

County TB Group Reorganizes; Coast Guard Ship Takes Grover Munden Heads Unit Mel, Boat into Bermuda

Recreation Commission Lowers Service Charges

The Morehead City Recreation Commission announces that service charges for using the recreation building have been reduced. New rates were determined at a meeting of the commission last week. The service charges cover the cost of heating the building and keeping it clean.

Mrs. J. W. Thompson says that the commission reduced the rates to encourage school organizations to sponsor activities at the building. The commission wants school clubs to sponsor dances after home football and basketball games.

When home games are on Friday nights, the teen-age club will meet

the following night. The commission approved the election of an advisory group. Two representatives from each grade, grades 7 through 12, will be elected to serve on the advisory committee. The elections will be conducted at Camp Glenn School and Morehead City High School.

Fred Lewis announced that Fred Parris, Morehead City, has offered to teach adult folk dancing classes. Mr. Lewis was appointed a committee of one to make arrangements with Mr. Parris. Any adults interested in learning folk dances can get information by calling Mr. Lewis.

Flu-Type Disease Makes Rounds Through County

A flu-type disease is making its rounds through the county. Yesterday 1,164 children were absent from eight of the county's 10 schools and many adults were ill. Doctors have been on the run night and day.

The county health department says that there is no way of determining whether the disease is "Asian flu."

At Morehead City School yesterday about a third of the pupils were absent and at Newport and Camp Glenn about 38 per cent were absent.

The health department suggests that victims go to bed, take aspirin, drink plenty of liquid, avoid drafts, eat simple foods, and have no callers. This treatment is recommended by the Department of United States Public Health, Education and Welfare.

The illness is most dangerous to persons under 1 year of age and elderly persons.

According to a check by the health department, Atlantic, Queen Street and W. S. King School absences were about average yesterday. Beaufort school absences yesterday were double those Friday.

Figures on yesterday's absences follow: Beaufort 141, Camp Glenn 250, Newport 240, Morehead City 319, Smyrna 197, Atlantic 21, Queen Street 54 and W. S. King 42.

Harkers Island and Stella Schools could not be reached by phone.

Cars Damaged In Two Wrecks

Two automobiles were wrecked in separate accidents Saturday. One at Cedar Island and the other on Highway 101 about a mile north of Harlowe.

Fred Clifton Goodwin, Roe, got brush burns and bruises at 1:45 p.m. Saturday as he was traveling east on the Cedar Island Road on the island. According to Highway Patrolman W. J. Smith Jr., his right rear tire blew out, causing the car to swerve into the canal on the left of the road.

The accident happened during a rainfall. Goodwin's 1950 Chevrolet was judged a loss. No charges were filed.

Michael Popichak, Cherry Point, was charged with drunken driving after his car turned over in a field at 6:15 p.m. He was driving a 1955 Nash Rambler and was headed toward Beaufort.

Patrolman Smith said the car ran off the left, struck a culvert, jumped across the Ball Farm road and turned over in a corn field. Popichak was not hurt. Damage to the car was estimated at \$350.

Teachers Attend Workshop
County teachers are attending art workshops at Camp Glenn School. Twenty-five were at the first session Friday afternoon. H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, said more were expected at yesterday and today's sessions. The sessions end today.

Driver Faces Hit And Run Charge

Eugene Phillips Bishop, 1301 Airport Rd., East Rockingham, N. C., has been charged with hit and run and leaving the scene of an accident.

Sgt. Bill Bondie of the Morehead City police force reports that parts of a car found near a bumped Dodge match identically with Bishop's 1955 Oldsmobile.

The Dodge, damaged to the extent of \$125, was owned by Mrs. Joe Beam and was hit while parked in front of the Beam residence, 2307 Arendell St., last Tuesday morning.

Bishop's car was located by Sergeant Condie at the Frontier Village Motel. Bishop, a Coast Guardsman, is staying there while on a training exercise here.

Newport Carnival To Get Under Way At 5 Thursday

The Newport School will have its annual Halloween Carnival Thursday night.

A barbecue supper will be served beginning at 5 p.m. Plates will be \$1 and 60¢. The first cup of coffee will be free. Hot dogs, soft drinks and desserts will also be served.

Beginning at 6 p.m., the following booths will open: bingo, dart throw, grab bag, fish pond, and others. Door admission will be 50¢ for adults and 15¢ for children through high school age. This will include admission to the crowning of the kings and queens at 7:30.

Cake walks will be held in the auditorium just prior to the crowning. The final event will be the drawing of a name to be the winner of a \$15 value surprise package. Chances on the package will be \$1 each.

