

67 Tobacco Farmers Win Race For County Soil Bank Money

Tobacco allocations under the acreage reserve phase of the Soil Bank ran out at 9:30 a. m. yesterday, reports B. J. May, county ASC office manager. A total of \$38,086 was awarded to the first 67 tobacco farmers to sign up. They put 149.5 acres into the Soil Bank.

Payments for the county averaged \$253.90 per acre as compared to a national average of \$255.42.

Mr. May says that 81 farmers had filled in applications by 3 p. m. yesterday. He predicted that some \$10,000 above the allocation would be applied for before the office closed yesterday afternoon.

The applications for funds above \$38,086 will be accepted later, Mr. May noted, if other counties do not reach their quotas. There are 427 farmers in the county who raise tobacco.

Nine of the county's 32 cotton farmers have signed up for over \$1,000, Mr. May said. That leaves only about \$2,000 to be distributed among the other 23 cotton farmers.

The applications are being handled on a first come-first served basis by the ASC office. Mr. May says that farmers who have not signed up yet should come to his office as soon as possible in order to be near the top of the waiting list should more funds become available.

The deadline for cotton and tobacco growers is March 1.

West Carteret Delegation Asks for Another School Bus

Citizens from western Carteret appeared before the county board at the courthouse yesterday morning and requested that an additional school bus be put on the route taking Carteret children to Swansboro School.

Andrew Ennett, Cedar Point, spokesman for the group, said that school buses were "terribly overloaded."

He said that certain members of the delegation had been before the County Board of Education but no new bus had been granted.

Suggestion Offered

Commissioner Skinner Chalk suggested that the delegation confer with H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, since school

transportation problems are handled by the Board of Education of which Mr. Joslyn is secretary.

The delegation met with Mr. Joslyn in the courthouse annex and then returned to the county board meeting. Mr. Joslyn told the county commissioners that the buses are overloaded and he thought the County Board of Education could put a new bus in the budget for the next year.

Bus Needed Now

Moses Howard, chairman of the board of commissioners, said he believed a bus was needed before then. Mr. Joslyn said that a new bus would cost \$3,704 and if the county would provide the money now, he would be glad to order it.

New buses are bought by the county, and then the state provides for maintenance and replacement of buses. Douglas Ingram, a member of the delegation, said that buses are not in good mechanical condition.

In Bad Condition

They are difficult to start and have numerous breakdowns, Mr. Ingram said. He remarked that pupils lose many hours of school because of bus breakdowns. Mr. Joslyn explained that the poor condition of the buses should be pointed out to the state and the state would decide whether they should be replaced.

At present Onslow County is sending two buses into the western part of Carteret to pick up children going to Swansboro School.

Mr. Ennett said that if the overloaded bus conditions continue, some parents were going to complain to the State Highway Patrol. He said the parents "want relief as soon as possible."

Members of the delegation, in addition to Mr. Ennett and Mr. Ingram, were Woodrow Bright, bus driver; Eugene Jones, Dewitt Truckner, Allen Vinson, Lew Sawyer, Colon Brown, Ernest Waters, Roy Maness, Leon Weeks and Elmo Smith.

Colonel Inspects National Guard Unit Announces Payroll Total for Year; Seeks Funds for Army

The Morehead City National Guard Unit, 690th Field Artillery Battalion, underwent annual inspection Thursday night by Lt. Col. Joseph C. Matthews Jr., from Third Army Headquarters. Accompanying Colonel Matthews was his aide, Sfc. Ambrose J. Novak.

The inspection started at 1 p. m. Thursday and continued through drill and instruction classes Thursday night.

Classes Observed

Classes observed by the inspecting officer were taught by Second Lt. Charles G. Cooper (Effect of Wind and Sight Changes on the M-1 Rifle), and Sfc. Robert F. Butler (Zeroing Your Rifle and Use of Score Card).

Lt. Merrit Bridgman, commanding officer of the unit, said the official report on the inspection is expected in several weeks. The unit, he added, is expecting a better rating this year than the "satisfactory" received on its first inspection which took place last year.

Payroll Announced

Lieutenant Bridgman reports that the payroll for the unit for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1956 was \$3,135.45, making a total payroll for 1956 of \$17,497.03 for the unit. The present unit strength is 65 enlisted men and three officers. Authorized strength is 127 men and five officers.

