

# Highway Officials Due Tomorrow

## Robert L. Bell, Deputies Take Oaths Yesterday

Robert Lee (Bobby) Bell became sheriff at 12:07 p.m. yesterday. The oath was administered by A. H. James, clerk of superior court, in the courtroom of the courthouse.

At 12:08 p.m., sheriff Bell's deputies took their oaths. They are C. H. Davis, chief deputy, Bruce Edwards, and Billy Wayne Smith. The ceremony took place at the front of the courtroom amidst red, white and blue bunting where former sheriff Hugh Salter took his oath as federal marshal last night.

Sheriff Bell succeeds sheriff Salter, who will begin work tomorrow as marshal of the federal eastern district of North Carolina.

Twenty spectators witnessed the ceremony yesterday noon. Among them were members of the officers' families.

The Rev. B. L. Davidson, pastor of the First Methodist church, at the request of the new sheriff, offered prayer at the end of the oath-taking.

Marshal Salter will be occupied during his first week in office this week with court at Raleigh. The following week he will be at Elizabeth City.

## Library Adds Ben Muse Book

Virginia's Massive Resistance by Benjamin Muse has been added to the shelves of Carteret county library, announces Mrs. Minnie Simpson, librarian.

Mr. Muse is the brother of Miss Amy Muse, Beaufort, who is secretary of the County library board of trustees.

He is a former Virginia state senator, one-time Republican gubernatorial nominee, and is at present the director of the Southern Leadership project of the Southern Regional Council.

A recognized commentator on the South, Mr. Muse has written articles which have appeared in Harper's, The Reporter, The Nation, and The New Republic. In addition, he has contributed a weekly column and occasional feature articles to the Washington Post for a ten-year period.

## High Court Gets 'Suicide' Brief

The attorney general's office, in a brief filed with the state supreme court Thursday, contends that attempted suicide is a crime. A ruling is being sought in the case of Edgar Willis of this county, who attempted to commit suicide in February of this year.

The body of a woman, Mrs. Aggie Ballou, was found in a barn in which Willis had been living at Straits. Before officers could apprehend Willis, they say he slashed his throat and tried to hang himself.

Judge Albert Cowper, in superior court in Beaufort, threw out a charge against Willis of attempting to commit suicide, on the grounds that this is not a crime.

Robert Rouse Jr., solicitor for the state, appealed, and has been joined by the state attorney general's office in carrying the case before the supreme court. The state's brief says that attempted suicide is a violation of common law.

It adds that since there is no law on the subject "the common law is in effect on this point."

## Museum Director Reports Theft of Sword, Harpoon

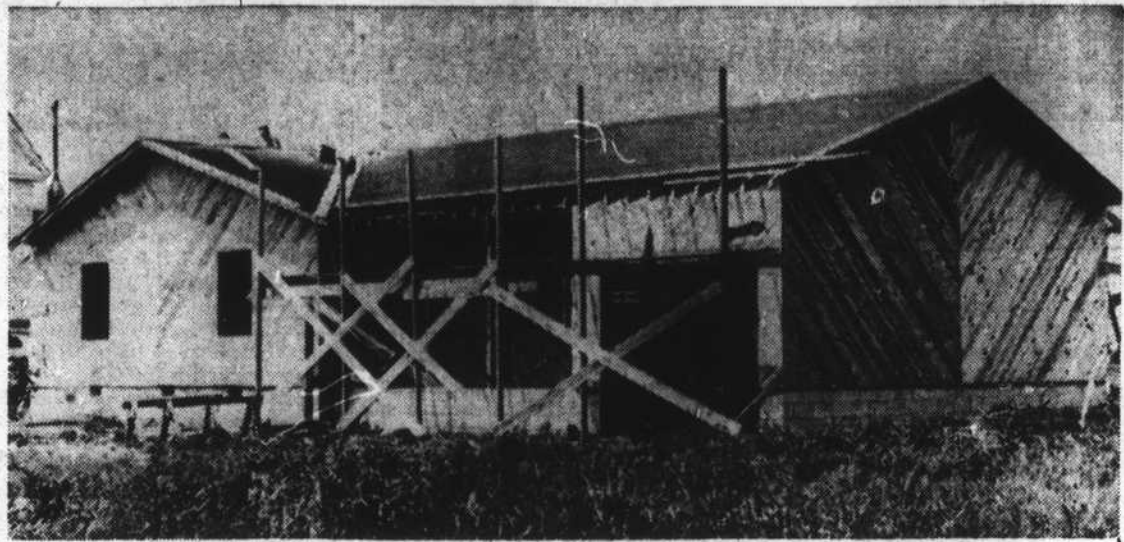
A Confederate officer's sword and a hand whaling harpoon have been stolen from the Alphonso, whaling museum at Beaufort.

