

## Missionary Baptist Mission Becomes Church at Sea Level



Photo by Bob Seymour

The Rev. Robert Floyd, left, pastor of the Sea Level Baptist Church, shows some of his church officers how the new church is progressing. Others in the picture, left to right, are Clarence Salter, Sunday School superintendent, Mrs. Milton Taylor, church clerk, Mrs. Beaumont Taylor, church treasurer, Beaumont Taylor, building superintendent, and Garris Gaskill, Sunday School teacher.

The Missionary Baptist Church of Sea Level was organized Sunday afternoon from a mission of the Atlantic Baptist Church, Atlantic, into a fully constituted church with 30 charter members, and 66 enrolled in the Sunday School. The Rev. Dr. J. R. Owen, Havelock, delivered the main address.

The Sea Level Mission was established in March 1957, under the leadership of the Rev. John W. Privott, former pastor of the Atlantic Baptist Church, Mountain Home, Idaho, was called to be pastor of the mission until a pastor could be called.

In July 1957, Robert N. Floyd, former pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church, Mountain Home, Idaho, was called to be pastor of the mission until a pastor could be called.

The Sea Level Baptist Church has been carrying on a full-time church program since its inception as a mission last March, in spite of the fact that the members have been meeting in an empty carpenter shop too small and inadequate for their needs. (Jesus Christ also had His beginnings in a carpenter shop, comments the Rev. Mr. Floyd).

The members of the church, however, are anxiously awaiting the completion of their new cement-block building on Highway 70, beyond the Sea Level postoffice toward Atlantic.

A Church Council which met to carry out the procedure for organizing the mission into a church was composed of the Rev. J. D. Heath, Kinston; the Rev. William W. Rhymes, Maysville; the Rev. Dr. W. W. Hamilton, Havelock; Chaplain Daniel E. Honeycutt, Havelock.

The Rev. Mr. Privott, Atlantic Baptist Association Missionary, New Bern; the Rev. Philip Quiddle, Atlantic; the Rev. Mr. Floyd, Sea Level; Roy Clemmon, Beaufort; S. E. Brown, Maysville.

Carlton P. Rose, Beaufort; Reggie E. Parrish, Newport; Miles Willis, Smyrna; Julian Willis, Luther E. Smith, Murry Robinson, Albert Mason, Harry Brickhouse, Charles Edwards, and Harvey Hamilton, all of Atlantic.

Members of the Sea Level Baptist Church, stated the following:

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## Spring Oyster Planting Starts Off Cedar Island

By WADE LUCAS

## Thieves Enter Three Newport Business Places

Three Newport businesses were victims of an early Sunday morning robbery. They were Allen and Bell Hardware, Nibbs Soda Shop and the Friendly Diner.

Newport police chief Dan Bell was notified of the robberies Sunday morning and contacted Sheriff Hugh Salter.

Sheriff Salter said the front door of Allen and Bell's was pried open. Tools, a crowbar and \$28.00 was taken.

At the soda shop the back door was jimmed open. Timex watches, pens, a small amount of cash, all of it totaling about \$400 in value, were stolen.

At the restaurant the side door was broken open, the juke box till was broken and money taken, the cigarette case was ransacked and chewing gum was strewn all over the floor.

The Allen and Bell robbery was discovered first. Sheriff Salter said that several suspects are under investigation.

Newport has frequently been victimized by burglars. The biggest theft in recent months was \$3,000 taken from Henry Williams, Newport store owner, on Monday, April 15, 1957.

## Cottages Entered

Two cottages were entered at Atlantic Beach near Ocean Ridge Friday night. Police Chief Bill Moore reports that there was nothing missing from the cottages so far as he could tell. He said the owners had been notified to come and take an inventory.

Mother Nature is getting further help from the state in the efforts being made to bring the North Carolina oyster industry back to the eminence it once had among the oyster-producing states.

This help is in the form of some 277,000 bushels of seed oysters to be planted in specially selected waters of Carteret, Pamlico, Hyde, Dare, Onslow, Pender, New Hanover and Brunswick Counties by the Department of Conservation and Development's commercial fisheries division.

The transplanting of the oysters is being supervised by Dr. A. F. Chestnut, director, Institute of Fisheries Research, University of North Carolina, Morehead City.

