

Negro Held for Sunday Ax Murder

ICC Rules in Favor of Southern Yesterday; Legislator Comments on State Port Study

Army Engineers To Visit County Tomorrow

Town dignitaries will greet ranking Army engineers in Beaufort at 11:45 a.m. tomorrow. The mayors of Beaufort, Morehead City and Atlantic Beach will meet Maj. Gen. Charles G. Holle and his party who will visit this county in the course of an outer banks tour.

General Holle, head of the Beach Erosion Control Board, U. S. Army Engineers, Col. H. C. Rowland, engineer of the Wilmington district, Col. Harry Brown, in charge of the state's hurricane rehabilitation program, and their aides will arrive in Beaufort by automobile.

The tour started yesterday at Manteo and will end late tomorrow at Wilmington.

The survey of the banks is being made with a view toward obtaining federal assistance in stabilizing the sand barriers offshore which protect the mainland.

Greeting the engineers, who will arrive in Beaufort from Atlantic, will be Mayor Clifford Lewis, Beaufort; Dan Walker, Beaufort town clerk; Mayor George Dill, Morehead City; J. A. DuBois, president of the All-Seashore Highway Association, Morehead City; and Mayor A. B. Cooper, Atlantic Beach.

At lunch at the Sanitary Fish Market and Restaurant the party will be joined by Beaufort and Morehead City town commissioners and county commissioners.

After lunch Colonel Brown and the Army engineers will leave for the beach areas at Wilmington.

Bulletin

The Interstate Commerce Commission issued a long-awaited decision at Washington, D. C. yesterday afternoon favoring Southern Railway's acquisition of the Atlantic and East Carolina Railroad.

The decision was hailed jubilantly by Morehead City residents. Mayor George Dill said, "This knocks that port study into a cocked hat."

E. R. Buchan, president of the A&EC, said that the Atlantic Coast Line or an individual citizen could appeal the ICC decision. "But appeals or not," he declared, "this is a great victory!" He pointed out that the ICC decision comes at a highly strategic time in the fight against Wilmington's taking over all port funds in the state.

"The state," he continued, "should take proper cognizance of the decision."

The good news was relayed late yesterday afternoon by Congressman Graham A. Barden to Harry Edwards, general manager of the A&EC. Mr. Edwards in turn informed Morehead City officials.

If the decision is appealed, Mr. Buchan said, the appeal probably would go to a lower court, be appealed again and may eventually end back with the ICC. He cited one case in Florida where such a railroad fight has been in progress six years.

In spite of the legal entanglements that may come, "this is the biggest news since the port was built," Mayor Dill said.

Regarding ports appropriations, Mr. Buchan commented that the state would do well to let Morehead City and Wilmington ports operate as separate entities.

He assured Morehead City folks that Kinston and other friends of See ICC RULES, Page 7

Editorial

The Unanswered Call

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me . . ."

The little children of North Carolina are crying out but their calls are lost in a clamor born of shortsightedness and greed. Glaringly absent in this clamor, centered at Raleigh, are enough men of courage to fight for a decent wage for teachers.

The children of North Carolina, year by year, are being deprived of good, highly-qualified teachers because the legislature has consistently met and adjourned, waving the banner, "Teachers are different. They're not like other people. They can live on bread and water."

The recommended 9.1 per cent teacher pay raise is entirely inconsistent with the policy which Governor Hodges claims he adheres to. This is why: the governor has continually pleaded for development of natural resources and use of those resources to raise the state's per capita income.

What natural resource in this state is more important than its people? And where do people come from? They come from children. The people of North Carolina are going to be as resourceful and progressive as their public school education allows them to be.

Every year the number of North Carolina's trained teachers dwindles because good teachers are leaving their profession or going to states where they get a salary that enables them to live on more than the bare necessities of life.

Must the state raise taxes to meet the teachers' 20 per cent pay raise? No! All the state needs is men at Raleigh who can brutally tell other demanding factions that they are going to have to wait . . . because the little children of North Carolina are beginning to wither on the branch.

There is complaint now that no New York agency should tell North Carolina how much money should be spent at North Carolina ports. In the face of what is happening to public school education in North Carolina, that is hollow clamor. More and more "outside agencies" will be running this state unless the people wake up and give its greatest natural resource, its people, a public school education that matches that of New York children, Michigan children and California children.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars will be poured by this legislature into colleges and universities, the inside of which most Tar Heel children will never see. The only education most children get is in grades 1 through 12. And the people responsible for giving them that education are throwing them a bone — ill-paid teachers.

