

Migrant Ministry Committee Plans Program for Carteret

County Representatives Receive Beaufort Bills

D. G. Bell, general assemblyman from this county, and Luther Hamilton, senator from this district, have been presented with four bills endorsed for enactment by the Beaufort town board.

What the bills propose is outlined below. Opinions in favor of or against the proposals are invited by Mr. Bell and Mr. Hamilton.

One bill would "amend the charter of the Town of Beaufort by allowing the board of commissioners to appoint a town manager."

In the charter after the words "shall appoint a Town Clerk", the following would be inserted: "or Town Manager or both; and in the event that the said commissioner shall appoint both a Town Clerk and a Town Manager, the same appointee shall fill both offices."

Another bill would extend the authority of Beaufort policemen to waters adjacent to the town. It would empower them "to make arrests, preserve the peace and serve criminal process upon the waters of Taylor Creek, Beaufort Harbor, Gallants Channel and Town Creek, and upon the master or crew of any vessel either docked or afloat in said waters."

Another bill would give Beaufort authority to zone for one mile beyond the town limits, providing the area included in that mile does not extend beyond Beaufort Township.

This bill, which does not require the town to zone, but would permit it to do so, would give the town the authority to appoint to the town zoning commission a person from the area so zoned.

The other bill endorsed by the town board would give Beaufort commissioners the authority to lease to the state or the federal government, or any agencies of those governments, the end of any street on Taylor Creek, Gallants Channel or Town Creek.

Another step toward ministry to the migrants was taken Friday afternoon when a committee of 16 persons met at Ann Street Methodist Church.

The Rev. H. H. Cash, pastor of the Marshallberg Methodist Church, and chairman of the committee on migrant labor for the County Ministers Association, presided.

Mr. Cash commented on the number of migrant workers who come to the county each spring and summer and stated that there was opportunity for the communities and churches to take the gospel to the workers and to improve their ways of living.

The ministers committee, Mr. Cash continued, has contacted the North Carolina Council of Churches, which assists in conducting a ministry to the migrants.

As a result, a trained worker will be sent to this county. Mr. Cash said that such workers are equipped with a station wagon, loud speaker system and other equipment to enable them to help the migrant laborer spiritually, morally and physically.

Morton R. Kurtz, who spoke to the ministers association several months ago, informed them that a migrant ministry here during the season would cost between \$700 and \$800.

Churches of the county are being asked to raise at least a fourth of that amount, and more if possible.

Mr. Cash said that the ministers propose that a Sunday be set aside as Migrant Minister Day. On that day church members will be asked to contribute as they wish to the migrant ministry. The date has not been set and may vary where ministers have several churches in their pastorate, he added.

Mr. Cash reported that the migrant minister who comes to this county probably will be a Negro theological student. Randolph Johnson, Beaufort, was named to find a home for the worker while he is here.

Dan Walker, Beaufort, was appointed to coordinate the project.

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A. T. Leary Jr. Requests ICC To Kill Motions

ICC Releases Rental Proposed by Leary To Marine Corps

Washington (AP)—A. T. Leary Jr. of Morehead City, reports he has made the federal government a "far better" offer on a projected lease of the Marine Corps Railroad in eastern North Carolina than the Southern Railway has made.

Mr. Leary outlined his proposed terms to the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) in asking denial of motions filed by the Southern Railway System, the Camp Lejeune Railroad Co., the Atlantic & East Carolina Railway Co., and the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.

The carriers are seeking dismissal of Mr. Leary's application to lease the Marine line and operate it as a public facility.

The ICC refused recently to permit Southern Railway to lease and operate the Camp Lejeune line. The ICC did so when it gave Southern authority to acquire stock control of the Atlantic & East Carolina.

Mr. Leary said that all of the motions to dismiss were based on contentions that he has not concluded any leasing agreement with the government.

He told the ICC that when Southern filed its lease application in 1954, it similarly had no contract with the Marine Corps.

