

Two State Officials Comment On Federal School-Aid Funds

Read to the county board of education, at its meeting Monday in the courthouse annex, were letters from school officials at Raleigh.

The letters concerned federal laws relative to school aid.

One letter, from W. L. Lathan, stated that the county is not able to qualify for federal funds under public law 815. Mr. Lathan is education consultant, division of school planning, department of public instruction.

H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, said that he was accused "of not working on" the project of getting school funds for the county under that law. He said he reviewed the situation, then wrote Mr. Lathan for his opinion.

Mr. Lathan's letter, dated Nov. 24, 1961, said in part, "You do not qualify for aid under PL 815." Referring to efforts by Newport residents for more school funds, he added that even if Newport were a separate school district, it would not qualify for the aid.

The other letter was a copy of a letter sent to Mrs. R. M. Parker, route 2 Newport, from Dr. B. Alden Lillywhite, associate director for federally-affected areas.

Mrs. Parker, according to Mr. Joslyn, said that Newport is not receiving "its share" of funds under public law 874.

Dr. Lillywhite explained, in his letter, that funds are not apportioned according to number of children in a school whose parents have jobs with federally-connected agencies. The funds, he explained help "compensate for an area not taxable" such as the place where children live (federal property) or the place where parents are employed, such as a military base.

Dr. Lillywhite further stated that the federal government does not have the authority to say how local school units should use the funds. This was in answer to a request

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Fire School Set for Next Week, Newport

Members of all fire departments in the county and those in four surrounding counties have been invited to the fire school to be conducted Monday through Thursday at Newport school.

According to C. A. Gould Jr., Newport fire chief, the sessions will be conducted nightly from 7 to 10 p.m. A course in fire-fighting will be taught by a state training officer.

Chief Gould informed the Newport town board of plans for the school when the board met Tuesday night.

Commissioners approved newly-elected officers of the fire department, chief Gould; Fred Kelly, assistant fire chief; George Green, captain; John Kelly, lieutenant; Allen Elliott, secretary; W. D. Heath Jr., treasurer, and Ira Jones, chaplain.

Chief Gould said firemen have put street lights up, plan to decorate the community tree tonight and lights will be turned on Monday.

Mayor Leon Mann reported that the town finally received a copy of the fire contract with the county. The contract deals with the town providing service to a fire district wherein the residents are taxed by the county for the service and the revenue remitted to the town.

The board authorized sending of written notices to residents who will no longer be eligible for fire-fighting service. These notices will go, the mayor said, to residents who live from the end of the Nine-Foot road, along highway 24 to 70 and on highway 70 north to Wildwood.

Service is being withdrawn from those areas (outside the tax district area) and Mill Creek because, town officials say, residents there have not been hearing any of the cost of fire protection.

The mayor reported that he conferred Saturday morning with Earle W. Webb, owner of a home on Bogue sound that burned recently, and Mr. Webb repeated his thanks to the town fire department for its efforts to stop the blaze.

Tobacco Farmers Will Meet Tonight, Newport

Latest information on tobacco research will be given tobacco farmers at 7:30 tonight at the Newport school auditorium, announces R. M. Williams, county agricultural agent.

Speakers will be S. N. Hawks and Fernie Todd, extension specialists, State College. They will show color slides and present latest information on tobacco varieties, production, plant diseases and insect control.

Cruise Halted



The crew and masters of the antique Dutch fishing vessel, Wooden Shoe, were forced ashore at Spooners Creek Harbor Monday night by engine trouble. The four, left to right, Edward Mallon, John H. Tully, George R. Warden and William Husted, were en route from New York to Miami, Florida. They are staying in Morehead City long enough to earn money to continue their journey and have engine repairs made.

A 53-foot flat-bottom Dutch botter, the Wooden Shoe, built in 1891 and raised from Patchogue, L. I., waters last August by four young adventurers, was a visitor at Spooners Creek Harbor this week.

The vessel, which was originally built as a fishing boat in Haderdyk, Holland, was brought to the United States by a Columbia professor and since has seen a long list of owners. When it sank last February the boat was abandoned and remained on the bottom until its present owners decided to bring it up and make it seaworthy.

The four, John H. Tully and William Husted, Beaufort, L. L. George R. Warden, Merrick, L.