The planting of the seed oysters, which are taken from natural "jumps" found near the mouths of rivers emptying into sounds, began last week off Cedar Island.

Fifty thousand bushels have been planted at Point of March in Carteret County and 20,000 in Shell Bay, Hyde County. Plantings will continue in waters in the southern part of the state.

If favorable weather prevails, the transplantings should be completed within three weeks, Dr. Chestnut thinks, provided sufficient seed oysters can be found.

The plantings, an annual undertaking of the Department of Conservation and Development, are a continuation of the state oyster rehabilitation program authorized by the 1947 General Assembly.

The seed oysters are taken from areas where they cannot develop into mature oysters and placed in public oyster beds where they can grow to marketable size.

Areas now being planted will be kept closed for at least two years unless investigations reveal the oysters have reached the legal shell length of 3 inches required before they can be marketed.

The second phase of the oyster rehabilitation program will come

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## Morehead City Sets Tentative \$1.75 Tax Rate

### Town Board Considers Hiring Special Agent To Collect Back Taxes

Morehead City commissioners tentatively set the tax rate at \$1.75 for 1958-59 when the board met at the municipal building Thursday night.

The rate is the same as last year.

Commissioners also requested that the finance commissioner, S. C. Holloway, invite E. L. Brinson to the April meeting. Mr. Brinson is collector of delinquent personal property taxes for the county. The board is interested in having him collect delinquent Morehead City taxes.

The board authorized the clerk, John Lashley, to hire, on a temporary basis, a clerk to assist in setting up card index accounts for each taxpayer.

### Summary Statement

Such an arrangement, Mr. Lashley said, would make it possible to state on each year's tax notice the amount of tax currently due and the amount accumulated from past years.

Harold Tippett and Clyde W. Patterson appeared before the board relative to back taxes owing on personal property listed in the name of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hill. Also appearing before the board was John Seitzer, who requested permission to put two fuel tanks above the ground at his service station. Mr. Seitzer was referred to the building inspector.

To reduce the amount of traffic going out the south end of the west alley in the 1700 block of Arendell Street, the board authorized placing a "Do Not Enter Sign" midway on the north-south alley.

Mayor George Dill and commissioner G. E. Sanderson said that persons living on either side of the south end of the alley complained about the amount of traffic going through the alley, since the Medical Arts building on Arendell Street has been occupied.

### Tractor Needed

Commissioner Sanderson was authorized to look for a new tractor for the town street department.

George McNeill, town attorney, reported that he has been informed by the attorney general that a town may use tax money to support a public utilities fight before the State Utilities Commission only if the town is a formal party to, or intervenor in, the suit.

The board adopted an amendment to the ordinance on signs regulating the type and size of sign which may be erected.

Attending the meeting, in addition to the mayor, town attorney, clerk and commissioner Sanderson were commissioners Jasper Bell, Ted Garner and D. J. Hall.

## Judge Sets \$1,000 Bonds For Two Merrimon Negroes

Fred (Lucky) Jones and Claude Wallace, Negroes of the Merrimon section, were bound over to superior court under \$1,000 bonds Thursday. County recorder's court Judge Lambert Morris heard evidence that tied the two with the robbery of Mrs. Dula Salter's store at Merrimon.

Sheriff Hugh Salter testified that the two men broke into the store Sunday night, March 9, and stole

cigars, cigarettes and canned goods.

The sheriff said that Wallace had confessed to the robbery, saying that he and Jones were drunk when they broke into the store.

### \$325 Fine Levied

The judge gave Robert P. Willis six months in which to pay \$325 and court costs. Willis was found guilty of driving drunk, driving after his license had been revoked and careless and reckless driving.

I. T. Willis was fined \$200 and costs for driving after his license had been revoked. William Henry Weaver was fined \$100 and costs for driving drunk.

Robert A. Maroney forfeited a bond posted after he was picked up and charged with driving drunk and careless and reckless driving. The state decided not to prosecute him for driving on the wrong side of the road.

Four defendants were fined \$50 and costs each. They were Robert B. Merrill, Roy T. Carraway and Robert P. Scott, speeding, and Michael M. Fischette, speeding and running a stop sign.

Resists Arrest  
Richard T. Hart got a \$25 and costs fine for public drunkenness, disturbing the peace and resisting arrest.

