

It's Science Fair Day at Morehead City



Margaret Mann, left, and Thelma Matthews have entered a tropical bird exhibit in the science fair at Morehead City High School. The girls drew pictures of tropical birds and wrote stories about the birds they studied. (See page 2 for a list of exhibit winners).

Parents, friends and pupils and teachers from other schools may see exhibits in Morehead City's Science Fair from 3:30 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9:30 p.m. today in the school gymnasium.

The fair includes 10 projects made by pupils at Camp Glenn School.

Eighty-two Morehead City pupils have placed 55 projects on display. The pupils, from grades 4 through 12, worked on the projects as individuals or in small groups.

In addition, 22 classroom projects are on display.

First, second and third place have been awarded the exhibits in each of nine divisions. The winning exhibits have been marked with ribbons. The judging took place yesterday afternoon and the fair was first open to the public late yesterday afternoon and last night.

Those winning top places will be eligible to compete in the district fair April 4 at East Carolina College, Greenville.

James D. Mellon, science teacher, is in charge of the fair. A glass beaker broke in Mr. Mellon's hand at the school Wednesday and a couple stitches were needed to close the wound. The accident has not curtailed his activities.



Terry Willis, above, entered this exhibit in the junior division of the Morehead City science fair today. The exhibit consists of a chemistry set and charts and diagrams explaining the use of chemistry in everyday life.

Four Guardsmen Win Promotions

Four members of the local Coast Guard reserve unit won promotions at Fort Macon Tuesday night. They were Walter F. Patrick, Morehead City, Gilbert M. Slaughter, Newport, George R. Gooding and William O. Willis Jr., route 1, Beaufort.

Patrick was promoted from chief boatswain mate to warrant boatswain. Patrick saw action with the Coast Guard during the Second World War at Kwajalein, Marshall Islands, and on coastwise anti-submarine patrols.

Slaughter was promoted to boatswain mate third class. He spent two years on active duty with the Coast Guard before joining the reserve.

Gooding and Willis were promoted to seaman. Willis recently completed the six-month active duty training now available to reserves.

The reserve unit meets at the Fort Macon reserve training building at 7:30 Tuesdays. Men interested in joining the unit can contact Coast Guard recruiter Donald Willis at room 120, postoffice building, Morehead City.

Chamber Wants Bridge Replaced

Directors of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce have requested that the State Highway Commission take immediate steps to replace the highway bridge across Newport River east of Morehead City.

The directors passed a resolution to that effect at a recent special meeting. The resolution also asks that the bridge be relocated to open up more port area or that the new bridge have a draw which will permit the passage of ocean-going ships.

Newport Methodists Will Break Ground for Church

St. James Methodist Church, Newport, the Rev. Ralph Fleming Jr., pastor, will break ground for its new sanctuary at 3:30 Sunday afternoon.

The new church will be built on the site adjoining the recently-built education building.

Special guests for the ceremony will be Dr. A. J. Hobbs, New Bern, district superintendent, and the Rev. J. H. Waldrop, Clinton, former pastor of the church.

Cost of the church, with furnishings, is estimated at \$60,000. It is expected to be completed sometime this summer. Half of the cost is already on hand, the Rev. Mr. Fleming says, and the church has been authorized to borrow the balance.

General contractor is the Skinner Construction Co., New Bern; the electrical contract has been awarded to the H&H Electric Co., Newport, and the heating contract went to J. T. Pearson, New Bern. Church construction has been in the planning stage for two years. Members of the building committee are E. F. Carraway, chairman; Mrs. Parker Guthrie, Mrs. A. B. Reynolds, Gerald Merrill, Milton C. Warren.

Wilbur V. Garner, C. H. Lockey, Charles Hill, L. N. Garner, Mrs. Ira Garner and R. K. Montague.

Marine Base Will Follow Capital in Daylight Time

Cherry Point Marine Air Base will go on daylight saving time at the same time Washington, D. C., adopts "summer time", according to the base public information office.

Unofficial reports last week said that the base would go on daylight time April 1. The public information office said that no date has been announced officially.