Men in high places who think the "teachers" are calling for higher pay are blind. The children — the future of North Carolina — is calling. And too few able to answer that call are echoing the words of the Master, "Come unto me . . ."

Pedestrian Fatality



Judy Ann Lewis, 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Lewis, Harkers Island, was the county's first pedestrian fatality this year. Judy Ann was killed by a car on her way to school Thursday morning, Feb. 7.

Sea Gull Docks With Potatoes

The freighter, Sea Gull, bringing in more than 18,000 bags of seed potatoes, will sail from Morehead City today when unloading operations are complete.

J. D. Holt, port manager, said the ship was sent to Morehead City instead of Norfolk where longshoremen were on strike. It arrived here at 6 p.m. Saturday and unloading began yesterday morning.

The potatoes are bound for points in North Carolina. The Sea Gull's port of departure was Prince Edward Island.

When the American Miller docks here at noon today it will take on the biggest single consignment of fish oil ever to leave this port, 1,050 metric tons.

Robert L. Hicks of Heide and Co., ship's agent, says that the American Miller was unable to make a previous docking schedule at Morehead City because she was tied up at a truck port.

False Alarm

Morehead City firemen were called out at about 9 o'clock Thursday night to 29th and Shepard Street. An alarm had been turned in but there was no fire, reported Charles Edwards, fireman.

Statement by Representative D. G. Bell with regards to the budget recommendations for capital improvements of the State Ports Authority as based on a study prepared by the James C. Buckley Inc.:

The North Carolina State Ports Authority requested of the Advisory Budget Committee approximately \$5 million for capital improvements of the state ports at Wilmington and Morehead City.

It is my understanding that these requests were studied by the Advisory Budget Committee both at Morehead City and at Wilmington and later at Raleigh. No action was taken on these requests pending the publishing of a study of the potential of the two state ports.

This study was authorized at the suggestion of the SPA Director, approved by the SPA, and at the suggestion of Governor Hodges, the organization to conduct this study was named by the assistant budget director, Mr. Coltrane.

As the budget director is not an authority on state ports it can be assumed that the people employed to make this study were referred to the SPA director, Col. Richard Marr, as to the type of study desired by the SPA.

The SPA director's ideas and policies regarding the development of the state ports are well known to myself, Mayor George Dill, the

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Sherman Selph, 56, native of Whitestone, Va., is being held in the county jail without bond for the ax murder of James Gregory, Beaufort. Gregory was killed Sunday at 516 Hedrick St. Coroner Leslie Springle said Gregory died at about 6:45 p.m.

Beaufort Police Chief Guy Springle reported yesterday that Charles Smith and David Howard Gibbs, who lived with Selph and Gregory at 516 Hedrick St., are in jail on public drunkenness counts. They and Selph will be given hearings in court Thursday. Smith is scheduled to testify in the murder case.

Coroner Springle said there would be no inquest. He said Gregory was hit right above the ear with the blunt end of the ax head. He died of a fractured skull and brain concussion.

Chief Springle estimated Gregory's age at 55. Barrow's Funeral Home, Morehead City, reported yesterday that funeral plans were incomplete.

Officer Notified
Assistant Chief of Police Carlton Garner was called at his home at about 7 p.m. Sunday by Lt. Joe Smith of the Morehead City Police Department. Officer Garner said that he went down to the police station, having just had his supper, and there was Selph.

The policeman said that the left side of Selph's face was swollen, his eye was half closed, blood was all over his face and "he was drunk."

Selph said to Officer Garner, "Chief Lightnin', you can do with me what you want. I think I just killed a man."

The officer said he took Selph in the patrol car and went to the house and there they found Gregory lying on a bed with the side of his head bashed in. When Officer Garner asked Selph what he hit Gregory with, Selph replied, "I hit him with an ax." Coroner Springle later found the ax in the kitchen.

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Lions Endorse Pay Raises For Teachers

The Morehead City Lions Club unanimously endorsed a 20 per cent pay raise for teachers at their meeting Thursday night the Hotel Fort Macon. They sent telegrams to Gov. Luther Hodges, state senator Luther Hamilton Sr., and representative D. G. Bell.

Lenwood Lee, principal of the Morehead City School, and Herbert Phillips, president of the Morehead City Jaycees, were principal speakers at the meeting.

