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Citizens' Band Operators Pleased With County Test

Citizens' band radio operators of the county are highly pleased with the success of their test Thursday night. W. A. Willis, Morehead City, president, said all mobile units, from Cedar Island to the Swansboro bridge could be heard clearly at the base station at the Beaufort fire department.

It is anticipated that messages would be relayed from one mobile unit to the other should the central base unit not be receiving well, but replaying was unnecessary Thursday night.

Sixteen mobile units were stationed throughout the county. Base units were at Beaufort, Morehead City, Newport, and Atlantic beach.

Mr. Willis said the test proves beyond a doubt that the citizens' band operators could cover the county during a power failure. In case of hurricane, the operators plan to take their assigned stations as soon as the storm passes and relay messages for help or any other information.

Because of the weather, the ice cream party scheduled to precede the test was postponed. It is scheduled now for 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the loading ramps, Radio island, weather permitting.

The next meeting of the citizens' band operators, Coastal Carteret Communicators, will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, at the Beaufort fire station.

County Workers Given Awards At Air Base

Cherry Point Civil Service employees were presented cash and honorary awards Sept. 8 by Brig. Gen. Frank C. Tharin, station commanding general.

The awards were presented in recognition of individual superior accomplishments and the completion of long periods of Federal service. Carteret residents receiving the awards were the following:

Command Administration: Margaret S. Simpson, Beaufort, \$150.

Supply Department: Junius T. Creech Jr., and Vivian D. Gillikin, both of Newport, \$135 each; and Ruth M. Willis of Morehead City, \$150.

Public Works: Margaret C. Guthrie, \$100; John E. Platt Jr., \$250; and Harry H. Salter, \$300, all of Morehead City; Eleanor R. Patterson, \$100; and Peter C. Beam, \$150, both of Beaufort; Lee R. Gould, \$150; and Milton C. Warren, \$200, both of Newport; Wermund H. S. Hansen, Straits, \$170.

Industrial Relations: Jesse M. Willis, Morehead City, \$250; Goldie G. Hall, Newport, \$100.

US Navy Length of Service Awards, a certificate and emblem denoting honorary recognition of the completion of long periods of service, were received by the following who have recently completed twenty years of military and civilian service in departments and agencies of the Federal government:

Earl M. Noe and William K. White, Beaufort, and Robert A. Sellers, Smyrna, all O&R employees.

Rotary Governor Visits Morehead

William Ralph, Belhaven, governor of Rotary district 773, was the guest speaker at the Thursday night meeting of the Morehead City Rotary club.

The objects of Rotary, as outlined briefly by Mr. Ralph, are to exemplify the usefulness of service in all personal and business endeavors, to point up the dignity of human labor, however menial, to apply the principles of service to the betterment of one's vocation, and to spread international good will by whatever means possible.

Governor Ralph complimented Morehead City for its 200 per cent participation in the Rotary Foundation which has given \$3.9 million to scholarship funds.

He stated that his home club, Belhaven, would be in a race to see whether Morehead City or Belhaven would be the first 300 per cent club in the district.

Marine Injured
Pfc. Gary Mitchell Foote of Camp Lejeune was taken to the Naval hospital at Lejeune Tuesday by the Dill ambulance. Foote was injured aboard a ship being unloaded at Morehead City port when a trailer overturned on him.

Rites Conducted For Young Wife Killed in Crash

The funeral service for Mrs. Christine Slaughter Kennedy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Slaughter, route 1 Newport, was conducted at 4 p.m. yesterday in the Holly Springs Free Will Baptist church, Newport.

Mrs. Kennedy, 22, was killed in an automobile accident early Saturday morning near Newport, Tenn. Her husband, R. J. Kennedy, was seriously injured.

The Kennedys, who live in Nashville, Tenn., were returning home after being in Newport for the funeral of her grandmother, Mrs. Lillie D. Slaughter, which was conducted Thursday. They were riding in a Renault which, according to reports, was involved in a head-on collision.