National Guardsmen throughout the state, Lieutenant Bridgman said, are pushing for state appropriations in the coming general assembly to finance the building of armories.

The armory proposed for Morehead City, he reports, would cost \$111,980. Three-fourths (\$83,985) would be contributed by the federal government; the state would be required to put up 12 1/2 per cent (\$13,997.50) and the town would be required to match that plus provide four acres of land, sewage and water service.

68th on List

At present, Lieutenant Bridgman continued, Morehead City is 68th on the list of Tar Heel towns scheduled to receive armories. He added that he was reasonably confident if the town would put up 25 per cent of the total cost "we could have an armory approved for Morehead City in six months."

He said the armory would be available for civic and school functions, such as athletics, and would not be confined to use by the National Guard.

Cash Memberships Show Increase, Chairman Says

Bud Dixon, chairman of the Morehead City chamber of Commerce membership committee reports an average cash increase in chamber memberships of about 20 per cent so far this year. More interest in industrial development has been cited as one of the reasons for the increase.

Mr. Dixon presided at a membership committee meeting yesterday morning at the Bud Dixon's Motel restaurant.

Although certain members have increased their membership fees, many have still not returned cards indicating how much they will give to the chamber this year, Chairman Dixon said.

Each member of the committee was given a list of businessmen to call on. Checks or pledge cards must be in the hands of the chamber by Feb. 20 if names are to be listed in the directory of businesses in the forthcoming brochure.

Attending the meeting, in addition to the chairman, were Warren Beck, Dr. S. W. Hatcher, R. B. Howard, Dr. John Morris, Dr. Silas Thorne.

Dr. Russell Outlaw, Ted Garner, Walter Morris, George W. Dill, W. B. Chalk, Shelby Freeman, J. R. Morrill and J. A. DuBois.



Bud Dixon ... presides yesterday

Four Men Drafted

Mrs. Ruby Holland, clerk of the county draft board, announces that four men have been ordered to report for induction Thursday. They are Douglas J. Wade and Larry Wayne Wade, Williston, Lewis Fisher, Merrimon, and Norman Earl Williams, Morehead City. Induction will take place at Raleigh.

Eight Whisky Violators Hit County Court

Eight defendants in county recorder's court, Beaufort, were tried Thursday on charges involving non-taxpaid whisky. Seven of the defendants paid fines, but Alfred Anderson appealed to superior court.

Anderson was sentenced to six months on the roads for each of two charges of possession of bootleg whisky for sale. His bond was set at \$500.

Willie Sharpe, Perry Cambridge, Beatrice Collins, Laura T. Mitchell, and Lucille Williams paid fines of \$100 and costs for possession of home brew for sale.

Nathan Minor was sentenced to six months in jail, suspended on payment of \$150 and costs. Minor was convicted for the second time in the past three months for selling white lightning.

Joe Baum was let off for \$25 and costs. He was found guilty of the possession of the non-taxpaid liquor.

Band Will Give Concert Thursday

Ralph Wade, director of the Morehead City High School band, has released the program for the winter band concert at 8 Thursday night at the school auditorium.

The program will open with a Chopin Prelude, followed by the second movement of Haydn's Surprise Symphony.

The Lost Chord will complete the first portion of the program. The second part will open with the march, The Storm King. American Folk Suite and Aura Lee, a folk tune, will follow.

Final numbers will be Slippery Gentleman, Lazy River, The Trombone King, a march, and Latin American Fantasy, a medley.

There is no admission charge to the concert.

Marines Hurt By Cargo Net

Three Marines were injured at the state port, Morehead City, Friday afternoon when the cargo net they were guiding slipped or broke. Lt. George T. Rorer Jr. of the Division Information Services at Camp Lejeune said yesterday that the accident is still being investigated.

One man, Cpl. Sydney L. Pennington, is still in the base hospital, but his condition is not listed as critical. The other two men, Pfc. Ronald L. Honaker and Pvt. George A. Hart Jr., were released from the hospital after treatment.

The men were helping unload the USS Thuban, which was debarking troops returning from the Mediterranean. While they were guiding one of the huge nets, which was transferring cargo from the ship to the dock, the net fell and the men were trapped beneath it.

They were moved by Navy ambulance to the base hospital at Camp Lejeune.

