

Officers Break Up Theft Ring with Friday Arrests

Marines Depart For Caribbean, Mediterranean

Advance Echelon to Get Ready for Training Exercise on Vieques

Eleven hundred Marines from Camp Lejeune left the Morehead City port Wednesday for Vieques, and units of the 1,600-man reinforced battalion, Eighth Marines, left the port for Mediterranean duty Friday.

The men bound for Vieques and Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, are an advance echelon of Phibtraex 1-58. They will set up camp for the main body of troops which will arrive at the Caribbean training ground early in February.

The USS Rockbridge and the USS Fort Manden are carrying the troops to Puerto Rico. Upon arrival at Vieques, they will set up a tent city to house troops taking part in the training exercise.

One group of infantry and artillery forces in the exercise will make a limited assault on Vieques beaches upon arrival. Three squadrons of Marine Air Group 24 and a battalion of Second Marines are scheduled to be airlifted to their assigned sites.

All units taking part in the exercise are scheduled to land at Vieques and Roosevelt Road by Feb. 5.

After six weeks of maneuvering on Vieques, the troops will return to Camp Lejeune. Commanding the training group is Col. John P. Condon.

The battalion bound for the Mediterranean is commanded by Lt. Col. J. E. Brickley. The command ship is the USS Mt. McKinley.

Upon joining the Sixth Fleet, the battalion will make several landings in the Mediterranean. It is expected to relieve the reinforced First Battalion, Sixth Marines, later this month. That unit left Lejeune in August.

Injured Woman Found on Road

Mary Jane Davis, 52, a resident of North River, was discovered at 6 o'clock Saturday night lying on the Merrimon Road with a severe head injury. She was confined yesterday to the Morehead City Hospital.

Patrolman J. W. Sykes said that the Davis woman was discovered by two truck drivers. One driver, by the name of Arthur, swerved to avoid hitting the woman as she lay on the road. This caused the other truck driver, Luke Salter, to run off the road to avoid colliding with Arthur.

Patrolman Sykes said there was no evidence that either of the trucks had hit her. He said he didn't know how she happened to be in the condition she was in.

Colored residents of the neighborhood took her to the hospital. She said yesterday that she didn't know how she had been injured.

Two Cars Collide On Island Bridge

Two cars collided early Sunday morning on the Harkers Island bridge. No one was hurt.

Driving one of the cars, a 1951 Chevrolet, was Monroe Paylor, Harkers Island. Driving the other car, a 1957 Ford, was Mrs. Merckley Johnson, also of Harkers Island.

Mrs. Johnson was proceeding toward Highway 70 when she started to skid on the icy surface of the bridge. Paylor, who was going toward the island, slowed to almost a stop when he saw the Johnson car out of control.

The rear end of the Ford hit the left front of the Chevrolet and the Ford came to a rest against the rail. Damage to the Ford was estimated at \$500, damage to the Chevrolet at \$325. No charges were filed.

Patrolman J. W. Sykes investigated.

Under Observation

Pete Nobles, Stella, who was being held in the county jail for the shooting of 17-year-old Myrtle Godwin, Stella, was taken last week to the state mental hospital, Raleigh, where he will be under observation for 30 days. No formal charges have been placed against him, according to A. H. James, clerk of superior court.

Chicken Thief Caught



Photo by Bob Seymour

Simmie Smith shows off a 22-pound bobcat he killed Saturday on the Raymond Dickinson farm at Core Creek. Mr. Smith says the bobcat had been jumping into the chicken pen and killing chickens. He set two steel traps Friday night in the path the bobcat had been using. The bobcat caught both front feet in the traps but was still full of fight when Mr. Smith found him and finished him off with a rifle. Jack Wallace of Beaufort killed a 35-pounder about five miles from the Dickinson farm Oct. 30. Wallace struck that cat with his car.

Regional Housing Authority Buys Homes at Air Field

I. E. Pittman, Morehead City, chairman of the Commissioners of Eastern Carolina Regional Housing Authority, has announced that the authority has purchased Seymour Johnson Homes.

