

USCG to Give Awards Aboard Ship Wednesday

● Howard Jones Will Receive Medal

● Presentation Set For 10 A.M.

Aboard the Coast Guard cutter Chilula at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, Howard Jones, USCG (ret.), Harkers Island, will receive the Coast Guard medal for heroism during the burning of the tanker Potomac.

Mr. Jones, who was boatswain's mate first class, was coxswain aboard the 30-foot vessel from Fort Macon Coast Guard station at the time of the disastrous blaze Sept. 26, 1961. He directed rescue of Potomac crewmen which required the 30-footer to run in close to the burning tanker loaded with aviation fuel.

Making the presentation will be Capt. Joseph A. Bresnan, USCG, chief of staff, Norfolk.

Captain Bresnan will also present a unit commendation to the ship. The Chilula was in charge of fire-fighting operations in Morehead City harbor. The Potomac was tied at the Aviation Fuel dock in the harbor when she caught fire.

The Coast Guard made inquiry into the cause of the blaze but has not yet announced its findings.

Cdr. George Philbrick, who was commanding officer of the Chilula at the time, has been awarded the Coast Guard commendation medal. He is now stationed at Detroit and presentation of the medal will be made there by a member of the ninth district Coast Guard staff.

Letters of commendation have also been authorized for two others who were aboard the Chilula during the Potomac disaster, 1cdr. Henry A. Cretella, who was executive officer and is now in Washington, D. C., and Lt. (jg) David A. White, who was engineering officer. He, too, has been transferred.

Court Suspends A. H. Neilson Term Dec. 28

A relatively small number of people were tried in the holiday county recorder's court Monday, Dec. 28, Judge Lambert R. Morris, presiding.

The only suspended sentence of the court session went to Alexander H. Neilson, charged with possession of a small amount of non-taxpaid whiskey and assaulting a police officer. Other defendants paid fines or costs.

Neilson was given a suspended year's term on the roads, provided he remain sober and of good behavior for five years and pay \$50 and the costs. Another defendant, John Alexander Jones, paid \$10 and costs for driving too fast for existing conditions.

Paying the costs were Cora Merrill Pratt, improper hand brake; Milton Thomas Pratt, disobeying stop sign; Robert Joseph Van Ethen, speeding; Guy Roland Dickenson III, failure to dim lights; Evelyn Styron Brown, failure to yield the right-of-way.

Myron Gilchrist Jones, driving too fast for existing conditions; and Jack W. Calhoun and J. Fred Smith, worthless checks. Both were told by the court to make the checks good.

Paying one-half of the costs were Clarence Jones Wilmoth, speeding, and Bedford Ray Lawson, no driver's license. Forfeiting bonds were Joseph Jones, improper muffler; Bill Nelson Jr., no hand brake, and Joe Duffy, public drunkenness.

Warrants were issued for two defendants who forfeited bonds, and the cases continued. They were George Huntley Styron, possession of a small amount of non-taxpaid whiskey and public drunkenness, and Nelson Lewis, public drunkenness.

Thomas Elmo Teasley, improper use of license plates and no insurance, and Jacqueline Ada Joslyn, no hand brake, and were not prosecuted.

Report Given

Nine county building permits were issued during the month of December, according to Harrell Taylor, building inspector. Value of construction was estimated at \$45,000.

Editorial

'Just Between Us Boys'

An "unofficial meeting" of four Democratic county commissioners was held Thursday night at the courthouse. Uninvited to the meeting was Republican commissioner Headen Willis.

Undoubtedly the people controlling county politics felt this meeting was in their best interests. Whether it was in the best interests of the people is another question. Public business should be conducted in public.

While those involved may protest that "nothing official" was done, the unofficial things hatched up behind closed doors could have far-reaching, harmful effect. We strongly suspect that the ringmaster wanted to train his performers well before they went into the arena Monday morning. This would forestall any "unfavorable publicity" that might accrue if too many directions were given in public view.

Let's suppose some commitments were made at a private meeting. Interested citizens go to the public meeting a few days later to present their views. One or two of the commissioners may then feel they want to change their commitment made at the closed meeting. If they do, they will be accused by their fellow commissioners of being "traitors." If they don't, they are violating their own conscience and what perhaps might be action for the good of the people.

If they don't want to change their closed door commitment, then it is utterly useless for citizens to make any request at the official meeting on the first Monday, for the commissioners already have preconceived notions from which they will not depart.

This exposure will undoubtedly drive secret meetings of county commissioners underground. Greater care will be made in the future that nobody knows about them.

