxes were reported on hand at fish houses.

One of the dealers, when asked yesterday if the crews were ready for the mullet blow, laughed and said, "Look, those fishermen jump just like the fish. When the fish are there, so are they!"

On the shrimp front, boats were still making fair catches.

Marshallberg Harbor, Harkers Island Channel Work to Start in November

Morehead JC's Give Pageant Profit to School

Morehead City High School Athletic Association has received \$688.64 from the Morehead City Jaycees to help finance this fall's football program. The amount represents the net profit from the Miss North Carolina Pageant.

Jaycee President Herbert Phillips said that there were more than 5,000 paid admissions to the three-day event.

At the Jaycee meeting at the Hotel Fort Macon Monday night the members discussed football plans. As sponsors of the football program, they sell tickets, including reserved seat season tickets and general admission tickets at the gate.

They started work Wednesday afternoon on the football field at Camp Glenn. New bleachers are being built and old ones refinished. Profit from concession stands and programs will be used to pay off bonds sold to finance the football program.

President Phillips and P. H. Geer Jr. reported on their week-end trip to Greensboro where they attended the state Jaycee board meeting at Guilford College. They gave the state officers a final report on the state beauty pageant.

Catholic School Registration Set

Registration of pupils for St. Egbert's Catholic School will start at 9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 31, and continue until noon and will start again at 1 and continue 'til 4 p.m. Father Walter Higgins reports that he has received about 45 calls from parents who are interested in having their children enroll. Registration will be at the school.

The school is offering only the first four grades and kindergarten this year. Father Higgins says that a grade will be added each year until all 12 grades are open to students.

Three Sisters of Mercy from Marion, Pa., will be appointed to the faculty. They will live in the Annunciation School Convent at Havelock and commute daily.

An open house has been planned for the end of September, but a definite date has not been set.

Concrete plans for the opening of school Sept. 4 and the courses to be offered will be made when Monsignor Edward Gilbert of Goldsboro visits Morehead City. He is superintendent of the Catholic Schools in North Carolina.

Woodmen of World Will Sponsor Show Tonight

To raise money for their building fund, Woodmen of the World, Camp 188, Morehead City, will sponsor an entertainment at the Camp Glenn School tonight.

Lefty Hale and the Carolina Partners will give a show, starting at 8 o'clock. Tickets will be sold at the door.

Early in November is the starting date announced this week by the Corps of Engineers, Wilmington, for the harbor at Marshallberg and the two channels around Harkers Island.

At Marshallberg the entrance channel will be 6 by 60 feet and the basin, 6 feet deep, will be 100 feet wide and 600 feet long. The basin will start in Sleepy Creek and extend eastward on lands owned by Ralph W. Neal, Irvin Moore, Mrs. B. J. Jackson and Mrs. Leah Hancock.

Funds set aside for the project total \$27,000.

The channels at Harkers Island, one at the east end and one at the west end, will be 7 feet deep and 75 feet wide. They will provide short cuts from the Core Sound-Beaufort route to Barden's Inlet near Cape Lookout.

Cost of this work will be \$90,000.

Project Starts Today
Dredging of channels and the basin at Hatteras is scheduled to start today. Plans call for an enlarged basin 6 by 150 by 1,000 feet and maintenance dredging to

restore the two entrance channels to 6 feet.

The Atkinson Dredging Co., Norfolk, was awarded the contract for the job. Cost will be \$57,050.

Oregon Inlet
The long-awaited Oregon Inlet improvement project on the outer banks is scheduled to begin late this year, according to Col. H. C. Rowland Jr., district engineer.

Colonel Rowland said the district has been allocated \$570,000 for dredging a channel 14 feet deep by 400 feet wide about three miles long across the bar and through the gorge to Pamlico Sound.

From the three-mile point, a channel (Old House Channel) 12 feet deep and 100 feet wide will be dredged for seven additional miles to deep water in the sound.

The work in the 12-foot channel will begin Dec. 1 with the remainder to start next March. The 14-foot portion will require the use of a sea-going hopper dredge because wave action and generally rough water prohibit the use of a pipeline dredge in open waters.

The allocation does not include

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Duke Marine Lab Ends '56 Session

Duke Marine Laboratory, Pivers Island, ended its 1956 summer session yesterday. Dr. C. G. Bookhout, director said that this year's program was the most successful since the opening of the marine summer school.

Forty-seven students attended the second session. Twenty-five research investigators worked there during the summer. Most of the investigators were faculty members of various colleges which offer courses in oceanography, marine biology or zoology.

