

Jaycees Support March of Dimes,
Plan Special Jaycee Activity Day



Beaufort Jaycee James Steed gets ready for his polio shot at the county health center yesterday morning. Doing the honors is Dr. Luther Fulcher, county health officer. Looking on, left to right, are Mayor C. T. Lewis, A. C. Blankenship, Virgil White and Bobby Martin.

The Beaufort Jaycees have designated Monday as Jaycee Day. During the day club members will conduct the annual Jaycee radio day, make a contribution to the March of Dimes and have their DSA banquet.

Mayor C. T. Lewis met with some of the Jaycees at the county health center yesterday to issue a Jaycee Day proclamation and discuss the March of Dimes.

Dr. Luther Fulcher, county health officer, was on hand to give polio shots to the Jaycees. He said that the health center had 540 more shots on hand. These will be out of date after April 1, so Dr. Fulcher is anxious to use all of them before that date.

In proclaiming Jaycee Day, Mayor Lewis described the Jaycees as "a constructive action organization of young men." He added, "Beaufort has a continuing and expanding need for young men of such caliber and energy who will be active in community affairs."

At the DSA banquet that climaxes the day, the Jaycees will present awards to the outstanding young man of the year, to the outstanding man or woman of the year over 35, and to the outstanding young farmer.

The banquet is set for 7:30 p.m. at the Scout Building.

Suicide Victim's
Body Sent Home

The body of Harry Byrd Hammer, 29, Harrisburg, Va., has been taken to his home.

Hammer died from a self-inflicted shotgun wound at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Deyo Judy home on highway 70, a short distance beyond the East Drive-In Theatre on the west side of the highway.

Hammer was visiting at the Judy home, having arrived that day. But the Judy was in Florida, according to L. D. Springle, coroner.

Mr. Springle said that Hammer left a letter, addressed to his mother, Mrs. Ray L. Hammer, 225 Chicago Ave., Harrisburg, Va. The letter was lengthy, but stated among other things, that he felt he was of no good to anyone and death was the best way out.

He put a quilt on the floor, got a 12-gauge shotgun that was in the house, lay on the quilt, put the gun in his mouth and pulled the trigger, the coroner reported.

Finds Anchor

The Navy dredge that spent a week in the Morehead City port turning basin left Monday night after recovering an anchor lost by the transport Rockbridge. The Rockbridge lost her anchor a week ago last Monday.

Soil Bank Attracts More
Farmers Than Last Year

Mayor to Raise
Phone Question

George W. Dill, mayor of Morehead City, said yesterday that he will ask the town board's opinion next month on Morehead's paying its proportionate share in the rate fight against Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co.

Morehead City has already informed the East Carolina Phone Fight Committee that it is in favor of the fight, but pledged no money.

Mayor Dill said, "It is in the best interest of all communities to have utilities available at the lowest possible rates."

Atlantic Beach has already pledged \$20 to the fight. Beaufort has said it will pay its share if the county, and other towns in the county, will pay theirs.

Toastmasters Set
Meeting Hour

County Toastmasters changed the hour of their meeting when they met Wednesday night. In the future, they will meet at 7:15 p.m. instead of 8:15.

Oscar Allred was appointed publicity chairman.

David Menden was topicmaster and Cecil Smith, toastmaster. Two-minute speeches were given by Dr. Russell Outlaw, who spoke on "Why We Should Live a Christian Life"; P. H. Geer Jr., on "Is the Phone Rate Increase Justified"; Dr. W. L. Woodard, "Why I Am Against the Ku Klux Klan"; and M. Leslie Davis, "My First Date with a Girl."

Prepared talks were given by W. C. Wilkins, Leadership in Business; Paul Bray, The Korean Conflict; and Dr. Outlaw, Better Schools.

Jasper Bell was master critic on the prepared speeches.

Mr. Davis was appointed sergeant-at-arms to replace Don Willis.

The next meeting will be Feb. 12 at WMBL.

Attend Meeting

R. M. Williams, farm agent, and Harry Venters, assistant agent, attended the county agents' meeting at New Bern Tuesday.

B. J. May, county ASC office manager, says that the success of last year's soil bank is shown in the large number of farmers signing up for the program this year.

Last year 121 tobacco farmers signed up. Since Mr. May started taking applications less than two weeks ago, 126 farmers have put 332.16 acres of tobacco land in the soil bank. This is approximately one-fourth of all the tobacco allotment in the county.

Mr. May says that these farmers will be eligible for payments totaling \$85,105.87. This is about \$12,000 more than the 121 farmers who signed up last year received.

An unexpectedly heavy sign-up of cotton farmers in the cotton belt has caused a temporary halt in cotton applications in the county. Mr. May says that all federal funds allocated for cotton have already been used.