Heavy Fogs Blanket County

Weather observer E. Stamey Davis says that there has been more fog in the past two weeks than in the preceding whole year. "The fog on the causeway and Morehead City and Beaufort bridges was so thick yesterday morning you could cut it with a knife," Mr. Davis declared.

Temperatures since the first of the month have remained mild, Mr. Davis reports, ranging from a low of 40 Sunday night to a high of 64 on Friday and Sunday afternoons.

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

	Max.	Min.	Wind
Friday	64	54	SW
Saturday	59	47	NE
Sunday	64	46	SW

Cars Leaving Parking Spaces Cause Accidents

Two accidents involving cars pulling away from the curb occurred in Morehead City during the past week.

The first happened when Elvin C. Thomas of Morehead City was driving his 1952 Pontiac north on 12th Street and Fairleigh Small, Morehead City, pulled away from the curb in a 1954 Chevrolet station wagon.

Patrolman Homer Lewis investigated the accident, which occurred Wednesday, and made no charges. He did not estimate the damage to either vehicle. The station wagon was owned by Wallace Fisheries.

The second wreck was in the 900 block of Arendell Street Saturday. Harley F. Garner, Newport, backed his Chevrolet away from the curb and hit William A. Willis of Morehead City, driving a Plymouth.

Lt. Carl Blomberg, who investigated the accident, estimated damage at \$50 to each car. He said that no charges were made when Mr. Garner agreed to pay for the damages to both cars.

It was raining, and the back window in his car was steamed so badly Garner couldn't see out, according to Lieutenant Blomberg.

Merchant Ships Collide in Fog

Two merchant ships collided in a dense fog 40 miles off False Cape, N. C., at 9:15 p. m. Friday. The Coast Guard Cutter Chilula was called for assistance.

The Chilula, already near the Diamond Shoals light ship enroute to Morehead City from Norfolk, turned around and raced toward the scene of the accident. False Cape is near the North Carolina-Virginia line.

Neither of the ships was seriously damaged, and by the time the Chilula caught up with one of them, she was ready to enter Chesapeake Bay. The other vessel made a nearer port for repairs.

The Chilula escorted the Armonia for a short distance up the bay and saw that it would have no trouble making port. The Chilula left the Chesapeake at 4:15 a. m. Saturday and returned to Morehead City.

Frank Cassiano Wins Third Honor

Frank A. Cassiano, 2906 Evans St., Morehead City, special representative for the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Co., has won membership for the third consecutive year in his company's exclusive 500 Club, according to an announcement by Karl Ljung, vice-president in charge of agency operations.

Membership in the 500 Club, which was established in 1953, is earned by producing \$500,000 or more in life insurance during a calendar year.

Board Seeks Investigation Of County Line Location

On You It Looks Good!



Photo by Bob Seymour

Mrs. George Dill adjusts her new Centennial beret while her husband, the mayor, holds the mirror and models the man's chapeau. Mayor and Mrs. Dill bought the first captain's cap and beret sold Friday morning by the Centennial committee. The red and black caps and berets are on sale for \$2 each in most Morehead City stores.

Sam Green Jr. Draws Total Of Four Months in Jail

Sam Green Jr. caught jail terms on each of two counts in county recorder's court Thursday. He was sentenced to three months for petty larceny and 30 days were added for public drunkenness. Will Owens also got a 30-day term for public drunkenness.

Thirteen defendants failed to appear in court and forfeited bonds. They were Bethine Lewis Gillikin and John Kenneth Parker, running stop signs; Thaddeus Mayo White, Lester Anthon Scott, and Herman Russell Guthrie, speeding; Leon E. Garner, Walter Charles Knaus, and Cecil Rowe Lockey, no driver's license.

Leomon Otis Moore, no chauffeur's license; Norbert Lanier, exceeding road limit; David Clifton, improper passing; John Paul Fletcher, driving on the wrong side of the road; and John F. Ramsey, public drunkenness.

Jessie Hughes Jr. posted \$100 bond after appealing a careless and reckless conviction. He had been fined \$50 and costs.

Two men were found guilty of non-support. Each was sentenced to two years in jail, suspended so long as they supported their families. Robert Earl Jones was ordered to pay \$15 a week, and Fred Guthrie was told to pay \$30 a week.

Two bad check cases came before the court. William Mutter paid half court costs, and O. T. Taylor paid costs and honored a bad check which he had passed.

