

## Taylor Brothers Will Operate Ocracoke-Cedar Island Ferry



Photo by Roy Eubanks

Alfred, Leslie, William and Dan Taylor, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Maitby Taylor, Sea Level, announce a new venture in Carteret — a car ferry between Ocracoke and Cedar Island. The brothers have already built a hospital and inn at Sea Level and two years ago bought the hotel now operating as the Morehead Biltmore, west of Morehead City.

There was jubilation in Carteret over the weekend when it was learned that a car ferry will operate between Ocracoke and Carteret.

The announcement was made Saturday by Dan Taylor, of Sea Level and West Palm Beach. Mr. Taylor and his brothers, William, Alfred and Leslie, will build the \$300,000 ferry and put it in operation.

Ed Willard, manager of the Sea Level Inn, which is owned by the Taylor brothers, summed up the feelings of eastern Carteret when he said, "We're walking on air."

The ferry has been talked of and dreamed of, but one obstacle after another seemed to block realization of the dream.

Announcement of the service, even though it may operate several years at a loss, followed conferences with Governor Hodges, W. F. Babcock, director of highways, and Conservation and Development members.

A spokesman for Mr. Taylor said Sunday that the toll ferry is expected to be in operation the latter part of the 1959 summer season.

Its docking point at Ocracoke will be Silver Lake. Its docking point in this county is likely to be one of two places, Lewis Creek at Lola or the Daniels harbor at Roe. The trip between the two points is estimated to take less than two hours.

A. W. Daniels of Cedar Island and Charlotte has pledged his full cooperation in the project. Mr. Daniels had hoped himself to be able to put the ferry in operation. The harbor on Cedar Island that he had planned to use has been offered to the Taylor brothers as a ferry docking point.

Dredging, to cost approximately \$25,000, will be done by the Taylors. No dredging is expected to be necessary at the Ocracoke end.

The ferry will make an important link in North Carolina's dream of an all-sea-coast highway.

It will mean that tourists can travel by car from Virginia Beach, follow the coast to Point Harbor, cross over Currituck Sound to the outer banks, proceed south through Kill Devil Hills, cross Oregon Inlet by ferry, continue southward through the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Park, take the ferry from Hatteras to Ocracoke, continue south on Ocracoke to the ferry landing at Silver Lake, and then take the Taylor brothers' ferry to Cedar Island.

The landing point at Cedar Island is the virtual beginning of the coast-to-coast highway 70 across the continent. From Carteret, tourists can also proceed south, picking up 17, the Ocean Highway, just south of Jacksonville.

The trip bids well to be one of the most interesting that an automobile can make in eastern United States.

Mr. Willard, who has seen blueprints of the proposed ferry, says it is so modern it looks like the "Sea Level", the Taylor brothers' See FERRY, Page 2

## Morehead City Band to Lead Beaufort Christmas Parade

### Chimney Catches Fire At Alvin Wade House

Morehead City firemen were called to the home of Alvin Wade, 503 Bridges St., at 9:20 p.m. Sunday. When the trucks arrived, firemen found a fire blazing where the pipe from a heater in the living room entered the chimney. The fire was put out with water. There was considerable damage to the living room. Engineer John Parker said the smoke was heavy. The fire was out in about 45 minutes. Mrs. Wade reported that insurance will probably cover most of the damage.

The Morehead City band will lead the Beaufort Christmas parade tomorrow afternoon. Parade chairman Clarence Guthrie announces that the Beaufort, W. S. King, Queen Street and Craven County bands will also march in the parade. Santa Claus will arrive at Halsey Paul's dock aboard the good ship Mistletoe at 3:30 p.m. He will be met by town officials and welcomed to spend the Christmas season in Beaufort. The parade will begin shortly after Santa arrives and will proceed down Front Street. The Craven County band will join the

parade at Craven Street, where it will play Christmas music until the other units arrive. Following the parade, there will be a pet show with prizes being offered for the largest pet, small-judge pet and best decorated pet. Judges will be Mrs. William Potter, Mrs. David Beveridge and the Rev. John Cline. Mr. Guthrie says the parade should be one of the best in the history of the annual event. "We will have some good bands, several floats furnished by local businesses, J. P. Harris will ride his trick horse and there will be various Scout and youth groups marching," he says.

## Three Youths Get Suspended Terms in Court

- Driver Fined \$225, Costs on Three Counts
- 115 Cases Continued in Friday Session

Terry Wilson, Bryan Rahn and Kenneth Wold, three youths charged with breaking and entering Atlantic Beach cottages, got six-month sentences in county recorder's court Friday. The sentences will not have to be served if the boys stay on good behavior two years and pay \$50 in fines and costs within 30 days.