Classes were scheduled every day of the week except Sunday, and the students were able to complete six weeks' work in five weeks. A series of lectures in addition to regular class work was presented by visiting experts. Field work was also an important part of the course of study.

"The addition of new buildings and new equipment," said Dr. Bookhout, "was instrumental in the success of the program this year. Plans are already underway to make next year's summer session even better."

Cargill Booklet Describes Morehead Port, Grain-Loader



Two workmen handle the end of the large pipe which feeds soybean pellets into the hold of the ship. A ship of the U. S. lines is expected at the state port Monday to load 900 to 1,000 tons of soybean pellets.

In a recently-published booklet Cargill, Inc. features the port of Morehead City as one of its sea-board facilities for handling grain for export.

Located at Morehead City is a grain loader, built by Cargill, which directly transfers grain from barge, rail car, or truck into the hold of a vessel.

The grain loader was used this week to load soybean pellets aboard the SS Mormackles.

The following description of the port of Morehead City appears in the Cargill booklet, accompanied by pictures of the port:

The Port of Morehead City, North Carolina, is near Cape Lookout and about 150 miles south of Cape Hatteras. Location of the port proper is at the north side of Bogue Sound and the west side of the mouth of the Newport River.

Morehead City is a state-maintained port terminal under jurisdiction of the North Carolina State Port Authority.

Entrance into the harbor from open Atlantic is via the Beaufort Inlet through an improved channel about 400 feet in width over the ocean bar. Depth of this channel is 30 feet at mean low water.

Within the inlet, the channel is 300 feet in width all the way to the harbor.

Pilots board incoming vessels at the sea buoy located in 50 feet of water, 7 1/2 miles, 280 degrees from Cape Lookout.

The Y-shaped turning basin within the harbor bounds all five berths and has a minimum width in each arm of 600 feet and a minimum depth of 30 feet.

One of America's newer ocean harbors, Morehead City is gaining recognition among shipping in-

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The camera caught several flashes as lightning grounded to earth during the storm. This shot was taken across Bogue Sound. Almost an inch of rain fell Sunday night. Thunder rumbled all day Tuesday and heavy clouds set down more rain.

Electrical storms early in the week caused a lot of minor troubles with electrical appliances.

Hot water heaters, TV sets, ranges and similar household items were knocked out by lightning. Electricians were kept on the jump.

Jack Williams, Beaufort electrician, said that there weren't any more troubles than usual. "We're always kept busy after a bad electrical storm," he remarked.

Some folks, like Mrs. Jerry Darling, 108 Broad St., Beaufort, did not realize that their appliances were affected until as late as Tuesday morning. Her hot water heater was out of commission.

George Stovall, manager of Carolina Power and Light Co., said yesterday that lightning shattered a crossarm on a pole near Smyrna. But flow of electricity continued.

He said no outage will be necessary while the crossarm is replaced.

Over Two Inches Of Rain Falls

Over two inches of rain have been recorded this week, says E. Stacey Davis, weather observer. Mr. Davis measured .98 inch Sunday night and 1.22 inches Tuesday when it rained most of the day.

A gradual decline of temperature was also noted. From a high of 87 on Monday to a high of 79 Wednesday, the temperatures showed that the cool weather everyone had been looking for was here — for a couple of days.

Maximum and minimum temperatures and wind direction for the period were:

	Max.	Min.	Wind
Sunday	88	73	SW
Monday	87	73	SW
Tuesday	85	70	NW
Wednesday	70	70	NNE

Ambulance Called

Benny Guthrie, Harkers Island, suffered a heart attack Wednesday morning and was rushed to the Morehead City Hospital about 8:30 a.m. in the Adair ambulance.

Two Cases Top Monday Docket

A check forgery charge and Carlton Pittman's 25th offense for public drunkenness since March 1952, top the docket for Monday's session of the Morehead City Recorder's Court.

Harvey Lewis of Morehead City is in the county jail awaiting trial on the forgery count. He was picked up Monday after allegedly forging the name of Steve Roberts on a \$10 check drawn on the First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co.

Pittman is free on a \$50 bond. He was arrested Tuesday for public drunkenness on the city streets.

Edwin Wright Tenny of Morehead City will face charges of driving after his driver's license had expired and failing to stop for a stop sign.

George S. Taylor, Orlando, Fla., Robert Franklin Foy Jr., Maysville, and Richard S. Drenga, Cherry Point, have been charged with exceeding the lawful speed in 35 MPH zones.