Grayden Paul, who is in charge of the museum, is hoping that they will be returned, but if not he has posted a cash reward for the arrest and conviction of the thief, or thieves, who took them.

Mr. Paul said the items were taken either Friday night or early Saturday morning of the invasion day, Aug. 5.

He is extremely concerned over the missing items. They are actually of little cash value but of tremendous historic value. "The owners of these items lent them to me only after I assured them I would take very good care of them. I'm

## Builder Meets Code — And Then Some



News-Times Photos by McComb

County building inspector, Harrell Taylor, has lauded the builders of this house in Marshallberg for going even farther than the building code calls for in meeting requirements for hurricane protection. The house is being built for Bruce Smith, Marshallberg.



Henry Russell, carpenter, indicates one of the brackets that is being used to tie the ceiling joists to the walls in the Bruce Smith house under construction at Marshallberg. Building specifications call for only one bracket every four rafters but the house is being built with one bracket on each rafter.

## Atlantic Residents Cite Drawbacks In Moving Ferry Slip to Cedar Isle

### Two Drivers Hurt in Wreck

Discharged yesterday morning from the Morehead City hospital was Eddie Masotti, 18, route 1 Beaufort, who was slightly injured in an auto accident just south of the beach drawbridge at 1:30 a.m. Sunday.

Also injured in the accident was Hubert F. Grant, of the Coast Guard cutter Jonquil, who received cuts.

According to highway patrolman W. J. Smith, Masotti, in a 1959 Rambler, was headed north and said he fell asleep. Grant was headed toward the beach in a 1961 Chevrolet. The patrolman said the Rambler went over into the Chevrolet's lane, hitting Grant head-on. Masotti has been charged with driving on the wrong side of the road. Damage to the Chevrolet was estimated at \$800 and to the Rambler \$600.

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Not everyone at Atlantic is happy about the prospect of the Ocracoke ferry landing being changed to Cedar Island. The former State Highway commission decided to move the landing to shorten the ferry route between the Carteret mainland and Ocracoke and thus make possible two ferry trips a day. At present there is only one.

Those opposed to the moving say that the state could put on a second ferry for less money than will be required to maintain a slip at Cedar Island as well as improve the highway to the island.

These are two major disadvantages, they say, to moving the ferry landing:

• The 16-mile road between Cedar Island and Atlantic is a secondary road. It is narrow. About five miles is bounded on both sides by marsh and water and is under water frequently when storms hit.

• The draw at the Thoroughfare (between Cedar Island and Atlantic) has to open for vessels with masts. In the spring and during the shrimping season (summer) the bridge is open sometimes as long as 45 minutes.

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### Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar

HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, Aug. 15	
10:44 a.m.	4:30 a.m.
10:34 p.m.	4:39 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 16	
11:17 a.m.	4:53 a.m.
11:10 p.m.	5:07 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 17	
11:54 a.m.	5:18 a.m.
11:54 p.m.	5:44 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 18	
12:37 a.m.	5:51 a.m.
	6:42 p.m.

Twelve building permits were issued by H. C. Taylor, county building inspector, for the month of July, the first month of operation under a county building code.

The inspector said he has also approved several requests regarding making of minor repairs. Investigated during the month were 13 houses under construction.

Any violators of the building code, Mr. Taylor said, have been notified by letter. Mr. Taylor has office hours in the courthouse, Beaufort, daily from 9 a.m. to noon.

## Radio Club Sets Beginning Date For Code Classes

The Carteret amateur radio club will hold code and theory classes at the Atlantic Beach municipal building beginning Sept. 20, announces Mrs. Harry Williams, secretary.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a licensed radio amateur or ham is invited to attend the classes, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. Dates of additional classes will be announced.

The club met Wednesday at the home of R. C. Slater, Beaufort, president. It was decided that the eleven members now on roll will become charter members.

CARTERET  
WELCOMES  
The State  
Highway Commission  
... May all your  
troubles be little ones!

## Dare Honors Aycock Brown

Aycock Brown, one-time editor of The Beaufort News, was honored during intermission at the pageant, The Lost Colony, Saturday night at Manteo.

Mr. Brown for 13 years has been publicist for the pageant. He is manager of the Dare County Tourist Bureau (Manteo is located in Dare county).