Mr. Kennedy is a senior ministerial student at Free Will Baptist Bible college in Nashville. Mrs. Kennedy was employed in a bank there. The couple met while both were attending Mount Olive college and were married in 1959. They had been living in Tennessee two years.

The service was conducted by the Rev. M. L. Johnson, pastor, and the Rev. Rashie Kennedy of Greenville, father-in-law of Mrs. Kennedy. Burial was in Amariah Garner cemetery, Newport.

Surviving, in addition to her parents, are two brothers, Gilbert and Alvah Blair, both of Newport.

Voters Choose ASC Committees

More than 50 per cent of those eligible voted in the recent Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation community committee elections.

B. J. May, ASC administrator, said 499 out of 910 went to the polls last Monday.

The man receiving the highest votes in a community becomes chairman and delegate of the committee; next highest vote-getter is vice-chairman; the third, regular member; and the next two, alternates.

Elected are the following:
White Oak township—Jim Young, chairman; Lew Sawrey, Leland Morris, Clyde Morris and Elmo Smith.

Morehead—Sam Garner, chairman; John I. Smith, Leamon (Rock) Corbett, Addison McCabe, and Joe Barnes.

Newport—John A. Kelly, chairman; Charles Quinn, James S. Kelly, Cecil H. Pringle, and C. T. Garner.

Beaufort-Harlowe—Gordon Beeton, chairman; A. R. Hardesty, Noah Avery, Manly Eubanks, John Felton Jr.

East-Merrimon—Roland Salter, chairman; Herman Arthur, H. D. Carraway Jr., Brondell Gillikin, and Guy C. Gillikin.

The chairman of each committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the ASC office, courthouse annex, Beaufort, to select the ASC county committee.

Two Cars Collide Near Thoroughfare Bridge

A 1959 Chevrolet driven by William H. Styron Jr., Cedar Island, collided with a 1959 Oldsmobile driven by Joseph E. Reilly Sr., Havelock, at 1:30 p.m. Sunday just west of the Thoroughfare bridge, between Cedar Island and Atlantic.

Patrolman R. H. Brown said Styron was coming off the bridge, headed west, and hit the rear of Reilly's car. Reilly had just turned into a parking lot and the rear of the car had not yet cleared the highway.

No one was hurt. Charges are pending.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar		
HIGH		LOW
Tuesday, Sept. 19		
2:44 a.m.		9:22 a.m.
3:21 p.m.		10:17 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 20		
4:01 a.m.		10:29 a.m.
4:33 p.m.		11:13 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 21		
5:09 a.m.		11:29 a.m.
5:37 p.m.		
Friday, Sept. 22		
6:07 a.m.		12:05 a.m.
6:32 p.m.		12:25 p.m.

Fire Ravages Webb Home on Bogue Sound



This is the east end of the large Webb home showing flames bursting through the roof, upper left, and out the window, where Andrew Nance, caretaker, first noticed the fire.



The inside of the house is a shambles. Charred wood and debris litter the staircase. Water damage was extensive. (More pictures page 8 this section.)

Newport Firemen Weary After Thursday's Blaze

Newport firemen, weary from a 10-hour job, expected to begin dismantling their tank truck's pump Saturday to see what damage, if any, was incurred while fighting the fire at the Earl Webb estate Thursday night.

Fire chief C. A. Gould Jr. said Friday that if the pump has to be replaced it will cost about \$800. He remarked that he didn't think replacing it would be necessary since they ran two or three strainers on the suction line and stopped pumping frequently to clean the pump out.

The Newport tank truck was called to assist the Morehead City fire department in fighting the blaze. Morehead City called for one truck, but Newport sent two, leaving one at the station on standby.

"We aren't called to assist another department unless we are needed," the chief said, "so we sent both trucks to the scene. When we got there, the other trucks had given out of water and gone for more.

"We pumped our 2,000 gallon tank dry and then pumped from the sound. Our men drove the truck head first down the grassy slope of the lawn to the water's edge.

Earle W. Webb, owner of the home on Bogue Sound which burned Thursday night, considers the place a total loss. The 11-bedroom mansion was covered by insurance. Whether the home will be rebuilt is a question, but those close to Mr. Webb expressed doubt that the mansion would be put back.

