

Mother Dog Finds Bottle Helpful



Tina, an 18-month-old German shepherd, offers a baby bottle to one of her nine pups born New Year's Eve. Tina has a serious problem, feeding stations for eight but only four are operative. Thus the baby bottle. Tina and her pups belong to Cpl. and Mrs. Michael R. Sjoblom of 96 Cedar Dr., Slocomb Village. (USMC Photo)

Scout Building Repairs Estimated At \$1,125, Upkeep \$500 Annually

Pupils Compete In 'Clean Water' Essay Contest

Mrs. Frank Nance, chairman of the Beaufort VFW high school writing contest, announces that Morehead City school is leading with the number of pupils vying for the honor of submitting the best essay on the topic, America the Beautiful—How Long Without Clean Water? One hundred twenty-seven Morehead City pupils, under the supervision of faculty member David Newberry, have written essays. Mrs. Nance reports. Students from the six other high schools in the county are also competing. The best essay from each school will be selected by faculty members. Three judges, H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools; R. M. Williams, county agricultural agent, and Miss Ruth Peeling, editor of THE NEWS-TIMES, will select the best from those seven, according to Mrs. Nance. The VFW auxiliary of the Jones-Austin post, Beaufort, is offering awards locally to the winning students; state winners will receive awards from the state auxiliary and national winners will receive the following: first place, \$1,000 cash and a gold medal; second, \$500 cash and a gold medal; third, \$250 cash and a gold medal; fourth, \$100 cash and a gold medal. Of those winning honorable mention on the national level, ten will receive \$10 each and another ten will receive \$5 each. Students wishing more information on the contest may contact Mrs. Nance, PA8-4951. Deadline for receipt of county entries is midnight March 15, 1962. The state contest chairman must receive county entries by midnight April 15, 1962.

Six to Teach Boating Course

Instructors for the small boating course to be given again in Morehead City as named by Billy R. Corey, class chairman, include the following members of the Cape Lookout Power Squadron: Carl Gunneren, Samuel J. Hodges, David M. Lindsay, Joe Rose Jr., Clarence E. Styrone and William C. Wilkins. Enrollment will begin at Camp Glenn school Monday, Jan. 15, at 7:30 p.m. Classes will be held there each following Monday night through April 9. The course is offered, free of charge, to all men and women interested in increasing their boating knowledge. You need not own a boat to take the course. Information can be obtained by calling Mr. Corey, PA6-4348, Mr. Hodges, PA6-5848, or any of the instructors listed above.

Beaufort Jaycees told town commissioners Monday night that \$1,125 is needed to repair the Scout building and at least \$500 annually to meet cost of light, heat and water. Commissioner Frank Morning, chairman of civic affairs for the town board, said that the building's board of trustees has been reactivated and whether the building is kept open in the future will depend on public response at a meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the building. Trustees met at the building last night to look at its physical condition. Jaycee Ernest Courtney presented a list of rules the Jaycees said they felt any group should follow who uses the building: 1. Rental, \$10 a night plus a \$25 deposit to be left with the building chairman. 2. Renter should assume all responsibility of seeing that the building is left in good shape. 3. Floors must be mopped with water after each function. (Jaycees said soft drinks are spilled on the floor and then become a sticky mess.) 4. Furniture and fixtures left as found. 5. Key must be returned to building chairman no later than the afternoon following the meeting. 6. If water not turned off, if lights left burning, and heat left on, cost of damages will be deducted from the \$25 on deposit. Mr. Morning said that the trustees may give Scouts using the building "special consideration." He added that if the public shows enough interest in the building by attending Wednesday night's meeting "the trustees will know what to do." Jaycees present, in addition to those mentioned, were Guy Smith Jr., George M. Thomas, Billy Hardy and Herbert Greene. Representatives of Boy Scouts were T. A. Guiton, Ed Nelson and Billy Springle. Jaycees told the town board in December that they could no longer afford to act as custodians of the building. Either they needed financial help from the town, wanted to get clear of the responsibility—or the town could take over. The town owns the property which is theoretically supposed to function under a board of trustees representative of town civic organizations.

