

Mayor Expresses Displeasure With State Ports Office Move

\$3,500 Raised In Campaign At Newport

Investors Make Loan Without Interest

Drive to Continue Until Feb. 1

An estimated \$3,500 has been raised in the Newport campaign to obtain \$40,000 for a medical center.

The fund-raising committee, headed by J. Stencil Bell, has decided that payment of pledges will not be required until June 1 and the drive will continue until Feb. 1.

The committee reminds people that funds given to the medical center are not an outright contribution. The money will be returned, without interest, from rental paid on the medical center or from sale proceeds, should the building be purchased.

"This is a non-interest bearing investment," Mr. Bell points out. The group building the medical center and collecting the funds is a non-profit corporation.

The corporation was formed after a survey by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation showed that the Newport area is capable of supporting a doctor.

The present doctor, Manly Mason, has endorsed the medical center idea. Dr. Mason, who for many years has served the Newport area as its physician, assisted the committee, formed by the Rotary club, in its initial program to attract a doctor to the town.

Each person who invests \$25 in the enterprise receives a "loan" or stock certificate. This represents the amount of stock he holds. Persons may buy as many \$25 shares as they wish.

Those wishing to invest may contact Mr. Bell at Allen and Bell Hardware or send checks to Mr. Bell. Checks should be made out to Newport Medical Center Inc. The certificate will be mailed to the investor.

Warmer Days Follow Freeze

Carteret was experiencing a welcome and needed warming trend over the weekend. Temperatures rose to give relief from extremely cold weather.

Twelve degrees was recorded early Thursday at the Atlantic Beach weather station. On the same date in 1960 the temperature went down to 16. Last Thursday's official US weather bureau reading for this area was 14.

	Max.	Min.	Wind
Thursday	27	14	NNW
Friday	34	27	WNW-N
Saturday	41	21	Var.
Sunday	52	35	Var.

Legislator Favors Elected Education Board Members, Bond Referendum

Thomas Bennett, newly-elected Republican representative to the state legislature, spoke to the county PTA council at its meeting Thursday night at Beaufort school.

Mr. Bennett discussed his views on education, stating that he is opposed to the present method of selecting members of the county board of education. Rather than selecting them on an appointive basis, he hopes to introduce a bill in the legislature to provide for the election of each member by popular vote.

His plan is to divide the county into five districts and to provide for the election of one person from each district, thereby enabling the entire county to be represented. He stated that it will be rather difficult to devise a method "on a non-partisan" basis, but that he intends to work along those lines if at all possible.

"It looks to me like we're getting the run-around again."

That was the reaction of mayor George Dill, Morehead City, to Thursday's announcement that the State Ports Authority is going to put its main office building in Wilmington.

The SPA has decided to spend \$500,000 on port facilities at Southport, which is slightly south of Wilmington. The state maintains a port on the Cape Fear river at Wilmington as well as the port at Morehead City.

Ports Authority members told mayor Dill, and several others interested in the Morehead City port, at a meeting Sunday, Dec. 2, that the ports director, J. W. Davis, and E. E. (Jack) Lee, director of traffic and commerce, would have offices in both Wilmington and Morehead City.

Mayor Dill said he raised the question at the time, "Do you mean you will have duplicates of all correspondence BOTH here and at Wilmington?" He said that answers he received were evasive. At the Sunday meeting, no mention was made of the fact that the SPA intended to put up a \$400,000 office building at Wilmington. It was stated only that the main ports office would be moved from Raleigh.

The office was moved to Raleigh from Wilmington about five years ago.

The move was made after Morehead City protested that port interests were centered in Wilmington and as a result, Morehead City, as a port, was always an "also ran."

John M. Reeves, SPA chairman, predicts that there would be no more battles between Morehead City and Wilmington as to port development.

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Chamber Out Of Debt, Club Told

The greater Morehead City Chamber of Commerce is out of debt for the first time in years and will begin 1963 with a clean slate financially, Dr. S. W. Hatcher told Morehead City Rotarians Thursday night.

