

Board Chooses New Chairman

● Mrs. W. R. Hamilton Named Tuesday

● Invasion to be Staged Saturday, Aug. 5

Mrs. William Roy Hamilton was named acting chairman of the board of directors of the Beaufort Historical Association Tuesday night at a meeting at the Hamilton home on Fulford street.

She replaces Mrs. Charles Hassell, who resigned last month. Grayden Paul, association finance chairman, announced that the Spanish invasion of Beaufort will be re-enacted Saturday, Aug. 5. Mr. Paul was also made chairman of a more intensive membership drive. To date, 18 have joined the association for this year.

A goal of a thousand dollars is sought, 200 members paying annual dues of \$5 each. Other events have been proposed for the same weekend as the invasion re-enactment, but no definite announcement will be made until committees progress with plans, Mrs. Hamilton said.

Mrs. Harvey Smith joined the board of directors and Odell Merrill's resignation was accepted. Thirteen of the 15 board members were present.

The board's next meeting will be in September.

Bookmobile Route Listed

The Carteret county public library has released the following bookmobile schedule for Monday and Tuesday:

Monday: Crab Point, 9:30-10:00 at Mrs. Edna Buck's; Country Club road, 10:15-10:30 at Mrs. Seaman's; Wildwood, 10:45-11:00 at Whitley's service station, 11:10-11:30 at Wildwood church, 11:40-11:55 at Mrs. Lola McCabe's.

Tuesday: Harlowe, 9:10-9:25 at Mrs. Emma Oglesby's, 9:30-10:05 at Mrs. Hazel Ives'; Mill Creek, 10:20-10:55 at Mrs. J. C. Skinner's, 11:10-11:40 at Mrs. Lida Dail's.

Masontown, 12:30-12:45 at Mrs. Madge Reynolds', 12:50-1:05 at Mrs. M. L. Simmons', 1:10-1:25 at Mrs. Maola Piner's, 1:30-1:45 at Mrs. Verna Gould's, 1:50-2:05 at Mr. Florida Garner's.

Nine-Foot road, 2:15-2:30 at Mrs. Keturah Lewis's, 2:40-3:00 at playground.

Crewmen on tugs owned and operated by the Carteret Towing Co., Morehead City, voted 5 to 0 yesterday morning to affiliate with the Seafarers International union.

The five who voted were the only ones eligible to cast ballots, according to Robert Seamon, official of the towing company.

Fire Commissioner Reports Purchase of New Pumper

Morehead City has bought a new fire truck to replace a pumper of "1927 vintage" at the downtown Morehead City fire station. Fire commissioner D. J. Hall said Wednesday that the truck, which will cost \$16,000, has been purchased from the American LaFrance company.

The truck will be bought on the rental-purchase plan, a down payment of \$3,500 to be made this year when the truck is delivered, probably in December, Mr. Hall said.

The remaining cost is to be paid in installments of slightly more than \$2,800 a year over a period of four years. The \$16,000 figure, Mr. Hall said, also includes carrying charges.

The new truck is a 750-gallon pumper. The old American LaFrance pumper will be moved to the West End fire station. Mr. Hall was authorized, by the board at its special meeting Tuesday night, June 13, to negotiate and conclude fire truck purchase.

Mr. Hall said that he got bids from the American Fire Apparatus firm (GMC) and LaFrance. Based on wishes of firemen, he said that LaFrance has been requested to furnish a truck with a Chevrolet chassis.

Since the truck has been ordered, the commissioner continued, "a Morehead City auto dealer has informed us that he could furnish fire trucks. We were unaware of that and regret that we did not have this information prior to closing the deal on the truck," the commissioner said.

Mayor George Dill was asked if it is legally permissible for a town to buy equipment under the rental-purchase plan. Mayor Dill said, "If we did not do it this way, a vote of the people would be required. The League of Municipalities has informed us that towns all over the state buy large pieces of equipment under rental purchase. That is the way the town has bought its fire trucks recently."

Commissioner Hall said, "People

Beauty Contest Will Start at 7

Competition to select a Carteret representative for the Miss North Carolina Pageant will be held at 7 tomorrow night at the second annual Miss Carteret County Beauty pageant.

The pageant, sponsored by the Beaufort and Morehead City Jaycees, will be held at the race track on highway 70. There will be dancing to the music of P. R. Jones following the pageant. Admission to the pageant and dance is \$2 per person.

The beauty contest will start at 7 and the dance will follow at 9. Refreshments will be available, according to George Murray Thomas, publicity chairman for the pageant.

Commissioner Speaks to Club

Edward (Bud) Dixon, member of the Morehead City town board, spoke Monday night to members of the Emeritus club at their ladies' night dinner meeting in the Rex restaurant, Morehead City.

Mr. Dixon spoke on town government and the proposed changes in Morehead City's town administration.

H. F. Lindsay, who gave the invocation, reported on the present status of the purchase of walking canes as an insignia of club membership.

New members welcomed were I. E. Pittman, Earl Titus and Roy Wade, bringing club membership to 50. Corsages were presented to the ladies. Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Joel Thompson, Raleigh, guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kellogg. Thirty-eight persons attended.

Dr. L. J. Dupree presided. The next regular session of the club will be Monday, Sept. 18, at the Webb Memorial civic center, Morehead City.

Alewives Lead April Catches

Landings of fish and shellfish in North Carolina counties during April amounted to 9.4 million pounds—a drop of 35 per cent compared with April 1960. Landings of alewives (6.6 million pounds) and blue crabs (1.4 million pounds) accounted for 86 per cent of the month's total catch.

During the first four months of 1961, landings of fish and shellfish amounted to 26.0 million pounds—an increase of 6 per cent compared with the 1960 four-month total.