Used Christmas Trees Go to Beach

Other parts of the nation may wonder what to do with used Christmas trees, but coastal Carolina has no problem. All de-trimmed trees the state highway commission could put its hands on in Morehead City were taken to Bogue banks where they have been used to build "brush fences" to catch blowing sand. Sand builds up around the trees (or brush), rebuilding the beach by curbing erosion. In some sections of the country used Christmas trees are placed in fields to provide winter cover for small game, such as rabbit.

Farm Census Data Sought

By R. M. WILLIAMS, Agricultural Agent. Farmers, when giving in their property tax will also be asked to give farm census information. You will be asked about land use, such as harvested crop land for last year, livestock number and the number of people living on your farm during the past year. This information is strictly confidential and is in no way used for tax purposes. Any farmer who has five acres or more of land will be asked to furnish information farm activities. I would like to suggest that you have this information available when you contact your farm census lister in order to save time. In past years, county, state, and national agency workers have used farm census information in planning their work with agricultural programs. Since this information is used so much and is so valuable in making changes and improvements, make it just as complete and accurate as possible. Your full cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Five Offer TV Talent

Five persons have offered talent for the March of Dimes Teletone program Saturday, Jan. 27, over WFTN, according to Clifton Lynch, MOD chairman. They are Mrs. Randolph Johnson, Beaufort; Edward and Holland Millis, Brenda Cox, and Bertie Robinson, all of Newport. It is not too late, Mr. Lynch says, for others to register for appearance on the program. The program raises money for the March of Dimes. Handling telephone calls for Beaufort and east will be the Miriam Rebekah lodge members, Beaufort; for Morehead City, the Esther Rebekahs. Persons interested in appearing on the tv program may phone Mr. Lynch at home, PA6-5656, or at his office, PA6-3158.

Freezing Weather, Rain Hits County Wednesday

The gripping cold spell that covered much of the United States this week brought freezing rain to the county and a low reading of 19 degrees Wednesday night, according to weather observer Stacey Davis. Skies were cloudy yesterday and temperatures remained cold. Temperature ranges and wind directions, Monday through Wednesday were as follows:

	High	Low	Wind
Monday	57	45	SW
Tuesday	53	30	SW
Wednesday	45	28	NE

Bid Sought. The State Highway Commission has asked for a bid for dredging a ferry channel between Bayshore Park, Carteret mainland, and Emerald Isle on Bogue banks. The bids will be opened Jan. 30.

Morehead Board Requests Meeting With Trustees of Town Hospital

Commissioners Examine Hospital Audit Tuesday

Morehead City town commissioners, in session Tuesday night at the town hall, requested the town supervisor, Ray Hall, to arrange for a meeting of the town board and hospital trustees. The commissioners said they would like to know how much income the hospital has received from welfare patients since July 1, 1961 to date, a figure not included in the recently-completed audit, which covers the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1961. The board said it is also interested in other statistics which the town supervisor started to get and then was told by hospital personnel that the auditor would furnish the figures. According to Mr. Hall, those figures have not been given the town as yet. The commissioners made no decision on remitting to the hospital 1961-62 hospital tax funds, pending the meeting with hospital trustees. Twenty-eight hundred dollars of tax funds had been paid the hospital in July, before payment was suspended, pending further investigation of the hospital financial situation. The town board studied the hospital audit. Several of the commissioners remarked that it was the first time a hospital audit had ever been put before them. Dr. Russell Outlaw, commissioner, noted that the hospital's net gain, as the result of operations, was \$18,799.47. When cost of replacing equipment and cost of purchasing items for resale is deducted, the net income for the year was \$8,136.52. (Were the hospital a private corporation, this figure would be considered as "profit," the commissioners observed). In the previous year (ending Sept. 30, 1960) the hospital showed no net income but a net loss of \$21,380.94. According to the audit, the land on which the hospital is situated, at 9th and Shepard streets, is valued at \$15,534.50, buildings at \$313,416.19, equipment at \$111,077.65 and office equipment at \$4,073.87, or a total of \$444,102.21. Operating funds for 1961 were \$96,065.81 as compared with \$93,314.98 the previous year. Gross earnings from patients were \$377,937.12 and adjusted gross earnings \$323,348.56. Provision for uncollectible accounts was \$21,879.44, which was one of the figures subtracted from gross earnings to arrive at "adjusted gross earnings from patients." Operating expenses, all departments, totaled \$364,246.81, which when deducted from the adjusted gross earnings left a deficit of \$40,898.25. Other income, including payment for charity cases and income from the ABC store and Morehead City tax levy, totaled \$59,697.72, which wipes out the "operating deficit" and leaves a balance of \$18,799.47. Deducted from that figure, however, as mentioned above, was cost of replacing equipment (\$6,452.32) and purchases for resale (\$4,208.13) or a total of \$10,660.45, leaving a "net income" of \$8,136.52. The audit indicates that had the hospital not received the tax levy funds, ABC funds and other income over and above its operations earnings, it would have had a net loss rather than net income for the year. The auditor notes: "Depreciation

