

SBI Agent Finds No Slot Machines

Sheriff Bell Releases Report Wednesday

The State Bureau of Investigation states that no slot machines are operating in this county. The announcement is based on an investigation made by C. M. Bryan, SBI agent, during July.

The investigation was requested by sheriff Robert L. Bell, following publication of an editorial in the Friday, July 13 issue of THE NEWS-TIMES, which carried with it a picture of a child playing a slot machine. Sheriff Bell released the report Wednesday.

The July 13 editorial stated that a political party seeking to place its candidates on the November ballot had provided the picture for publication in the June 23 primary. The picture was not accepted for publication because the party seeking to run it could not present proof satisfactory to the publisher that children have access to slot machines in the county.

The publisher's position was based on the opinion that such "proof" as the political party presented was not conclusive enough to convince a jury, should legal action be taken by the present sheriff and his supporters, who were the target of those wanting to publish the slot machine picture.

Agent Bryan's report follows: "On July 16, 17 and 18, 1962, the following places and establishments were checked for possession of gambling devices in the Morehead City-Atlantic Beach area: Elks club, Moose club, VFW club, Morehead Country club, Coral Bay Beach club and numerous hotels, motels, fishing piers and amusement centers. The presence of any gambling devices was not detected."

The agent said that the "ease is pending" because the sheriff has requested that he again check on slot machine operation at a later date.

Mr. Bryan's report continues: "On July 17, 1962, reporting agent (Bryan) met with Carteret County Sheriff Bobby Bell. Sheriff Bell stated that a recent editorial in the Morehead City paper contained a photograph of a child playing a slot machine. Sheriff Bell stated that it was his opinion that the photograph was a staged photograph and that the conditions insinuated were non-existent."

"Sheriff Bell requested that reporting agent (Bryan) conduct an investigation throughout Carteret County to determine if there were any gambling devices in this area. It was agreed that the investigation would be independent of the Sheriff's Department, and that a copy of the report of said investigation would be turned over to the sheriff for appropriate action."

The report was filed by agent Bryan July 31, and was furnished sheriff Bell last week, about Aug. 15, the sheriff said.

Sheriff Bell said, in releasing the SBI agent's report, "I hope that this will serve to dispel the fears of those who think slot machines are operating in this county. I know I will be accused of having informed places the SBI agent visited that such an investigation was under way, but the investigation was made independent of my department, as stated in the SBI agent's report. I earnestly request persons, regardless of political affiliation, who have proof that slot machines are operating at any time anywhere in the county, to contact me immediately."

"My department has no patience with people who, just prior to an election, come up with so-called evidence of slot machine operation, mainly in an effort to embarrass me and my deputies, and to gain for themselves—they hope—votes at the polls."

The sheriff continued, "I did not appreciate, furthermore, a comment in the column, Sou'ester, in the Aug. 10 NEWS-TIMES, stating that perhaps the sheriff's department did not give a damn as to whether slot machines operate or not. I informed the newspaper in July that an investigation was being made by the SBI."

Ocracoke teachers will attend the Hyde county teachers meeting today at West Hyde high school, Swan Quarter, and will begin work at Ocracoke Monday.

Wrecks Put Three in Court

Three motorists were cited to court Wednesday afternoon following auto accidents, which were investigated by state trooper W. J. Smith.

Wesley C. Long, route 1 Newport, was charged with failure to give a hand signal and Douglas M. Arden, Cherry Point, with reckless driving. The two were involved in an accident at 2:10 p.m. two and a half miles east of Newport on highway 70.

According to the officer, Long, in a 1958 Ford, was towing a two-wheeled trailer. He had stopped to make a left turn and was flashing his automatic turn signal. Arden, driving a 1955 Packard, came up behind him and knocked the trailer into the car.

Both were headed east. It was raining at the time. Damage to the Ford was estimated at \$500 and to the Packard \$450.

