

Panel Discusses School Plan Saturday Night

Newport Soldier Saves Recruit At Fort Hood

Sgt. James B. Smith, son of James S. Smith, Newport, is in the hospital at Fort Hood, Texas, recovering from injuries he received Aug. 22 when he saved a recruit from an exploding hand grenade.

Sergeant Smith attended Newport School and has been in the Army since he was 16. He is credited with saving Pvt. William H. Paty Jr., Houston, Tex., from serious injury or death.

A 4th Army spokesman reported Saturday that Sergeant Smith pulled the recruit out of a pit after the hand grenade Paty threw bounced back toward the pit.

Sergeant Smith immediately hit the ground but too late to escape injury when the grenade exploded.

He suffered face arm, hand and chest injuries. The man he saved was not hurt.

Sergeant Smith is the brother of Mrs. J. H. Thrower and Mrs. Louise Ficho, both of Newport. He has a brother, Larry Jr., who is a paratrooper with the 11th Airborne Division in Germany.

Sergeant Smith, who completed his high school education after entering the Army, is married and has three daughters and a son. He and Mrs. Smith and their children visited at Newport in July.

Mrs. Thrower said she spoke by phone to Mrs. Smith Sunday and doctors believe that Sergeant Smith is going to recover satisfactorily.

Mrs. A. B. Roberts, D. G. Bell, Judge Herbert Phillips and Dr. John H. Bunn discussed the Pearsall Plan at the Morehead City School Saturday night. Thirty-five persons attended.

The panel discussion was sponsored by the Carteret Business and Professional Women's Club. Miss Ruth Peeling, past president of the club, was moderator.

Mrs. Roberts is a member of the Morehead City School Board and past president of the Morehead City Woman's Club. Mr. Bell is a former town commissioner and will represent the county in the legislature in January. Judge Phillips is president of the Morehead City Jaycees and judge of Morehead City Recorder's Court. Dr. Bunn is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Morehead City.

The discussion opened with Mr. Bell backgrounding the birth of the Pearsall Plan. As the result of a study by a committee appointed by Governor Hodges in 1955, it was determined, Mr. Bell said, that the majority of Negroes in North Carolina are interested in a good education, not integration, and that the state is not ready, yet, for integration.

He said the Pearsall Plan is designed to prevent the clashing of two racial segments of people, those who want absolutely no integration and those who are demanding total integration immediately.

It was pointed out that people are not voting Saturday, if they vote for the Pearsall plan, to close the schools. The vote Saturday is to change the state constitution.

Judge Phillips said that a vote Saturday in favor of the Pearsall Plan will give the state legislature authority to enact bills which will allow an individual community, anywhere in the state, to vote at some future date on closing the school if race problems develop.

Other changes embodied in the Pearsall plan are permission to withdraw a child from school if pupil of two or more races attend that school, and payment by the state of \$135 to parents of each child so withdrawn.

Mrs. Roberts commented on the fact that there are no private schools to which children could go if public schools were closed, and cited difficulties to be encountered if anyone should attempt to operate a private school, using only \$135 per child per year. "I hope the public schools will never have to close," she said.

Dr. Bunn was asked whether he thought the majority of white persons would accept integration. He said that he thought the larger percentage would, and said that he thought integration was of lesser harm than closing the schools.

When asked whether he thought the Pearsall Plan was unconstitutional, he said he was not sure.

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Bruce Edwards, Beaufort, Appointed County Jailer

Bruce Edwards, Beaufort, has been named county jailer. Announcement of the appointment was made yesterday by Sheriff Hugh Salter. He succeeds the late Em Chaplain.

Mr. Edwards has been sworn in as a deputy sheriff, subject to call, as are other members of the sheriff's department. The new jailer began his duties Saturday and after the new jail is constructed he and his family will live in an apartment in the building.

Mr. Edwards has had law enforcement experience. He is a former member of the Beaufort and Morehead City Police Departments. He resigned this month from the Morehead City force, expecting at that time to take a position with a private business firm.

A native of New Bern, Mr. Edwards moved to Beaufort in 1940.

Lions Hear Talk By Jack Riley Thursday Night

Jack Riley, of the public relations department, Carolina Power and Light Co., spoke on two essential industrial factors, power and water, at the meeting of the Morehead City Lions Club Thursday night.