\$10,000 Fire Hits Outboard Marina Wednesday Night

Freezing Rain Brings on Four Auto Accidents

Wednesday's freezing rain caused four accidents at nightfall that were investigated by officers—and numerous other accidents that were minor, such as cars easing into ditches because of the slick roads. Injured was Donald Guthrie, 45, of 1212 Shackelford St., Morehead City, driver of an Ocean Oil company truck that turned over on the Nine-Foot road half a mile north of highway 24. State trooper W. J. Smith Jr. said Guthrie was headed toward highway 24, lost control on the icy road and made a complete rollover. He suffered a back injury and was moved from Morehead City to Chapel Hill hospital by ambulance yesterday. He was taken to Morehead City hospital by ambulance after the accident happened, which p.m. The truck Guthrie was driving was about 5 p.m. The truck Guthrie was driving was reported to be loaded with barrels. Three mishaps occurred on the Atlantic Beach bridge. Fifty dollars damage was caused to a car driven by Leonard Lee Guthrie, Marshallberg, who was headed to Morehead City after leaving Fort Macon Coast Guard station. Deputy sheriff Billy Smith said Guthrie applied the brakes and skidded into the bridge railing. Guthrie was not injured. A three-quarter ton Morehead City postoffice truck and a 1961 Cadillac collided at 6 p.m. on the bridge. Sgt. Bill Condie of the Morehead City police department investigated. The 1957 postoffice truck was driven by David Webb Nelson, Morehead City, and the Cadillac by Mack Gilbert Smith, Greenville, a member of the Atlantic Beach town board. No one was hurt but damage to the truck was estimated at \$100 and to the Cadillac \$200. According to reports, the Cadillac skidded as it was going to the beach and struck the side of the passing post-office truck. A tractor to clear this trouble from the bridge brought on a third accident, according to deputy Smith. He halted traffic and E. W. (Bud) Dixon, Morehead City, in a 1961 Comet applied brakes, went into a skid and his left rear fender hit the front of the Sound Chevrolet wrecker. There was no damage to the wrecker. Damage to the Comet was estimated at \$10.

Fire Destroys Pigott Store At Gloucester

The J. S. Pigott General Merchandise store at Gloucester burned yesterday afternoon at 1:30. Both the building and almost all the contents were destroyed. The store was operated by Bill Pigott and Miss Florence Pigott. Mr. Pigott said the fire started in a flue at the back of the store. There was no insurance on the contents of the store and only a small amount on the building itself. A couple bags of feed and a few pair of shoes were saved. Mrs. Henry Chadwick, a neighbor, called the Morehead City fire department. But by the time the FWD fire truck got there, it was too late to be of any help, according to Linwood Wade, driver. The Marshallberg fire truck also went to the fire and put some water on it, but that truck, too, was too late to be of help.