Negotiations and final plans for the purchase were completed at the regular meeting of the commissioners this month. Seymour Johnson Homes is the project located at Goldsboro adjacent to Brookside Manor Housing project owned by the Authority. The purchase was under study by the commissioners for over a year.

Under the contract worked out by the authority, none of its money or funds was paid out. Bonds in the amount of \$1,165,000 were authorized. These will be retired from rents and only net rents are pledged as security.

Built During War

Seymour Johnson Homes were built by the federal government during World War II on leased land. When built, the government agreed to tear the buildings down and restore the land to the owner in the same condition it was taken under lease. This was to be done as soon as the war emergency was over. Numbers of projects throughout the country were built on land which the government did not buy, but leased.

After the war, but while Seymour Johnson Homes were still being occupied, the rented land on which the project stood was bought by a group who formed Wayne Redevelopment Corp.

This purchase was made in 1952 at a time when the government was required by law to remove the buildings and restore the land to its former condition.

At a later date Congress, apparently in an effort to save the government the cost of tearing down these projects and restoring the land to its former condition, passed an act permitting the building owners to stand, provided the landowners would rent the land to a Housing Authority or local government for a period of years. This period was set at three years.

Land Rented

After this, Eastern Carolina Regional Housing Authority, which previously had acted as agent for the government in managing the project, rented the land on which

the housing units stood. This lease expired in October 1956, but the authority has continued to occupy the premises on a month-to-month basis until now.

After the three-year lease ended, Wayne Redevelopment Corp. began tearing down some of the buildings. This was the beginning of a proposed real estate subdivision which Wayne Redevelopment Corp. had planned. About this time Seymour Johnson Air Base was reactivated.

The demand for more housing arose. Negotiations then began between the authority and Wayne Redevelopment Corp. for the authority to buy the project. The authority and the owners each had the property appraised. After much study and long negotiations, the present contract was agreed upon.

Under its terms the authority gets the property in exchange for

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Driver Will Be Tried Thursday

Arthur S. Wigley, Cherry Point, who was slightly injured in an auto accident Tuesday night, will be tried in county recorder's court Thursday on a charge of speeding and failing to stop at a stop sign.

Wigley, and his passenger, John D. Perry, also of Cherry Point, in a 1953 Studebaker, ran into a 1953 half-ton pickup truck parked in the yard of Willie Gray at the intersection of Highway 70 and 70A, west of Morehead City.

Wigley suffered a cut left knee and cut over his left eye. Perry had a cut on his right knee.

Patrolman Robert Brown said that Wigley was going west on Highway 70 and failed to make the turn. He piled into the rear of the pickup, knocked it into the fence around Mr. Gray's junkyard, causing 8 feet of the fence to be torn down.

Damage to the car was estimated at \$500, damage to the pickup \$400 and damage to the fence \$75.

Wigley and Perry were taken to the Morehead City Hospital by the Dill ambulance, given emergency treatment and moved to the hospital at Cherry Point.

Six Carteret Men Will Enter Army Thursday

Six Carteret men have been ordered to report for induction into the Army Thursday, announces Mrs. Ruby D. Holland, clerk to the selective service board. They are Eddie M. Jones, Beaufort; Hedrick Gillikin, Otway; and James M. Small, David J. Bell, Roger R. Bell and Gene R. Small all of Harlowe.

Ministers Add To Committee

The Rev. Robert Poulk, pastor of the Beaufort Methodist circuit, was named to the migrant ministry committee of the County Ministers Association yesterday morning at the civic center, Morehead City.

Other members of the committee are the Rev. Ralph Fleming, Newport, and the Rev. Alvis Daniel, Wildwood.

Two new members were admitted to the association. They are the Rev. William Jeffries, Marshallberg, and the Rev. Henry J. van Klyve, Davis.

As the program, the Rev. John Cline and the Rev. W. A. Hales, Beaufort, spoke on the altar call, the open invitation to persons to join the church.

