

County Board Hopes for Bond Referendum in Coming Year

Aiming at a bond referendum in 1963 to finance a school building program, county commissioners have asked the county board of education to make "a cost survey of all the school needs of Carteret County without further delay."

The commissioners met in the courthouse Monday night, continuing their Dec. 3 session.

A cost survey—determination of how much money will be needed to build new high schools in the east and west and improve present schools—is necessary to find out the amount of money to be borrowed.

Whether to borrow the money will be left to the voters.

Commissioner Headen Willis said he doubted if an "industrial center" should be included in the public schools program.

Commissioner Rudolph Mason called an industrial training center "an advanced school, a continuation of high school," inferring that it is proper to include it in a school bond referendum.

Commissioner C. Z. Chappell suggested that the referendum could be set up two ways: to borrow money for public schools as the people know them now or to borrow for the schools plus an industrial education center.

In answer to a question from commissioner Moses Howard, W. R. Hamilton, board chairman, remarked that the county would furnish the industrial building and the state would furnish equipment and instructors.

"Where would the industrial building be?" Mr. Chappell asked. Mr. Hamilton said he thought the site should be determined prior to the referendum.

Wiley Taylor Jr., county attorney, said that the board of education is being asked for its recommendations only. The county board could determine later, he said, whether the industrial center should be lumped in or separated from the proposed bond issue.

All commissioners, including the chairman, voted in favor of the resolution asking the board of education for the cost survey.

In answer to a question from commissioner Willis, Mr. Taylor said he thought the purchase of the East Carteret school site would be made final this past Wednesday.

The board also voted to turn over to the board of education by July 1, 1963 all the funds that have accumulated in the school construction accumulative account. The amount is estimated to be at least \$800,000 by July 1.

The vote came after mayor George W. Dill, Morehead City, raised the question as to whether the board of education did or didn't have the money.

Ronald Earl Mason, auditor, said \$635,000 is now on hand and the remainder will accrue as taxes come in. Mayor Dill, who said he was at the meeting only to find out what was going on and not to someone else's behest, wanted to be sure that the board was going to get the money and that it wouldn't end up some other place. He was assured that the money was earmarked for construction of the West Carteret high school.

Hubert Fulcher Heads Force

Hubert Fulcher, former assistant chief of police, Morehead City, has been named chief and will begin his new job Monday.

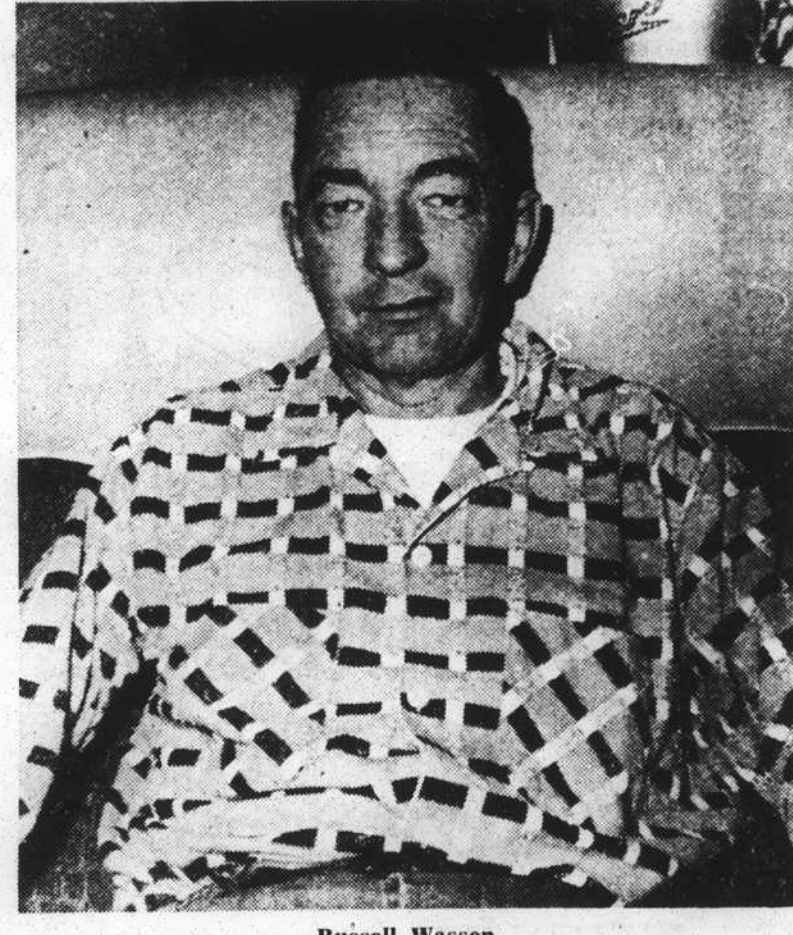
The town commissioners met in special session Tuesday afternoon to make the selection from several applications.