Sonny Sykes's Manslaughter, Assault Cases to Go to Grand Jury Next Week

Marine Shot at Ann's Dies Monday at Lejeune

Timothy (Sonny) Sykes, Morehead City RFD, was placed under \$4,000 bond yesterday in county recorder's court. Judge Lambert Morris found probable cause in cases charging Sykes with manslaughter and assault. The cases will go before the grand jury next week.

Clayton B. Hall Jr., nicknamed Duke, died Tuesday morning in Camp Lejeune Naval Hospital as the result of a pistol wound allegedly inflicted by Sykes March 12 at Ann's Place, a beer joint west of Morehead City.

Sykes is also charged with assaulting Edward Keane, who was shot in the leg the same night.

Four Testify
Judge Morris delivered his judgment after a preliminary hearing. Four witnesses testified. They were Private Keane, Clarence Hurt, both of the Marine Corps, Lt. August Tomusk, Navy doctor, and Marshall Ayscue, deputy sheriff.

Sykes was in court, wearing a pinkish-red shirt and gray trousers. He's about 6 feet tall, slight build, and has light brown hair fashioned with sideburns.

Sykes was taken into custody Tuesday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Bobby Bell. He was out on \$2,500 bond after he was booked on the shooting of Hall and Keane two weeks ago. Since that time he has continued as bar tender at Ann's.

Sykes lives in a trailer behind Ann's place. Deputy Bell said that Sykes had heard Hall die and was waiting for an officer to come get him.

Bond Posted
Clayton B. Hall Jr., Sykes' attorney, informed the court that arrangements had been made to post the \$4,000 bond.

Keane, walking with a limp, was the first to take the stand in yesterday's hearing. He said that he and Duke, the man who is now dead, went to Ann's Place at about 9:30 the night of March 12.

They had met earlier at Vince's Cafe at Havelock, then went to a place near Smitty's at Newport, and then to Ann's. He said that after he met Duke, Duke drank about five beers.

At Ann's, he said that he and Duke stood at the corner of the bar and ordered beer.

Beer Spills
Duke, Keane said, accidentally spilled his beer and ordered another. After that beer had been served, Keane related that Duke playfully lifted up a girl in the place at her waist, and as he did so, knocked over his beer again.

Then, he said, Sykes told Ann not to serve Duke any more beer. Duke then started behind the bar, Keane continued, and Sykes pulled his gun.

Keane said he grabbed Duke to get him out of the place and on the way to the door, Duke grabbed a stool and yelled to Sykes, "Go ahead and shoot." Keane said he got the stool away from Duke, but then Duke broke away from him and sailed over the bar toward Sykes.

Shot in Leg
Keane reported that "on impulse" he jumped over the bar too and Sykes shot him in the leg. He said the bullet went straight through.

Keane identified Ann Avery, who operates Ann's, as the woman who refused to serve Duke more beer. Mrs. Avery was among the spectators in the courtroom. He identified Sykes as the man who did the shooting.

Under questioning by Mr. Wheatly, Keane reported that Duke had worked at Smitty's, a beer joint near Newport. He said he might have been called a bouncer, but he helped serve beer during a rush.

He described Duke as being about 6 feet tall and weighing 195 pounds.

Keane said that after Duke was shot he fell behind the bar. The

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Morehead City '57 Port Tonnage Exceeds '56 Total

Docks See New Types Cargo Handled by 159 Ships During Past Year

For the calendar year of 1957, the Morehead City state port showed increased tonnage over 1956. The report was released this week.

Total tonnage for the year was 409,606.64 as compared with 403,900 (according to Army Engineer figures) for 1956.

Many new types of cargo went through the port in 1957, items such as bicycles, iron chains, nylon waste, piece goods, onions, peat moss, riprap, and wire rope. There were 24 different types of dry cargo including the port's major commodity, tobacco. Dry commodity tonnage totaled 29,728.35.

Tobacco tonnage in 1957 was 15,182.78 as compared with 10,900 in 1956.