Junior R. Branton pled not guilty to a charge of driving drunk, but the court found him guilty and fined him \$100 and court costs. He was also given a suspended sentence.

Speeders Fined

Three speeders were fined \$25 and costs. They were Lundy Gillikin, Bennie Murray, and Jack Powell. James Gregory paid the same amount for public drunkenness.

Those paying \$10 and costs were Leroy Cox, public drunkenness; Liston Larry Lawrence, careless

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Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar		
HIGH		LOW
11:22 a. m.	Tuesday, Feb. 5	5:11 a. m.
11:59 p. m.		5:19 p. m.
	Wednesday, Feb. 6	
12:03 p. m.		5:42 a. m.
	Thursday, Feb. 7	
12:43 a. m.		5:53 p. m.
12:52 p. m.		6:42 a. m.
	Friday, Feb. 8	
1:33 a. m.		8:29 a. m.
1:50 p. m.		8:16 p. m.

Board Appoints New CD Director

Cmdr. William Lewis, USN, (Ret.) was named by the County Board of Commissioners yesterday morning as county Civil Defense director.

Commander Lewis, who lives at 2907 Arendell St., Morehead City, has had extensive experience in acquisition and handling of material, and is ideally qualified to handle the Civil Defense program, according to Commissioner Skinner Chalk.

Commander Lewis succeeds Miss Ruth L. Peeling, Morehead City, who resigned.

Health Report Given to Board

Presented to the county board yesterday afternoon was the annual report by the County Health Department.

The board, in session at the courthouse, approved 12 recommendations for legislation to be enacted by the general assembly. The recommendations, relating to county operation, have been proposed by the State Association of County Commissioners.

A resolution, freeing the federal government from any damage that may result from deposit of spoilage during dredging of Pelletier Creek, was passed.

Machine and Supply Co., Beaufort, was approved as supplier of an amplifying system to the county for \$190. The system will be put in the court room. Approval was also given on enlarging the jury box and rearranging the chairs. Cost will be \$110.

The members of the sheriff's department were authorized to vote on whether they want to come under the social security program, and James Potter, county auditor, was named to go to Chapel Hill this week in connection with a survey made on salaries paid to county employees.

Three Men Picked Up On Whisky Counts Friday

Three men were apprehended Friday night by ABC Officer Marshall Ayscue on a charge of possessing non-taxpaid whisky.

Docketed for trial in county court Thursday are Ralph Chadwick, Straits; G. M. Russell, Harke's Island, and D. R. Thomas, Atlantic.

Where's the boundary line between Carteret and Onslow Counties at Swansboro?

This question was debated by the county commissioners yesterday morning when a Swansboro delegation appeared before the board seeking a resolution which would call for moving the highway sign designating the county line.

John Larkins, town attorney for Swansboro, and a group of citizens from Swansboro and the western part of Carteret, stated that the sign is now 1.125 feet farther west than it should be.

The sign was moved "too far west," the Swansboro delegation said, when the new concrete bridge was put across the White Oak River.

It seems like moving a sign would be a simple thing, but on an island in the middle of the river (also crossed by the bridge) some businesses have been set up. When Carteret land was revealed last year, the appraisers included those businesses because they are to the east of the "sign in the wrong place", which would put them in Carteret County.

Before the new bridge and roadway was built, there were two wooden bridges. The county line sign stood at the west end of the east bridge. The Swansboro delegation wants the sign put back at that spot.

Maps Checked

Mr. Larkins said that every map he has checked, including maps in the Carteret courthouse, show that the county line is the "east channel" of the White Oak River "on the Carteret side."

Mr. Larkins pointed out that the businesses involved have received tax bills from both Carteret and Onslow Counties. He said the town of Swansboro has no interest in the matter, except that the town charter sets the boundary line and the town has provided electricity to the businesses in the middle of the river.

He further stated that there is no question about "establishing the county line." He said that was established years ago and it's merely a question of moving the sign.

Carteret County isn't so sure about that. Commissioner Skinner Chalk moved, and the board seconded the motion that moving of the sign be approved if Alvah Hamilton, county attorney, James Potter, tax supervisor, and Philip Ball, county surveyor, give their okay.

Fund Source Cited

County Board Chairman Moses Howard said that money for building the new bridge came from second division highway funds (Carteret is in the second division). At one time Onslow was also in the second division but now it's in the third.