Regulations Released
Amended and new fisheries regulations adopted at the Conservation and Development meeting in October appear today in the legal section of the paper.

The County Tuberculosis Association was reorganized at a meeting at the health center Thursday afternoon. Stanley Woodland, Morehead City, who has been chairman of the association for 20 years has resigned, and Grover Munden, Morehead City, has been named chairman.

Mr. Woodland said that he was advised to give up some of his activities due to his health.

R. M. Williams, Beaufort, was named chairman of the Christmas seal drive. Mr. Williams is the county farm agent and is active in numerous farm groups and Methodist church work.

The position of executive secretary of the association, which has been held for many years by Mrs. W. I. Loftin, Beaufort, has been abolished.

Clerk Named
A clerk for the seal sale drive was appointed by Mr. Munden.

Morehead Band Invited to Game

The Morehead City High School band has received an invitation from the director of the Wake Forest College band to represent Wake Forest at the Wake Forest-South Carolina football game at Winston-Salem Nov. 30.

Mrs. J. W. Thompson, publicity chairman of the band association, says that the school band has been asked to play the Alma Mater and fight song at the half-time show.

Mrs. Thompson says that the invitation has not been formally accepted. The band association is very anxious to send the band even though it entails an overnight trip.

The Band Tag Day scheduled for Nov. 9 will probably tell the story. If enough money is collected on that day, the band will go to the game.

Sea Level Church Conducts Ground Breaking Service
Ground breaking services for the new Sea Level Missionary Baptist Church were conducted Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Malancy Hamilton, oldest member of the church, turned the first sod at the site.

The Rev. Robert N. Floyd, Wake Forest, pastor of the church, spoke briefly. A service in the present building preceded the ground breaking ceremony.

Dr. J. R. Owen, Havelock, was a guest of honor at the ceremony. He was the first pastor of the church.

Work on the \$15,000 building will begin this week. The seating capacity of the church will be 210 persons. The church was organized last March.

Seal Sale Results
The 1956 Christmas seal sale netted \$2,313.12. Twenty-five per cent of that, \$578.28, was paid to state and national TB associations.

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Port Calendar

Marine Dow-Chem—Docked at state port Sunday, picked up a cargo of glycol and sailed yesterday morning. The glycol will go to the Dow Chemical Co. plant at Freeport, Tex.

Meirinsan Maru — Docked at state port yesterday for tobacco and nylon waste. The waste came from DuPont plants in Martinsville, Va., and Seaford, Del.

Patella — Due at Trumbull's docks Friday with a cargo of asphalt.

USS Vermillion—Due at state port Friday with Marines coming from the Mediterranean.

Maren Maersk—Due at state port Saturday to pick up tobacco for Bangkok.

Port Calendar

Thursday, Oct. 17, 1957
3:15 a.m.—Mel West left Morehead City yacht basin in a 15-foot 3-inch outboard motor boat, bound for Bermuda, 580 nautical miles away (668 land miles).
8:25 a.m.—West made second start, after returning to the dock of his uncle, B. L. Merrill, on the sound side of Atlantic Beach, where he repaired his fuel line.

Saturday, Oct. 19, 1957
West expected to arrive at Bermuda, but had not shown up.

Sunday, Oct. 20, 1957
Coast Guard at Bermuda sent out a plane at noon to look for West.

Monday, Oct. 21, 1957
A full-scale search for West was launched by Coast Guard ships, planes and two craft from Cherry Point Marine air base.

3 p.m. (approximately 2 p.m. Eastern Standard Time)—A tanker, the Aldebaran, sighted West, took him aboard and supplied him with water and matches. The search was called off and West continued to Bermuda.

(No word about West was heard until Sunday morning, Oct. 27. On Thursday, Barry West, father of Mel, requested that the Coast Guard search for his son. No official search was started, but planes and ships making routine runs were alerted to be on the lookout for him).

Sunday, Oct. 27, 1957
8:30 a.m.—West was sighted by a Coast Guard plane 165 miles from Bermuda. He was on course but out of fuel.

Monday, Oct. 28, 1957
1:05 a.m.—West and his boat were taken aboard the Rockaway, Coast Guard weather ship stationed at Bermuda.
2 p.m.—Rockaway docked at Hamilton, Bermuda.

Transmitter Dropped
After the tanker episode, contact with the motorboating pioneer was established again when a Coast Guard plane on a routine flight from Bermuda sighted him Sunday morning 165 miles from

Log on Mel West Voyage
The following might be termed a "log" of Mel West's trip, based on information available here, at present, on his daring voyage:

Mel West, outboard motorboat adventurer who in 12 days has become the toast of Morehead City, arrived at Hamilton, Bermuda, at approximately 2 p.m., Bermuda time, yesterday.