Sixteen farmers in the county have put 38.4 acres of cotton allotment in the soil bank. They will be eligible for payments totaling \$2,132.90. Last year 24 cotton farmers signed up.

Mr. May says that the government may allocate more money for cotton, so he is accepting unsigned applications. Farmers can come in and sign the applications if more money is allocated.

Health Office
Adds Extra Clinic

To speed up the acquiring of health cards, the county health department has added a clinic to the usual weekly schedule. The additional clinic will be from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Morehead City Hospital annex, Tuesdays only.

Dr. Luther Fulcher, health officer, explains that the health cards are available for applicants within 48 hours after the application is made. Those applying for such cards Thursday afternoons, in the past, were unable to get them until the following Monday.

The new clinic will be held, beginning Feb. 4.

Other clinics are the same as usual, 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays at the health center, Beaufort; 9 to 11 a.m. Thursdays at the health center, Beaufort, and 1 to 3 p.m. Thursdays at the Morehead City Hospital annex.

X-rays are taken at the health center, Beaufort, from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

All the above hours are observed except on legal holidays.

East Carolina Phone Fight Fund
Already Amounts to \$6,000

Fund Collected to Date
Represents 190 Phones

Funds representing more than 190 phone users have come in to THE NEWS-TIMES to help finance the fight against the phone company's rate raise. At noon yesterday the figure stood at \$38.05.

The East Carolina Phone Fight Committee estimates that 20 cents per phone will cover the cost of representing phone users in Carolina Telephone territory at the hearing before the State Utilities Commission.

Some persons have paid more than 20 cents. Contributions have ranged from a quarter to as much as three dollars from one irate telephone subscriber.

This subscriber accompanied his contribution with the following:

"Dear Editor,
"Enclosed is the amount of \$3.00 in helping the cause to keep telephone rates from going up. The telephone company needs a raise? Baloney!!! We're not even getting what we pay for now. How can they even think of going up on their rates?"

"I am in agreement that we should all get together and have our telephones taken out, then they would sit up and take notice. Try overlooking your telephone bill a few days and see what happens. No notice, no reminder, and no service."

"Then they charge you \$3.50 for a man to screw a fuse back in. Raise? I think the rates should be cut about 50 per cent."

Since the listing in Tuesday's paper, the following have contributed to the fight:

Morehead City — John Morrison, C. D. Garner, Karl Siles, Norman Wade, C. H. Walburg, J. E. Sykes, Mrs. H. W. Thornton, Mrs. Duffy Wade, Gerald Wade, George H.

Rowles, O. J. Morrow, Mrs. Carrie Robinson, G. Willis, 6-3731, 6-5612. Mr. and Mrs. David Thomas Willis, Mrs. Frances H. Darden, Pearl Bedsworth, George H. Perry, J. R. Swanson, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Lewis, R. W. Ellis, Mrs. Joe Morse, 6-3972.

Beaufort — Mrs. C. W. Scott, Guthrie-Jones, James Lupton, Callie Ferrier, Monroe Simpson, Gene C. Smith, Miss Mildred Whitehurst, Annie Dixon, Maggie Sadler, Ivy Gillikin, Mrs. Mattie Bell, Mrs. Harold Leahy, 2-9361, 2-9366.

Mrs. W. E. Guthrie, Gery Talbot, E. C. Rhue, Charlie C. Smith, Beaufort RFD — Earl Campen, Neal Campen, E. M. Foreman, Atlantic — Carroll Willis, H. R. Daniels Sr., E. K. Morris, Grover Willis and Manly R. (Buddy) Willis.

Beaufort-Morehead causeway — B. J. White, Mrs. Jean Ryggs, Harkers Island — W. Bosworth Newsum.

Newport — Mrs. M. C. Warren, Marshallberg — Bertha Lewis. Some contributions came in with no name. Some listed phone numbers and no name.

Coffee Day
Raises \$32.69

Morehead City restaurants participated in Coffee Day Thursday, Jan. 16, and raised \$32.69 for the March of Dimes. The restaurants gave coffee receipts for the day toward the campaign.

Newport School has concluded its collections, turning in a total of \$213.85. The winning room was Frank Gillikin's eighth grade. Its prize is \$5.

The County Chapter for Infantile Paralysis during the past year has paid out the following, according to Mrs. C. L. Beam, chapter treasurer.

Lollipops to children at polio clinics, \$31.36; clerical help at polio clinics, \$280; medical expenses for Horace E. Rountree Jr., polio patient, \$84.80; polio vaccine, \$696.60; repayment to the National Foundation on \$6,000 loan (money loaned over three-year period, 1947, 1948 and 1953), \$912.37.

The county March of Dimes campaign will be climaxed with a Mothers March in Beaufort and Morehead City Thursday, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Lucky contributors, two in each town, will receive gift certificates from leading stores.