I., and Edward Mallon, Baltimore, launched the boat in October. They're bound for Miami, Fla., where three of them plan to enter college in February.

Circumstances have made it necessary to interrupt their voyage briefly in Morehead City. Engine failure and lack of funds have necessitated a stay-over here while the boys earn enough money to continue their journey. Since docking Monday night three of the youths have found employment with J. T. Barnes and George Wallace.

The Wooden Shoe sleeps eight persons, is equipped with a galley but no rest rooms and even one door is nailed a small wooden coin box that pleads, "Help rescue the Wooden Shoe."

Defendant Gets Suspended Term In County Court

● Aubrey Chadwick
To Pay \$20 Weekly

● Two Pay \$25 Fines
For Recklessness

Aubrey Chadwick received a one-year suspended jail sentence Tuesday in county recorder's court, following a conviction of non-support. Judge Lambert R. Morris suspended Chadwick's jail term on payment of costs and \$20 a week to the welfare department for the use and benefit of his wife and minor children.

Drawing fines for careless and reckless driving were Duetie I. Thomas and Lawrence A. LaRock. Thomas was fined \$25 and costs and LaRock \$15 and costs. LaRock was also charged with speeding.

Eight defendants, four of whom failed to appear, were charged with having improper exhaust systems. Forfeiting bonds on the charge were Cecil R. Lawrence, Odell Wallace, Gary Waddell Hewitt and Isaiah Johnson. The other four, Dorothy Leigh Russell, James F. Wooten, Callis Earl Smith, and William Henry Brown, were all ordered to pay one-half court costs.

Also forfeiting bonds were William G. Hamilton, Josiah W. Bailey and Ned Manigo, all charged with having improper lights. Paying one-half court costs on the same charge were Susannah Jacobs and Willie A. Sharpe.

Other defendants, charges against them and the findings of the court follow:

Sam Carter, driving on the wrong side of the road, bond forfeited.

Gordon H. Salter, having no reflectors on his truck, bond forfeited.

James D. Mann, speeding, \$50 and costs.

Francis G. Willis, violation fishing laws, bond forfeited.

Sam Pierce, issuing a worthless check. The defendant was ordered to pay court costs and to honor the check.

James Edwin Smith, driving on the wrong side of the road, costs. William Paul Weeks, having no

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Shells Collected by Gloucester Woman Displayed at Norfolk Club

By ELLEN MASON

A beautiful display of North Carolina shells, collected by Mrs. Emmitt Piper of Gloucester, is a major attraction of the nautically-decorated skippers' lounge at Lafayette Yacht Club, Norfolk, Va. The collection includes every collectible shell on the Outer Banks except the oyster, which Mrs. Piper considers "trash."

Mrs. Piper gave the collection to the club at the suggestion of Vernon Myers, commodore, who is a brother of Mrs. Al Hubbard, Gloucester. The shells were also displayed at the Waterfront Museum in Morehead City last summer.

Mrs. Piper roams the Outer Banks wearing long boots and armed with a rake and bucket. She ignores the bleached shells lying all over the sand and searches for minute holes or bubbles in the wet sand that denote buried shell animals.

Mrs. Piper, who calls herself a "conchologist," specializes in collecting conch shells. She boils the conchs out and polishes the shells with a rough towel. Mr. Piper shares his wife's interest in shell collecting and they have a multitude of shells of every description in and around their home.

Mrs. Piper has worked with 4-H's in collecting shells and assisted Miss Lida Mae Pigott, Gloucester 4-H'er, in identifying the shells in her blue-ribbon winning sea-scape.

