

Judge Rules on Hospital Question

Ruling Expected to Clear Way for Sale of Bonds

Judge W. J. Bundy ruled Saturday at Greenville that none of the legal advertisements, resolutions of the county board, or ballots, declared that Carteret would refund or retire its present debt before issuing bonds for a county hospital.

This was the ruling that bond attorneys in New York wanted before they would proceed with steps to issue bonds to build the hospital.

Judge Bundy is resident judge of the third judicial district. His ruling was announced to the county board yesterday morning at the courthouse.

The judge said, "The court concludes and holds as a matter of law that the issuance and sale of Carteret County Hospital Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$1,000,000 for erecting and equipping a hospital including the acquisition of necessary land, is NOT contingent upon a prior refunding or refinancing of any present outstanding debt of Carteret County."

When a law suit was filed to block construction of the county, the complainants contended before the supreme court that the county could not proceed with building a hospital until the present debt is retired. The complainants contended that was the proposition on which the county put the hospital matter to a vote.

The county, through its attorney, Luther Hamilton, contended that the allegation was false. But the supreme court thought otherwise. Later, the law suit was withdrawn. But bond attorneys felt the matter needed clarification and for that reason sought a ruling such as that which judge Bundy made Saturday.

Charles S. Hester and Hugh Styron yesterday offered the county land for a hospital site on highway 70 in the vicinity of the former Little Nine golf course, west of Morehead City.

The board took their proposition under consideration, plus an option to buy the property in six months. The landowners said they would consider a 30-day extension of the option, if necessary.

Mr. Styron said that 12 acres would be given the county without charge and the county could buy additional acres if it wished. No price was mentioned, but he said the county could buy it "for what we have in it."

Moses Howard, county board chairman, termed the property "the most accessible site" but said there were also other sites in mind. He said the site was 3 1/2 miles from the water tank at the western limits of Morehead City, and a mile closer than the Webb site on highway 24.

Skinner Chalk, commissioner, commented that if there was only a mile difference, he is in favor of the Webb site. Commissioner C. Z. Chappell said consideration of the Webb site "would open the law suit again."

Mr. Chalk said the suit was not justified. Commissioner Gaston Smith remarked, "I thought the Webb site was no longer available."

Mr. Howard said it's not available if it were going to be put up in referendum. He added that if the suit was filed because of the distance to the Webb site, the same people who filed it would object to the Styron-Hester property, "but," he continued, "I'm not sure distance was the real reason."

All commissioners voted in favor of taking an option on the Styron-Hester property, except commissioner Chalk whose vote was no.

At the request of mayor W. H. Potter and Beaufort town clerk Ronald Earl Mason, the county agreed to give Beaufort a restricted deed on the county's interest in three waterfront lots between Marsh and Live Oak streets.

The town officials said they hoped to fill in the lots and put boat launching ramps and a recreation area on them. The county stated that the property could be used by the town, but should an effort be made to sell the lots or put them to private use, the title for the county's interest, would revert to the county.

NSF Grant Finances Work Off Venezuela

● Dr. W. E. Fahy, UNC, Reports on Project

● Fish to be Shipped To Fisheries Institute

A National Science Foundation grant of \$1,300 with Dr. William Fahy, Morehead City, and Dr. William Lund as principal investigators, is enabling the accomplishment of pioneer work in study of the fishes of Venezuela.

The grant was awarded last month and meets the cost of paying Venezuelan fishermen, under Dr. Lund's supervision, to catch the fish and preserve them.

Dr. Lund, now working for the Venezuelan government at Caracas, will assume the duties of assistant professor May 1, 1962 at the Institute of Fisheries Research, UNC, Morehead City. Dr. Fahy is a member of the institute staff.

The fish of the Venezuelan coast are being collected at Cumana. Dr. Fahy said that relatively little is known of the inhabitants of waters of that coast. The area is not easily accessible and few marine scientists have ever worked there.

The collection and classifying of the fishes was suggested by the national association of ichthyologists.

Dr. Lund, a graduate student at the institute in 1956 and 1957 is collecting, describing, and inventorying fish for the Venezuelan government as the preliminary step in that nation's fisheries program.