West, who was picked up by the Coast Guard weather ship, Rockaway, was greeted at the dock at St. George Coast Guard station by a crowd of 500 people, according to Charles Markey, who is serving as West's publicity agent. The Rockaway also had West's now-famous 15-foot outboard motorboat aboard.

Mel, who yesterday set foot on dry land for the first time in 11 days, was in good physical condition. He and Mr. Markey are expected to fly from Hamilton to New York tomorrow.

After being picked up by the Aldebaran last Monday and given water and matches, Mel again was lost to the rest of the world. (Prior to being sighted by the tanker, he had been believed lost and a search was launched for him).

Down East Firemen Will Meet at 7:30 P.M. Thursday
At a special meeting Thursday night at 7:30 members of the Down East Fire Department will name a committee to nominate officers and a board of directors for 1958. Nominees will be voted on at the meeting Dec. 5.

New officers and board members will take office Dec. 26, 1957. They will hold office until Dec. 26, 1958.

William Gorges, secretary of the department, comments that the fire department is "holding its own" but donations are still slow.

He continues:
"Our membership drive for 1958 will start after our meeting in December. We hope to have all the present volunteer firemen rejoin in 1958 and have more homeowners join the corporation.

"Our building is doing fair. We have \$300 to pay on it this year yet. We also have some lumber on the lot for the fire station and hope to get some of it up this year.

"We would like to thank all the people who helped us in our operation of the fire department and in the recreation building. We now have dancing in the building before the show and all school children are admitted for 25 cents. It is a quarter well spent, for we have a good selection of pictures.

"We are planning a Christmas party for the children of all sections that our department covers.

"It is urgent that all members attend Dec. 5 and use their right to vote for the man of their choice. All of the volunteer firemen's names have been turned into the tax office, exempting them from poll tax.

"We are glad to hear that Marshallberg's fire department is back in operation. We are willing to help they any time they request it. Best of luck to them."

Atlantic Boy Injured by Car
Harry Morris Jr., 10, Atlantic, was injured at 3:30 Friday afternoon when he was struck by a car. Harry, who was on his bicycle, suffered a broken left arm, bruised legs and a bump on his head.

Driving the car, a 1951 Chrysler, was Frank Aubrey Harvey Jr., Atlantic. Patrolman W. J. Smith Jr. said that Harvey was headed west on Highway 70 when the youngster came out of a side street in front of his car.

Harry was taken to the Sea Level Hospital by Ray Fulcher, Atlantic. No charges were filed.

Damage to the Chrysler was estimated at \$50. The bike was demolished.

Tide Table
Tides at the Beaufort Bar
HIGH Tuesday, Oct. 29
12:52 a.m. 6:44 a.m.
1:08 p.m. 7:35 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 30
1:46 a.m. 7:56 a.m.
1:59 p.m. 8:38 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 31
2:40 a.m. 9:03 a.m.
2:53 p.m. 9:34 p.m.

Corps Receives Several Bids On Marine Road

Washington (AP)—Southern Railway, an early bidder, and several other parties, including the Beaufort and Morehead Railroad, have offered to lease the federal government's 35-mile railroad between Lejeune and Cherry Point, but the government says it can't give out information on the bids until they are evaluated.

The line is sought after because at one end, at Havelock, N. C., it links up with the Southern Railway-controlled Atlantic & East Carolina Railroad, and near Jacksonville, N. C., connects with the Atlantic Coast Line.

Southern, which acquired controlling stock last month in A&EC, was turned down by the Interstate Commerce Commission in its request for permission to take over the Marine line also.

Harry A. DeButts of Southern said, however, his firm would continue efforts before the ICC to acquire the Marine line.

The 96-mile A&EC runs from a connection with the Southern at Goldsboro, N. C., through Havelock to Morehead City.

In protesting Southern's proposal to take over the Marine railroad, ACL officials told congressional committee's this would dry up ACL's freight business from Wilmington via Jacksonville to New Bern. At one time Southern offered to buy part of the ACL in North Carolina, in answer to the protests.

Members of Congress and North Carolina officials have said rail passenger service is needed in the area of the Marine installations.

Mercury Drops To 34 Sunday

Sunday night was the coldest thus far this fall, according to weather observer E. Stamey Davis. The mercury dropped to a chilly 34 and frost was reported in many sections of the county.