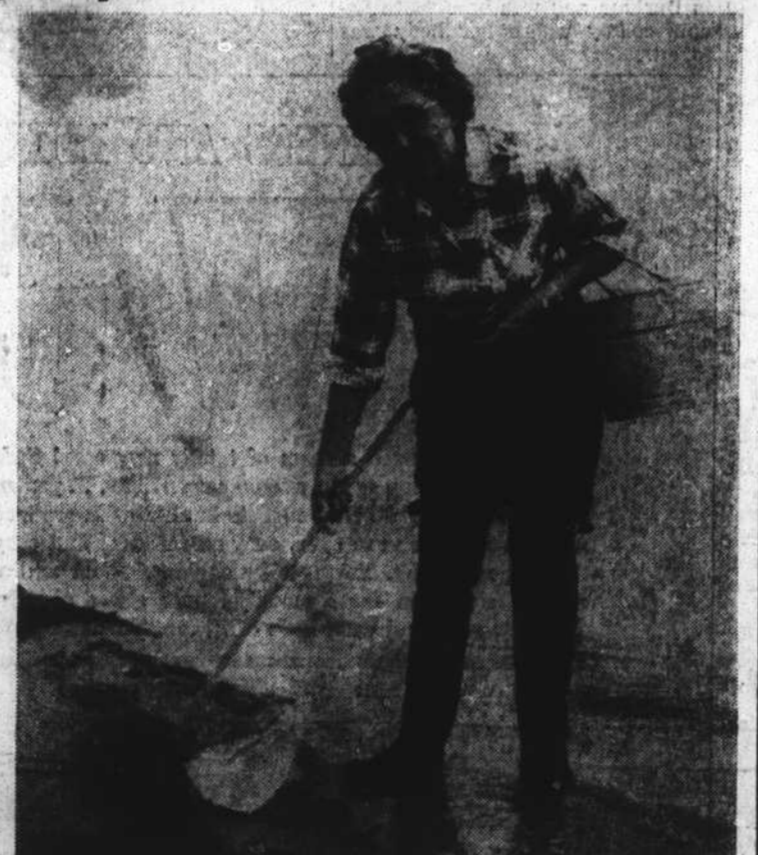
An excellent gardener, Mrs. Piper is an active member of the Gloucester Home Demonstration Club. She is serving as her club's community service chairman this year.

She was appointed by county commissioners to serve on the county planning commission and is the only woman on the board.

Mrs. Floy Garner, county home demonstration agent, describes Mrs. Piper as "a woman who loves to share things." Mrs. Piper provided Mrs. Garner with shells and other items when she was in charge of decorations for the 1960 state home agents' meeting at State college in Raleigh.

Mrs. Piper also provided enough sun ray shells for use as mint cups for the dinner, Mrs. Garner said, and home agents from everywhere were thrilled with them.

This busy homemaker-shell collector-gardener-helper also found time to assist in the organization of the Home Demonstration Club at Marshallberg.



Mrs. Emmitt Piper
... shelling away

County Continues Hospital Efforts

County commissioners Monday afternoon directed the county attorney, Luther Hamilton Jr., to follow through with bond attorneys' requests for further clarification they want relative to sale of hospital bonds.

Mr. Hamilton said the bond attorneys would like a declaratory judgment, by a resident superior court judge, as to whether the bond order of 1960, and the ballot used in the November 1960 bond election, made reference to the county's refinancing its present debt.

What the next step would be after such a judgment is obtained, was not defined by the commissioners. If the way were cleared for the bonds to be sold, the state funds formerly earmarked for this county, will not be available, Moses Howard, chairman of the board said.

William Henderson, secretary of the Medical Care commission, verified this fact by phone Monday afternoon in a conversation with Mr. Hamilton.

Mr. Henderson said that it is impossible to get a Carteret hospital under contract by April 30, 1962, and the MCC told the county when the money was set aside that those were the only conditions under which the money would be available.

The MCC official said no extension of time can be given. Recent state developments make it imperative that the money be used for other hospital needs, Mr. Henderson said, specifically improvements at the hospital at Chapel Hill.

He said that if Carteret commissioners did not release the money, the Medical Care commission,

Scientist Predicts Slump In Numbers of Menhaden

Mrs. D. G. Bell Honored



Mayor George Dill reads the proclamation ordered by the town board and designating Wednesday, Dec. 6, as "Madie Bell Day" in Morehead City. Mrs. D. G. Bell (Miss Madie) was honored at a reception Wednesday afternoon (see article on the Morehead City social page).

County Board Discusses Fee-System for Officers

County commissioners discussed at length Monday afternoon the system followed by members of the sheriff's department in receiving fees for serving papers.

Some of the commissioners feel it may be better for the sheriff and deputies to draw only a straight salary and not receive fees.

Commissioner Skinner Chalk said the board is interested in hearing opinions on how the matter should be handled.

