

Hearing Set on Proposed Morehead City Annexation

Areas West of City Limits To Be Discussed April 6

The Morehead City town commission has voted to call a public hearing April 6 to discuss the possibility of annexing certain residential areas west of the present city limits. After the public hearing a referendum may be called to decide the issue.

The areas involved are the state-owned property west of the present city limit at Thirty-fourth street and south of the Atlantic and East Carolina railroad running to the west limit of the state property; the area between the railroad and the present highway 70 from Twenty-fifth street to the west state property line; and the area north of highway 70 between Twenty-fifth street and Twenty-eighth street.

Port Terminal Picture To Be Featured Sunday

A picture of the Morehead City port terminal will appear in Sunday's edition of the Washington Times Herald.

A feature story on North Carolina's "Gold Coast" and Eastern North Carolina summarizes the sensational growth of the eastern part of the state industrially and as a tourist attraction.

Included in the article are accounts of the port terminal and the local beaches.

Police Investigate Beaufort Breaks

Beaufort and county officers and state detectives are still investigating four breaks in Beaufort over the weekend. The officers are waiting for a report on fingerprints found in two of the places entered.

The first break reported to police was at Barbour's Marine Supply company on Front street. J. O. Barbour, owner of the company discovered the break when he opened for business Monday morning.

Barbour reported that the building had been entered through the window of the office in the rear of the building. He said that to the best of his knowledge nothing had been taken. Whoever entered the building had cut the screen and opened the window.

The other three breaks were in two stores and a dance hall in the 400 block of Queen street. In each case an undetermined amount of money was taken from the juke box.

Matthew Godette's store was entered by prying off the lock on the front door. The thief entered Jack Van's dance hall by cutting the screen on a front window and prying the window open. Ezekiah Godette's store was entered through a rear window.

Chief Carlton Garner of the Beaufort police called in George Cannady, SBI agent, who examined the scenes of the breaks. Cannady found fingerprints at Barbour's and at Ezekiah Godette's.

The breaks in the Queen street buildings took place Sunday night, but it is not definitely known when Barbour's was entered. The marine supply house had been closed since Saturday and could have been entered either Saturday or Sunday night.

Nobody knows how much money was in the three juke boxes which were robbed. The machines had not been serviced for two weeks, however, and were believed to contain a large amount of money.

The board is seeking to enlist the aid of the civic clubs in explaining the purposes of the proposed annexation to residents of Morehead City and the areas under consideration. The various clubs will discuss the proposal at their next meetings and the representatives will meet with the board next Wednesday.

Attending the meeting were Grover Munden, president of the Chamber of Commerce; W. C. Carlton and K. W. Prest, Rotary club; Floyd Chadwick, Gordon E. Freeman, Paul Cordova, and Walter Morris, Junior Chamber of Commerce; and Fred G. Lewis and Alva N. Willis, Lions club.

Mayor George W. Dill, jr., assured the men that the town board has no intention of raising taxes. He pointed out that it was the board's feeling that the proposed annexation would work for the mutual advantage of the city and the residents of the area proposed.

A map of the proposed area to be annexed can be seen in the city hall. The public hearing has been scheduled for the same night as the hearing on re-zoning lots on Arendell and Evans streets.

Among the residential areas involved are the Noys sub-division or Camp Glenn homesites, the Morehead homes sub-division, and the North Carolina state property at Camp Glenn. The Camp Glenn school is also included.

Music for the dance will be furnished by the Rhythm Painters, a 12-piece band from Cherry Point. Proceeds from the dance will be used to support various PTA projects.

At its regular meeting last Tuesday night, Mrs. Robert Safrit was named chairman of the nominating committee. Serving with her are Mrs. Glen Harris and Mrs. W. E. Lawrence. The nominating committee will report to the PTA in April at which time new officers will be elected.

The meeting was opened by E. W. Downum, president. Following a devotional by Mrs. Duke Howard, the treasurer reported that the group had a balance of \$582.72 in the bank.