Dr. Hatcher, Ben Alford and P. W. Bullock gave the program at the Rotary meeting, speaking on the Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Hatcher, who is retiring president of the chamber, reviewed the accomplishments and goals of the chamber in the past year.

Ben Alford, who is incoming president, spoke on chamber aims for 1963, broader county emphasis, the building of a Chamber of Commerce office near the city park, and other plans.

P. W. Bullock, manager, commented on his views for the success of the chamber in the future.

Rotarians will have their Christmas program Thursday, with each member bringing a present to be distributed to needy families by the Morehead City Fire Department.

Jack Price, Beaufort, was a guest at the meeting.

The club is now meeting at the Jefferson restaurant. Beginning Thursday, Dec. 27, it will meet at Mrs. Russell Willis's restaurant.

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Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar			
HIGH	Tuesday, Dec. 18	LOW	
1:32 a.m.	7:39 a.m.		
1:37 p.m.	8:15 p.m.		
Wednesday, Dec. 19			
2:21 a.m.	8:45 a.m.		
2:26 p.m.	9:10 p.m.		
Thursday, Dec. 20			
3:12 a.m.	9:42 a.m.		
3:19 p.m.	9:59 p.m.		
Friday, Dec. 21			
4:03 a.m.	10:33 a.m.		
4:15 p.m.	10:45 p.m.		

Beaufort Girls Still Missing

Still missing yesterday morning were Tanya Eubanks, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Eubanks, Beaufort, and Shelia Jean Hardison, 22, who left Beaufort Saturday, Dec. 8.

The sheriff's department said that the State Bureau of Investigation has sent information to surrounding states, asking authorities to be on the lookout for the two girls.

Eleven-year-old Jennie Eubanks, sister of Tanya, who was located last Tuesday at Charleston, S. C., said the two older girls were going to Memphis, Tenn. Whether the older girls carried out that plan is not known.

Four Crashes Occur; Three Persons Hurt

Three persons received minor injuries in accidents over the weekend. State trooper investigated four crashes.

A Cities Service truck and a 1957 Ford collided at Smyrna at 8 a.m. Saturday. Trooper W. J. Smith said the car was coming out of a side road and met the truck. Driving the car was Henry J. Willis, Smyrna. Driving the truck was William F. Willis, 309 N. 18th St., Morehead City. Driver of the car was charged with failure to yield the right-of-way.

Mrs. Alfred B. Lewis, Sea Level, was thrown from a 1959 Chevrolet pick up truck at 1:45 p.m. Saturday at Stacy. She was treated at Sea Level hospital and discharged.

Trooper Smith said Alfred B. Lewis, Sea Level, was headed west in the truck and was struck in the rear as he made a left turn. The truck was struck by a 1962 Ford driven by Maurice R. Willis, Sea Level. Lewis has been charged with failing to give a signal. Damage to the pickup was estimated at \$25, to the car \$150.

Edward T. Powell, Beaufort, was charged with hit and run and driving drunk at 12:10 a.m. Sunday after the 1960 Chrysler he was driving cracked into a disabled 1957 Ford on the Lennoxville road, Beaufort.

Trooper J. W. Sykes investigated. He said that John R. Anderson, Beaufort, was behind the wheel of the Ford and Lacy Gaines was trying to push it to get it started. The car was headed west.

Gaines said when cars approached, he'd flag them down and wave them around.

Constable Ronald Smith was headed west on the Lennoxville road and said Powell passed him at a high rate of speed, then passed a 1961 Oldsmobile and cut in front of the Olds. After that, he piled into the disabled car, spinning it 200 feet down the road.