A hearing on the Leary application, scheduled for last Tuesday, was postponed after he notified the ICC that the government had not had sufficient time to consider his offer.

The 36-mile Marine line is in two segments running from Lejeune to Havelock, where it connects via Atlantic & East Carolina trackage with the second segment running from Havelock to Cherry Point Marine Air Base.

Mr. Leary said he had offered the Marine Corps a guaranteed annual rental of \$25,000 plus 10 per cent of gross revenues in excess of \$300,000 for the first segment and a guaranteed annual rental of \$15,000 plus 10 per cent of gross revenues in excess of \$250,000 for the second segment.

As an alternate plan, he offered 10 per cent of the gross revenues from both segments with a guaranteed minimum of \$45,000 per year, he said.

Rural Women Tell Board Of Demonstration Work

Checking on Fire



Photo by Jerry Schumacher

Morehead City Fireman Joe Fulcher chops a hole in the ceiling of 412 Macon Court, Morehead City, Saturday afternoon to see if there is a blaze above the beams. Sammy Hughes, left, is ready for action with a gas mask on and fire hose at hand. Dorsey Rice, center, declares that the fire is out. An electric stove in the apartment of Melvin Rowan overheated, catching cabinets and the ceiling on fire.

Thirty-five Home Demonstration Club women marched on the courthouse yesterday morning and crowded into the county commissioners room to give the commissioners an education on Home Demonstration Club work.

The delegation, headed by Mrs. Billie Smith, North River, put in an appearance at the board meeting as the result of statements made by County Commissioner S. A. Chalk Jr. before the Lions Club of Morehead City March 21.

At that time Commissioner Chalk said that services of the home demonstration and farm agents' offices and the bookmobile service should be investigated with a view toward more economical operation of the county government. He says those were just some of the money-saving ideas he suggested.

Fearing that Commissioner Chalk's attitude may mean that the county is contemplating eliminating the home demonstration and bookmobile program, members of the Home Demonstration Clubs appeared before the entire board.

Mrs. Smith, a member of a Home Demonstration Club for 37 years, said that Home Demonstration work was not started for a year or two and then intended to be dropped. She termed it a program needed for the welfare of the citizens.

4-H Worthy

If the home agent's work was nothing but the 4-H program, Mrs. Smith said, it would be well worth the time and money put into it.

To illustrate the wide-reaching influence of the home agent, Mrs. W. G. Simpson presented statistics showing that the home agent, who supervises Home Demonstration Clubs, helped 1,500 families in the county last year in foods and nutrition, helped 250 families in health problems, 280 in family life and 500 in safety promotion. That is only a small phase of the program.

Mrs. Smith termed the home agent's services an "unending chain of help." Neighbor helps neighbor, she said, and that way many rural women learn to be better homemakers.

She pointed out that 843 boys and girls are enrolled in county 4-H Clubs. She introduced Mrs. Gordon Laughton who read an article by Marsha Hill of the South River-Merrimon Home Demonstration Club, expressing her appreciation for the opportunity to be a 4-H Club member.

At this point Commissioner Chalk interrupted the testimony. His talk before the Lions Club was reported in THE NEWS-TIMES March 26 and in the March 29 paper, letters from Home Demonstration Club women, objecting to his stand, were published.

Mr. Chalk prefaced his remarks about the newspaper article with the words that THE NEWS-TIMES was a fine newspaper but he was not quoted fully and thus the article created the wrong impression!

(Mr. Chalk failed to tell the clubwomen that THE NEWS-TIMES reporter read to him over the phone

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Marines to Embark For Puerto Rico

A reinforced battalion of Marines will sail from state port, Morehead City for Puerto Rico, this weekend. Four ships will arrive at the port Saturday to load the Marines and their equipment. They are the APA Chilton and the LSD's Casa Grande, Rushmore and Plymouth Rock.