We hope that any commissioner, if invited to any such unofficial session in the future will say, "No thank you." Only then will he be abiding by the oath he swore when he took office in December.

A quotation credited to one Max Muller may apply in instances where public officials conduct public business in private: "He who keeps back the truth or withholds it from men, from motives of expediency, is either a coward, or a criminal, or both."

Republicans Elect Officers

Gerald Murdoch, Wildwood, was elected president of the Carteret County Republican club Saturday night by club executive committee members at the headquarters building in Beaufort. Other officers:

Jim Hux, Morehead City, vice-president; Mrs. Ruth Richardson, Morehead City, secretary; Jimmy Howland, Morehead City, treasurer.

Plans for a Lincoln Day dinner were discussed. A prominent speaker from the state organization will attend and a report from Carteret's legislator, Thomas Bennett, will highlight the dinner. Final plans will be made at a meeting of the club Saturday night at 7:30 at the headquarters.

Appointed as committee chairman by the executive committee were Shelby Freeman, membership; Cliff Tilghman, house; Kenneth Wagner, publicity; M. E. Richardson, audit; Mrs. Maxine Piner, women's club.

Mr. Howland reported that in January 1962 cash on hand amounted to \$263.95. The club collected \$3,598.38, making a total of \$3,862.33; \$3,786.41 was spent on the 1962 campaign and outstanding bills amount to \$53. This leaves a balance of \$22.92, Mr. Howland reported.

Former President Signs Booklet For F. C. Salisbury

F. C. Salisbury, Morehead City, has received an autographed copy of the booklet, Independence and the Opening of the West, from Harry S. Truman, former President of the United States.

The booklet was sent to Mr. Salisbury on his 88th birthday, Dec. 27, by Milton Perry, who is in charge of the Harry S. Truman library at Independence, Mo., and who was former curator at the museum at Fort Macon.

President Truman wrote across the cover of the booklet, "To F. C. Salisbury with congratulations on your birthday. May you have many more happy birthdays. 12/27/62. Harry S. Truman."

Mr. Salisbury is a former Morehead City newspaper publisher and editor and has been recognized statewide for his historical writing.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Tuesday, Jan. 8	LOW
6:55 a.m.	12:36 a.m.	
7:22 p.m.	1:22 p.m.	
Wednesday, Jan. 9		
7:43 a.m.	1:27 a.m.	
8:11 p.m.	2:12 p.m.	
Thursday, Jan. 10		
8:30 a.m.	2:16 a.m.	
9:00 p.m.	2:59 p.m.	
Friday, Jan. 11		
9:16 a.m.	3:03 a.m.	
9:47 p.m.	3:42 p.m.	



Gerald Murdoch heads club

Civilians Hear Talk By District Governor

County Civilians heard a talk Thursday night on the forthcoming zone meeting in Kinston. The speaker was district governor George Douglas, who was a guest. The zone meeting discussion was followed by a year-end review of past projects of the Civitan club. The club also heard the latest reports on the fruit cake sales. Civilians meet each Thursday night at the Blue Ribbon restaurant, Morehead City.

Swansboro Board Draws Rules for Use of Building

Swansboro town fathers drafted new regulations on use of the community building at their recent January meeting.

To all users of the building except when the building is engaged for public use, there will be a \$10 rental charge plus an additional \$10 deposit to be refunded if the building is left in a clean condition. There will be no discrimination between groups.

Rules to be followed after the use of the building are: all decorations must be removed; floors must be left clean; marks, smudges and trash must be removed; and there is to be no damage other than that of normal use. These things must be done the following day unless that day falls on Sunday.

If that is the case the next day will be the deadline. Police chief M. T. Maness was designated to determine if the above requirements are met and if refund is to be made. Before any decorations is done, there must be a plan of decorations submitted to chief Maness also.

According to police chief Maness, all residents of the city must display city license tags by Feb. 15 or a penalty will be charged.

Officers of the Volunteer Fire Department for the new year were announced and plans were made to encourage attendance of the training classes being taught

Board Leans Toward Barbour Hospital Site; White Oak Group Wants School

Electrical Co-Op President Hits at Proposed Changes

Navy Says It Will Move Bow Out of Harbor

R. L. Hicks, of Heide & Co., Morehead City, shipping agents, reported Friday that the Navy Bureau of Ships has promised action on getting the bow of the Potomac removed from the harbor at Morehead City.