The new chief served as assistant chief from 1945 until 1955. In 1955 he resigned to operate the sportsfishing partyboat, the Blue Water. His total years of service on the force are 14.

A native of Morehead City, chief Fulcher has taken correspondence courses in fingerprinting and criminal investigation. He was for 35 years a member of the Morehead City fire department. During world war II, Mr. Fulcher served two-and-a-half years in the Air Force.

Chief Herbert Griffin's resignation from the force will become effective after tomorrow. A native of Swan Quarter, he attended Morehead City schools and joined the police force in 1947.

Russell Wasson, Beaufort, Lives To Tell of Bullet Wound in Head



Russell Wasson now home in Beaufort

Russell Wasson, Lennoxville road, Beaufort, is a walking miracle. A 32 calibre bullet went through his head. That was almost two months ago. Today the only things revealing that he may have had a terrifying experience are a slight paralysis on his right side and a groove across the top of his head which one might not notice unless he points it out.

Mr. Wasson was alone in the bedroom of his home late Saturday night, Sept. 22. His Italian Beretta pistol went off, putting a bullet in his head about an inch and a half in front of the top of his left ear.

The bullet coursed upward and went out the upper right part of his cranium. Doctors gave him no hope that he would live.

He was rushed to Morehead City hospital. No one expected him to live through the night. But he did. Since he is a veteran of 20 years' service in the Navy, a Marine helicopter was requested and on Sunday, Sept. 23, he was flown from Beaufort-Morehead airport to the Portsmouth Naval hospital.

There he underwent one operation on Tuesday, Sept. 25. "We didn't think he would live through that," Mrs. Wasson reports.

Within a few days he was on the road to recovery. The big question was whether he would ever be able to walk, control his muscles, feed himself and do the simple things of day-to-day living.

He said he was conscious of what was going on about him most of the time following surgery. Mr. Wasson came home to Beaufort Monday, Oct. 22, exactly one month after the accident (Mrs. Wasson said her husband was trying to fix the pistol and it went off.)

Although he was in the service during world war II (a motor machinist's mate) he came through without a scratch. He broke a leg once in an auto accident. After the war, he was working on a dredge, slipped and broke his arm.

Other than that, the bullet wound is the only major injury he has ever sustained. Prior to retirement, Mr. Wasson worked at Cherry Point and with the Coast and Geodetic Survey. He's a native of Indiana, but married a Beaufort girl, the former Bessie Pake of Lennoxville.

Mr. Wasson has slight difficulty in speaking, but otherwise he appears to be normal in every respect. He says "they grow 'em tough in Indiana."

T. H. Potter Speaks to Club

T. H. Potter was the speaker Tuesday night at the Beaufort Rotary club, giving a talk on employee-employer relationships.

Mr. Potter commented on the Dale Carnegie course, points to consider in the relationships, and recited several of his personal experiences in applying lessons learned in the course.

Guests at the meeting were Dr. John Gaaney, Fred Lewis, Thomas Noe, George Dill, Jack Roberts, all of the Morehead City Rotary, and Rotarian Ben Humphrey, White-stone, Va.