The Rev. C. B. Hansley, pastor of the Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church, reported \$171.31 in the treasury. The Rev. A. G. Harris Jr., president, presided. The devotional was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Daniel.

The Rev. Mr. Cline closed the meeting with prayer.

Firemen to Sell Pies Saturday

The Marshallberg Volunteer Fire Department will have a pie sale Saturday night to raise funds for the department. Roy Willis, chairman of the finance committee, reported at the fire department meeting Friday night that pies would be sold at a dollar each, or a slice of pie and a cup of coffee for 25 cents.

Persons may order pies by calling the fire department number, Park 9-3247.

The department reorganized this month. Officers are Ikie Guthrie, chief; Lester Murphy, assistant chief; Cicero (Wump) Lewis, captain; Fernie G. Willis, lieutenant, and Troy D. Moore, secretary-treasurer.

On Christmas Eve the fire department put Santa Claus on the fire truck and visited surrounding communities where children happily welcomed Santa.

Revokes Licenses

The State Highway Safety division has revoked the licenses of Frank Cross Jr., Morehead City, and Respass Spencer, Newport, for a period of one year. Cross was convicted of driving after his license had been revoked and Spencer was found guilty of driving drunk.

Highway Commission Lists County's Roads to be Paved

Atlantic Beach Joins Fight Against Higher Phone Rates

Two Countians Serve on New Hospital Board

Clayton Fulcher, Atlantic, and Mrs. E. L. Davis, Beaufort, have been named to the board of trustees of Kafer Memorial Hospital, New Bern. The hospital's transition from private ownership to the Atlantic Baptist Association, will be complete tomorrow.

Mrs. Davis, Mr. Fulcher, and Mrs. John Lashley, Morehead City, are also on the committee to raise money for a new Baptist Hospital at New Bern.

The Kafer hospital, formerly owned by Mrs. Helen Kafer, is now known as the Eastern Carolina Baptist Hospital.

Alec F. Thompson, moderator, Atlantic Baptist Association, makes the following comment on the acquisition of Kafer Hospital and the association's plans for a new hospital.

"This action by the Atlantic Association is a part of a proposed hospital program of the Association. The idea of a hospital originated within the association several years ago, but did not really take any form until it became known some time ago that Kafer Memorial Hospital would probably close.

In January of 1956 a delegation from the New Bern area went before the General Board of the Convention to present the critical state of hospital facilities, and to appeal for the convention to aid in establishing a Baptist Hospital here.

Committees from the General Board came to New Bern to study the needs, and at the State Convention in 1956 the matter was presented again by representatives from New Bern. At this time the Committee of Twenty-five was appointed, a sub-committee of which was to study the needs in the New Bern area.

In July of 1957 the Atlantic Association initiated a fund-drive to raise necessary funds for the construction of a modern 100 bed hospital. The first goal set in this drive was \$600,000, of which more than \$240,000 had been pledged by Dec. 1. The fund-drive campaign will continue until the above goal is reached, and soon after this it is hoped that construction of the new plant can begin.

"It is the plan of the Atlantic Association to operate the present hospital in order to preserve the number of hospital beds now existing in the New Bern area, which number is much below the number needed for the area. Also, the as-

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To Receive Degree



Wake Forest—The Rev. W. T. Cockman, pastor of the Parkway Baptist Church, Morehead City, will receive the bachelor of divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at fall semester graduation exercises Friday.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. George Cockman, route 1 Robbins, he is a graduate of Highfalls High School, Mars Hill Junior College and Furman University. He was ordained to the ministry by Glenoid Baptist Church in 1950. He has served as pastor of Parkway Baptist Church since 1954.

The Rev. Mr. Cockman is married to the former Mildred East of Morehead City. They have one child, Joan, 4.

Atlantic Beach has joined the fight against the higher telephone rates proposed by Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co. Town commissioners approved the sending of \$20 to the East Carolina Phone Fight Committee Saturday. The town board met at Fleming's Motel.