The First Battalion, Sixth Marines, plus a detachment from the Second Tank Battalion will embark for Vieques, Puerto Rico. While there they will take part in BATRIZ 1-57, an infantry battalion training exercise.

The battalion is scheduled to return to Camp Lejeune in early June.

Senator Replies To Plea to Let Ponies Roam

Sen. Luther Hamilton, who introduced a bill in the Senate which would require the removal of all livestock from the outer banks, has replied to a letter expressing sentiment against the move.

The letter was written by Miss Mary Ellen Chastain, Straits, and appeared in THE NEWS-TIMES March 22.

Senator Hamilton's reply follows:

March 27, 1957

Miss Mary Ellen Chastain Straits North Carolina

Dear Miss Mary:

I read with considerable interest and appreciation your article, appearing in the Carteret County News-Times and quoted from in certain other papers of the State, dealing with the proposal to have removed from the Outer Banks our little ponies.

I wish first to compliment you on the excellence of the manner in which you handled the subject matter. I wish you to know, too, that I appreciate very much the kind and gracious personal references made to me in the article.

These banker ponies for many years have appealed to the sentiment of the general public. They are not only quite an oddity in this day but constitute an attraction for the tourists in particular. I wish to see them undisturbed unless in the interest of the greater welfare, that of preserving the beaches from further erosion by the forces of nature, it is found imperative that they be removed.

That, as you know, was the reason for the introduction of the bill. It was argued by those charged with the responsibility of the investigation that the broader program could not be carried out effectively without a removal of the cattle, sheep, hogs and ponies and, of course, if we should have to choose between saving the beaches and removing the ponies, we would have to act in the interest of the greater conservation measure.

A further study is being given the matter and I sincerely trust that the additional investigation now being made will allow conclusions that will permit our pony friends to remain.

Sincerely yours,
Luther Hamilton, Sr.

According to word filtering out of Raleigh, the "additional investigation" to which Senator Hamilton refers may deal with the possibility that ponies may be allowed to remain and only sheep and cattle removed.

The bill requiring removal of all livestock has already passed the Senate and is expected to go to the house this week.

Prisoner Suffers Broken Neck

Courtney B. Willis, Morehead City, was carried to the veterans hospital in Durham yesterday afternoon, paralyzed from his chest down. Willis, who was picked up at 3:05 p.m. Saturday by police in Beaufort, was held in the county jail until 9:15 p.m. Saturday. He was found sitting in a car.

He was booked for public drunkenness. It is believed that Willis became involved in a fight with two colored friends and was injured. When it was noticed while he was in jail that he was suffering from paralysis, a doctor was called.

Dr. John Way treated Willis for a broken neck, but he suggested that he be sent to Durham where a neurologist is available. Adair's ambulance picked him up at 1:30 p.m. yesterday at the Morehead City Hospital and left immediately for Durham.

Grass Fires

The Morehead City Fire Department put out a grass fire at the rifle range on old US 70 Saturday afternoon. Beaufort firemen put out a grass fire on Front Street Extension yesterday morning. There was no damage at either fire.

Wheels Start Turning Toward Change In Law Prohibiting Baiting of Ducks

Firemen Will Honor 'Veterans'

Members of the Morehead City Fire Department will honor members of the old horse and bucket brigade and honorary firemen at a supper at the West End Fire Station at 7 p.m. Friday.

Chief Vernon Guthrie says that he doesn't want to leave out any of the firemen who at one time were active in the department, so if an "old timey" fireman's name isn't listed below, Chief Guthrie says he's to come to the supper anyway.

Earl Piner, Charles Smith, E. J. Willis, George Adams, Charlie Styron, L. E. Wade, E. Brock, William E. Wade.

Clarence Taylor, R. H. Dowdy, Fred Royal, Cecil Cherry, Johnny Eaton, Shellie Bell, Stamey Davis. Headen Ballou, Barney Matthews, Lewis Swain, Sam Adier (chef), Cleveland Smith and W. C. Matthews.