The fish he is collecting under the National Science foundation grant will be sent to Morehead City. They are expected to arrive at the institute next month. When Dr. Lund arrives he will sort and classify them. Then they will be sent to large repositories, such as the United States National museum, Philadelphia Academy of Science, or Tulane university where there are large collections of fish.

There they will be available to students and scientists engaged in fisheries work.

Dr. Lund is married and has one son. He will replace on the institute staff Dr. Earl Deubler, who resigned last year.

Fire Damages King Residence

The Robert King home on the Merrimon road was damaged by fire at 8:30 p.m. Friday.

Beaufort firemen and the rural fire truck answered the call. Firemen said the blaze started when packing around the water pump caught fire from an electric light bulb. The bulb and packing intended to keep the pump from freezing.

The pump house was damaged and flames burned through the wall of the house into the kitchen. Firemen said if the fire had not been on the leeward side of the house, the whole house probably would have burned.

The Kings were home at the time. The rescue ambulance also answered the call. Rescue squad members on duty were Virgil Woolard, chief, Tom Avery and Norwood Gaskill.

The rescue ambulance also stood by last Tuesday when firemen were called to the former Prythor home on Ann street. The ambulance was driven by Norwood Gaskill.

Seaman Gets Discharge

Harry C. Rivers, seaman, USN, son of Mrs. Madeline G. Rivers, Newport, and husband of the former Gayle Piner, Morehead City, was discharged from the Navy Feb. 16.

At that time he was serving aboard the attack cargo ship USS Vermilion, a unit of the Atlantic Fleet amphibious force, headquartered at Norfolk.

Board Picks Webb Site for Hospital

County commissioners yesterday decided to build the county hospital on the Webb site on Bogue sound, the site originally chosen for the hospital.

The decision came after the board concluded that if it was going to stick to its pre-referendum promise to put the hospital three miles west of Morehead City, it may as well put it on the Webb site, in which over \$4,000 of taxpayers' money has already been invested.

The commissioners stated further that if the owner of the property, Earle W. Webb, does not wish to sell, condemnation proceedings would be undertaken to get the land.

The board announced, also, that no more suggested sites will be considered. Commissioners pointed out that if the people wish, 15 per cent of the registered freeholders of the county may draft a petition and request that a referendum be held on hospital location.

In that case, the board would select at least two sites on which voters could ballot.

The decision to proceed with the Webb property as the hospital location was made shortly before 3 p.m. yesterday during the afternoon session of the board.

Four Newport Residents Hurt In Auto Crash

Four Newport residents were injured and another escaped injury when they were involved in a head-on collision Monday night at 7:45 nine miles from Henderson on US highway No. 1. The injured were Mrs. Rachel Lewis, Mrs. Roma Garner Thompson, Mrs. Leon Garner and Allen Garner, about 10 years of age. Lynn Garner, daughter of Mrs. Leon Garner, was not injured.

Mrs. Glenwood Garner, sister-in-law of Mrs. Lewis, gave the following account of the accident:

Mrs. Lewis had been in Maryland visiting Mrs. Clyde Moore for a week and the others had gone to Washington, D. C., Sunday to see astronaut John Glenn in a parade Monday. They were en route home by way of Raleigh to leave Lynn, who attends business school there.

Mrs. Lewis was driving Mrs. Thompson's 1961 Mercury when a 1955 Nash station wagon, driven by Perry Perkinson of Louisburg, allegedly came toward them in their lane. Mrs. Lewis slowed and swerved to avoid a collision, but the cars collided head-on. Perkinson was also hospitalized. The Thompson car was demolished. Mrs. Thompson and Allen were in the front seat.

Mrs. Lewis, the most seriously injured, suffered a crushed right kneecap, broken left ankle and cracked left kneecap. Mrs. Thompson had a slight concussion, but was out of bed Friday. Mrs. Leon Garner's right arm was broken above the elbow.

Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manly Garner, suffered cuts and bruises but came home Wednesday. Lynn returned home to Newport Tuesday when her father and Raymond Simmons went to Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenwood Garner and Mr. and Mrs. Manly Garner went to Maria Parham hospital to visit them Wednesday and Mr. Simmons and Mrs. Moses Howard went Friday.

It was hoped that the injured could be brought home or to Morehead City hospital over the weekend.