Five defendants paid \$10 and costs. They follow: Terry Ward Jr. and Abel Nolan, public drunkenness; Jerry Scharf, speeding; Bobby Gillikin, improper brakes resulting in an accident; and Arnold W. Salter, careless and reckless driving resulting in an accident.

Three defendants were charged with passing worthless checks. James E. Stanley and Theodore Johnson were charged court costs and ordered to honor the checks they had passed. William C. Autry

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## Republicans Name 11 to Run For County Office This Year

## Clam Dredge Crew Gives Up; Catches Too Light, They Said

The clam dredge, Monte Carlo, which came to North Carolina waters on an exploratory search for ocean clams, has returned north.

Dr. A. F. Chestnut, director of the Institute of Fisheries Research, UNC, said that the Monte Carlo did not stay the expected 20 days.

The catches of clams, he added, did not warrant their staying. The crew got discouraged. They claimed that they had to catch 10 bushels an hour to break even. Their best catches were about six or seven bushels an hour.

The state and Elmer Willis, Williston, were paying \$100 a day for the dredge, but the clams caught were the property of the dredge crew.

One day the dredge went in Core Creek and the Monte Carlo crew was delighted. In the channel, about 20 feet deep, they caught 13 bushels of clams an hour. But the state decided not to let them work there because it was mainly interested in ocean resources.

Capt. John Wegener of the institute returned north with the Monte Carlo as far as Virginia. En route the ocean bottom off Drum and Oregon Inlet were sampled but not a clam was found.

The dredge even worked ocean bottom at 80 and 90 feet in this area and found nothing. The biggest catches were off Bogue Banks.

Most of the catch between 20 and 70 feet was dead shells, millions of them, Dr. Chestnut said, which would indicate that at one time there probably were thousands and thousands of ocean clams offshore.

Capt. Jim Harker, Harkers Island, recalls when an oyster schooner with a clam dredge was here some years ago. It caught a truckload of clams in one day off Bogue Inlet, but the clams were so big they were not taken on the New York market.

Dr. Chestnut remarked that the clams as large as ocean clams are best for chowder. Those caught by the Monte Carlo during the past month weighed as much as a pound and a half per clam.

Dr. Chestnut said that the bottom offshore will be sampled from time to time for ocean clams in the hope that the clams now between Atlantic Beach and Cape Lookout may populate the area as it once must have been.

The institute director ventured the opinion that perhaps the hurricanes of the past two years caused the death of many ocean clams.

## State Gives Breakdown On Highway Allotment

## Eight More File For County Office Monday Morning

Seven county office holders filed yesterday with C. Z. Chappell, chairman of the county board of elections. They will seek re-nomination in the primary May 31. David Yeomans, Harkers Island, also filed.

Filing fees were accepted yesterday from Hugh Salter, sheriff; Irvin W. Davis, register of deeds; A. H. James, clerk of superior court; Moses Howard, Skinner Chalk, Odell Merrill and Harrell Taylor, all members of the county board of commissioners.

Mr. Yeomans is running for county commissioner. He is the second resident of Harkers Island to file for county commissioner. The first, Tommy Lewis, filed last Thursday.

The deadline for accepting filing fees is noon Saturday, April 19.

Mr. Howard said that all of the present office holders are planning to run again, even though some have not yet filed.

## Another Check Fights Rate Hike

Received over the weekend was another contribution to the East Carolina Phone Fight Committee. The check, from H. O. Phillips, Morehead City, has been forwarded by THE NEWS-TIMES to Mayor John Wilson of Wilson, treasurer of the phone fight committee.

Anyone interested in contributing to the fight to prevent granting higher telephone rates to Carolina Telephone and Telegraph, may send his contribution to the newspaper office.

It has been suggested by a Morehead City businessman that larger donations be asked. The phone fight committee recommends 20 cents per phone. The businessman said, "The business people should be willing to make donations of dollars, not quarters."

## Civic Clubs Will Help with Park

How inviting Morehead City's municipal park will be, come summer, depends on the cooperation of the town's civic groups.

Commissioner Jasper Bell, in charge of buildings and grounds, reported to the town board Thursday night that each civic club is to appoint one person to work with the town.

Each club is also requested to undertake one phase of getting the park ready.