Mayor M. N. Lisk, Swansboro, said, "The truth of the matter is — and a third division man told me this — they moved that sign because the third division didn't want to have to be responsible for taking care of that bridge and causeway in any more hurricanes!"

Members of the Swansboro delegation, in addition to Mr. Larkins and Mayor Lisk, were John Jones, Coral Weeks, Lionel Pelletier, John A. Wetherington, Sam Meadows, and Nash Dennis.

Coroner Gives Report on 1956

Coroner Leslie D. Springle gave a report on his 1956 activities to the county board of commissioners yesterday morning. Mr. Springle said that from Jan. 1, 1956 to Dec. 31, 1956, he was called to check on 63 death cases.

Eleven were road fatalities, nine drownings, five deaths by fire, five by suffocation, one by electrocution and one suicide. On the remaining cases, he said, death resulted from natural causes.

He conducted seven inquests, traveled 1,760 miles on calls and investigations and spent three days on one case. Sixty-three per cent of the calls came after 10 o'clock at night, he commented.

In 1951 when he was first appointed coroner, Mr. Springle said that he was called on a total of 27 cases.

Since the first of this year, he continued, he investigated two murders and one suicide.

The county board accepted his report.

Club to Raise Money For Basketball Uniforms

To raise money for new basketball uniforms for the boys' basketball team, the Varsity Club of Smyrna High School will sponsor a talent show at 7:30 Saturday night, Feb. 9.

Appearing on the show will be students from grades 1 through 12. The first place winner will receive \$5.

Admission is 25 cents for children and 50 cents for adults.

Banks Will Send Two Farm Youths To State College

Terry Garner, Newport; Walter Wetherington, Stella, to Take Course

One of the most successful farm projects sponsored by North Carolina's bankers will be continued next month at State College in Raleigh, according to James R. Sanders, Key Banker for this county.

Mr. Sanders, who is cashier of First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co., Morehead City, said that he has been advised by the North Carolina Bankers Association that a total of about 175 young farm boys from throughout the state will begin a two-week course of instruction in modern farming at State College February 11. Classes will run through Feb. 22.

Two of those boys will be from this county. They are Terry Garner, Newport and Walter B. Wetherington, Stella.

All expenses of the young farmers are paid by the banks in their home county. While in Raleigh, the boys will live on the college campus, eat at the college cafeteria, and attend classes at the School of Agriculture. The classes are taught by State College faculty members.

When this year's short course has been completed, more than 700 young Tar Heel farmers will have attended the classes over a five-year period, all under the sponsorship of the state's bankers. Records show that roughly 25 per cent of the young farmers in prior years have decided to attend college as a result of their brief experience during the short course.

The course is designed to show young farmers that a successful farm economy demands that farmers keep abreast of modern farm technology.

Babe Ross Gets Two-Year Term

Babe Ross, Beaufort, was sentenced to two years in jail by Judge Lambert Morris in county recorder's court Thursday. Ross was charged with beating his common law wife, Catherine Turner, with a bottle.

He was picked up Saturday night, Jan. 19, by Carlton Garner, Beaufort assistant chief of police. Officer Garner testified that he was driving along Broad Street when he heard women screaming. He stopped his car and located the house from which the screams were coming.

He said the front door was open and Ross, who was drunk, had his wife against the wall, holding her by the throat with one hand and beating her over the head with a cola bottle with the other.

Ross resisted arrest and had to be blackjacked before Officer Garner could get him to the car. He was put in county jail under \$500 bond to await Thursday's trial.

Chapter Orders Material For First Aid Course

J. R. Carter, Morehead City, Red Cross first aid instructor, reported yesterday that the County Red Cross Chapter has ordered the material necessary to start teaching first aid courses here.

On order are manuals, examination blanks, and a visual aid chart and stand. Mr. Carter will provide splints necessary.

If the materials arrive in time, Mr. Carter said he would be ready to start the first aid class with Beaufort firemen Thursday night. Mr. Carter also plans to teach one class a week in Morehead City.

New Officers Take Over

Richard M. McClain assumed office as president of the St. Andrew's Episcopal Men's Club at its recent meeting at the Atlantic Beach Hotel. Other new officers are: Haywood Ball, vice-president; and Bill B. A. u. g. h. a. m., secretary-treasurer.