He was introduced by George Stovall, manager of the Morehead City CP&L plant.

Mr. Riley said that power consumption by Morehead City homeowners has increased six times in the past 10 years. In 1945, slightly more than 3 million kilowatt hours were used. Last year well over 18 million kilowatt hours were consumed.

The number of customers doubled but the cost per kilowatt hour has gone down: from 3.89 cents in 1945 to 2.24 cents in 1955.

The speaker is a member of the State Board of Water Commissioners and pointed out that the demand for water, like the demand for power, is increasing.

"The average person drinks less than half a gallon of water per day, but average consumption per person is 150 gallons. This will rise to 200 by 1970," Mr. Riley estimated.

He added that industrial, municipal and farm irrigation requirements will also increase the rate of water use. The speaker gave a report on Morehead City's water resources, stating that the only limiting factor on depth of wells is intrusion of salt water.

Good water, he said, can be obtained to depths up to 600 feet and an individual well can yield 500 gallons per minute.

Mr. Riley commented that another factor important to industry is labor. The people of North Carolina, he said, work hard, are eager to learn, and have a basic education that makes them valuable as a labor force.

The speaker said that locally organized industrial development committees have been most successful in CP&L territory in North Carolina (48 counties) 25 of the groups that got out and subscribed money to bring in new business got it.

The result was \$8,585,000 in new investment, 5,640 new job opportunities and \$13,332,000 in new annual payroll.

A. N. Willis, past president of the club, presided. The meeting took place at the Hotel Fort Macon.

The district governor of the Lions will make his official visit here Thursday, Oct. 4.

Three Men Cheat Death as Skiff Sinks in Inlet

Victor Wickizer with Two Norfolk Friends Picked Up by Headboat

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The boat sank in 30 seconds. The three men clung to "anything that would float" and "took it easy," Mr. Wickizer reported, because they were sure that someone would be along soon to pick them up.

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Army Engineers Start River Clearing Project

The long hoped-for clearing of the Newport River will become a reality soon. According to Col. H. C. Rowland Jr., district engineer, Wilmington, Carteret is one of 20 counties designated for stream clearance work.

The Newport River, from its narrow headwaters to the mouth, was surveyed this year. Debris on the bottom and along the banks caused flooding in the Mill Creek section the past two years.

The Federal Civil Defense Administration has turned over \$1,606,000 to the engineers for stream clearance.

Bids will be requested Sept. 15. About a month later bids will be opened. Within another month contractors are expected to begin work, about Nov. 15.

The Newport River was surveyed by David Jones and Howard Garner, of the Soil Conservation Service, and heads of other county agriculture agencies. People in the Newport section suffered floods during the storms of 1954 and 1955 because the high waters which rushed up the river could not flow out again due to the clogged river bottom.

Counties besides Carteret which will benefit from stream clearance are Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender, Jones, Wilson, Dare, Duplin, Beaufort, Bladen, Camden, Pamlico, Washington, Tyrrell, Hertford, Martin, Craven and Bertie.

Mr. Smith said, "We are very fortunate that Mrs. Potter has accepted this position. She has had the necessary training and experience and I'm sure she will play an important part in improving our church educational program."

Mrs. Potter is a graduate of Greensboro College for Women where she received her bachelor's degree in religion. Her master's degree in religious education was obtained at Duke University.

She has served in the religious education field at Fairmont Methodist Church, Raleigh; First Methodist Church, Wilson, and the

Smyrna Teacherage Will Be Sold at Noon Sept. 17

The Smyrna teacherage, damaged by fire early in the summer, will be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door at noon Monday, Sept. 17.

The teacherage is being offered for sale by the County Board of Education. A new teacherage is being built across from the school.

Holiday Weather Perfect; Seven Accidents Reported

School Days Begin Today



This is a big day for little ones starting to school for the first time. Here three beginners greet Mrs. Lucile Arthur Smith, first grade teacher, on the steps of Morehead City School.

They are Chris Davies, son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Davies, who seems to be eyeing the

Beautiful weather helped to lure thousands of people to Carteret for the long Labor Day weekend. Traffic was heavy and as a result seven accidents were reported, three of them in Beaufort.

Two Marines, Bruce Germon and Delbert Cummings, were injured at 9:20 Sunday night when the 1952 Oldsmobile Germon was driving upset at Stacy.