The tribute was a surprise for the energetic ex-newspaperman. The Tourist Bureau presented him a plaque and a scrapbook of more than 200 letters of tribute and greetings from Aycock Brown his friends at news media throughout the state. The book included a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood Phillips, who publish THE NEWS-TIMES.

Attending the affair from this county were Capt. and Mrs. Tony Seamon, Morehead City. A silver bowl was given Mr. Brown by the Roanoke Island Historical association.

Prior to accepting the position in Dare county, Mr. Brown did freelance writing and photography and was affiliated with the chamber of commerce at Morehead City.

Editorials in The Beaufort News, written by Mr. Brown, were selected for republication in a series in THE NEWS-TIMES for six weeks in the summer of 1959. The editorials were selected for their foresight and analysis of Carteret problems. They were originally published in 1939.

## Mrs. Luther Hamilton Jr. Wins Painting Monday

Mrs. Luther Hamilton Jr. of Morehead City won the watercolor seascape given away yesterday by the American Association of University Women. The painting, 16 x 22, was done by Charles McNeill of Morehead City.

Mrs. John Vernberg, president of the AAUW, said the painting will be delivered to Mrs. Hamilton.

### False Alarm

The Beaufort fire department answered a false alarm Thursday afternoon that was turned in from the box at Hill and Front streets.

## Officials to Begin Outer Banks Trip at Morehead

### Report Analyzes Water Supplies In This County

Municipal water supplies of four Carteret towns are catalogued in a report recently released by the state department of water resources.

Described are the supplies at Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Morehead City and Newport. The report, which covers 324 town water supplies, is entitled Chemical and Physical Character of Municipal Water Supplies in North Carolina.

Information is given on ownership, total population served by the water supply, source, treatment plant, and water storage.

Of the municipalities checked, 178 use ground water, 135 use surface water, and 11 use both ground and surface water. About 50 per cent of the state's population is served by public water supplies, the report reveals. Surface water sources supply about 41 per cent of the municipal population.

Harry E. Brown, director of the department of water resources, said the report will be valuable to municipal and state officials, local and area development groups, and commercial and industrial organizations requiring information as to the availability and quality of public water supplies.

The water supply study originally was undertaken as part of a cooperative program between the state board of health and the US Geological Survey. The department of water resources assumed the state cooperator's role in 1960, and the 1961 General Assembly gave the department \$6,000 — to be matched by federal funds — for continuing the study during the next two years.

## ICC Stops Lower Freight Rates

The Interstate Commerce commission has decreed that Southern may not put into effect the lower grain rates it had announced. The rates would have gone into effect Thursday.

D. W. Brosnan, executive vice president, Southern Railway System, Washington, D. C., commented on the ICC action as follows: "The suspension was more or less to be expected since this is the time for the registering of protests rather than for affirmative action. It is evident that the proponents for the maintenance of higher rates at the public expense were quite vociferous."

"In due season, the ICC will undoubtedly schedule the matter for hearing at which time the issues can and will be gone into thoroughly. We have every confidence that in the end the finding will be that the public is entitled to these reduced rates rather than that a few selfish interests can continue to profit at the public expense."

Members of the State Highway commission, who have been in office slightly more than one month, will arrive in Morehead City tomorrow on the first lap of a trip along the coast.

Because the commissioners will be busy surveying road, bridge and ferry problems, they will not be able to meet with any local residents. No formal business session is being planned, according to highway commissioner D. G. Bell, Morehead City.

After lunch Wednesday, the commissioners will observe from land and water the Morehead City bridge and possible sites for the new bridge. They will view the Emerald Isle ferry landings from the Carteret mainland and Bogue banks, as well as roads leading to and from the landings.

The commissioners expect to spend Wednesday night in Morehead City, leaving Thursday morning for Ocracoke via the ferry at Atlantic. They will survey ferry operation along the outer banks, ending their journey Friday at Edenton.

All highway commissioners, with the exception of James Glenn, are expected to be present. They are Merrill Evans, chairman; Yates Bennett, Clifton Benson, Watson Brame, Graham Elliott, Launch Faircloth.

William Horner, Ted Jordan, Worth Joyner, Jack Kirksey, James G. W. MacLamroq, Thomas McLean, Clint Newton, Murray Tate Jr., Mr. Elsie Webb, Gilliam Wood, Paul Yontz, and Mr. Bell.

Accompanying the commissioners will be W. F. Babcock, director of highways; Ben Roney, director of secondary roads; W. S. Winslow, hydrographic engineer; D. W. Patrick, in charge of ferries and bridges; C. W. Lee, comptroller, and Charles Snell, engineer for the second division, which includes Carteret.