Fish oil, glycol and petroleum products moving through the port in 1957 amounted to 286,674.44 tons and military cargo totaled 93,208.25.

One hundred fifty-nine ships called at Morehead City during the past calendar year; 55 were ship handling dry cargo, 43 were liquid cargo vessels and 61 were military.

Military tonnage at the port has dropped considerably from the mid-1950's since warehouse space at the port has been given over to commercial use. Commercial tonnage, accordingly, is making gains yearly, with dry commercial cargoes way ahead of peak total-tonnage years in 1953 and 1954 when most of the cargo was military and petroleum.

Commercial tonnage at the port during 1957 was 316,402.79. Remainder of the total tonnage was military.

Tonnage for the first half of 1957 exceeded tonnage for the latter half.

Chamber Pushes Bridge Proposal

Directors of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce have written a letter to the chairman of the State Highway Commission regarding proposed plans to build a new bridge across North River during the next three years.

The letter follows:

March 24, 1958
Mr. J. Melville Broughton Jr., Chairman
State Highway Commission
Raleigh, North Carolina
Dear Mr. Broughton:

The members of the Board of Directors of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce are very grateful for the fact that the State Highway & Public Works Commission is considering the construction of a New Bridge across the North River.

They wish to urge the construction of this important bridge at the earliest possible moment for they remember how, twice in eighteen months, the present structure was destroyed by storms marooning some 10,000 people for from 4 to 7 days. They remember also the many hardships suffered by the residents of this "Down East Area", such as temporary loss of income, shortage of food and lack of essential supplies.

Any action which can be taken to speed up the completion of this important project will be greatly appreciated.

Board of Directors of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce
J. A. DeBois,
General Manager

The chamber has also requested the highway commission to put a four-lane highway from Cherry Point to the port of Morehead City "to speed up economic development of this coastal area".

Dairymen Tour Guernsey Farm Wednesday Morning



Mildred Yeatman holds a day-old calf while Open Grounds Farm herdsman, Lewis Strickland, right, points out some of the characteristics of purebred Guernseys. Standing behind Mildred is Miss Georgia Yeatman, hostess for a dairymen's meeting at the Open Grounds Wednesday. Among those in the background is Harry Venters, assistant county farm agent.

Dairymen from Carteret, Craven and Pamlico Counties attended a meeting at Open Grounds Farm, South River, Wednesday. Hostesses for the meeting were Miss Georgia Yeatman and Mrs. Mildred Mulford, owners and operators of the farm.

Miss Yeatman, with the help of herdsman, took the visitors on a guided tour of the dairying operations. She mentioned that nearly 300 cows are in production at her two farms.

Miss Yeatman showed a hospital barn where cows with their newborn calves are kept. The next step from the hospital barn is the calf barn, where calves are kept until they are two or three months old.

Close Supervision
Calves are kept near the calf barn until they are about six months old. From there they go to pastures where they are kept under close supervision.

Very few of the bull calves are kept since the farms follow an artificial breeding program. After a cow has had her first calf, she is bred artificially from then on.

The heifers are culled from time to time to be sure that only first class animals get into the milking herd.

After a tour of the farm, the dairymen were luncheon guests of the farm and Maola Milk and Ice Cream Co., which furnished milk and ice cream.

County Agents Attend
County agents attending the meeting were A. T. Jackson and E. T. Kornegay, Craven County; J. P. Stovall and S. N. Moore, Pamlico County; and R. M. Williams and Harry Venters, Carteret County. Extension Dairy specialists T. C. Halseck of Raleigh and R. B. Rich of Burgaw also attended.

Representing Maola were John Paul Jones, manager of the Morehead City branch, and George Wiggins, dairy field man from New Bern. There were 33 persons present.

A hearing on a proposal to stop Saturday shrimping will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at Morehead City.

Club Establishes Loan Fund For High School Graduates

Girls who will graduate from high school this May are eligible to apply for the advanced education loan fund set up by the Carteret Business and Professional Women's Club.