Ben Alford Speaks To Morehead Rotarians

Ben Alford was the speaker at the meeting of the Morehead City Rotary club Thursday night. Mr. Alford spoke on the work of Dr. Frank Laubach, founder of the World Literacy movement.

The literacy movement raises funds for teaching citizens of other nations how to read and write in their native languages. The movement is based on the theory that literacy is the key to knowledge and national progress.

Two guests at the meeting were Bill Heath and Ed Nolan, both of Pompano Beach, Fla.

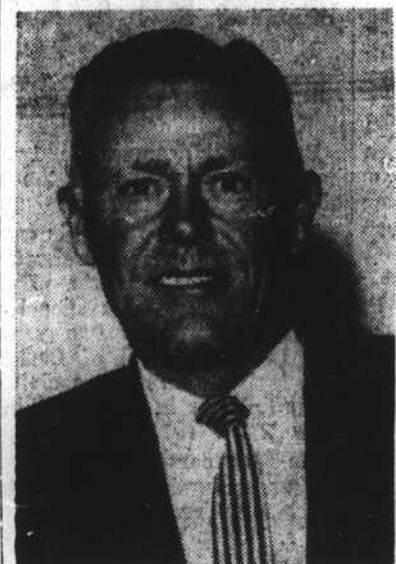
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To Run Again



W. David Munden, Morehead City, filed yesterday for the Democratic nomination as coroner. Mr. Munden is presently serving as county coroner.

Driver Ordered To Pay Almost \$200 in Court

A Cherry Point resident involved in an accident found his appearance in the Morehead City recorder's court expensive Wednesday. (Court was postponed from Monday to Wednesday because the solicitor, George McNeill, was out of town.)

Billy Jeffery Stalnaker was found guilty of driving drunk, fined \$100 and costs and given a suspended 30-day term. He was ordered by judge Herbert O. Phillips III to pay Cecil H. Mason \$53.35 in damages. Stalnaker was also charged with failure to stop after being in an accident but was not prosecuted on that charge.

Other cases were Lawrence Go-dette, Havelock, no operator's license, \$25 and costs; Betty Lillian Gray, failure to stop at signal, \$10 and costs; Jackie Arnold Simpson, Beaufort, speeding, \$15 and costs; and J. E. (Hookie) Morris, Morehead City, who asked for a jury trial on a charge of public drunkenness. He was placed under \$50 bond for the appearance at the April term of superior court.

Paying costs were Robert Earl Ham, Greenville, public drunkenness; George Eris Hall, Camp Lejeune, failure to dim lights; Walter Singleton Koonce, Morehead City, improper brakes and no city tag; Larry Adelbert Long, Morehead City, disobeying stop sign; James Herbert Meadows, Maysville, public drunkenness; and John Neal Salter, Havelock, disobeying a stop signal.

Three cases were continued to later terms of court.

Ladies Entertained

The Morehead City Lions club held ladies' night Thursday night, with social activities predominating. Among games played was bingo, with prizes awarded. No business was conducted at the meeting.

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Newport Youth Survives High Voltage Shock on Causeway

Tommy Garner Says His Brother Saved His Life

Tommy Howard, 22, Newport, shook hands with death Saturday. Death was in the form of a steel cable, on a boom that hit a high-voltage wire, on the Atlantic Beach causeway. But Howard is alive today, due to the quick action of his brother, Joe, 24, who was operating the boom.

Both boys are sons of L. W. Howard, Newport, who operates a heavy construction firm.

Tommy Lewis Fills Vacancy On Board

Tommy Lewis, Harkers Island, has been appointed to the county board of commissioners, to fill the unexpired term of David Yeomans, Harkers Island.

Mr. Lewis assumed his duties with the county board yesterday and was welcomed by Moses Howard, chairman of the board.

A. H. James, clerk of superior court and chairman of the county Democratic committee, who made the appointment, made the following statement yesterday:

"I have, this morning, filled the vacancy on the County Board of Commissioners created by the resignation of David Yeomans of Harkers Island.

"Four, eight, twelve and sixteen years ago, the voters of Carteret County have elected one of the five members of the Board of Harkers Island and I could not, on my own volition, fill the vacancy from another community.

"I am not unmindful nor disrespectful of the position of those friends that would have changed the Geographical placement of this appointment, but I feel sure had they been in my position they would have done the same.