Earl Patterson and Donald Darial pleaded guilty to theft of goods valued at less than \$100. Their six-month jail terms were suspended on payment of \$100 and half the costs, each, within two weeks.

Tampa Green was given a six-month jail sentence, suspended on payment of \$225 and costs. He was found guilty of driving without a license, driving with a revoked license and careless and reckless driving.

Carl Brooks, charged with using profane language, was given a 30-day sentence, suspended on payment of \$25 and costs. Melvin Gaither, Marvin Daniels, and John Noe were found guilty of public drunkenness. Each was given a 30-day sentence, suspended on payment of \$10 and costs.

Richard J. Skalka, convicted of speeding, was given 60 days to pay a \$50 fine and costs.

Costs were paid by Lionel W. Howard for driving with an expired chauffeur's license; Herbert Baum, no license, and O. C. Smith, worthless check. Smith was also ordered to make the check good.

Judge Lambert Morris ruled malicious prosecution in the case of Buster Willis, charged with assault and damaging personal property. The prosecuting witness was ordered to pay costs.

The case of George Equils, charged with failing to comply with a court order, was dismissed, because it was duplication of another warrant.

The state decided not to prosecute at present the cases of Carl Brooks, charged with larceny; Harold Lee Jones, theft of a boat, and Milton O'Neal, assault. Charges against Eugene Piver, charged with public drunkenness, were dropped.

Bonds were forfeited by Robert Lewis Reels, no operator's license; Milton Richard Smith, public drunkenness and loud and profane language; Wilbur Warren Rosier, running a stop sign, and Elijah Lewis, permitting an unlicensed person to drive.

One hundred fifteen cases were continued. Court was held Friday because Thursday, the usual court day, was a holiday.

## First Freeze Hits County

Weather observer Stamey Davis reports that the first freeze of the season hit the county early Monday morning. A heavy frost and temperatures dropping to 29 degrees were reported by Mr. Davis. The cold weather moved in Saturday, following a mild but rainy



week. Over two inches of rain fell during the past week. Mr. Davis reported rain on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Maximum and minimum temperatures and wind direction for the week follow:

	Max.	Min.	Wind
Monday	68	62	SE
Tuesday	65	55	NE
Wednesday	65	55	SW
Thursday	62	48	ENE
Friday	69	47	ENE
Saturday	70	44	WNW
Sunday	49	35	WNW

### Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, Dec. 2	
11:58 a.m.	5:26 a.m.
	6:22 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 3	
12:47 a.m.	6:32 a.m.
12:54 p.m.	7:31 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 4	
1:43 a.m.	8:09 a.m.
1:55 p.m.	8:43 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 5	
2:43 a.m.	8:25 a.m.
3:00 p.m.	9:45 p.m.

## County Board Appoints Three Airport Authority Members

### Morehead, Beaufort Police Report Five Auto Accidents

### Drive for Funds To Aid Mentally Retarded Begins

Hugh Gordon, county campaign chairman for the NC Association for Retarded Children, announces that the association will conduct a drive for funds this week. All money collected goes to help retarded children in the state.

The association, in its fifth year, is a non-profit organization recognized by state and local governments and composed of volunteer workers except for an executive secretary.

The purpose of the association is to assist slow and mentally retarded children. To help parents in meeting the social and personal problems encountered with a retarded child is another purpose. The association tries to develop better public understanding and a more wholesome attitude toward mental retardation.

The association makes an effort to obtain better facilities at the state institutions for the retarded. Mr. Gordon says. In the last year, a new institution was opened at Camp Butler, Durham.

The need to help mentally retarded children is great, the chairman adds. Out of every million children born, 700 have heart disease, 200 are blind, 300 are victims of polio, but 3,000 are mentally retarded.

"These children need help," Mr. Gordon declares. "Any gift, regardless of the size, will be more than welcome. Coin collectors will be placed in businesses in Morehead City and Beaufort. Individuals will be given the opportunity to join the association."

Appointed to the Beaufort-Morehead City Airport Authority by the county commissioners yesterday were P. H. Geer Jr., Morehead City, W. H. Potter, Beaufort; and Leon Mann Jr., Newport, commissioner at large.

Beaufort has appointed Glenn Adair to the commission. Morehead City has yet to name a commissioner. All will serve two-year terms. Terms of the former authority members expired in June.

Moses Howard, chairman, reported that he had received letters from beach residents opposed to the building of a new ocean pier between Atlantic Beach and Money Island.