The Beaufort Rotarians will have their Christmas party and ladies night Tuesday at the Surfside restaurant.

11-Year-Old Girl Found; Two Others Still Missing

Holiday Rush Begins at City Postoffices

Postmasters Give Mailing Tips

Postoffice Hours Increased

The annual rush is beginning for postoffice employees in Morehead City and Beaufort, according to Morehead City postmaster Harold Webb and Beaufort postmaster John Betts.

A steadily increasing flow of holiday cards, packages and other items has begun to come in and go out to residents of the Morehead City and Beaufort area.

Increased hours have been announced for both postoffices, with postoffice services available from 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily except Sunday in Morehead City and 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily except Sunday in Beaufort.

The Morehead City postoffice has added two temporary clerks and an Army truck, plus space in another building to cope with the rush. Packages go into the building used in the summertime by the Yacht Basin marina and there are sorted for delivery. There's not enough space for this type of work in the postoffice.

Both postmasters urged mail patrons to get holiday mail into the postoffices as soon as possible to prevent delays in delivery at the last minute before Christmas. Mail for recipients in other states should be mailed as soon as possible to insure delivery before the holidays.

Everyday precautions in mailing are even more important at this time of the year. Addresses should be complete with zone numbers, plainly written, printed or typed. Abbreviations of city or state names should be avoided. Return addresses should also be used, especially on packages.

Cards mailed first class get to their destination sooner, and the postoffice has issued a new four cent stamp especially for Christmas use. The stamp has a holiday theme and is printed in Christmas colors.

Free labels for local and out-of-town delivery are available at (See POSTOFFICES Pg. 8)



Jennie Eubanks found at Charleston

Three Civil Suits Started

Game Agent Sues For \$10,000

Notes, Insurance Figure in Two Cases

Civil actions recently started in superior court include Malvern H. Cecil, US game management agent, against Lloyd H. Mason, Atlantic; Leroy Guthrie against Joyce Lee Townsend and Mildred Louise Spivey vs. the First National Life Insurance Co. of America and the Accident Insurance Co.

Cecil alleges that he suffered painful physical injury as the result of Mason's hitting him with an automobile Feb. 18, 1962 on Cedar Island road.

He is seeking \$10,000 damages. As the result of the accident, Cecil says he is permanently injured, having recovered only 75 per cent use of an ankle. He spent 14 days in the hospital, had his foot in a cast for 45 days and was on crutches 14 weeks.

Guthrie is suing Miss Townsend for \$3,800 plus 6 per cent interest from July 15, 1962. Guthrie signed two promissory notes on First Citizens bank for Miss Townsend on April 18, 1962. One was for \$2,800 and the other for \$1,000.

The notes came due July 15, 1962 and were allegedly not met by Miss Townsend.

Mrs. Spivey is suing insurance companies who have denied a claim for \$2,000 (two \$1,000 policies) which Mrs. Spivey filed following the death of her husband, G. T. Spivey, Dec. 14, 1961.

Mrs. Spivey is seeking payment of the policies, which she claims were in force at the death of Mr. Spivey, plus costs of the court action and interest.

Official Finds Out About Ditches

The joys of being a county commissioner have already come to Headen Willis, Republican member of the county board.

Commissioner Willis, during a discussion on roads Monday night at the courthouse, said, "If I've got to dig myself every ditch that I've been told should be dug, I'll not live long enough."

Maintenance of ditches along roads is one of the jobs of the State Highway commission. When the ditches grow up in weeds or clog with dirt, people want them dug out so that they will drain the roads and prevent water from running where it shouldn't.

Requests for clean ditches are usually channeled through the county board to the road superintendent who is stationed by the highway commission in the county.

Older Ones May be Going To Memphis, Tenn.

Back home with her parents today is 11-year-old Jennie Eubanks, who disappeared in Beaufort Saturday. Jennie was located by the sheriff's department in Charleston, S. C., Tuesday. She was at the police department after being picked up at the Charleston bus station by officers.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Eubanks, her parents, left Beaufort for Charleston immediately and brought her home.