Mr. Hicks said he was authorized by the Morehead City Maritime association and the chamber of commerce to make inquiry into the remains of the Potomac and the Navy's plans for removal.

In a phone conversation Friday afternoon with Cdr. T. F. Bacheiler, USN, Mr. Hicks was assured that the Navy intended to get the bow out of the harbor. Commander Bacheiler made no commitment, however, on the date.

The Potomac was a Navy tanker, under lease to the Military Sea Transportation Service, when it burned at Morehead City in September 1961. The stern has been moved, but the bow remains.

At the request of the maritime association, Mr. Hicks reports that the Navy is sending a salvage vessel, the Windlass, here to clean up debris left in the harbor as the result of the Potomac disaster.

The tug, due today, is coming from Norfolk. On various occasions, ships anchoring at Aviation Fuel dock, where the Potomac burned, have accidentally pulled up on their anchor chain, pieces of wreckage from the Potomac.

Farm Employment Day Set Tomorrow 8 to 5 Beaufort

Wednesday will be Farm Employment Day. On that day all farm employers looking for workers and all farm workers seeking jobs should go to the Farm Labor office on Live Oak street (highway 70) across from Beaufort school.

The hours are 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The farm labor office is operated by the Employment Security commission, Mrs. Julia P. Tenney, manager, Morehead City.

Frank Nance, Beaufort, farm labor supervisor, comments that "farm employment days" are held throughout the state. "If an employer needs a worker with skills who is not available in this county, then the order can be sent to other offices in the state who might have the type of labor desired," Mr. Nance said.

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Rural electric cooperatives are 'raising sand' about recommendations from the legislature-created General Statutes commission.

George W. Ball, Harlowe, president of the Carteret-Craven Electric Membership Corp., this week denounced the proposals as they relate to the electric cooperatives.

A public hearing on proposals of the commission has been set for Friday in Raleigh and Mr. Ball said a request for time at the hearing has been made by North Carolina's 32 rural electric cooperatives.

One of the proposals which Mr. Ball objects to is the placement of the cooperatives under the jurisdiction of the utilities commission. The utilities commission would grant area franchises under the new proposals and the rural electric cooperatives are fearful that this would mean "the strangulation of system growth."

Mr. Ball said that great care had been exercised in this section to refrain from duplication of facilities in areas where the private power companies had existing lines.

The preliminary draft proposal also calls for the right of sale of rural electric cooperatives to "any investor owned" power company. Mr. Ball strenuously objects to this proposal. He said that these cooperatives were formed by members to serve themselves with electric power and the benefits thereof, and that it has not been necessary for a utilities commission to protect the members as they alone, through their directors, established rates and conditions of service.

He said members are very well pleased with electric services as made available through their own cooperative and will protest vigorously any proposal which would give the "investor owned" company a monopoly in this area.

Mr. Ball reported that serving on the nine-man General Statutes commission preparing the proposals were W. Reid Thompson, full-time attorney for Carolina Power and Light Co., Raleigh, and Lunsford Crew, who serves as legal counsel for the Virginia Electric and Power Co. with lines in North Carolina.

Mr. Ball said this was "the most wide-open case of conflict of interest to have been passed before the eyes of the North Carolina public in his memory." He said in his opinion the proposals will be defeated if presented to the North Carolina legislature.

North Carolina was among the first in the nation to bring the benefits of electricity to all rural areas, and 32 cooperatives are actively engaged in serving areas where power companies refused to go, Mr. Ball noted.

Constituent Wants Meeting

One of the new county legislator's constituents, Alban Richey, 118 Moore St., Beaufort, has suggested to Thomas S. Bennett, legislator, that he have a public meeting prior to going to Raleigh in February.

Purpose of the meeting, according to Mr. Richey, would be to "receive from the citizens an expression of what they hope you will stand for and the measures you will support and sponsor during your term of office."

Issues on which Mr. Richey seeks Mr. Bennett's opinion are the following:

1. How do you stand in respect to the attempt now being made by the electric utilities to swallow up the cooperative memberships, Carteret-Craven and Harkers Island?
2. What about the compulsory auto liability insurance act and the abuses it has produced?
3. What about the abuses being practiced by certain companies selling hospital benefits?

Beaufort, Carteret Listed Among 'Planners'

Beaufort was one of 40 towns and Carteret one of five counties which began community planning projects last year, according to a report from the state department of conservation and development.

The projects, financed by federal grants and communities and counties initiating them, receive technical assistance from the Division of Community planning of the C&D Department.