12 Court Cases Involve Drink

Whisky or beer was involved in 12 cases in county recorder's court, Beaufort, Thursday. Two men, Carlton Pittman and John Ellison, were given 30 day sentences in jail for public drunkenness.

Louis Howard Graham and Lloyd G. Deno were fined \$100 and costs each for driving drunk. Robert Harrison Corcoran was fined \$25 and costs for letting Deno drive his vehicle.

Simmie Haywood Smith was fined \$10 and costs for speeding and the possession of non-taxpaid whisky.

Six of the defendants posted bonds and forfeited them. They were Charlie Hough, Nehemiah Williams and William T. Hartly, public drunkenness; and John Allen White, Mason Welton Hughes and George Sumerlin, possession of non-taxpaid whisky.

Dance Successful The Hospital Charity Ball at the Bogue Sound Club Saturday night was termed a big success. It was sponsored by the Jaycees and Junior Woman's Club of Morehead City. Unofficial estimates place the profit at \$200.

Heads District

Harold Webb, Morehead City postmaster, above, was elected chairman of District 3, North Carolina Association of Postmasters, at the recent meeting at Vanceboro. The meeting of the district next year, Mr. Webb says, will be in Morehead City. District 3 covers seven eastern Carolina counties.

The conference was the outgrowth of a proposal by D. G. Bell, Carteret assemblyman, to introduce a state bill which would permit shooting ducks a hundred yards from a baited area.

Mr. Bell, who presented his case at the conference, bases the need for such a regulation on the fact that the duck population in North Carolina's coastal counties has decreased as much as 80 per cent in recent years, while there has been an increase in other parts of the country.

The lowering of the wildfowl population, the legislator said, has been caused by loss of food supply because of the hurricanes, and also by federal Fish and Wildlife regulations which prevent the supplementing of food (baiting) in the natural feeding areas.

Assemblyman Bell points out that the federal government, however, approves putting duck feed, corn and soybeans, in federal and state preserves, such as inland ponds and lakes.

Thus, wildfowl are lured from their natural coastal flyway. Mr. Bell said this has made many eastern Carolina hunting guides go out of business and the number of visiting hunters enjoyed by eastern Carolina has greatly diminished.

The difficulty, he continues, lies in the fact that the federal government has never defined a baited area and should the federal wildlife people go along with a state proposal which would allow baiting a hundred yards from a blind, the hunting along coastal Carolina would vastly improve because ducks would return to their natural feeding grounds.

The legislator points out that the wildfowl are not only being lured to ponds and lakes where they

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Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Tuesday, April 2	LOW
9:23 a.m.		3:36 a.m.
9:32 p.m.		3:36 p.m.
Wednesday, April 3		
9:57 a.m.		4:09 a.m.
10:08 p.m.		4:02 p.m.
Thursday, April 4		
10:41 a.m.		4:43 a.m.
10:56 p.m.		4:32 p.m.
Friday, April 5		
11:36 a.m.		5:21 a.m.
11:52 p.m.		5:12 p.m.

Judge Charges Grand Jurors

The grand jury for the April term of criminal court was sworn in yesterday morning, and Judge J. Paul Frizzelle charged them as to their duties.

The judge told the jury the procedures they would follow in returning true bills. First, they will determine that the crime mentioned in the indictment has been committed. Then they will determine whether there is a reasonable probability that the person named in the indictment committed the crime.

He said that it was the responsibility of each member of the grand jury to bring any unreported violations of the law to the attention of the solicitor or sheriff. Judge Frizzelle said that very few violations of the law are not known of by at least one member of every grand jury.

The respect for law is reflected in every aspect of a county's affairs, he noted. Visitors and prospective residents are always interested in finding a place where people abide by the law, the judge added.

The grand jury will examine the merits of 29 cases slated for trial in superior court. Violations range from speeding to murder.