H. Earle Mobley, Morehead City, headed west in a 1962 Mercury, ran into the ditch to avoid being involved in the collision. There was no damage to the Mercury.

At 2:20 p.m. Wednesday a 1958 Plymouth driven by Harry T. Collins III, Jacksonville, hit a sign and telephone pole on highway 24 a mile west of the highway 70 intersection. Collins and passengers with him were not injured but he was charged with exceeding a safe speed, and improper use of license plates.

Army Reserve Wing to Join City Armory

Plans Await Approval in Atlanta

Unit to House Offices, Lockers, Storage Space

Maj. Gen. Claude T. Bowers, adjutant general of the North Carolina National Guard, reported Wednesday that architect's plans for an Army Reserve wing adjoining the Morehead City National Guard armory are now in Atlanta awaiting approval of Third Army headquarters.

General Bowers said the plans, if approved, will increase by half the floor space planned for the armory. The Army Reserve wing would contain storage space, lockers and offices for the local Army Reserve unit, the 824th Transportation Company (Heavy Boat).

Both the Guard unit and Army Reserve unit will use the same drill hall.

General Bowers said construction of the Army Reserve wing will not delay construction already under way on the armory.

The Reservists returned recently from ten months of active duty. At present they are using temporary quarters at Havelock.

Construction on the armory started this month. It is located on Bridges street, north of the state commercial fisheries buildings near the western limits of Morehead City.

The armory is being built with federal funds and funds borrowed by the town of Morehead City. The Army Reserve wing will be financed with Army funds.

Submarine Visit Cancelled; Destroyer Will be in Port

The submarine Harder will not be in port this weekend. Plans were cancelled yesterday afternoon when the Harder experienced engine trouble and had to put into Charleston, S. C., for repairs.

The destroyer, John W. Weeks, will, however, be in port at Morehead City. Mayor George W. Dill, Morehead City, will present a key to the city to its commanding officer, Cdr. J. L. Rice, at 9:30 this morning at the port.

The Weeks will be open for inspection by the public from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

No information was available on whether the Harder visit would be rescheduled. The commanding officer of the vessel is Lt. Cdr. Jay Ky Beam, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Beam, Beaufort.

A background story on the Harder and a picture, the editorial, all appearing in other sections of today's paper, went to press prior to receiving information that the Harder's trip was cancelled.

The Weeks is a 2,200-ton Sumner class destroyer and is carrying 15 officers and 220 enlisted men. The Weeks recently received the Navy "E" (Battle Efficiency Award) which is assigned the outstanding ship in the squadron.



Cdr. J. L. Rice, USN, destroyer skipper

Mayor Proposes Site for School

Mayor W. H. Potter this week sent a sketch to Robert Safrit, chairman of the county board of education, proposing a site on highway 70 for the proposed Beaufort-Smyrna consolidated school.

W. R. Hamilton, chairman of the county Better Schools committee, said that he received a copy of the letter and sketch sent Mr. Safrit. He expressed doubt that Smyrna school patrons have approved the proposal.

He said Smyrna district and those from Beaufort who have been conferring on a site have been talking in terms of a site just west of the North River bridge.

Mayor Potter said that the site he suggests is on the "Cotton farm" about a mile and a half from Beaufort. He said he made no inquiry as to whether the land would be available. He said "some of the people I've talked to" think the location would be a good one.

In a letter with the sketch, mayor Potter said, "I am sure there are other justifiable locations, however, unless and until one is selected on merit and serviceability, our school population will still suffer."

27 Divorce Cases Load First Day Court Docket

Twenty-seven divorce cases are on the docket for superior court Monday, first day of a two-week civil term. Sixteen cases are scheduled for the remainder of the week.

Seventeen cases, including the suit brought by the Dunes club, against insurance companies, are docketed for the week beginning Tuesday, Sept. 4. The Dunes club is suing for claims it deems due it as the result of loss of the club, near Atlantic Beach, in hurricane Donna in 1960.