Elderly Man Drowns in Ditch

Hull Byrd Smith, Smyrna, about 90 years of age, drowned sometime during the night Wednesday, after falling in a gutter by the side of the road about 400 yards from his home. Coroner David Munden ruled that the drowning was accidental. The body was almost covered with water. Members of the family told deputy sheriff C. H. Davis that Mr. Smith had been put to bed between 8:30 and 9 Wednesday night, but was gone when they got up about 6 o'clock yesterday morning. Mr. Smith was wearing trousers, a shirt and bedroom slippers when he was found. Funeral arrangements were incomplete at press time yesterday.

New Executive Officer Reports

Lt. Cdr. John F. Mundy, who will assume duties of executive officer aboard the Coast Guard cutter, Chitula, berthed at Morehead City, has reported aboard the cutter. Commander Mundy will replace Lt. Cdr. H. A. Cretella, who is being transferred. At present, commander Cretella is on a special assignment at Wildwood, N. J. Before coming here, commander Mundy was officer in charge of marine inspection at Huntington, W. Va., a port on the Ohio river halfway between Pittsburgh, Pa., and Cincinnati, Ohio. Mrs. Mundy expects to join her husband the latter part of this month. Both their children, a son and daughter, are freshmen at Marshall university, Huntington. Commanding officer of the Chitula is Cdr. George Philbrick.

Board Discusses Sewage Issue Monday Night

Debt Service Funds Now Interest-Bearing. Board Agrees to Sell Two Town-Owned Lots. Beaufort commissioners lined up Monday night their program for a command performance before the State Stream Sanitation commission at Raleigh Thursday, Jan. 18. Town officials have been asked to appear before the commission for failure to comply with state stream sanitation regulations relative to sewage dumping, according to E. C. Hubbard, executive secretary of the stream sanitation commission. Mayor W. H. Potter will attend the meeting. He asked the town clerk, Ronald Earl Mason, and the town attorney, Claud Wheatly, to attend also, adding that he thought commissioners should attend, too, if possible. A representative of the W. F. Freeman Engineering firm, which has been asked to draw plans for a Beaufort sewage system, will also be there, the mayor said. The board authorized debt service funds to be put immediately on 90-day certificates of deposit, yielding 3 per cent interest, and \$21,380.94. See TOWN BOARD, Page 4.

Two Deadlines, Jan. 14, Feb. 1, Coming Up

Two deadlines for presenting evidence before governmental agencies are approaching. Sunday is the deadline for getting before the Federal Communications commission any evidence supporting contention that a "substitute station" for Western Union in Morehead City would be inadequate. Western Union proposes to maintain the same hours of service in Morehead City, but instead of keeping the present office open at night, would handle telegrams at the City News stand. The chamber of commerce and maritime agencies in the Morehead City area are opposing the move. Army engineers have extended to Feb. 1 the deadline for expression of opposition, if any, to dredging in Calico creek, Newport river and Gallants channel. The State Highway commission applied for permission to dredge to obtain spoils for building embankments. The embankments would be used in building approaches to the proposed new Morehead City bridge. Former deadline for receiving objections to the work was Monday. Army engineers are interested primarily in objections from the standpoint of navigation.

Reports Vary On Lewis Wreck

There are conflicting reports on the status of the Capt. Charlie Lewis, menhaden boat aground in Cape Lookout slough. One report, unconfirmed, says the insurers consider her a loss; a report yesterday from Standard Products, owner, says a salvage crew was going aboard her yesterday. The Lewis ran into trouble the night of Dec. 29. She was loaded with fish. The Coast Guard rescued the 15 Salter Path men aboard, but the catch of over 500,000 menhaden was lost. The steel-hulled vessel hit bottom about halfway between the east and west slough buoys. The vessel, which draws 12 feet of water, was abandoned when seas broke over her, flooding the hold and engine room. Town attorney George McNeill was asked to write William Mutter and inform him that unless the town receives \$50 a month, as agreed May 3, 1960, on the house which the Mutter family occupies, the board will act in February to take over the property. The board rejected a claim by James (Jiggs) Griffin for \$195 he said was the damage to a paint job on his house as the result of dirt blowing against it from a road maintained by the town. Mr. Hall reported that he had turned over to the chief of police the list of privilege tax delinquents and an officer would call on the delinquents within the next few weeks to collect the money. In response to a request that the town rent a motor grader to a businessman, the board established the policy that no equipment will be rented to private individuals or private corporation. The board said town equipment shall be operated by and be under the control of town employees at all times. The board was reminded that all residents must have town tags by Feb. 15 and immediately after that date police will set up check stations to catch back-sliders. See MOREHEAD BOARD, Page 4.