Jennie's 13-year-old sister, Tanya, and 22-year-old Sheila Jean Swann Hardison, are still missing. Deputy sheriff C. H. Davis said the two older girls told Jennie they were going to Memphis, Tenn. There they were going to "pick up a car" and return to Charleston to get Jennie.

Jennie said that after the Christmas parade in Beaufort Saturday they caught a bus to Morehead City. They got off the bus near the forks of highway 70 and 24, and started to walk toward Swansboro on highway 24.

A motorist gave them a ride to Swansboro. From there, they hitchhiked to Jacksonville, then to Wilmington and to Myrtle Beach, S. C. They walked about two miles at Myrtle Beach, then "four young boys" picked them up there, bought them hamburgers, and took them to Georgetown, S. C.

There they caught a ride to Charleston, S. C., and continued hitch-hiking until they got to Savannah.

At Savannah, deputy Davis reported, the two older girls put Jennie on a bus bound back to Charleston, telling her that someone would be at the Charleston bus station to pick her up. Deputy Davis said he didn't know where they got money for bus fare.

(When the girls left the Eubanks home Saturday, they were believed to have no more than \$2 with them.)

When Jennie got to Charleston, there was no one at the bus station to meet her. The taxi dispatcher noticed her when she tried to make a phone call at a pay booth. She said a lady on the bus had given her a dollar.

The dispatcher notified the police and they picked her up. She told them that she was from Virginia. She said that the other girls told her to say this and that if she didn't, she'd be put in jail.

She also gave her name to Charleston police as Kathy Pierce.

Sheriff Bobby Bell was calling cities south of here, putting out a missing persons report after a local milk truck driver reported that he saw a car pick up the three girls on highway 24 last Saturday. The sheriff assumed the three were headed south.

When he called the Charleston police station and started to give the description of Jennie, he was told the child was there.

The Charleston police said she was starved and cold, but otherwise all right.

John Edwards of the State Bureau of Investigation has been requested by the sheriff's department to assist in locating the other two girls.

The oldest, Mrs. Hardison, had gone to live with the Eubanks within the past few weeks. She had been living with relatives, according to Mrs. Eubanks, and some differences arose. She said Mrs. Hardison arrived at the Eubanks house one night, crying and saying she had no place to stay.

The Eubanks took her in. Mrs. Hardison and her husband are separated.

County Board Approves Road Petition Monday

James B. Willis Gets Courthouse Job

Clerk Swears In Coroner Munden

Approved by the county board Monday night and forwarded to the State Highway commission was request for the addition of Morgan street, Radio Island, to the secondary road system.

The road petition was presented by commissioner Rudolph Mason, who said that it was three-tenths of a mile long, had six occupied homes on it and the property owners would grant a 60-foot-right-of-way.

Signing the petition were Henry L. Holt, Laura Holt, Charles H. Piner, Manie L. Piner, and Sam Morgan.

The board requested that deputy sheriffs be on duty at basketball games in the county where municipal officers have no jurisdiction. When it was suggested that the deputies may not always be able to get to the games, commissioner Moses Howard remarked that perhaps constables in the area could be on duty.

The board decided that Ronald Earl Mason, county auditor, should also be employed as tax supervisor and custodian of county buildings.

James B. Willis, who is in the sign painting business in Morehead City, was named assistant tax supervisor, succeeding Prentiss Garner. He was scheduled to start work Tuesday. It was announced that Mr. Willis would attend a tax supervisor's school at the Institute of Government, Chapel Hill, Dec. 17-18.

David Munden, Morehead City, was sworn in as coroner by superior court clerk A. H. James.

I. D. Gillikin and Clifford Tilghman asked that marl be put on the Copeland road near Beaufort. Commissioner Headen Willis said shoulders of highway 70 should be better maintained.

Chairman W. R. Hamilton said that state highway commissioner Buddy Phillips has been asked to meet with the county board in January.