Grand jurors are Jimmy Wallace, foreman, Charles L. Pake, Charles G. Jones, Gerald Scott Davis, Roy C. Carraway, Wesley G. Long, Mrs. Margaret W. Roberts, James C. Styron, Rupert Styron, Billy Guthrie, Lionel Gilgo, Charles B. Harrell, Leland Swain, A. Darcy Willis, C. J. Garner, Hubert Coley Hepler, Eugene Styron and Mrs. Elizabeth Howland.

Capt. Charlie Thomas will act as guard for the grand jury.

Mail Delivery Starts In Calico Colony Area

City door-to-door mail delivery began in Calico Colony last week. Harold Webb, Morehead City postmaster, said that some of the homeowners in the area have not yet put up mailboxes or house numbers, but most had done so in compliance with postal requests.

Persons who have a box at the postoffice need not provide letter boxes.

Persons living on N. 20th Street are still receiving mail by rural carrier, Mr. Webb said. They may request city mail delivery by petitioning for it.

Board to Meet Newport town commissioners will meet at 7:30 tonight at the town hall.

Officers Bring Marines Back

Sheriff Hugh Salter and Joe Collins, Cherry Point special investigator, flew to Toledo, Ohio, Friday and returned home by automobile Sunday with two AWOL marines, Cpl. Thomas W. Kelley and Pvt. William T. Raymond.

The Marines are charged with burglary in this county and will be tried in superior court this week, according to the sheriff. During the weekend Deputy Sheriff Bruce Edwards went to Salisbury where he picked up a girl, Jinny Troutman, who is allegedly involved in the burglaries.

A second girl, Janette Christy, is being held in Cambridge, Mass. The gang is charged with breaking into the Idle Hour Amusement Center, Lettie's Place and Smitty's and taking money from the juke boxes.

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Civil Service Seeks Head For Newport Postoffice

An examination for postmaster at Newport, N. C., \$4,530 a year, will be open for receipt of applications until April 23, 1957, the Civil Service Commission announced today.

The commission is taking all possible steps through special publicity to civic and other community organizations to encourage well-qualified persons to apply for the examination. Leon A. Mann, Newport postmaster, has retired. Acting as postmaster is R. K. Montague.

Competitors for the postmaster vacancy must have at least one year of experience showing that they have the ability to conduct and manage the community's postal business efficiently and to supervise employees so that customers are satisfied with the service.

Applicants must take a written test. Those who pass will be assigned final ratings on the basis of this test and on their experience, ability, and character. There is a one-year residence requirement and applicants must have reached their 18th birthday on the closing date for receipt of applications. Persons over 70 years of age can not be appointed.

Complete information about the examination requirements and instructions for filing applications may be obtained at the postoffice for which this examination is being announced. Application forms must be filed with the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C. and must be received or postmarked not later than the closing date.

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Included will be a guided visit to Ann Street Cemetery, an art exhibit and a display of relics owned by Beaufort residents.

The tour, in sequence, begins with the Duncan House, now the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Duncan, 105 Front St.; the Buckman House, occupied now by Mr. and

FHA Supervisors Will Meet Here

Farm and Home Administration supervisors of the state, numbering 22, will meet in this county Wednesday and Thursday, April 10 and 11, for their annual session.

Horace Isenhower, state FHA director, has arranged the program and will be the speaker at the meeting Thursday morning, April 11, at the Scout building, Beaufort.

On the opening day of the two-day session, beginning at 9 a.m., the supervisors will visit farms which have benefited from FHA loans. The tour will cover various sections of the county. Breakfast will be served at Fleming's Restaurant and lunch at the Sea Level Inn.

Members of the Rebekahs, Beaufort, will serve the supervisor lunch on the 11th, at the Odd Fellows Lodge, Beaufort. County officials will be invited to the lunch, according to Marion Holland, FHA district supervisor.

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