Mr. Davis says that he isn't sure that the frost killed many mosquitoes, but it must have killed some. Maximum temperatures and wind direction for the past week follow:

	Max.	Min.	Wind
Monday	67	46	NE
Tuesday	76	56	E
Wednesday	75	54	W
Thursday	75	65	SW
Friday	66	59	NW
Saturday	57	47	NW
Sunday	54	41	NW
Yesterday	—	34	NW

Paul Wade Heads 4-H County Council

Paul Wade, Smyrna, 4-H Club, was elected president of the 4-H County Council at a meeting Saturday at the home agent's office, Beaufort.

Elected vice-president was Ann Davis, also of Smyrna. Other officers are Linda Hardesty, secretary, Beaufort Club, and Peggy Cannon, song leader, Newport Club.

Historian and reporter offices were not filled because attendance at the meeting was small. Those officers will be elected later.

The Achievement Day program for Nov. 15 was planned.

State Revokes Licenses Of Seven County Drivers

The state highway safety division has revoked the licenses of seven county drivers. All seven revocations came as the result of drunken driving convictions. In addition, two drivers lost their licenses for six months for speeding.

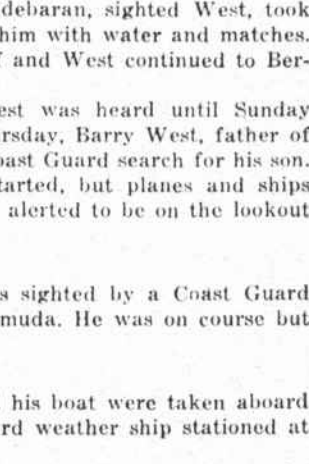
Those whose licenses were revoked were George W. Gray, Morehead City; Robert Lee Best and Leo D. Garner, Newport; Cary L. Gaskill, Sea Level; William B. Parkin and Allen L. Smith, Beaufort, and George Huntley Styron, Atlantic.

Henry Pritchett, Newport, and Mann A. Pollock, Morehead City, were the two speeders.

Aunt Hettie

Vivian May, above, plays the part of Aunt Hettie Breckenridge in the Community Theatre play, The Bishop's Mantle. Aunt Hettie tries to thwart two people in love! The play will be given at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, especially for school children and again at 8 p.m. for adults. Both performances will be at the recreation building, Morehead City.

Boo!



'Twas Halloween night at Friday's meeting of Pack 28, Beaufort Cub Scouts. Goblins, gremlins, and the "little men who weren't there" were parading in full force, as evidenced by the masked gentlemen in this photo. The masks were made by their wearers.

Included in the picture are William Fulford, Meade Warthen, David B. Taylor, Paul Klein, John W. Duncan Jr., Stephen Duncan, Bill Willis, David McGehee, David McNeil, Jim Lewis, David Merrill, Claud R. Wheatly, Robert O. Dunn, Hudson Guthrie, Wade Neal, David Wheatly, Chuck Davis, John Young, Lockwood Phillips, Ted Salter, Bill Whitehurst, Buddy Pora, Rodney Simpson, James Edward King, Jimmy Klein, Mike Reid, and unmasked at the left are Doug Gilchrist, and little Talbert Dunn Jr., who is a prospective Cub.

Mel West ... safe and sound

his destination. A radio transmitter was dropped to him and he requested fuel to continue his journey. His fuel supply was exhausted.

When the Coast Guard refused to furnish him fuel, friends in Morehead City contributed money to charter a private plane at Bermuda to fly him the fuel needed. A plane that could make the 320-mile round trip to West was not available, so Barry West, Mel West's father, asked the Coast Guard to transmit a message to his son.

The message asked that Mel cooperate with the Coast Guard because every means of trying to get him the needed fuel, so he could continue his trip, had been exhausted.

When West was picked up by the Rockaway, he had covered about 72 per cent of the total distance between Morehead City and Bermuda. His venture was the first attempt to make the trip in outboard motor boat.

Because Morehead City is the closest mainland U. S. point to Bermuda, West was interested in showing that the trip could be made in a small craft.

Conversation Broadcast
Within minutes after West arrived at Bermuda, he talked by long distance to radio station WMBL, which broadcast the conversation at 2:15 yesterday afternoon.

The reason he ran short of fuel, he said, was that in a heavy sea, a 5-gallon can of gasoline jarred

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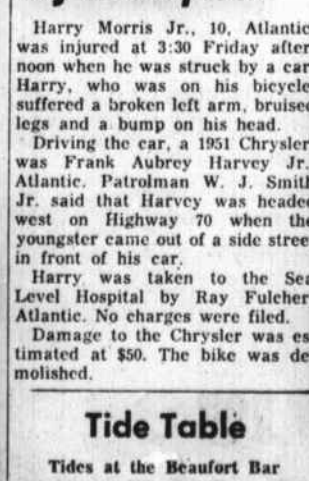


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