The phone fight committee has asked each town in eastern North Carolina to contribute 20 cents per telephone to help bear the expenses of fighting the telephone company in its request for higher rates. Atlantic Beach, largely a summer resort town, has about 100 telephones.

S. A. Horton, who supplies the beach with water, attended the meeting. He said that he had bought a new pump and cleaned all the water lines in an effort to keep last summer's water trouble from being repeated.

Last summer Mr. Horton bought a new pump that was so large it pumped sand as well as water through the town lines. The sand stopped up drains and sewer lines.

Reports Given

Chief of Police Bill Moore gave police and fire department reports. He said that the fire truck had been repaired with free parts from Civil Defense sources at Cherry Point and Raleigh. The only expenses will be for labor and a few parts he was unable to get through Civil Defense.

The chief suggested that the town run a large water line to a convenient spot for filling the fire truck. He pointed out that the truck now has to go to Morehead City for water.

Mr. Horton said that he would run a two and a half inch pipe to West Boulevard (entrance to the beach beside the Pavilion) for \$75. The board approved the proposal.

Continuing with the discussion of the fire department, Mr. Coyle said that he had written the president of Southern Railway asking for a loud horn for the truck.

Mr. Coyle then reported on his investigation of the possibility of the town's buying a lot for a municipal building. He said that unless the town had the surplus cash on hand it would have to get permission of the Local Government Commission in Raleigh to buy a lot.

He suggested that the commissioners get together later and buy the lot in question and hold it until such time as the town had the money to pay for it. The lot the town has selected is on the Salter Path road a few hundred feet east of Fleming's Motel.

Parkway Discussed

Mayor A. B. Cooper reported that representatives from the state highway department had visited him in reference to building a parkway from the bridge to the beach. The town has pushed this project in hope that it will relieve the traffic situation in the summer months.

H. H. Hill, chairman of the newly-organized zoning commission, attended the meeting and reported that Leigh Wilson of the League of Municipalities would meet with his commission at 3 p.m. today.

He invited the town fathers to the meeting. The zoning commission will learn the steps it must follow to zone the beach.

Town clerk H. M. Eure reported on the town's finances and said that he would have a more complete report at the next meeting.

Mayor A. B. Cooper presided. Commissioners present were M. G. Coyle and R. A. Barfoot.

Mel West Considers Another Ocean Trip In Outboard Boat

Mel West told members of the Morehead City Rotary Club that he is looking for a partner for another ocean crossing attempt. Mr. West was principal speaker at the Rotary Club meeting at the Rex Restaurant Thursday night.

He told the Rotarians that he was considering another trip in an outboard motor boat but did not say where. Mr. West had the world on edge last October when he was the object of a widespread search after being long overdue in Bermuda on an outboard motor trip.

"There will be no advance publicity this time," Mr. West said. "Nothing will be released until after I have left and am well on my way."

Mr. West was the guest of program chairman Jasper Bell. W. C. Carlton led the singing.

David F. Jones To Work With Navy at Norfolk

David F. Jones Jr., Morehead City, the county soil conservationist, has accepted the position of agriculture engineer conservationist with the Fifth Naval District.

Mr. Jones, who has been in Carteret since 1952, will begin work at Norfolk Monday, Jan. 27. He will be in the public works' soil and erosion control section.

A graduate of North Carolina State College, he came to this



David F. Jones Jr., soil conservationist

county after receiving his degree in agriculture engineering. In 1954, he succeeded Roy Beck as conservationist.

A native of Duplin County, Mr. Jones is married and has two children, Deborah Sue, 8, and Steven Allen, 4.

He is vice-president of the Morehead City School Parent-Teacher Association, a deacon of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Morehead City; general director of the church Free Will Baptist League, vice-president of the County FWB Sunday School Convention, Sunday School superintendent of the First FWB Church, past president of the Carteret County Youth for Christ Rally, past president of the Carteret County FWB League Convention and past chairman of the County Agriculture Workers Council.