## Pickup Trucks Meet Head-On

Two pickup trucks collided head-on at 6:30 p.m. Friday on the Merrimon road a mile and a half north of the Merrimon road's intersection with highway 70.

Driving a 1955 Chevrolet pickup was Robert Hyatt, New Bern, who was headed north, and driving a 1949 Ford pickup was Clyde Edward Felton, route 1 Beaufort.

Felton told highway patrolman W. J. Smith that he put on brakes and was pulled into the opposite lane of traffic. He was charged with driving with improper brakes. Damage to the 1955 pickup was estimated at \$400 and the other pickup was judged not worth repairing. No one was hurt.

### Swimmer Treated

Mrs. Walter Davis of Unicoi, Tenn., was treated in the emergency room at Morehead City hospital shortly before noon yesterday after she became overtired from swimming. She was taken to the hospital in the Bell-Munden ambulance.

## Byrd Wade Heads Committee



Charles E. Wade Jr. of Winston-Salem, a native of Morehead City and now a top official with the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., left, receives from Gov. Terry Sanford his commission as a member of the State Board of Conservation and Development. Mr. Wade has been named chairman of the C&D board's state advertising committee.

## County Men Get Positions On A&NC Board

• Officials Convene Friday at Beach

• Hear Proposals Regarding Pipeline

Three Carteret residents were named to the board of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad Friday morning at the annual meeting at the Atlantic Beach hotel.

Appointed by the governor were W. B. Chalk, Morehead City, and Moses Howard, Newport. Among directors named by private stockholders was H. S. Gibbs, Morehead City. Mr. Gibbs was reappointed. Mr. Chalk and Mr. Howard are new appointees.

Retiring from the board are George R. Wallace, Morehead City, and Dan Taylor, of Sea Level and West Palm Beach, Fla.

Dr. John Gainey, Morehead City, was appointed to serve on the financial committee. (Committee members need not be directors).

Mr. Gibbs was named by private stockholders to the executive committee. Others on this committee are Troy Page of Clayton and Mr. Howard of Newport.

The board was informed that the Air Force has expressed interest in construction of a pipeline to carry fuel for jet aircraft. The line would run 98.7 miles between Morehead City and Seymour Johnson Air Force base at Goldsboro, according to E. M. Callis, promoter affiliated with the North Carolina Storage and Pipeline Corp.

Mr. Callis said that it is proposed that 30 miles of the line be laid on Southern's right-of-way. Even though it was suggested that Southern would share in any profit as the result of the line's being on railroad right-of-way, the proposal got a cool reception.

At present, Southern moves jet fuel by tank car between Morehead City and Goldsboro. (Southern leases the Morehead-Goldsboro line from the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad.)

Mr. Callis also mentioned that the line would run, if built, on highway right-of-way. George Akers Moore Jr., president of the A&NC, quoted Gov. Terry Sanford as saying that the state would not grant pipeline right-of-way over highway or railroad right-of-ways, if this would "adversely affect" the A&NC or Southern.

Southern pays the state a flat rental fee for the railroad plus additional rents based on its revenues.

Mr. Moore also noted that the state has gotten no word from the Air Force relative to a pipeline. The way Mr. Callis described it, the line would take the shortest route between Morehead City and Goldsboro and would cross private property as well as state right-of-ways.

President Moore read a statement from the governor which requested that railroad officials and stockholders support in every way the bond issue to be voted on Nov. 7.

The bond issue includes \$13½ million for ports, plus funds for colleges and mental institutions.

The governor could not be present because of a speaking engagement in Wilson. He spent the weekend, however, at the Atlantic Beach hotel.

The A&NC paid its annual dividend of \$2 a share during the past year, according to the annual report. This is the second consecutive year that the dividend has been paid. Albert R. Bell, New Bern, railroad inspector, gave a detailed report on the condition of the road.

## Rotary Club Sees Film Thursday

A film on the Northwest North Carolina Development Corp. was shown members of the Morehead City Rotary club at their meeting at the Rex restaurant Thursday night.

The Northwest North Carolina Development Corp. is one of several corporations throughout the state promoting industry and improvements for regional areas. W. B. Chalk, past president of the Neuse Development Corp., showed the film.

Visiting Rotarians were James D. Hanner, Randleman; James C. Cooper, Henderson; E. B. Comer, Newport; and James Fleming, Greenville. Robert McNeill, a cadet at West Point, attended the meeting as a guest of his father, George H. McNeill.