Mr. Lee gave information concerning the quality of teachers required by North Carolina law and the salaries paid them. He said that while the requirements were very high, the pay was below standard.

Mr. Phillips discussed the operation of the school's football program. The benefits of the system more than make up for any financial loss, he said, but the Jaycees are working hard to make it a paying proposition. All the profits are turned back into the school's athletic program.

The Lions voted to appropriate \$25 to the Franklin Memorial Methodist Church chimes fund. The chimes have been installed in the church for a two weeks' trial period.

Truck Farmers Plant Cabbage, Get Fields Ready for Irish Potatoes

Between six and seven hundred acres of cabbage have been set in the county this winter, estimates county agent R. M. Williams. The truck farmers in the eastern sections of the county have been busy for weeks preparing their land for vegetable crops that require early plantings.

Cold weather and rain have hampered operations, but in spite of bad weather conditions the work has progressed at a normal rate. Cold weather had caused cabbage growers to reset many young plants that were killed by frost. The rain, of course, has held up plowing and preparing seed beds.

Field-grown plants (such as tomato and pepper) are in demand at northern markets every year. The field grown plants are more hardy and thrive where hot house plants raised farther north fail to produce a stand. Mr. Williams predicts that more and more farmers will begin growing plants for shipment to northern farmers.

Fields are still being prepared for the Irish potato eyes, which most farmers will begin planting this week. Neal Campen, Beaufort RFD, this year will treat all his seed potatoes for control of bacteria.

Mr. Campen has asked Howard R. Garris, specialist on the extension staff from Raleigh, to be at his farm seven miles north of Beaufort on Highway 101 this morning for a demonstration.

Mr. Campen is sure that the treatments will result in above average potato production this season. Other farmers in the county

are watching the experiment with interest, figuring that the increased yield may be well worth the extra effort, Mr. Williams commented.

Pupils to Help With Heart Fund

Students at Beaufort High School will collect money for the Heart fund next Sunday. They are, according to Mrs. James Potter, Beaufort, co-chairman of the drive, as follows:

Hi-Y, Charles Smith, Allen Windley, Horace Swain, Dicky Moore, Bobby Willis, Jackie Chaplain, Danny Willis, Davyl Chipman, Hugh Fulcher.

Daniel Ricks, Larry Kirk, Bobby Merrill, Alex Copeland, Jimmy Guthrie, Bobby Russell, Norman Hardesty, Richard Lewis.

FHA, Nancy Atkinson, Becky Monroe, Joyce Leonard, Faye Pilkington, Helen Lupton, Patsy Whitehurst, Norma Garner, Sandra Haskins, Joyce Beacham, Bert Fodrie, Pam Hassell.

Debating Club, Donna Hudnall, Ann Davis, Butch Hassell, George Huntley, Clifford Lewis, Paula Hill, Frank Potter, Johnny Owens, Linda Salter, Allen Autry.

Beta Club, Shirley Pittman, Ida Rollison, Frances Bell, Jackie Young, Nina Darling, Judy Moore, Linda Fodrie, Cathryn Potter, Nancy Broda, Donna Lewis, Vonda Goodwin.

Winki Willis, Rita Mason, Sylvia Dudley, Mary Fae Garner, Alice Pake, Bunny Moore, Glenda Harris, Ann Swain, Pauline Woodard, Rae Hassell, Jean Chadwick.

D. G. Bell Makes Further Statement on Teacher Pay

D. G. Bell, county legislator, before leaving yesterday for Raleigh, released a statement of his position on teacher pay raises:

"There is possibly nothing of more importance to the people of Carteret County than their public schools.

"I should like to repeat that it is my opinion the improvement of the public school system of North Carolina is of the first importance. A 20 per cent increase to the public school teachers is not only necessary, but imperative if we are to maintain even our present low standard. I shall do everything in my power to see that such a raise is authorized by this session of the legislature.

"The proposed operating budget for the state is over 900 pages long and naturally neither I, nor any other member of the legislature have had time to fully study it. I will say from my brief study and from the attitude observed of other legislators a 15 per cent increase can be authorized without

further increase in state taxes. If the full 20 per cent cannot be authorized without some additional taxes I am in favor of levying such taxes as are necessary in order to obtain it.