Car Kills Spot



Spot, at age 2, with his master.

One of the best-known dogs in the county, Spot Ayscue, was killed at 6:30 Sunday night by a car on Arendell Street near the Ayscue home.

Spot was about 5 years old. He was right-hand man to his master, Marshall Ayscue, county ABC officer and deputy sheriff. He went with him everywhere.

He could understand words—he could even understand a look. He was such a popular and intelligent dog that dog lovers clamored for his offspring. Spot is survived by sons, daughters and grandchildren.

It is not known who killed Spot as he was apparently crossing the street. The accident was reported to the Ayscues by neighbors.

The Morehead City town board will meet for its January session at 7:45 Thursday night at the municipal building.

Six roads in the county have been put on the priority list for paving, C. Y. Griffin, highway official from New Bern told the county commissioners at a meeting Friday morning at the courthouse.

The roads, listed in the order in which they are to be paved when funds become available, are as follows:

1. Stella Road — three miles beginning at Stella and extending east and south to a dead end at White Oak River.

2. A road seven-tenths of a mile long beginning at a point on a paved road between Stella and Kuhns and extending south.

3. Old New Bern Highway — Beginning at a point on Highway 101 and extending north, approximately paralleling 101 to a point near the inland waterway, 2.8 miles.

4. Beginning on NC 101 three and a half miles north of Beaufort and paralleling 101, 2.2 miles.

5. Crow Hill Road — Straits community, 1.9 miles.

6. Hibbs Road — From NC 24 north to Newport, 4 miles.

All of the roads were not designated by name because in some instances, Mr. Griffin explained, the roads are called by several names.

Traffic Counted
A traffic count was taken on the above roads. They showed travel of 50 or more vehicles, on the average, every 24 hours. Under the new program for paving secondary roads (county roads), the roads carrying that amount of traffic are earmarked for paving and take precedence over others.

Mr. Griffin could give no assurance as to when the roads will be paved. The state says such paving will be carried out "on a priority system consistent with the funds available."

He added, however, that Carteret's priority roads, totaling 14.6 miles, may be hard-surfaced sooner than roads in other counties where the mileage is a lot higher.

He told the commissioners that other main dirt roads have been inventoried too, but were found to carry less than an average of 50 vehicles a day.

The old New Bern highway, although it approximately parallels 101, is high on the priority list because numerous homes are located there and the road is used by residents of those homes.

Mr. Griffin said that traffic counts probably will be taken on roads every year. He said that the county commissioners can request a traffic count on a certain road if they believe it to be used extensively.

Other Factors
In addition to the traffic count, the following factors are also taken into consideration before a road is put on a priority list:

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Mayors Acclaim Civil Service Act

The mayors of Morehead City, Beaufort, Atlantic Beach and Newport have proclaimed this week as National Civil Service Week.

Thursday marks the 75th anniversary of the signing of the Civil Service Act by President Chester A. Arthur in 1883.

Mayor George Dill, Morehead City, points out that the Civil Service Act came in response to public demand for reform, following the assassination of President Garfield by a disappointed office seeker.

Mayor Clifford Lewis, Beaufort, added that the act was the death toll for the "spoils system" and became the foundation of a merit system under which more than two million federal workers are employed today.

Mayor Leon Mann Jr., Newport, and Mayor A. B. Cooper, Atlantic Beach, join Mayor Dill and Mayor Lewis in asking that all citizens "give thought and support to the strengthening of the federal merit system . . . that business, labor and farm organizations, as well as churches, schools, civic groups and public information agencies cooperate fully in the observance of the Diamond Anniversary Year, 1958."

Order of Odd Fellows Installs Officers Friday

G. T. Spivey was installed as chief patriarch of the Beaufort encampment, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Friday night at a meeting at the lodge. Other officers installed were as follows:

Robert L. Russell, high priest; Charlie Rollinson, senior warden; Robert McCabe, junior warden; and W. E. Kirk, inside sentinel.

Mr. Jesse Pearson of Morehead City was the installing officer.