Car Turns Over; Driver Unhurt

Capt. John W. Haynes, USMC, Beaufort, escaped injury Wednesday morning on highway 101 when the Renault he was driving turned over en route to Cherry Point.

Captain Haynes said he came to in wet grass and four people going by stopped. They took him to his home near Beaufort. Captain Haynes said he doesn't even remember telling them where he lived.

He said that as he was driving to the base, he felt the rear end of the Renault start to skid. He tried to get it out of the skid and that's the last thing he remembered until he woke up in the dewy grass.

He estimates that the car, a total wreck, turned over about twice. When he got home, Mrs. Haynes insisted that he go to the Cherry Point hospital for a check-up. X-rays were taken and Captain Haynes, who is a pilot, was judged okay.

Money Needed

The gap between the cost and the amount collected for improving the boat ramp on Front street, Beaufort, is \$42, Ronald Earl Mason said yesterday. Cost of the improvement (pouring concrete, providing fill) was \$119. Collected was \$77. Donations should be made to Mr. Mason at the town hall, or to Harry Hill at the bus station. Boatmen use the ramp free of charge.

Trailer Park Gets Approval Of Sanitarian

County Attorney Issues Opinion

Says Matter is One Of Zoning

The proposed trailer park on Bogue Banks, which the county planning commission failed to approve at its recent meeting, has been approved, insofar as sanitary facilities are concerned.

Approval was issued this week by A. D. Fulford, county sanitarian, following a written opinion by Luther Hamilton Jr., county attorney. The planning commission had requested that Mr. Fulford withhold approval, pending compliance with subdivision regulations.

The park, known as Silver Sands Mobile Home Estates, Inc., is on Bogue sound, west of Atlantic Beach and 2,000 feet east of Pine Knoll Shores. President of the trailer park corporation is Bill Edwards, Raleigh.

The property was formerly a part of Pine Knoll Shores property which the property purchase for Mr. Edwards, said that the trailer park "will be a real nice thing."

He added that the owners of the Pine Knoll Shores property knew the purpose to which the land would be put when it was sold and that their representative, Jeff Hudson, is pleased and cannot understand why the planning commission should object.

Mr. Ballou said that the lots for each trailer are "twice as big" as those usually allotted each trailer in most parks.

"Parks like this are springing up all over Florida and we're going to have lots more here," he predicted.

The trailer park corporation plans to lease trailer space for as short a period as a month, up to 99 years. No lots will be for sale, according to present plans.

John Holcomb Discusses Safety with Rotarians

Citizens should know the preliminary defenses to chemical and bacteriological warfare as well as atomic warfare, Newport Rotarians were told Monday night.

Rotarian John Holcomb presented a talk on the means the average citizen could use to minimize dangers of atomic, chemical and bacteriological warfare.

Mr. Holcomb went into detail on the precautions that could be taken prior to general instructions being given by military and Civil Defense sources.

Guests were visiting Rotarians Bill Carlton, Bill Strickland and George McNeill, all of Morehead City.

Severe Electrical Storm Hit County Tuesday Night

A midnight electrical storm struck the Morehead City-Beaufort area Tuesday night, causing a multitude of troubles for power companies, street and road maintenance crews and homeowners.

Brief but high winds and heavy rains, coupled with numerous lightning flashes, caused a number of areas to be without electrical power. Dirt and sand was washed on to roads and streets at low places in a number of spots.

Carolina Power and Light manager George Stovall reported that lightning knocked out five transformers, one at the Morehead City port. Automatic switches failed to operate in Beaufort and the western end of Morehead City, causing

Tide Table

Table with tide times for Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Columns include time and tide level (High/Low).

periods of power failure of an hour or more.

A wire down near the Do-Nut House on highway 70 west of Morehead City caused low voltages in the Mitchell Village and Mansfield Park area.