Smith, who had intended to take

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State Announces Plan to Construct \$2,900,000 By-Pass at Newport

Coast Guardsmen Honored For Heroism During Fire

Four Coast Guardsmen on duty at Morehead City in the fall of 1961 have been commended for outstanding service during the explosion and burning of the tanker, Potomac. A unit commendation has been approved for personnel aboard the Coast Guard cutter Chilula.

The secretary of the treasury, in the name of the President of the United States, has awarded to Howard R. Jones, Harkers Island, the Coast Guard medal. Jones, now retired, is cited for heroism while serving as coxswain of the Fort Macon 30-footer, which went under the stern of the burning tanker to pick up survivors hanging from lines at the stern.

The Potomac was loaded with aviation gasoline.

Receiving the Coast Guard commendation medal, awarded by the commandant, is Cdr. George A. Philbrick, who on Sept. 26, 1961, when the tanker burned, was commanding officer of the Chilula. The Chilula was in charge of fire-fighting operations for the Coast Guard.

Commander Philbrick, now stationed at Detroit, was cited "for meritorious performance of duty from 26 September to 2 October."

Letters of commendation have been awarded to Lt. Henry A. Cretella, who was executive officer of the Chilula, and to Lt. (jg) David A. White, who was engineering officer aboard the Chilula and was in charge of fire-fighting operations.

Lieutenant Cretella is now on duty at Washington, D. C. Lieutenant White's station is not known. The unit commendation went to Chilula personnel "for performance of duty" during the fire aboard the Potomac.

In announcing the commendations yesterday, Lt. Gabriel Peñalva, commanding officer, Fort Macon post, said that it was not known whether any of the awards would be presented during a ceremony.

Mr. Jones, recipient of the medal, was visiting in Utah yesterday and could not be reached for comment.

Buying TB Seals Helps Patients

Purchase of TB Christmas seals helps aid patients in Eastern North Carolina sanatorium at Wilson. Among them is Braxton Hall, Morehead City, whose handiwork, a marble Christmas tree was pictured in THE NEWS-TIMES Friday.

It was reported then that Mr. Hall is in a hospital in Virginia. That was in error. Mrs. Hall, the former Edith Davis of Morehead City, says that her husband is getting along quite well and it may be possible that he will be permitted to come home for 72 hours over Christmas.

A marble tree made by Mr. Hall at the sanatorium was also on display in the kitchen of the holiday house at the S. W. Hatcher home, Morehead City, Wednesday.

More information on tuberculosis patients appears today on the editorial page in the column, Words of Inspiration, by Mrs. G. T. Spivey.

Mr. Hall was hospitalized eight months ago. He had had a light case of TB twenty years ago. He has two sons, David and Braxton, who hope their daddy will be able to visit them during the holidays.



Howard R. Jones, left, Harkers Island, boatswain's mate first class, now retired, has been awarded the Coast Guard medal for heroism during the Potomac disaster in Morehead City. Cdr. George A. Philbrick, right, commanding officer of the Chilula, has been awarded the Coast Guard commendation medal.

Two Appointed To Navy College

Nominated to attend the US Naval Academy at Annapolis are two young men from this county, Michael Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Smith, Beaufort, and Guy E. Pehaim, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel E. Pehaim, Morehead City.

Congressman David Henderson recently announced his nomination of the two high school seniors.

The appointments are for 1963. The academy will conduct examinations for entrance in the spring of 1963.

J. C. Sherrill Joins Beach Town Board

James C. Sherrill Sr. was sworn in as a town commissioner of Atlantic Beach Friday morning at the unexpired term of the late Charles Walters, who was sworn in by mayor pro tem W. L. Derrickson.

Mayor Alfred Cooper was absent, confined to his home by illness.

The board took no action on specific business, but discussed a number of town matters.

Water rates will be the subject of a public hearing before the State Utilities commission. A petition has been placed before the commission to do away with the seasonal water rate of \$15, and set a flat rate year-round of \$25 for one family dwellings.

The time and date of the hearing will be announced by the utilities commission.