Inspector Values 1957
Construction at \$28,550

Gerald Woolard, Beaufort building inspector, reported this week that construction in town during 1957 was valued at \$28,550.

Five new homes were built, valued at \$23,200; alterations to three dwellings were estimated at \$1,250; one new business building was built at a cost of \$2,000; church repair \$1,500, and one new garage \$600.

State Health
Engineer Meets
With Officials

Samples of Beaufort
Water Taken Yesterday;
Women Complain

Mayor Clifford Lewis, M. O. Caton, state health department engineer, and A. B. Fulford, county sanitarian conferred yesterday morning at the health center on the Beaufort water situation.

Mr. Caton has taken samples of Beaufort's water and is investigating complaints, which have snowballed recently, about the foul-smelling water and the heavy sediment the water leaves in cooking utensils.

A delegation of women appeared at the Beaufort town hall yesterday morning to ask the town to take action in the matter. Members of the group were Mrs. Leonard Safrit, Mrs. Albert Chappell, Mrs. Jarvis Herring, Mrs. Clarence Guthrie, Mrs. Lockwood Phillips, Mrs. John Ball and Mrs. Bob Burrows.

Dan Walker, town clerk, reports that his office has also received many phone calls about the water. Mayor Lewis reported Jan. 6 that on previous occasions when the water was rusty, smelly and otherwise obnoxious, tests showed that it was pure.

C. W. Williams, manager of Carolina Water Co., said yesterday that engineers with his company at Philadelphia are working now on plans for new wells at Beaufort and Morehead City.

He said that his company is aware of the situation in Beaufort and that a new well is expected to correct the condition.

The water company has a 90-day option on land in Morehead City where they expect to drill the well. "If we're to take advantage of that option, something will have to be done soon," he said. Both wells, in Beaufort and Morehead would be drilled at the same time.

He said that the option on the Morehead City property began about the first of January.

The well in Beaufort, he added, will probably be located on the site of the present water company plant.

Water users, however, are not satisfied with explanations. Complaints about the water have been voiced, periodically, over the past two years. Beaufort Jaycees last week authorized one of their members to register a formal complaint about water conditions with the county sanitarian.

Port Activity

The only activity scheduled for state port for the rest of the month is a Marine movement next week. Navy ships taking part in the movement are Thuban, Plymouth Rock, Rushmore, Capricornus, Monrovia, Hermitage, Vermillion, Casa Grande and Shadwell.

Mayor Robert I. Powell, Clinton, chairman of the East Carolina Phone Fight Committee, told THE NEWS-TIMES yesterday that \$6,000 is already on deposit to finance the fight against higher telephone rates.

Chairman Powell said that \$15,000 has been pledged. "The smaller towns have come through wonderfully well," he remarked. "They're almost solidly behind us. We estimate that we have two-thirds of all Carolina Telephone and Telegraph territory pledged to the fight."

The only major towns which have not joined thus far, he said, are Rocky Mount, New Bern, Kinston and Washington.

"In my county, Sampson," Chairman Powell continued, "everyone has paid up. We think things are coming along fine."

The chairman was pleased to hear of the response by NEWS-TIMES readers to the fight.

He reported that he and the phone fight committee's attorney, Samuel Behrends, conferred early this month with the attorney general. They requested that he assign an assistant from his office to help phone users block the rate raise.

Chairman Powell said he was favorably impressed with the results of the conference.

April Date?

Since that time, Mr. Behrends has spoken to Stanley Winborne, chairman of the State Utilities Commission, who has said that he doubts a hearing can be held before the first of April.

As soon as a hearing date is announced by the utilities commission, Mr. Powell said, a meeting will be called. All towns served by Carolina Telephone will be invited. At that time, Mr. Behrends will report on his work and the status of the case.

Chairman Powell said that the meeting will be in two parts, one in the morning at Clinton for the convenience of towns in that vicinity, and one in the afternoon at either Wilson and Greenville for the convenience of towns in that area. The same thing will be discussed at both meetings.

Work Started

Mr. Behrends has already begun work on the case. A former assistant attorney general, he is a member of the law firm, Coble and Behrends, at Albemarle and received experience in utilities fights as assistant to Dr. Beverly I. Lake who is a veteran legal counsel in North Carolina utilities cases.

Treasurer of the East Carolina Phone Fight Committee is Mayor John D. Wilson of Wilson. Money collected by THE NEWS-TIMES will be sent to him today.

Since the hearing will not be held for several weeks, THE NEWS-TIMES will continue to accept 20 cents per phone user as long as persons wish to send it in.

Chairman Powell said that even where some towns have paid to finance the fight, phone users have insisted on giving him their personal contribution.

Reserve Unit Dissolved

The Army Reserve unit, Beaufort, Capt. Thomas McQuaid, commanding officer, was dissolved last month under an Army program to maintain units at full complement. Those in the unit were transferred to the Heavyboat Army Reserve unit, which meets in Beaufort.