The board took no action on the objections, stating that it had no jurisdiction in the matter. Army engineers reported to the board that they can consider no objections unless the proposed pier is a hazard to navigation.

One letter mentioned that the writer had a 16-foot outboard and he didn't want the pier in his way. The sea-faring commissioners on the board said nobody had any business out in the ocean in a 16-foot outboard.

They directed the clerk to acknowledge all the letters received. Commissioner Skinner Chalk commented that the only way the county board would have control over ocean piers would be under a county zoning law.

The board passed a resolution thanking the Taylor brothers of Sea Level for their announced intention of putting a car ferry between Cedar Island and Ocracoke.

Another resolution of thanks to Leslie Springle, retiring coroner, was passed. The board commended him for his faithful performance of duty. J. D. Potter, county auditor, said that Mr. Springle's work was carried out economically and in his opinion Mr. Springle was the best coroner the county has had.

Coroner Springle's term expired Sunday.

At the request of E. O. Moore, county tax collector, certain persons owing personal property taxes were stricken from the list of delinquents. Mr. Moore said the persons are either dead or have moved from the county and can't be located. Most of the taxes, he said, were poll taxes.

The board authorized a 10 per cent penalty warning on all tax notices to business firms carrying inventories. Businesses will be warned that if their inventory Jan. 1, as reported to the county, does not coincide with the inventory report on their state income tax return, a 10 per cent penalty on the difference will be levied.

No action was taken on a request by Willie Gray, Morehead City, that the county reimburse him for 80 chickens killed on open range by stray dogs. Mr. Gray's chicken range is located between Newport and Morehead City, according to Mr. Howard.

Lionel Pelletier and Adrian Morris, Stella, appeared before the board to inquire when the road from the White Oak River north to the Kuhns-Stella road would be paved, if funds from that road were diverted to the road being built from Pelletier's store, Stella, to the White Oak River.

C. Y. Griffin, district engineer, said that funds from the 1959-61 secondary road budget for the county could be used for paving the road to the Kuhns-Stella road.

At his suggestion, the board passed a resolution asking that the road from which funds are diverted be put in the budget for 1959-61 and authorized transfer of funds from that road to complete the road from Pelletier's store to the White Oak River.

Mr. Griffin reported that he and J. L. Humphrey, county road superintendent, have checked the road situation brought before the board last month by Mrs. Hilda R. Gillikin, Smyrna. They said they could do nothing about her private road, but they would put some fill

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### Governor Presents Plaque



J. L. "Tony" Seamon, popular Morehead City restaurateur, left, receives from Governor Hodges a handsome bronze plaque designating him a member of the national restaurant Hall of Fame, an honor bestowed by the American Restaurant magazine. Only 12 restaurateurs are named to the Hall of Fame each year in the United States. The honor is limited to particularly outstanding restaurant operators. In receiving the plaque, Captain Tony said that he was merely accepting it on behalf of his partner, Ted Garner, his son, Tony Jr., and the entire staff which has helped

to make the restaurant one of the most outstanding in the nation. "And the most important people of all," Captain Tony added, "are our customers. Without them, this honor never would have come to the Sanitary Fish Market and Restaurant." The 300-seat restaurant on the Morehead City waterfront is known for the excellence of its seafood and service. Captain Seamon was nominated for the Hall of Fame by Frank O. Sherrill of Charlotte, president of the S & W Cafeterias and a past president of both the National Restaurant Association and the NC Association of Quality Restaurants.

Seamon helped found the North Carolina association and has served it as president and director. In 1956 he was its "Restaurateur of the Year". He was born on a Mecklenburg County farm and moved to Morehead City in 1924 as a young man. During December the restaurant is closed while Cap'n Tony, his partner, and employees take a month-long vacation, carrying with them a bonus of 15 per cent of their annual pay. The firm gives the month's vacation and bonus to regular employees each year, and it also pays the entire premium for hospital insurance covering each employee and his family.

### Turkey Will Be Given as Prize By Farm Bureau

A lucky person at the Farm Bureau membership meeting Thursday night will receive a turkey as a door prize. The supper meeting will start at 7 p.m. in the lunchroom of the Morehead City School. The speaker will be Lex Wray, assistant to the chancellor of State College. C. N. Stroud, membership chairman, announces that Farm Bureau membership exceeds the 250 goal set for this year. In addition to the door prize, registered gilt pigs will be given to 4-H boys who have won the corn growing contest. Farm Bureau members, their wives and associate members are invited.