"I am delighted to see the tremendous amount of interest shown by our citizens regarding school teachers pay increase and sincerely believe that those of us in Carteret County concerned in the further development of our public schools should take advantage of this enthusiasm. We must not lose sight of the great need in Carteret County at this time for more and better school facilities. The cost of these must be borne by the county with possible federal aid.

"If our citizens will show as much enthusiasm regarding this necessity as they have with regards to the teachers pay raise I am confident they could convince the County Commissioners that a bond issue necessary would be voted in by a tremendous majority."

State Releases More Funds For Soil Bank Tobaccoland

Sand Plagues B&M Railroad

The Beaufort-Morehead City Railroad has been fighting sand for the past two weeks.

Sand dumped on the north side of the tracks between Beaufort and Morehead has been blowing south when the wind is to the north and blowing north when the wind is to the south.

The tracks catch it every time. Allen Leary Jr., assistant to the railroad manager, A. T. Leary, said Friday that the railroad asked that spoilage from dredging the Morehead City harbor be placed along the railroad right-of-way.

It was expected that building up the land would prevent wash of the embankment in future storms. However, the B&M did not anticipate the sand problem.

North winds at first blew the sand on the tracks and into railroad cars, causing damage to the cars. Sand also blew on Highway 70 which also runs along the tracks. State road machinery had to push the sand off the highway.

Then the wind shifted around to the south and blew sand back across the tracks again.

The railroad plans to plant between five and six thousand pounds of sea oats on the sand but as a temporary measure sand fences have been put along the north side of the tracks. Workmen have been shoveling the sand off the tracks and when this is removed, the B&M hopes it will have the problem licked.

Former Beaufort Resident Murdered by Wife Jan. 6

Isaac Jones Madden, 31, former Negro resident of Beaufort, was shot and killed by his wife, Bessie Lee Madden, at about 2 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, at Port Arthur, Tex. According to information released yesterday by C. L. Beam, county veterans service officer, Madden's wife is being held for murder under \$10,000 bond.

Madden was a veteran, having entered the service from Carteret County.

Information from Sheriff C. H. Meyer, Jefferson County, Texas, reveals that Madden woke his neighbor, Willie Mae Law, at 1:15 a.m. Jan. 6 by screaming outside the Law house.

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Want to Strike Gold? Morehead Businessmen Have Arranged It!

Morehead City businessmen will be throwing dollars back at you when you shop at their stores during Dollar Days. The three-day savings extravaganza will start Thursday and continue through Saturday.

If you don't believe the merchants have baked for you a stupendous "bargain cake" just take a look at the ads in today's paper. Your dollar, spent in Morehead

City this coming weekend, will go just as far as the dollars went back in Grandma's day — and that's going some.

You can use the ads to make out your shopping list. Does Aunt Ella have a birthday in April? Now's the time to get her "a nicer than usual" gift at a budget price.

Are you ever caught short and need an extra prize for a party? Put that on your list and stock up during Dollar Days.

The wise shopper uses the old noggin, thinks of the things that will be needed in the next few months and buys them when the price is right — and the price will be RIGHT in Morehead City this weekend.

The items being offered at breath-taking prices are worth busting the fifty-bank fur. Opportunity, in the form of Morehead City Dollar Days, is banging on your door.

Look at E. W. DOWNUM offering those comfy moccasins for a dollar a pair; lovely stockings at two pairs for a dollar and prices are slashed on other merchandise (see ad page 5 section 2).

Those chill spring winds whipping through Junior's bones? WEBB'S is offering leather jackets at a third off, as well as snug wearing apparel (ad page 5 section 2).

You'll be caught in a shower of unbelievable dollar buys at the TOWN AND SOUND SHOP — hats, bags, skirts, slips. To see what's waiting for you there, look at page 6 section 2.

Now if you had a savings account, you could take a few of those dollars and save yourself some more dollars during this three-day sale. But if you don't have a savings account, COMMER-

District Officer



Mrs. Julia Tenney, manager of the North Carolina Employment Security office, Morehead City, has been named vice-president of the eastern district, North Carolina Chapter of the International Association of Personnel in Employment Security.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, Feb. 19	
12:12 p.m.	5:54 a.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 20	
12:42 a.m.	6:55 a.m.
1:05 p.m.	7:12 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 21	
1:35 a.m.	8:03 a.m.
2:00 p.m.	8:21 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 22	
2:31 a.m.	9:10 a.m.
3:00 p.m.	9:26 p.m.

Bank Holiday
Banks will be closed Friday in observance of George Washington's birthday.