Mr. Webb arrived here by plane Friday morning with his daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Moffitt, Ashland, Ky. All were attending an oil convention in Atlantic City at the time of the fire. Mrs. Webb arrived in Morehead City yesterday.

The fire was discovered between 8:15 and 8:30 p.m. Thursday by Andrew Nance, caretaker. He said he was a short distance from the house and smelled something burning. He looked up and flames were leaping out of the attic at the east end of the home.

"The roof is slate and the flames were probably burning in there a long time before they finally broke through," Mr. Nance observed. He immediately phoned the Morehead City fire department.

Mr. Nance and Jasper Long, another caretaker, took turns sleeping in the home nights. Both were working around the place when the blaze was discovered.

Construction of the building was started in 1927, according to Mr. Nance, and he has worked on the property since 1928.

The fire attracted hundreds of spectators. Firemen were present from Morehead City, Newport and Atlantic Beach. Atlantic Beach sent its tank truck and half of its fire department membership between 9:30 and 9:45 p.m.

Beaufort Rural Fire association sent its tank truck, by request, at 9:45 p.m. Newport firemen drove their truck down the steep embankment in front of the home to the sound where they drafted water.

The firemen also carried furniture from the first floor. Nothing was reported saved from the second floor except linens. Water damage was extensive.

There have been conflicting reports on looting. Many spectators were helping to carry items from the home. Those watching them take the items out might have assumed they were walking away with them, rather than putting them with other things that were saved.

On the other hand, it has been reported that from time to time the family is noticing that some things that were in the home are missing.

No one knows what might have started the blaze, other than the possibility that it could have originated in electrical wiring.

Mr. Nance commented that this is the first fire ever to occur on the property.

Mr. Webb, who lives in New York, expects to remain here several more days. He and his daughter and her husband spent the weekend at the home of Miss Lillian Frances Giddens, Bonham Heights.

Countians Urged To Get Ready; Winds Expected

County residents are urged to take all precautions in the face of approaching hurricane Esther.

Lt. John Riddell, commanding officer of Fort Macon Coast Guard group, said yesterday, "We can't miss getting high winds unless the storm makes a radical turn."

The storm is moving northwest toward the United States with winds as high as 200 miles an hour.

Harry Williams, county civil defense director said yesterday that if the storm should move in on the central Carolina coast, all Carteret residents would be asked to evacuate.

Chief of police Bill Moore, Atlantic Beach, said, "If that storm has winds 200 miles an hour and hits here, none of Carteret county should stay. We'll be wrapped up in water."

He said that people on the beach will definitely be ordered to evacuate. Beach civil defense personnel, emergency police and the beach rescue squad had a special meeting last night to make plans for the emergency that will arise if Esther slams into the Carteret coast.

The 11 o'clock advisory yesterday morning stated that small craft should be advised to remain in port or in protected waters.

The storm was moving at 11 knots in a northwest direction at that time, with winds at 130 knots in the center and 150 miles an hour in the northeast semicircle. The storm is called "a large and dangerous hurricane."

The Miami weather bureau said it would be able to determine by this morning the area along the eastern seaboard that will be in greatest danger from Esther, this season's fifth tropical storm.

Mr. Williams reports that the county's new radio equipment has been set up in the old jail, Beaufort, on the second floor and that communication had been established with Raleigh Sunday.

Expected to arrive yesterday were nine receivers and transmitters which will be stationed throughout the county so that all areas will be in contact with the base station at Beaufort.

In addition, he said the Atlantic Beach radio unit will have contact with Raleigh. There are also four ham operators in various sectors of the county.

It had been planned originally to have the radio room in the basement of the new addition to the courthouse, but Mr. Williams said that room floods with water and it had been impossible to keep people from tramping back and forth through the room, hampering work of authorized radio personnel.

The Beaufort laboratory is taking a leading role in these studies, he concluded.