"Mr. Lewis is 62 years of age and is retired from the US Coast Guard, having distinguished himself with the government, retiring as a warrant officer. The people of the Island have known of this proposed appointment for several months and no one has come through with any objection to or any criticism of this man, which, it seems to me, is mighty commendable."

'Mystery Man' Finds Check

A check for several hundred dollars was lost last week—and later returned to the owner.

The lucky fellow is Carey Wilson, Newport, who dropped a federal government check, in its envelope, on a sidewalk in Morehead City. But nobody seems to know who found it, other than the finder's name is Carl and he works for a firm in Wilmington.

He found the check on the walk in front of the First-Citizens bank and gave it to Mrs. Ralph Willis, a cashier at the Morehead City Drug Co. She, in turn, took the check to Harold Webb, postmaster. Mr. Wilson, meanwhile, had phoned the postmaster to report that he had lost the check. When it showed up, Mr. Webb turned it over to its owner.

Mr. Wilson, whose nickname is Woodie, is employed by Sealtest. Mrs. Willis called to thank Mrs. Willis for turning in the check. Mrs. Willis explained that she hadn't found it . . . the credit should go to a man named Carl.

Durham Firm Low Bidder On County Road Projects

Low bidder, with \$69,592.20, on three road projects in the county, was Nello L. Teer Co., Durham, according to the State Highway commission. Bids were opened in Raleigh Tuesday. They will be reviewed by the highway commission Thursday, March 15.

The Carteret work includes resurfacing highway 70-A from the Morehead City western limits to 24th street, thence southward from highway 70-A to Arendell street; 9.17 miles of resurfacing on highway 70 from highway 101 to the Merrimon road from Hardesty's corner to the Laurel road, a distance of 2 1/2 miles.

18-Pound Blue Taken



Oliver Davis, Beaufort, holds an 18-pound bluefish taken in a net Wednesday, off Fort Macon. Dr. William Fahy, of the Institute of Fisheries Research, UNC, examines the teeth of the big fish. The largest were at least a quarter of an inch long. Examination of the scales, Dr. Fahy said, indicated that the fish was ten years old.

Step-up in Enforcement Cuts Accidents, Club Told

Game Warden Leaves Hospital

Malvern Cecil, Beaufort, federal game warden, who was injured when an auto driven by hunting poachers struck him on Cedar Island was discharged from the Sea Level hospital Saturday.

Mr. Cecil still has a cast on his leg and will not return to duty until he completely recovers from injuries. The two men charged with violation of hunting laws at the time Mr. Cecil was injured were Lloyd Hayes Mason and Clyde Mason Jr., Atlantic.

The men were sentenced to six months in jail, suspended on payment of fines of \$250 each. They were also put on probation. They were found guilty by the federal commissioner at New Bern for hunting and having duck in possession during closed season.

They were apprehended Sunday, Feb. 18 at 2:30 a.m. between Cedar Island and Atlantic.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is checking on the alleged assault on Mr. Cecil with the automobile. Authorities say Lloyd Mason was at the wheel when the game warden was injured.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Tuesday, March 6	LOW
8:06 a.m.		2:01 a.m.
8:34 p.m.		2:31 p.m.
Wednesday, March 7		
8:57 a.m.		2:51 a.m.
9:25 p.m.		3:18 p.m.
Thursday, March 8		
9:49 a.m.		3:39 a.m.
10:17 p.m.		4:03 p.m.
Friday, March 9		
10:43 a.m.		4:27 a.m.
11:12 p.m.		4:48 p.m.

Bus 19, Where Are You?

School children who travel on the Morehead City school bus that goes to Broad Creek were asking Friday, "Bus 19, where are you?"

Their parents knew. A note from H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools informed them that certain children on the bus refused to abide by regulations. As a result, the driver of the bus said that he could no longer be responsible for the safety of the children.

school, said that he had no driver qualified to replace the one who had resigned, therefore the bus could not run. It did not run Friday and parents had to get children to school the best way they could.

Parents who do not send their children to school are subject to court action.

Boards to Meet

The Newport town board will meet at 7:30 tonight at the town hall and the Atlantic Beach board will meet at 10 a.m. Friday at the beach town hall.