Rules governing the fund were approved by the club at its meeting Tuesday night at the American Legion building, Beaufort.

The fund totals \$200; half will be available this year and half the following year.

The qualifications for applicants are as follows:

1. Girl must be a high school graduate and resident of Carteret County for one year prior to graduation from high school.
2. She must be in the upper third of her high school class.
3. She must be planning on taking a one or two-year course at an accredited school or college.

Other requirements:

1. Note promising to repay the loan must be endorsed by a parent or guardian and one other qualified endorser.
2. Repayment of the loan shall

start three months after recipient has become gainfully employed, the interest rate being 3 per cent annually from the date the loan is made.

3. The amount of the loan and interest shall be repaid on demand from the B&PW Club loan fund committee should the borrower withdraw from school or college before completing her prescribed course of study.

Applications Due Now
Applications for the loan fund are being accepted now. Girls who think they may qualify are asked to write a letter to Mrs. Marshall Ayscue, 1607 Arendell St., Morehead City, who is chairman of the loan fund committee.

The letter should give the information requested in the foregoing paragraphs.

No applications will be accepted after May 1. Announcement of the recipient of the loan will be made at commencement.

The loan will not be split. The person chosen to receive it will receive the full hundred dollars, with the second hundred available the second year.

Others on the loan fund committee are Mrs. C. L. Beam, Beaufort; Miss Hortense Boomer, Miss Ruth Peeling, and Mrs. W. F. Merion, Morehead City.

Letters will be sent during the coming week to all school principals setting forth information on the loan.

During the business session the club voted to pay the filing fee for a club member who may choose to run for county office this year.

Cancer Crusade
The cancer drive, which will be sponsored next month by the club, was discussed. Mrs. James C. Smith, president, announced that the district meeting will be April 23 at Jacksonville, and the state convention the first weekend in June at Asheville.

Elected to the nominating committee were Miss Ruth Peeling, Mrs. H. F. Lindsay and Mrs. Otis Jefferson.

The president asked each club member to have a physical check-up before the end of May.

Dinner was served by the American Legion auxiliary prior to the business meeting.

Miss Carolyn Knemann, Durham, was a visitor, and Miss Boomer and Miss Stella Propst were welcomed as new club members.

Two Democrats To Run for Judge

At least two persons will be seeking the Democratic nomination for judge of county recorder's court in the May 31 primary. They are Lambert Morris, Atlantic, who now holds the position, and Gene C. Smith, Beaufort.

Judge Morris said yesterday morning that he expected to pay his filing fee yesterday afternoon after recorder's court adjourned. Mr. Smith paid his filing fee Tuesday morning.

The filing fee is 1 per cent of the yearly salary the position carries. In case of the judgeship, the filing fee is \$40.54.

Wiley Taylor Jr., recorder's court solicitor, said yesterday that he intends to file for renomination as the Democratic candidate for the solicitorship.

Those who have filed thus far, in addition to Mr. Smith, are Hugh Salter, for sheriff; A. H. James, for clerk of recorder's court; Irvin W. Davis, for register of deeds; Moses Howard, Odell Merrill, Skinner Chalk, Harrell Taylor, David Yeomans and Tommy Lewis for county commissioner.

Mr. Yeomans is half brother of incumbent commissioner Walter Yeomans. Both are from Harkers Island. Mr. Walter Yeomans has decided not to run because of his health. He has recently been hospitalized.

Editorial

Please Keep Off of It

It isn't grass yet, but it is hoped that it will be. We're referring to the ground on either side of the railroad track in Morehead City from 11th Street westward. Please keep off of it.

The town is harrowing the ground and putting in grass seed. Places that have been seeded are marked with white concrete blocks.

Tourists and townspeople alike have long complained about the unsightly condition of the center of Morehead City. Now, for about the fourth time in the past 30 years, an attempt is being made to improve the appearance of Arendell Street.

This costs money. Lots of it. It's taxpayers' money. So taxpayers and motorists, please drive on the hard surface and not on "it" — the areas that we hope will some day be grass.