Sheriff Robert Bell explained that if an officer serves papers, the defendant does not appear in court and forfeits bond, all of the forfeiture money goes into the school fund. The officer does not get his fees, although they could be, legally, deducted, according to A. H. James, clerk of court.

The sheriff explained that all the fees the officers collect are put in a box and at the end of the month the fees are divided equally among the sheriff and the deputies.

The sheriff said each of the men in his department got \$58 in November.

Commissioner Gaston Smith said a lot of people don't understand what the fees are for. He said he's in favor of flat salaries for the sheriff and deputies, and putting the fees into the general fund.

The sheriff recounted an incident when he was deputy. He had to serve four papers on the same case at four different times to the same persons at widely separated points in the county. He traveled, altogether, a total of 300 miles, then the case was settled out of court. As a result, no fees accrued to the deputy. (The officers are paid mileage because they own their own cars.)

Mr. James said that the sheriff's department officers also collect fees on highway patrol citations. He said the total in fees that went to the department last month was \$300, including citations issued by the patrol.

Commissioner Smith said he didn't think the sheriff or deputies should get fees out of highway patrol arrests.

Mr. James said that by studying the records kept by the sheriff's secretary over a six-month period,

the board could see how fee collections run and would be able to make a salary adjustment if the practice of giving fees to the officers is eliminated.

The board agreed to ask Army engineers to study the possibility of deepening Beaufort harbor and connecting channels to 15 feet.

Commissioner Smith observed, "It's a miserable feeling to be in a boat on the ground."

Presented to the board were papers from John Valentine, former county civil defense director. Among them were titles to equipment purchased by the county through civil defense.

Commissioner Chalk reported on a talk he had with Colonel Spivey of the state civil defense office. He said he told the official that the county had spent as much money as it could afford on civil defense.

Moses Howard, chairman of the board, said that he talked with Earle Webb last weekend. Mr. Webb had offered to sell land on which the county proposed to build a hospital. Mr. Howard said Mr. Webb expressed the hope that the county would be able to build a hospital. Mr. Webb was visiting here, en route to West Palm Beach from his New York home.

The board approved payment of \$35 to the sheriff's department for transporting Henry Hatsell to a Raleigh hospital, upon condition that the county was reimbursed.

Attending the board meeting were chairman Moses Howard, commissioners Chalk and Smith, David Yeomans, and C. Z. Chapell.

Second Marines Return, Dock at Morehead City

Two Navy LSTs and the transport, Oglethorpe, docked at the state port yesterday bringing Marines home from training exercises in the Caribbean.

Under the command of Lt. Col. J. B. Bristow, the 1st battalion, reinforced, 2d Marines has been in the Caribbean since October. An amphibious assault landing at Onslow Beach climaxed the exercises.

'61 Record Catch May Be Last for a While

After this year, the "honeymoon" may be over, insofar as the number of Atlantic menhaden available is concerned.

Fred June, chief of menhaden investigations, US Biological Laboratory, Pivers Island, presented this information at the semi-annual meeting of the executive committee, industrial products division of the National Fisheries Institute, Inc.

The committee met recently at the Biltmore hotel, Morehead City.

Although data are income, it is estimated that 80 per cent of the Atlantic coast menhaden catch this year—which appears to be another record year in total catch—was composed of fish three years old.

These are fish that entered the fishery in 1958—or to put it another way, were hatched that year. Mr. June says that this fish hatch of 1958 was probably the largest ever to enter the fishery.

The fish that came on the scene in that year have been the main support of the Atlantic coast menhaden fishery for three consecutive years. This is determined by scientists' sampling, each year, the catches brought in and finding out how old the fish are.

This study has revealed certain changes in the fishery:

1. There has been a noticeable decrease in the number of fish four years old and older. This trend began in 1957. It has continued yearly and these older fish are the fewest in 1961 catches of menhaden in the north Atlantic this year, where the landings are predominantly fish of the older group.

2. For the fourth consecutive year there has been a noticeable decrease in the number of fish four years old and older. This trend began in 1957. It has continued yearly and these older fish are the fewest in 1961 catches of menhaden in the north Atlantic this year, where the landings are predominantly fish of the older group.

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Jaycees to Sell Christmas Trees

Morehead City Jaycees voted Monday night to take on the project of selling Christmas trees as a fund-raising activity. The club will obtain the trees from the Great Northern Fir Co. and will sell them from the vacant lot owned by George Wallace at 8th and Arendell. Louis Russell was appointed chairman of the project.