According to State Highway Patrolman W. E. Pickard, the men were headed east when the car ran off the road on a curve, swung back and landed in a canal. The accident happened in front of the Stacy Free Will Baptist Church.

Both Germon and Cummings were admitted to the Sea Level Hospital where they were still confined yesterday.

Germon, stationed at Cherry Point, is suffering from a puncture wound in the stomach and cuts. Cummings, stationed at Camp Geiger, Lejeune, has cuts on his head and hands and several broken fingers. He owned the car.

State Highway Patrolman J. W. Sykes says Germon has been charged with speeding, insufficient brakes, careless and reckless driving, driving on the wrong side of the road and no operator's license.

Cars Collide

Two cars collided at the intersection of the Laurel Road and Highway 101 at 4:35 p.m. Saturday. Rufus Brown, route 1 Beaufort, has been charged with failing to yield the right-of-way.

According to State Highway Patrolman W. J. Smith Jr., Brown stopped at the stop sign on the Laurel Road, but then pulled out in front of a 1953 Lincoln being driven toward Beaufort by a Mr. Bunton of route 1 Burlington.

The right front of Brown's 1947 Chevrolet raked the left side of the Lincoln. Damage to the Lincoln was estimated at \$1,000 and damage to the Chevrolet was estimated at \$75.

At 9 p.m. Saturday on the Fort Macon Road, 8 feet from the place where there was a fatal accident a couple weeks ago, another car left the road. John H. Vernon, USMC, Cherry Point, suffered an injured wrist.

He was driving a 1955 Ford which turned over several times. Two men with him were unhurt.

Car Wrecked

The car was demolished. Vernon has been charged with drunken driving, careless and reckless driving, speeding and driving on the wrong side of the road. State Highway Patrolman J. W. Sykes investigated.

Vernon was taken to the Cherry Point dispensary.

Soon after 8 p.m. Saturday a car crashed through one of the gates on the Atlantic Beach bridge. State Highway Patrolman W. E. Pickard investigated.

The patrolman told the motorist who struck the gate to drive off the bridge and wait for the patrolman, but the motorist failed to do so. Patrolman Pickard has his license number and is continuing the investigation.

Patrolmen and the sheriff's department reported traffic particularly heavy down east.

Mayor A. B. Cooper said the crowds at the beach over the weekend were the largest in years for the Labor Day holiday.

Father Asks Aid In Finding Son

A worried father, Colin C. Coats, Buffalo, N. Y., has written THE NEWS-TIMES requesting help in finding his son, Hector Coats, age 26. The youth's father suspects foul play.

Mr. Coats said that the last time he heard from his son was Aug. 14. On that day at Beaufort, S. C., the younger Coats collected, in draft from the Western Union office, \$100.

He says the boy was travelling through agricultural areas, contacting his father every day or two up to Aug. 14. Young Coats is a graduate of the agriculture colleges of Alfred and Cornell Universities.

He is 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighs 160 pounds, has fair complexion, light brown hair, a high forehead, prominent nose and the tip of his right index finger is missing.

He was driving a 1954 red Nash Rambler station wagon with license plate No. 287-235, New York.

All police departments in this general area have been notified, but no trace of the youth has been found. Persons who have any clues to the whereabouts of Coats should contact their local police department.

Mrs. Stanley Potter Jr. to Direct Ann Street Methodist Education

Mrs. Stanley Potter Jr. will assume the position as director of religious education Sunday, Sept. 16, at Ann Street Methodist Church, Beaufort.

Mrs. Potter's appointment was announced yesterday by Lance Smith, chairman of the church commission on education.

Mr. Potter is a recent graduate of Duke University. He obtained his degree there after serving with the Army for a year on Okinawa.

As religious education director Mrs. Potter will supervise Sunday School work and assist members of the Sunday School faculty.

She is the first director of religious education to be employed by Ann Street Church. "We have been looking for someone for the past two years," Mr. Smith said, "but have not been able to find anyone who had qualifications as excellent as Mrs. Potter's."

A 1955 Ford automobile was pulled from a ditch east of the Smyrna Drive-In Theatre early Sunday morning. The car was owned by Derwood Chadwick, Straits. There was no damage.