Supervisor Explains Late Tax Notices

Ray Hall, town supervisor, Morehead City, said Saturday that some residents received tax notices this year as late as November. Mr. Hall said there were several reasons for the lateness of the notices.

Listing of real estate values, on property that had been sold during 1961-62, was not up to date in the county books and in the final analysis, he had to go through the real estate books three times.

(The towns of Morehead City and Beaufort pick up real estate listings from the county books. Listing of real estate directly with Morehead City has been considered but the cost has been an obstacle.)

Second notices are now going out, as well as corrected notices. Although people who receive notices late are not entitled to discounts, he said that people who owe taxes can estimate what they will be and go to the town hall and pay them any time during June or subsequent discount months and obtain the discount.

Mr. Hall said that he hopes to have 1963 notices out this year by June 15.

County tax notices and Beaufort tax notices were also late last year. Most were not mailed out until the end of June or first of July.

Mr. Hall announces that a clerk has been employed in the office of the supervisor and town treasurer. Mrs. Mary Lou Willis began work with the town Monday, Dec. 31.

Members Get Symphony Cards

Members of the North Carolina Symphony society in this county have received their membership cards for the 1963 season.

Included with the card is a schedule of the 124-concert season. The little symphony, an abbreviated edition of the full symphony, will play in Beaufort Friday, Feb. 1. There will be a concert for certain school children at 2 p.m. Friday in Beaufort high school and a concert for adults at 8 p.m. that day.

Miss Nancy Russell, Symphony society chairman, reported before Christmas that the society had not then sold enough memberships to finance the symphony's visit.

Membership entitles the holder to attend all concerts by the symphony in this area: Kinston, New Bern and Wilmington, as well as Beaufort-Morehead City. The little symphony will play in New Bern Feb. 6 and the full symphony May 27.

VA Says Home Loans Will be Screened at Once

The county veterans' service office has been notified that veterans who apply now for home loans will have their applications processed immediately. There will be no delay.

Veterans who are interested should call at the veterans service office on the second floor of the courthouse annex, Beaufort.

County commissioners grappled again yesterday with the old problems of schools and county hospital. They also received financial reports, including one on the sheriff's department and the audit for July through November.

A delegation with John Bell, Bogue, as spokesman, requested that the county build a White Oak elementary school and have it ready to open in the fall of 1963.

Presented was a deed from Roland Barbour for approximately 20 acres of land in the Country Club Heights subdivision for a county hospital. Action was tabled until yesterday afternoon when Mr. Barbour was requested to appear before the board relative to selling an additional 13 acres to the county.

A motion to change the procedure for permitting fees to go to the sheriff and his deputies was tabled, pending further investigation.

The audit, covering July through November, was presented by Thomas Beck of Williams and Wall.

LATE BULLEIN: County commissioners at about 3:30 yesterday afternoon agreed to accept the Barbour site on which to build the county hospital. C. R. Wheatly, attorney for Beaufort residents who had opposed another location (the Webb site), appeared and said the pending hospital suit against the county would be dropped.

After presentation of the audit, commissioners signed a letter addressed to James D. Potter, former auditor, stating that all "records were found to be in good order and very satisfactory."

Mr. Potter was succeeded by Ronald Earl Mason, who was appointed by county commissioners in December.

When the discussion on the hospital opened, commissioner Willis said he is in favor of Morehead City's being relieved of the responsibility of operating a hospital, but said he "was completely ignored" at a meeting Thursday night when the other four commissioners supposedly decided upon a site for the new hospital. He told a reporter later that he was not informed that the meeting was being held, and was not present.

The county has been discussing for two years whether to build a county hospital, as authorized by the voters. If one is built, the Morehead City hospital will be closed by the State Medical Care commission.

Board chairman William Roy Hamilton explained that Thursday night's meeting was "a discussion among county representatives and no official action was taken." Mr. Willis re-emphasized that he could not make a decision on any hospital site without knowing what the other commissioners had agreed upon Thursday night.

County attorney Wiley Taylor then presented a deed which he said Mr. and Mrs. Roland Barbour, Morehead City, executed Jan. 3. The only difference between the new deed and a former deed offered by Mr. Barbour some months ago is that the time within which the hospital must be built is extended two years, according to the attorney.

He said that the property fronts 963 feet on "Country Club boulevard, runs 900 feet deep and consists of 20.3 acres. He also stated that Mr. Barbour will dedicate, from Barbour land, a 60-foot roadway on the east and west so that the county "will control all four sides of the hospital property."