The park is located on state property at Camp Glenn and borders the sound.

The Jaycees and Rotary Club have already named a park "cooperator". Representing the Jaycees is Dr. Russell Outlaw. The Jaycees have agreed to furnish 10 picnic tables and possibly a picket fence. The Rotary cooperator is Thomas L. Noe.

Club's appointees should get in touch with Commissioner Bell at the Sanitary Barber Shop.

The town will seed and fertilize the area. Several parking areas have been laid out. The park will include a small boat launching ramp, two outdoor grills, picnic tables with a waste can by each and possibly a public phone booth.

Car Upsets  
A 1949 Chevrolet, owned by W. H. Clark, 13 Narcissus Court, Havelock, turned over on the Salter Path Road Saturday night between 9 and 10 o'clock. The accident was investigated by Patrolman J. W. Sykes.

The State Highway Commission reports that the \$83,900 allotted to Carteret for secondary roads will be paid as follows: \$45,000 this year and \$38,900 during 1958-59.

Of the \$45,000, the amount of \$5,353.60 will come from a \$2 million surplus made available by the 1957 general assembly and the remainder has been designated as "general allocation".

Of the 1958-59 allocation, \$14,000 has been earmarked for roads rated for paving (6.45 per cent of total need), and \$24,900 for roads not rated for paving (allotted on basis of \$331 per mile).

No breakdown on the amount to be used for paving in the 1957-58 allocation was given.

The State Highway Commission reports that there are 247.4 miles of secondary roads in Carteret. Of those, 89.6 miles are unpaved. Rated for paving are 14.6 miles, leaving 75 miles not rated for paving.

To pave the 14.6 miles approved for paving would cost \$217,000, according to state figures.

## Two Injured In Saturday, Sunday Wrecks

Two received minor injuries in two weekend auto accidents. They were Mary Ellen Bogey, route 2 Kinston, who got a neck injury at 8:50 Saturday night, and Edward P. Sousa, Cherry Point, who suffered a head injury at 12:30 a.m. Sunday.

The Saturday night accident happened on the railroad crossing at Camp Glenn near the elevated water tank on highway 70.

Mrs. Bogey was going east in a 1957 Buick convertible, owned by Edward Webster Holmes, route 1 Seven Springs. She slowed to about 25 miles to cross the tracks, according to patrolman R. H. Brown, and was hit in the rear by a 1955 Ford driven by Gerry Scharf, Cherry Point.

Scharf has been charged with driving drunk and careless and reckless driving and Henry H. Robinson, Cherry Point, owner of the car who was in it, has been charged with allowing a drunken person to operate his car.

Damage to the Buick was estimated at \$500; damage to the Ford, \$350.

The other accident happened on highway 70 a mile and a half west of Newport. Sousa, in a 1950 Ford, was headed west. He made a wide turn around a curve, went to the left of the highway, back to the right and ended up in a plowed field where he turned over.

Patrolman Brown was an eye witness to the accident. He went to the wreck and pulled Sousa out. The driver was taken to Cherry Point in the Newport rescue squad ambulance. Sousa has been charged with careless and reckless driving. His car was demolished.

## Air Station Issues Week's Bomb Schedule

Officials of the Marine Corps Air Station have issued the following bombing schedule in force through March 29, 1958 in the Rattan Bay area.

Bombing practice will be held during daylight hours to the 29th of March 1958.

Use of this target area beyond Saturday, March 29, 1958, will be published at a later date.

## Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, March 25	
11:04 a.m.	5:02 a.m.
11:19 p.m.	4:51 p.m.
Wednesday, March 26	
11:49 a.m.	5:35 a.m.
	5:26 p.m.
Thursday, March 27	
12:07 a.m.	6:27 a.m.
12:41 p.m.	6:17 p.m.
Friday, March 28	
1:03 a.m.	8:01 a.m.
1:43 p.m.	7:54 p.m.

County Republicans have nominated a slate of 11 to run for county offices. The slate was selected at the Republican convention Saturday noon at the courthouse, Beaufort.

Those selected, pending their acceptance of the nomination, are Percy T. Davis, Marshallberg, for sheriff; William A. Mace, Beaufort, for clerk of superior court; Miss Josie Pigott, Smyrna, for register of deeds.