Town Seeks Equitable Deal On Cost of Police Radio

Commissioner Dom Femia was authorized by the Morehead City town board Tuesday night to investigate financial arrangements concerning payment of radio operators for the county-wide police network. When the system first went into use, Beaufort, Morehead City and the county each paid for an operator, but last year Beaufort decided to pay only half the cost of one of the three operators, so Atlantic Beach, also connected to the system, agreed to pay some of the cost. Ray Hall, town supervisor, said that Atlantic Beach pays only \$500, which does not meet half the cost of one operator. Morehead City has said to absorb the deficit. Mr. Hall also said that Morehead City is paying \$52 a month maintenance fee on the system and it appears that this is a high amount, he observed, for Morehead City's share of maintenance. He was authorized to check on whether \$52 is the cost of maintaining the whole system or just Morehead City's equipment. Commissioner Femia said he would contact Atlantic Beach authorities relative to upping their share of the cost. Town attorney George McNeill was asked to write William Mutter and inform him that unless the town receives \$50 a month, as agreed May 3, 1960, on the house which the Mutter family occupies, the board will act in February to take over the property. The board rejected a claim by James (Jiggs) Griffin for \$195 he said was the damage to a paint job on his house as the result of dirt blowing against it from a road maintained by the town. Mr. Hall reported that he had turned over to the chief of police the list of privilege tax delinquents and an officer would call on the delinquents within the next few weeks to collect the money. In response to a request that the town rent a motor grader to a businessman, the board established the policy that no equipment will be rented to private individuals or private corporation. The board said town equipment shall be operated by and be under the control of town employees at all times. The board was reminded that all residents must have town tags by Feb. 15 and immediately after that date police will set up check stations to catch back-sliders. See MOREHEAD BOARD, Page 4.

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Fort Centennial Will be Observed

The hundredth anniversary of the fall of Fort Macon to the Union will be observed the week of April 22. Initial planning for the observance was made at a luncheon meeting at noon Monday at Fleming's restaurant, Atlantic Beach. Attending the meeting were Norman Larsen, executive secretary of the state Civil War Centennial commission; F. C. Salisbury, chair-

Rescue Squad Makes Two Runs This Week

The Beaufort rescue squad answered two calls for assistance this week. Tuesday noon the squad went to 601 Pine St., Beaufort, to take a Mrs. Purvis to the hospital. Assistant rescue chief Mel Lawrence said that Mrs. Purvis was injured falling down stairs. Wednesday night the squad answered a fire alarm on Lennoxville road where an electrical wire was down. Assisting Lawrence on the calls were Norwood and Sonny Gaskill.

Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar

HIGH	Friday, Jan. 12	LOW
12:56 a.m.		7:02 p.m.
1:14 p.m.		7:38 p.m.
	Saturday, Jan. 13	
1:51 a.m.		8:15 a.m.
2:11 p.m.		8:43 p.m.
	Sunday, Jan. 14	
2:50 a.m.		9:23 a.m.
3:13 p.m.		9:42 p.m.
	Monday, Jan. 15	
3:51 a.m.		10:22 a.m.
4:16 p.m.		10:36 p.m.
	Tuesday, Jan. 16	
4:52 a.m.		11:17 a.m.
5:18 p.m.		11:27 p.m.