Carolina is controlled by the local Government Commission. They will not let a town get further into debt than they consider safe. Dozens of towns all over the state that are of the same size as Newport have borrowed money for water systems. Report both from the commission and from the towns themselves indicate that they are paying off these debts with little difficulty.

Q: Will this water system raise taxes?

A: In the present board's opinion, in the attorney's opinion, and in the opinion of the engineer, no. Currently and for the past several years town boards have been

Fire Department Hits Dead End

Two fire trucks left the Beaufort fire station at top speed Friday morning, raced to the end of Lennoxville Road, turned around, and started back for town.

False alarm? No. On the way back to town, the firemen finally found a dead-brush fire some distance from the road. An unidentified woman had called the fire department, excitedly telling the firemen of a fire on "Lennoxville Road."

No one stood at the junction of a side road, that led to the fire, and Lennoxville Road to show the trucks where to turn off. Fortunately, it was a small fire which had been put out with a garden hose by the time firemen got there.

The fire department requests that whenever you report a fire, either give the exact location or be on the main road to show the trucks where to turn.

Friday afternoon the trucks were wheeled out again. The woods behind Ben Gibbs' house on 70, one and a half miles from Beaufort, were on fire. The firemen immediately realized that their trucks couldn't get through the woods, so they called E. M. Foreman, forest ranger at Core Creek. State fire-fighting equipment was used to put the fire out before it spread to nearby houses.

Newport Will Vote on Water System Today

Here are some of the questions folks are asking about the proposed water system at Newport. Answers are based on information provided by town commissioners, George Ball, town attorney, and William Freeman, engineer.

Newport voters will cast ballots today on whether they want to borrow money to put in the system. Polls are open from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Q: What changes or improvements are proposed?

A: Erect a new 100,000-gallon steel tank, increase water lines from the present 10,000 feet to 35,000 feet, and 23 more fire hydrants, and increase some mains from 6-inch to 8-inch size.

Q: Why is a new tank necessary?

A: The present 50,000-gallon wood tank was erected at Bogue Field some 13 years ago. Later it was torn apart and moved to Newport. It laid unused and dried out for seven years before being put up again. While it was being put up it blew down several times.

Although a new top has been purchased for it, and although it has been repaired several times it still leaks badly.

Q: What will the improvements cost?

A: The engineer's estimate is \$120,000.

Q: Isn't \$120,000 a lot of money for a small town like Newport?

A: Yes.

Q: Why can't we get the federal government to grant us some money like Swansboro and other towns?

A: The present town board cannot answer for what might have been done in the past. We do know that previous boards did attempt to get federal grants in 1941 and in 1942. For various reasons grants were not made.

At the present time there is no law which would provide a grant for a town to improve its water system. There is no likelihood that one will be forthcoming unless a war breaks out.

Q: Does the \$120,000 include a sewer system?

A: No. Estimated cost of a sewer

system, including a disposal plant is \$220,000.

Q: How will all those fire hydrants change fire insurance rates?

A: Insurance is complicated. Home owners within 500 feet of a fire hydrant will save up to one-third. Owners of stores and business buildings will save depending on what the insurance companies call "exposures" and other factors. In the long run, everyone will save because of lower fire loss.

Q: What is the valuation of the taxable property in town?

A: Current estimated taxable valuation is \$805,000.

Q: How will the money be paid back?

A: The great majority of it

through revenue from the water system.

Q: The town of Newport has never borrowed money before. Isn't it unwise to do so now?

A: The town of Newport has borrowed money before. The town borrowed money to construct light and power lines back in the days when power was purchased from Morehead City. Later the system was sold to Tidewater Power Co. The vast majority of towns of all sizes in North Carolina have borrowed money with which to construct water systems, sewer systems, town halls, swimming pools, buy fire trucks, garbage trucks and dozens of other things.

All municipal borrowing in North

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Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar

HIGH	Tuesday, Sept. 4	LOW
7:28 a.m.	1:19 a.m.	
7:53 p.m.	1:42 p.m.	
	Wednesday, Sept. 5	
8:19 a.m.	2:06 a.m.	
8:40 p.m.	2:34 p.m.	
	Thursday, Sept. 6	
9:07 a.m.	2:51 a.m.	
9:27 p.m.	3:24 p.m.	

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