Paris Willis
Gets Jail Term
In Court Monday

Paris Willis drew a six-month term in jail for public drunkenness Monday in Morehead City recorders court. His was the only jail sentence handed down by judge Herbert Phillips.

Three drivers were in court charged with driving drunk. Johnny E. Ingram was fined \$100 and costs. Julius Henry Ortman was fined \$100 and costs for careless and reckless driving after the state decided not to prosecute him for driving drunk.

Not Guilty

James Leon Graham was found not guilty of driving drunk and not guilty of speeding. The judge fined him \$50 and costs for careless and reckless driving. Graham noted an appeal and bond for his appearance in superior court was set at \$250.

Three motorists were fined \$25 and costs. They were Edward H. Culpher, no license and improper muffler; Freddie B. Graham, no license; and Billy L. McCullar, careless and reckless driving.

Thomas C. Howard was charged court costs for running a stop sign.

Beatrice Collins showed that she had a driver's license, so the state did not prosecute her for driving without a license.

Charge Dismissed

Charges were dismissed against Mrs. Nellie Lynch. She was charged with disturbing the peace and keeping a dog that was a public nuisance.

Albert Way was found not guilty of attempted assault and use of obscene language in a public place.

Cases were continued against James Henry Yancey, Roy David Smith, Simon Cason, William Franklin Warren, Genadous Perry King, I. J. Gray and Richard P. Jolliff.

Edenton Air
Base to Close

The Navy will close the auxiliary air station at Edenton about March 31, 1959.

The announcement was made at Washington, D. C., Tuesday. Three other stations are also scheduled to be closed within the next 14 months. They are stations at Atlantic City, Miami, and Cavanaugh Field, Corpus Christi, Texas.

The Navy said the need for economy and the decreasing need for pilots have caused the scheduled shutdowns.

On all stations, except Edenton, the government is reserving the right to take them over again at a later date. The 3,283-acre installation at Edenton, however, will be disposed of without restriction if the city of Edenton has a civic or industrial use for the land.

The cutback will save an estimated \$810,000 annually. At present 138 civilians are employed at Edenton. Marine Air Group 11, part of the Second Marine Aircraft Wing, Cherry Point, is stationed there.

Civilian employees will receive reemployment rights and the military personnel will be transferred, according to information from Cherry Point.

Hopper Dredge
Finishes Harbor Job

Wilmington—The Corps of Engineers hopper dredge Gerig completed emergency dredging in Beaufort Inlet channel Saturday night and left for similar work at Fort Royal, S. C.

Col. H. C. Rowland Jr., engineer of the Wilmington district, said the Gerig removed better than 500,000 cubic yards of sand from the bar channel since the job began Dec. 10.

Colonel Rowland said the channel is considered to be in good shape now but, as is customary, a survey crew will examine the channel this week to determine the actual condition.

This marks the fourth time in 1957 that maintenance work was required there to restore project depth of 30 feet.

What Will a Nickel Buy?

By BOB SEYMOUR

Benjamin Franklin, alias Poor Richard, really thought he said something when he advised the readers of his almanac that "A penny saved is a penny earned." Bringing this up to date, considering the rising cost of living, one should say, "A nickel saved is a nickel earned."

When one sees what a nickel can buy these days he shouldn't mind having it! A tour of some of the stores in Morehead City Friday revealed that there isn't a great selection of items that can be bought for five cents.

Elmer Watson, manager of

Rose's five, 10 and 25-cent Store, admitted that there were less than 50 things in the store priced at five cents. "Most of the things that had been a nickel for the past 50 years went up to seven or eight cents during the past two years. That is about a 50 per cent increase," he said.

Coasters for drinking glasses are still five cents, but the glasses themselves range from seven cents to 25 cents or more. Homemakers can still buy straight pins, some types of thread, clothes pins and measuring spoons for a nickel.

Nearly nothing in the grocery

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar			
HIGH		LOW	
Friday, Jan. 24			
11:11 a.m.		4:55 a.m.	
11:46 p.m.		5:18 p.m.	
Saturday, Jan. 25			
11:47 a.m.		5:30 a.m.	
		5:49 p.m.	
Sunday, Jan. 26			
6:10 a.m.		12:24 a.m.	
6:21 p.m.		12:22 p.m.	
Monday, Jan. 27			
7:14 a.m.		1:01 a.m.	
7:12 p.m.		12:58 p.m.	



Morehead City firemen acted as pallbearers for the funeral of Harold Willis, long-time member of the fire department, Monday. A fire truck was used as a hearse. Pallbearers, left to right, are

Leslie Brinson, Nolan McCabe, Rufus Guthrie, Woodrow Fulcher, Mac Edwards, John Parker and Jimmy Smith. In the background are George Thomas Lawrence and Walter Smith.