Chowan county led the list of coastal counties in landings in April with 3,502,323 pounds. Bertie county was second with 2,923,719 pounds; Dare county, was third with 967,797 pounds and Carteret was fourth with 746,964 pounds.

The statistics are compiled and distributed by the state commercial fisheries division and the federal Bureau of Commercial Fisheries.

Presbyterians Will Dedicate Fellowship Hall at 11 Sunday

The First Presbyterian church of Morehead City will dedicate its fellowship building at 11 a.m. Sunday. A picnic dinner on the lawn will follow the service.

The Rev. Charles Kirby, pastor, announces that the \$54,000 fellowship building has been paid for and the service will be one of thanksgiving and dedication. His sermon topic will be The House of the Lord with the text from Exodus 35:1-29.

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Hospital Suit

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ours—Ed.) the ordinance authorizing the issuance of hospital bonds declared the present debt of the county would be refunded before the hospital bonds were issued. The voters approved the hospital bonds on that condition.

The decision goes on to say that since the debt was not refinanced before attempting to issue a note for \$100,000, the county has no authority to proceed.

Mr. Wheatly said that his clients, J. O. Barbour and others, allege in the second part of their complaint that the county is attempting to buy land without a proper title, the price is excessive, and the site is not satisfactory because the county would have to spend money for fire protection and other services, therefore, action of the county is "arbitrary."

The supreme court decision says "... the commissioners have, without appraisal or other investigation as to value ... hastily agreed to pay \$75,000 for property reasonably worth less than half that sum."

Mr. Wheatly said that in accordance with the decision, he will enter a motion in superior court.

The county will have 20 days to reply. Mr. Wheatly said he would probably file then an amendment to comply with the supreme court order. To this, too, the county would reply. Then the case may be set for the first superior court term coming up thereafter.

Mr. Hamilton said that he hoped the case could be heard at the August term. Mr. Wheatly said he didn't think things would be ready by that time.

He said, "We're entitled to a trial by jury." The case would be heard in this county.

Mr. Hamilton said that he felt the county could prove that there was no reference in the bond order about refinancing before issuing bonds and that evidence is available to show that the property proposed for a hospital site "is reasonably worth \$75,000."

Relative to a bill introduced by Sen. Luther Hamilton validating all action of the county board in relation to the hospital, Mr. Wheatly said that he considers the bill an admission by the county that it has erred.

The senator assisted his son, Luther Jr., in pleading the hospital case.

D. G. Bell

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are Tom McLean, Fayetteville; W. F. Horner, Sanford newspaper publisher; James G. McClamroch, Greensboro.

Jack Kirksey, Morganton; Murray Tate, Catawba county; Elsie Webb, Rockingham county; Clint Newton, Shelby.

Yates Bennett, Yancey county; Worth Joyner, Rocky Mount; Lock Faircloth, Sampson county; Watson Brame, North Wilkesboro.

Ted Jordan, Graham county; James Glenn, Winston-Salem; Col. Paul Younts, Charlotte; and Graham Elliot, Beaufort county.

India and China are the world's largest producers of peanuts. Another major grower is Nigeria, where peanut soup and flour serve as staples.

A brief history of the church follows:

The original church, located at 24th and Arendell streets, was bought in 1926 and used for Sunday school. The Rev. J. R. Phipps of Pollocksville came to preach once each month until the church was organized May 5, 1929. There were 13 charter members.

The Rev. Frank Johnson, the first regular minister, came to Morehead City in May of 1929, and remained until February 1933.

The women of the church were organized under Mr. Johnston's direction in 1932.

The Rev. E. Frank Hall, the second minister to serve the church, came in 1933. He remained through December 1937. When he came, an addition to the church was begun. A steeple had been added soon after the building was bought and the auditorium space was enlarged with a projecting wing added to each side.

Across the back of the building

there were three new rooms for Sunday school classes, and that spring the work on the church was completed.

A manse was bought in 1936 and the Halls were the first to occupy the residence at 2810 Evans St. This project was fully paid for in 1941, while the Rev. K. C. Seawright was pastor.

He resigned in March 1944 to become a chaplain in the Navy. For 14 months after he left, there was no regular pastor and visiting ministers filled in.

The Rev. John Axtell came in 1945 and served until 1948 when he retired from the ministry.

Under H. L. Joslyn's leadership, a building fund drive was started in April 1949. This made it possible to buy the lot and five-room dwelling adjoining the church property. Two years later the

second lot and dwelling thereon was purchased.

The Rev. Priestly Conyers III came in July 1949, resigning in December 1954. In 1949 the congregation launched a visitation evangelism program that resulted in a rapid expansion of the membership.

Convinced of the future growth of Morehead City, the congregation began plans for a new church building and voted to move to a larger site. The Leary and Studie Nelson properties in the 16th block of Arendell street were purchased.

The Rev. Albert Harris came in February 1955 and served until September 1958.

On Oct. 9, 1955, the groundbreaking ceremony for the first unit of the new building took place, and on July 15, 1956, the consecration was held. The completed

unit contains the fellowship hall which has a seating capacity of 200, also a large kitchen, two class rooms, furnace room and two rest rooms.

The former Leary home, a 12-room brick building, is being used as an educational building until the second unit is completed.

The Rev. Charles L. Kirby became the minister in January 1959. Through his leadership, the church has become debt-free and plans have been made for the erection of the educational unit as soon as a building fund reserve can be accumulated.

The present membership numbers 284. The church school program has 207 enrolled with the attendance averaging around 150. (The foregoing was taken from a history of the church written by Hilda W. DuBois).



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