Mr. Stovall said he would have slept right through the storm, but his wife woke him up with the words, "George, we're single-phasing!"

Most of the troubles were corrected by 6 a.m. Wednesday, Mr. Stovall said, but reports of power troubles from throughout the county were expected to be coming in for a few days.

Phil Thomas of the Carteret-Craven REA stated that lightning caused a few switches to go out temporarily. The biggest outage involved about 50 customers in the Newport area.

Carteret is one of five counties just declared eligible for federal crop insurance, according to Julius E. Mann, state director of the program.

The announcement was made Wednesday in letters to Moses C. Howard and R. M. Williams, from Mr. Mann. Mr. Howard is chairman of the county board of commissioners. Mr. Williams is county agricultural agent.

The county board, at its August meeting, tabled a motion that it pass a resolution requesting that Carteret come under the federal crop insurance program.

In a letter to Mr. Howard Aug. 13, Mr. Mann said, "While a resolution of the county board of commissioners... requesting that our all-risk tobacco program be brought to your county in 1963 would be helpful, it is not a requirement that such a resolution be made."

Addition of Carteret, with four other counties this month (Bertie, Hertford, Richmond and Yancey), brings to 55 the total number of North Carolina counties eligible for federal crop insurance.

Tobacco insurance will be offered in all five of the counties. Tobacco farmers in this county, hit hard by rains in late June and early July, initiated the move to get the county included in the federal crop insurance program.

In other counties, insurance is available on peanuts, soybeans, cotton and other crops.

The insurance covers, under certain conditions, all weather damage, all diseases and parasites and fire damage up to the actual cost of production. Neglect or departure from recognized farming practices, intentional damage or theft is not covered.

The insurance will be offered subject to a 5 five per cent discount for immediate payment, and premiums will not carry interest until after markets have been opened for a short time. The program offers up to a 25 per cent discount for the absence of claims for seven consecutive years of coverage.

County commissioners took no action on the federal crop insurance proposal because several members of the board felt that the program is another government boondoggle, using taxpayer money to keep in business farmers that are aggravating the agriculture picture by producing more than the country can use or sell.

In the Aug. 13 letter to Mr. Howard, Mr. Mann quotes Fred Bailey Jr., a member of the American Agricultural Editors association (reportedly not connected with the US government). Mr. Mann notes, "Mr. Bailey said after study of our records since 1950 that we paid in indemnities only 95 cents of each dollar paid in premiums nationally."

"This alone shows that we are not paying taxpayers' money in indemnities to subsidize losses... I have been state director of this corporation since the first state office was set up in 1945. Since that time the experience in North Carolina comparing premiums collected with indemnities paid have been more favorable from the standpoint of insurance reserve than the national average."

"Our insurance does not compete with any type of insurance offered and I recommend strongly that tobacco growers take hail and fire insurance offered by commercial agents. In fact, the records show that these types of insurance available through commercial channels increase after we are in a county several years."

Mr. Mann said he recommended to the national manager and board of directors of the Federal Crop Insurance Corp. the approval of Carteret for federal insurance on tobacco "principally through the tremendous interest expressed by tobacco growers and businessmen of Carteret county in our insurance."

Beaufort Rotary Sees Chamber Film

The Greater Morehead City Chamber of Commerce's new film presentation on the work of the chamber was shown to the Beaufort Rotary club Tuesday night.

The series of color slides and its accompanying recorded talks and comments illustrate the role of the chamber of commerce in the county and its past work. The film was prepared by the advertising and promotion department of THE NEWS-TIMES. The presentation was given by Ben Alford and Frank Cassiano.

Visitors at the meeting were Harvey Joslyn, and Fred Lewis, Morehead City, Bill Heath, Sea Level, and Graves Lewis, Goldsboro.

Work started this week on clearing the site of the former Rex restaurant, preparatory to rebuilding. Frank Marino, manager of the restaurant which burned this summer, hopes to be back in business by the end of the year.