Girl Scout Leaders Reorganize County

A change in county Girl Scout organization took place Monday night at the Scout Building, Beaufort. Instead of "each town in the county being a 'district,'" each is now a neighborhood, with a neighborhood commissioner.

Mrs. Charles Todd, Morehead City, was named Carteret district chairman. Mrs. Todd will be a member of the Board of Directors of the Coastal Carolina Council.

Neighborhood commissioners are Mrs. Herbert Webb, Atlantic; Mrs. W. L. Loftin, Beaufort; Mrs. John James, Morehead City, and a commissioner is yet to be named for Newport.

Sept. 19 through 30 was set as the time for the Girl Scout finance drive. Letters requesting special contributions will be mailed out a week prior to Sept. 19.

Two leadership training courses have been scheduled for September.

The first, Sept. 10-14 will be held at Atlantic. The time and place has not been set.

The second, at Newport, will start Sept. 17 and continue through the 20th. It will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Newport community building.

Both courses will be conducted

Tide Table

(Tides at the Beaufort Bar) Friday, Aug. 24

HIGH	LOW
9:46 a.m.	3:32 a.m.
9:57 p.m.	8:57 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 25

10:22 a.m.	4:06 a.m.
10:34 p.m.	4:37 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 26

11:03 a.m.	4:41 a.m.
11:15 p.m.	5:21 a.m.

Monday, Aug. 27

11:49 a.m.	5:22 a.m.
11:57 p.m.	6:11 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 28

12:03 a.m.	6:11 a.m.
12:43 p.m.	7:10 p.m.

Cabin Cruiser Runs 'Aground'

The Geneva, a 23-foot cabin cruiser owned by Warren Whichard, Washington, N. C., was towed in to Morehead City yesterday afternoon. The Geneva, captained by Mr. Whichard, ran onto the stone breaker, which runs from the east edge of Radio Island toward the channel, about 7 o'clock yesterday morning.

The Lively Lady, William H. Bates, captain, of Beaufort, towed the Geneva to shore before she sank. Tommy Merrell, Beaufort, was also aboard the Lively Lady.

Roy Eubanks, Beaufort, notified the Coast Guard, and a crew to pump out the cruiser and tow it in. Members of the Coast Guard rescue party included BMC James L. Gaskill, BM-1 Eugene Pond, EN-1 Earl Sells, EN-2 Earl Taylor, DC-1 Henry Thompson, EN-2 Ronald Quideley, and SN Sterling Gillikin.

Mr. Whichard and two crew members were in the boat at the time of the accident. No one was injured, but the boat was heavily damaged, according to Warren Taylor of the Morehead City Shipbuilding Corp., where the Geneva was towed.

You Can Look Free at Leo's

Aubrey Willis, Marshallberg, owner and manager of Leo's Place, Harkers Island Road, said yesterday that he is NOT charging anybody a dime to look at the shotgun holes in the ceiling of Leo's!

Willis said that his sister, Mrs. Bertie Green, Boston, who gets THE NEWS-TIMES, read the story of the disturbance there Aug. 4 and sent him a dime because she was afraid he might plug up the holes before she got here to see them.

The news story said, "The rumor goes that they're charging a dime to look at the bullet holes in the ceiling of Leo's Place on the Harkers Island Road!"

Deputy Sheriff Bobby Bell, who was called to Leo's that night told a NEWS-TIMES reporter that "someone" in the place fired a shotgun, and he investigated but no charges had been filed.

Melvin Fulcher, Harkers Island, appeared in county court yesterday, however, on a charge of disturbing the peace and refusing to leave Leo's after he was ordered out the night of Aug. 4.

Willis said that Fulcher came after him with a knife and he fired a gun in the air to scare him.

Judge Lambert Morris gave Fulcher a one-year sentence, suspended on condition Fulcher pay \$50 and costs, stay sober five years and stay away from Leo's.

Court Convicts One Defendant

Morehead City Recorder's Court filed a rather unusual record Monday. Of seven cases on the docket, the state failed to prosecute three of them, and two defendants were found not guilty.

Roy M. Idleberg was charged costs for running a stop sign.

Rodney M. Turnage, who was already under a suspended sentence, forfeited bond and did not appear in court. His bondsman was Abbott Morris. Mr. Turnage will be tried on a charge of public drunkenness when he is apprehended again.

Doris G. Baker and S/Sgt. Russell L. Mook were both found not guilty of charges of running traffic lights.

The state did not prosecute Robert Lee Thomas, Edward P. McDonald, or Charles Leslie Nelson Jr.