Commissioners Moses Howard commended county road superintendent J. L. Humphrey and said he could do more if he had more men. Commissioner Hamilton remarked that Mr. Humphrey's ability was not being used.

Commissioner Howard asked if the letter had been drafted stating why auditor James D. Potter had been fired. Commissioner Mason said that the books "had not been posted since September" and the auditor from Williams and Wall could not bring the audit up to date as soon as he had supposed.

Commissioner Howard said the books had been in good shape for 26 years, he didn't see why there should be a delay on presenting to Mr. Potter a letter stating why he was let go.

Luther Hamilton Jr., former county attorney, said Dec. 3 that the letter should state that he was fired "for purely political reasons."

Beaufort Board Receives Seven Applications for Job

Members of the Beaufort board of commissioners met in executive session following the regular meeting Monday night at the town hall, to consider seven applications for the position of town clerk. The vacancy was created when the former town clerk, Ronald Earl Mason, was appointed county auditor.

The applications were screened, but action was deferred until Monday night, when the board will have a special meeting.

Mayor W. H. Potter presided at this week's session. He announced that the representative from the merchants association to the planning board has not been appointed, but said the appointment would probably be made by the next regular meeting.

The board approved a recommendation that \$8,000 be transferred from the operating budget to the debt service fund and, in the same motion, approved the purchase of a \$15,000 certificate of deposit.

It was reported that flashing street lights, to be erected near the school, have not yet arrived. Two requests for street lights were received; one for an area near Queen Street school and the other to provide light in shadowy areas at the rear of two stores on Front street. Police commissioner Earl Mades was asked to check into the advisability of putting lights in the two areas.

A complaint was reported from a property owner relative to a junk yard which he claims is lowering the value of his property. Action on the complaint was tabled.

It was decided that parking meters will operate the week before Christmas. Mrs. Hazel McCarthy, temporary town clerk, said the new meters seem to be working out very well. Commissioner David Farrior commented that there seem to be fewer red (time elapsed) meters now and he felt sure shoppers enjoyed the convenience of being able to deposit pennies as well as nickles.

The commissioners passed a resolution commending Albert Coates, who retired in September from the Institute of Government,

Guantanamo Evacuees Get Word to Return

Cold Wave Hits; Mercury Dips To 14 Degrees

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Mrs. Frank Lewis, Beaufort, was notified Wednesday that she and her four children are to report to Norfolk Tuesday for the trip back to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Mrs. Lewis, whose husband is a supervisor in the power plant at Guantanamo, was evacuated with other wives and dependents Monday, Oct. 22, prior to the announcement by President Kennedy that Russia had to get its war-making machinery out of Cuba.

The Lewises were transported to Norfolk by ship but expect that the return trip will be made by air. The family had been at Guantanamo seven-and-a-half months when the evacuation was ordered.

While here, they have been living in an apartment. After the emergency passed, Mr. Lewis came to Beaufort for several days' visit, then returned to Cuba.

The word among the dependents, on the day that they were evacuated, was that the Cuban government had cut off the water flowing into the giant US Guantanamo Naval base. (The base is supplied from water resources beyond its boundaries.)

But the information was apparently false. Naval authorities state that Castro has carefully avoided such measures. Had the water supply been stopped, the Navy had planned to supply the base with water brought in by ship.

Soon after Russia moved its missiles out, dependents were told they could probably return by Christmas.

Mrs. Sue Lynch Mills has been employed as assistant to the county auditor, Ronald Earl Mason, auditor, reported yesterday. Mrs. Mills is a resident of Beaufort and for nine years was an employee of Carolina Telephone and Telegraph.



David Hall, 8, left and Braxton Hall Jr., 11, take a look at a Christmas tree lamp made of glass marbles, 776 in all. The tree was made by their father, Braxton Hall, who is a TB patient in the Veterans' hospital, Newport News, Va. The Halls live at 105 Emeline Pl., Morehead City. Mr. Hall has been hospitalized for the past eight months.

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