Mr. Barbour stipulates, however, that the county shall pave Country Club boulevard and also requests of agricultural agencies that his tobacco allotment not be cut due to his sale of land on which tobacco is now raised.

Mr. Taylor said that he had in hand also a petition from Country Club boulevard property owners requesting paving.

Commissioner Moses Howard (See BOARD Pg. 4)

John Frivance Dies Thursday On Way to Work

A 60-year-old Beaufort man, John William Frivance, suffered a heart attack while driving to work Thursday night and died before the arrival of an ambulance that was to take him to the hospital. Coroner W. D. Munden said Frivance had a history of heart trouble.

The coroner said Frivance was en route to work at Cherry Point and was driving west on Arendell street, Morehead City. He stopped for the stop light at 24th and Arendell and apparently suffered the attack as he pulled away. His car left the street and traveled down the railroad track about 30 yards before it stalled.

Ronald Walton, night attendant at a service station nearby, saw the car and ran to it. He summoned an ambulance, but Frivance was dead when it arrived. Death occurred about 11:15 p.m., the coroner said.

A native of Beaufort county, Frivance was a veteran of World War I, a member of the North Carolina Society of Engineers and the following fraternal organizations:

Moye chapter No. 53, Royal Arch Masons, Washington; Orr Lodge No. 104, AF&M, Washington, (Master Mason); Cavalry Commandery No. 25, Knights Templar, Washington; Sudan Temple Aaonms, New Bern; White Shrine of Jerusalem; Order of Eastern Star, Chapter 238, Swansboro; North Carolina White Shrine club, Order of Redman, and Order of Pocahontas.

A full Masonic funeral was conducted at the graveside in Oakdale cemetery, Washington, at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Geneva Lupton Frivance; one daughter, Mrs. Cecil Morris, Great Bridge, Va.; one son, John W. Jr., Beaufort; six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

ECC Will Offer Courses This Winter, New Bern

East Carolina college will offer courses in mathematics, general college mathematics, government, general psychology and psychology, beginning Jan. 28 and 29, through its extension center in New Bern.

The courses will continue for eight weeks at the Griffin building, Central school, in New Bern. Registration for the courses will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Jan. 21-22 and 28-29.

Classes in the individual courses will be held twice weekly from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The classes are open to any high school graduate or anyone over 21 years of age. The credits earned through the extension center are transferable for credit at ECC.

Railroader Says Holes Could Damage Paving

Opening of holes on Broad street to repair drains or water lines could damage the newly-laid asphalt along the Beaufort and Morehead Railroad tracks, according to A. T. Leary Jr., B&M Railroad.

Mr. Leary said the holes don't damage the track itself but water seeping into the holes, then under the street, could cause break-up of the new paving.

John Jones Jr., town clerk, said permanent repair of the holes cannot be made now, because the asphalt that would be used doesn't hold up when put down in cold weather. Holes are temporarily being repaired with marl.

Masons of Two Districts Will Meet at Newport Jan. 22

Newport Lodge No. 706, AF&AM of Newport will host the representatives of approximately 3,350 Masons from 18 lodges in the 7th and 8th Districts Tuesday, Jan. 22, 1963, it was announced today by Russell W. Toop, secretary of Newport Lodge.

Plans for the District meeting are under the direction of District Deputy Grand Masters Thomas W. Cathey, of Havelock, and Ira J. Graves, of Richlands.

A series of discussions will be held beginning at 5 o'clock in the afternoon under the direction of Mr. Graves. A dinner will be served at 6 p.m. for all who attend the meetings. At the night meeting, be-

ginning at 7 o'clock, Jesse G. Graham, Master of the host lodge, will preside at the opening session.

Mr. Toop announces that approximately 200 are expected to attend from the two districts.

Also expected are Masonic leaders from over the state, including the Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, the Grand Secretary, the Superintendents of the Oxford Orphanage, the Masonic and Eastern Star Homes, and Charles T. Potter, of New Bern, District Deputy Grand Lecturer of the 7th District, and Benjamin R. Alford, of Morehead City, District Deputy Grand Lecturer of the 8th District.

Tercentenary Chairman Will Present Program

F. C. Salisbury, Morehead City, chairman of the Tercentenary committee in the county, will give a program on North Carolina history at this month's meeting of the Junior Woman's club.

The program will consist of slides and narration on the early beginnings of the state. The program has been prepared by Mr. Salisbury, winner of the Smithwick cup for outstanding work by local historians, and past president of the County Historical society.