Members also voted to donate \$50 to the Woodmen of the World for their downtown Christmas lighting project, the \$50 to come from the sale of Christmas trees.

At a board of directors meeting prior to Monday's regular meeting, three membership applications were approved and accepted. New members of the club are Ed Hudson, Frank Robinson and David Johnson.

Richard Roberts, Religious Emphasis Week chairman, suggested that members attend the First Methodist church this Sunday in a group.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Friday, Dec. 8	LOW
8:04 a.m.		2:03 a.m.
8:32 p.m.		2:50 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 9		
8:48 a.m.		2:46 a.m.
9:21 p.m.		3:33 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 10		
9:37 a.m.		3:29 a.m.
10:18 p.m.		4:17 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 11		
10:34 a.m.		4:14 a.m.
11:18 p.m.		5:03 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 12		
11:34 a.m.		5:04 a.m.
		5:56 p.m.

Carolina Water Settles Suits With \$57,500

Carolina Water Co. has agreed to pay Nannie M. Potter and others, Beaufort, Joe House, Beaufort, and certain insurance companies a total of \$57,500 in settlement of a suit brought against the water company following a fire in the Beaufort business section two years ago.

Thirty-nine thousand dollars will be paid Nannie M. Potter and others, Great American Insurance Co. and Illinois Fire Insurance Co. The Potter interests owned buildings destroyed in the fire.

Damages were sought on the basis that the water company failed to keep its equipment in order, resulting in interruption of flow water during the fire-fighting.

To be paid Joseph House, trading as House Drug store, New Hampshire Fire Insurance Co., Nationwide Mutual and Boston Fire Insurance Co. is \$18,500.

Other recent judgments filed in the office of the clerk of superior court:

In the case of Clarence W. Hinshaw vs. Harry E. Austin and wife, Helen G. Austin, Hinshaw is to recover from the Austins interest and such lands that a jury may award, with an inquiry as to the amount of interest and lands to be made at the next term of civil court.

Compromised was the suit, Jesso F. Maready and wife, Vera S. Maready, vs. Miller W. Harrell and wife, Frances. The Harrells agreed to pay the Mareadys \$2,100 and the Mareadys to renounce claim to the property belonging to the Harrells. The Harrells were assessed court costs.

In the case, Stanley Lockhart against Robert Ozmer, trading as the Atlantic Transfer Co., Lockhart is to recover \$900 plus interest.

Voluntary non-suit was taken in the case, Eugene Willis Jr., by his next friend Eugene Willis Sr. vs. Donald J. Fiorini. Also non-suit-ed voluntarily was the suit, E. C. Willis Sr. and Ronal Earl Willis, trading as E. C. Willis and Son, vs. Eugene Clifford Willis Jr. and wife, Elizabeth.

According to the judgment, E. C. Willis Jr. conveyed the property in question as requested by the plaintiffs.

Compromised was the suit Nancy C. Paz vs. William J. Paz and Fred J. Byrd. The plaintiff received \$1,750 from William J. Paz and \$500 from Byrd and the action was dismissed.

Dismissed also was the suit, L. Gordon Hardesty, trading as Hardesty Motors, vs. Thurman A. Stocks, James Dayton Ward and Home Finance Co. The action was dismissed at the request of the plaintiff and the plaintiff paid costs.

Sight Donations Sought by Lions

A. N. Willis, chairman of the Morehead City Lions club sight conservation committee, asks persons to please send in their contributions to the committee. Received to date is \$266.50. Be Thankful You Can See seals were recently mailed throughout the county.

Mr. Willis said that persons need not mail back the seals if they don't make a contribution. "It's all right for them to use them," he remarked.

During 1960-61, the Lions spent \$1,250.80 in sight conservation work. Funds were spent in this county as follows: 10 pairs of glasses \$118, eye examinations \$32, vision testing machine for the schools \$275, given to the welfare department \$300, and spent for aid to the blind, \$800.

Sent to the State Association for the Blind was \$514.80 and to the eye bank \$11. Since July 1, 1961, \$125 was supplied the welfare department, three eye examinations were financed and two pairs of glasses bought at a cost of \$67.

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