Grayden Paul, Beaufort, for general assembly; Dr. F. E. Hyde, for coroner; George Brooks, for surveyor, and the following for county commissioner: A. B. Garner, Newport; J. E. Lewis, Morehead City; John Miller, Beaufort; Jesse Piner, Williston, and Luther Smith, Atlantic.

No candidates were named for judge of recorder's court or solicitor.

### Chairman Chosen

Ivy D. Gillikin was elected chairman of the county Republican committee. Mr. Gillikin, who was born in this county, left at the age of 14. In 1953 he returned to Carteret, retiring from a successful trucking business he operated in Michigan. He now lives on Highway 101 near Beaufort.

Members of the executive committee are A. L. Wilson, Newport; Elmo Wade, Williston; Elmer Willis, Davis; Luther Smith, Atlantic; William Mace, Beaufort; J. E. Lewis, Morehead City, and Jimmy Piner, Marshallberg. Osborne Davis, Beaufort, was re-elected secretary. Election of a treasurer was deferred.

Claud Wheatly, Beaufort, served as temporary chairman of the convention. He explained that Mr. Gillikin had been acting as chairman of the committee for the past three months, following the resignation of Jesse Piner as chairman.

State Committee Member  
It was reported that Mr. Wilson is Carteret's representative on the state Republican committee. Both Mr. Wilson and Mr. Gillikin attended the recent district and state Republican conventions.

In a brief address to the convention, Mr. Wheatly said that the party could be proud of the slate it put up in 1954. The main difficulty was that the rank and file Republicans did not support the slate, he declared.

It's up to the minority party, Mr. Wheatly said, to wage a constant battle and keep issues before the people. He said that the party's platform in 1954 was to "clean up" the jury lists, and reevaluate real property.

The Democrats carried out both. "We've got the best jury list I've ever known," Mr. Wheatly said. "I think any county in the state would have been proud of the juries which sat in this courtroom last week during superior court. Prior to revision, the jury list, as a whole, in this county was a disgrace. We must not let them (the Democrats) slip back into controlled juries," Mr. Wheatly declared.

Republican Plank  
"Reevaluation," the speaker continued, "was a Republican idea, but we didn't advocate spending \$100,000 to get it done. That's a disgrace to those in office, but they'll have to answer to the people for that."

"A party cannot function without candidates to carry its standards," Mr. Wheatly said. "Regardless who wins, if we wage a good campaign, our platform will go over."

Mr. Gillikin told the convention that the party has a county organization, if members of it will just work. He commented that the largest item in the county budget is welfare. He said that those who don't deserve welfare funds get them and those who do deserve them get little, if any, of the money.

Asks Cooperation  
He said that in the last election when he saw the opposition party in front of the courthouse voting everybody who came along, he made up his mind he was going to do something about it, but he told his listeners he couldn't do it all alone.

"If I held a job in this county as long as some of those Democrats," he declared, "I'd quit. I just don't want to be in anything as long as they have it."

A collection of funds to help wage the campaign was taken. Collected was \$71.73. The officers were pleased with the amount collected at the convention, though they commented that more was needed. About 35 persons attended.

## Ocracoke Battles Flu

The village of Ocracoke is going through a siege of flu and several cases of pneumonia. Dr. Garland Wampler, a US public health officer, treated patients on the island Sunday. The state health office ordered drugs flown to Ocracoke by Coast Guard helicopter from Beaufort airport.



Photo by Bob Seymour

Members of the new Baptist Church at Sea Level were given the right hand of fellowship at special services at the Atlantic Baptist Church Sunday afternoon. Members of the congregation are shown with their pastor, the Rev. Robert Floyd and Dr. J. R. Owen, former pastor. In the picture are Mrs. Beaumont Taylor, Garris Gaskill, Mrs.

Dallas Willis, Frank Harvey, Mrs. Frank Harvey, Mrs. Milton Taylor, Mrs. Delmas Gaskill, Miss Iris Faye Salter, Mrs. John Lupton, Mrs. Ray Hamilton, the Rev. Mr. Floyd, Dr. Owen, Delmas Gaskill, Mrs. Caroline Willis, Clarence Salter, Mrs. Clarence Salter, Harrell Taylor, John Lupton and Beaumont Taylor.