Town clerk M. G. Coyle brought up two suggestions for consideration by the board. One was for the town to build a cover for part of the town boardwalk and supply benches. The roofing would provide shade for beach patrons.

Mr. Coyle stated that the summer mid-day sun drove a number of people from the boardwalk, and that shade and benches would act as a stimulant to both business. Businesses should provide similar shelters, he said.

Mr. Coyle's other suggestion was for the town to obtain its own deep well to provide water during emergencies. The town has electric power generating facilities for hurricanes and other times when normal sources of power fail.

The well would provide a source of pure water for drinking purposes and also provide additional water in case of fire. Mr. Coyle added that the installation would be made according to Civil Defense specifications, and be a source of uncontaminated water in the event of nuclear attack.

Present at the meeting besides Mr. Coyle, Mr. Derrickson and Mr. Sherrill were commissioner Mack Smith and town attorney George H. McNeill.

Mrs. Kay Taylor Attends Farm Bureau Meeting

Mrs. Kay Taylor, route 1 Beaufort, was one of about 170 Farm Bureau delegates from North Carolina who attended the 44th annual convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Atlanta, Ga., last week. Mrs. Taylor is secretary to the Carteret County Farm Bureau.

Mrs. Taylor, along with most of the 170 North Carolina delegates, traveled to Atlanta by chartered bus. A few of the highlights of the convention were the vespers service, talent program, annual address by Charles B. Shuman, president of American Farm Bureau Federation, and the "recognition program."



Mrs. Kay Taylor
... back from Atlanta

Two Contractors Reject School Job

J. M. Thompson, Raleigh, low bidder on the general contract for West Carteret school, and Page Electric Service, Raleigh, low bidder on electrical work at the school, have turned down the contracts awarded them by the county board of education.

R. W. Safrit Jr., chairman of the board, has received letters rejecting the jobs, according to H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools.

Mr. Joslyn said yesterday morning that he didn't know what move would be made next by the board of education.

The plumbing and heating contractors have accepted the jobs awarded them.

They have informed that the "board of education does not have the money on hand" for school construction and that "the board of education is not authorized to enter into a contract."

County commissioners, meeting last Monday night at the courthouse, specifically stated that the board of education would have \$800,000 by June 30, 1963. The money has been budgeted and earmarked for construction of the West Carteret school.

At the Dec. 3 meeting of the commissioners, the board was advised by the county attorney, Wiley Taylor Jr., that they could not assure the board of education of \$375,000 in the 1963-64 fiscal year. The board said this much would be needed, beyond the \$800,000 for building the West Carteret school.

Since that meeting, C. Z. Chappell, member of the county board, wrote to the attorney general's office for information on the question of funds.

His letter was answered by Ralph Moody, assistant attorney general. To understand the reply, the following background information should be recalled:

The low bid by Thompson, on construction of the school alone, was \$863,200; total low bid (including plumbing, heating, wiring) was \$1,198,970.17. To bring this down to the \$800,000 the board of education is assured, the board planned to re-draft what it had planned for phase 1 of West Carteret school.

The re-drafting, or "change order No. 1" eliminates two shop buildings and equipment, according to Mr. Chappell's letter. The school would be finished under "change order No. 2" which would be put into effect after June 30, 1963.

Mr. Moody said, "... from what you tell me I do not think these change orders are legal or proper, and I think your county attorney has advised you correctly. The change orders involve substantial changes and the thing to do is revise the plans and specifications, re-advertise and submit the project to bid."

Mr. Taylor stated that since the Dec. 3 meeting, his advice to the county commissioners has been interpreted by some as his "not wanting Morehead City to have its school."

He said yesterday, "I am completely aware of Morehead City's extreme need and sincerely want them to have their school at once. However, my duty demands that I advise as nearly correct as possible, whether the opinion is popular or not."