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County Towns To Get \$46,880 For Streets

Powell bill funds totaling \$46,880.65 will be distributed to six towns of the county by Oct. 1. The funds, for fixing non-highway-system streets in towns, exceed last year's payment to Carteret towns by \$3,303.47.

Payments to all towns, except Beaufort and Morehead City, increased. The drop there is attributed by the highway commission to the fact that population of these towns did not equal the average 10-year rate of population growth of 25.3 per cent. The new 1960 census figures were used this year for the first time.

Funds are distributed on the basis of population (\$1.92 per person) and non-highway-system mileage in the town (\$453.12 per mile). The state derives the funds from the gasoline tax.

Last year it was stated that Bayshore Park and Cape Carteret, in this county, did not qualify for the funds. But the highway commission evidently changed its mind, because this year, the Powell bill report indicates that funds for 1960 have been paid those two incorporated areas on highway 24.

The total distributed statewide this year will be \$7,356,135.97, as compared with \$7,015,112.19 last year.

The allocations to Carteret towns this year follow (in parentheses are the amounts they received last year): Atlantic Beach \$3,096.04 (\$2,945.88), Bayshore Park \$1,318.20 (\$1,260.20), Beaufort \$9,237.92 (\$10,951.54), Cape Carteret \$3,294.54 (\$2,529.33), Emerald Isle \$5,718.12 (\$5,148.04), Morehead City \$19,369.28 (\$20,336.32), and Newport \$4,846.55 (\$4,195.40).

Two Girls Hurt In Auto Accident

Two girls suffered neck injuries at 9:30 p.m. Saturday when the car in which they were riding was struck from the rear by a 1952 Chevrolet driven by Jesse Bell Gould, Morehead City.

The girls were Glenda Morton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Morton, Morehead City, who was driving, and her cousin, Barbara Morton, Jacksonville. Both were x-rayed.

Gould has been charged with drunken driving and was released under \$300 bond.

Miss Morton was travelling to Morehead City from the beach when the accident happened. Damage to the Morton 1960 Pontiac is estimated at \$500. Cpl. Arthur Fields of the state highway patrol investigated.

Commissioners to Meet
The Morehead City town board will have its September meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the municipal building.

\$20,000 Loss Estimated In Saw Mill Blaze Sunday

A hardwood saw mill, owned by Robert and Leonard Saffel, Beaufort, burned at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The mill was located off the Lennoxville road, in the vicinity of Jack Chadwick's fish pond. The loss is estimated at \$20,000.

It is not known how the fire started. Beaufort firemen said it had been burning a long time before they got there. The mill was located in an isolated area.

Ronald Smith, fireman, said water was pumped from a pond and there was plenty of water to fight the blaze, but the mill was practically gone by the time firemen arrived.

Lumber at the mill was saved. Insurance coverage was reported to be insufficient to cover the loss. Owners had not decided yesterday whether they would rebuild.

Firemen stayed at the scene two-and-a-half hours.

This was the third serious fire in the county in four days. Mom and Pop's restaurant at the beach burned early Thursday morning, followed by the fire at the Earle Webb home that night.

Reservists Leave
Several of the members the Army Reserve Heavyboat unit left yesterday for active duty. Those who left were responsible for paper work connected with the unit. The rest of the men will leave in several weeks.

Elks to Turn Earth Thursday

Ground will be broken for the Morehead City-Beaufort Elks lodge at 5 p.m. Thursday on Arendell street, just west of the Buccaneer Motor lodge.

John Baker, chairman of the building program, says the building will be 50 by 100 feet, will be air-conditioned and have facilities that will accommodate the state lodge convention and other large gatherings. Cost of the building is estimated at \$45,000.

The contract was scheduled to be let early this week, with the building completed by Christmas or early January.

Following the ground-breaking, members will be served a seafood dinner by Sam Adler and Clarence Styron at the present lodge home just west of 10th street on Arendell. The lodge meeting will follow.

Mr. Baker invites members and friends of the lodge to the ground-breaking. He said the new building will have an ample parking lot. The lodge hopes to build tennis courts and develop other recreational facilities on the new property.