"In this case it has proved to be unpopular and has caused great criticism from many who did not know all the facts. All the people and such things as so-called 'gentlemen's agreements' are not binding and are not valid ... when you let a contract for a school building the money must be then and presently available, and you cannot count upon probable future appropriations ..."

The State Highway commission has announced that the by-pass around Newport will be constructed "in the next several months." The project, involving 9.6 miles, will cost \$2,900,000. Two-lane approaches to the bridge at Newport, across the upper part of Newport river on highway 70, will cost an additional \$457,000.

Mayor Leon Mann, Newport, reported this month that the by-pass would leave the present highway 70 at Ray and Earl's service station, west of Newport, go south, cross Barbour's branch and re-enter highway 70 at Carl Garner's about half a mile east of Newport's town limits.

The by-pass would be outside Newport town limits, if the above plan were followed.

The highway commission gave no report on the route the by-pass would take when it announced several days ago that work on the project would begin in the very near future.

Announced with the Newport by-pass project was construction of a New Bern by-pass, 8.5 miles, costing \$2,900,000; four-lane highway from Clayton to Smithfield, 10.2 miles, \$2,700,000, and four-lane Garner to Clayton, 8.7 miles, costing \$1,260,000.

Total cost of these projects is an estimated \$10,217,000.

Improvements made to highway 70 east of Raleigh since 1956 totaled \$10,956,635 and included the following projects in this county:

From highway 24 to Morehead City, 2.6 miles dual lane highway, \$590,000; from east end of Newport river bridge to Radio Island road, resurfacing, \$3,500.

From Radio Island road to west end of Beaufort bridge, \$12,000; new bridge at Beaufort, \$965,000, widening Cedar street in Beaufort from west end of bridge to Live Oak street, \$150,000.

Resurfacing from Cedar street to highway 101, Beaufort, \$9,000; resurfacing from highway 101 to North River bridge approach, \$44,000; new bridge and approaches at North river, \$440,000.

Let to contract several weeks ago was a \$1,650,000 bridge over Newport river at Morehead City.

Santa Claus will make a visit to Morehead City Friday, appearing aboard one of the Morehead City Fire Department trucks.

He will begin his ride at 6:30 p.m., leaving the West End Fire station and stopping at every other street corner on the south side of Arendell street, beginning with 34th street, and proceeding east into town.

On his ride, Santa will distribute fruit and candies to children at each stop. Stops will be made as necessary in the business section. After reaching 7th street, Santa will return to the West End fire station, stopping to hand treats to the children on the north side of Arendell.

He will visit in the colored area of town, too, distributing fruit and candy.

The visit is under the auspices of the fire department.

Morehead Firemen Need Old Toys for Repairing

An appeal for discarded toys has been made by the Morehead City Fire department. The toys will be repaired and distributed to children of needy families.

Toys can be left at the fire stations, and will be delivered to Capt. Jim Mitchell, who is in charge of repairing and re-doing the toys.

A large amount of toys is needed. The present supply will not come close to meeting the demand, according to the fire department.

Released under bond are Richard A. Ruggiero, Henry R. Drozdowski, and Peter M. Langan. The sheriff's department is looking for a fourth man who disappeared when sheriff Bobby Bell and deputy Bunch drove up.

The men were taking tires off the 1955 car at the garage and putting them on their own 1955 Ford. Langan was identified as owner of the car which was getting the "new tires." The old, worn tires on Langan's car were being replaced on the car at the garage.

The three are docketed for appearance in county court Tuesday, Jan. 8.

Chamber Sends Out News Letter To Members Friday

Mailed to members of the Greater Morehead City Chamber of Commerce Friday was a news letter containing names of members suggested for committee assignments.

If those named accept, appointments will be made final at the January meeting of the board of directors.

The chamber is hoping to arrange one or more passenger cruises from Morehead City this summer in addition to the following: development of new chamber quarters, handling auto-tag sales beginning in the spring, improving service to summer vacationists, participation in the trade show at Charlotte, and sponsoring the 1963 crab derby.

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