Mrs. Hamilton, chairman of the ways and means committee, reported on plans for the dance tonight. The stunt night last Friday night cleared \$325, it was reported. Another stunt night will be held Friday, March 20.

B. E. Tarkington, principal of the school, announced that the Little Symphony drive will be held in April. Pointing out that the small number of memberships this year meant that there was no concert for school children, Mr. Tarkington asked the members of PTA to help in the drive.

The program was a playlet entitled "The Magic Wand" presented by Mrs. Fulcher's first grade. Attendance prices were won by Mrs. Fulcher's first grade, Mrs. Evar's eighth grade, and Miss Chadwick's twelfth grade.

The Wire Grass Club Home Demonstration club will meet Monday, March 16, with Mrs. Grayden Jordan at 7:30 p. m. The demonstration will be "Color in Dress."

The society endorsed Dr. R. B. Rainey, chief orthopedist of the UNC medical school, for the position of orthopedist at the proposed county orthopedic clinic.

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Longshoremen's Union Set Up at Port Terminal

Income Tax Deadline Stretched to March 16

John Doe, the hard-pressed American tax-payer, gets an extra day of grace this year on his income taxes.

Since March 15 falls on a Sunday, the Bureau of Internal Revenue has announced that the deadline for filing income tax returns will be midnight Monday, March 16.

Forms for making tax returns are available at any post office. Everyone who made \$500 or more last year must file a Federal income tax form; and those who made more than \$1,000 must file a state income tax form.

Gordon Willis, Jr. Will Get Award

Eagle Scout Gordon C. Willis, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon C. Willis of 600 Bridges street, Morehead City, will receive the "God and Country award" from the National Protestant committee on scouting at a special ceremony Sunday night in the First Baptist church, Morehead City.

This ceremony will mark the first time this award has been made to a



Gordon C. Willis, Jr.

scout in the Carteret district. Young Willis became an Eagle scout last April.

Presentation of the award on behalf of the national scouting committee will be made by Dr. John H. Bunn, pastor of the church, who has helped the young scout meet the extensive requirements for the award during the past 18 months.

Gordon is an active member of the First Baptist church and Sunday day school. He has held several posts of responsibility in church organizations.

Floyd Chadwick, jr., scoutmaster of troop 130, Morehead City, of which Gordon is a member stated that he has been active in the troop serving as assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, senior patrol leader, and at the present time as junior assistant scoutmaster. Gordon is also a crew leader in the new Explorer post organized and sponsored by his church.

An active participant in district and council camping programs he is a member of "The Order of the Arrow" an honorary scout society for expert campers.

A sophomore at the Morehead City high school, Gordon is 16 years old, a member of the high school glee club and band, and serves as chaplain of the H-Y. He is a former NEWS-TIMES carrier boy and at present works in Belk's department store after school hours and during vacations.

Boy Scouts, Explorers, council and district executives will participate in the presentation ceremony. Bill Wall, field scout executive from New Bern, will attend the presentation.

Johnson Names Drive Workers

Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar

HIGH	LOW
Friday, March 13	
6:17 a.m.	12:02 a.m.
6:39 p.m.	12:35 p.m.
Saturday, March 14	
7:09 a.m.	12:53 a.m.
7:30 p.m.	1:24 p.m.
Sunday, March 15	
7:57 a.m.	1:50 a.m.
8:19 p.m.	2:11 p.m.
Monday, March 16	
8:45 a.m.	2:42 a.m.
8:08 p.m.	2:56 p.m.
Tuesday, March 17	
9:32 a.m.	3:33 a.m.
9:56 p.m.	3:43 p.m.

Superior Court Jury Frees Defendant in Hit, Run Case

By Bob Gately

After deliberating for 30 minutes Wednesday afternoon, a superior court jury found Robert Earl Stocks of Snow Hill not guilty of speeding and leaving the scene of an accident.

Stocks had been convicted on all three charges in county recorder's court and had been sentenced to serve one year on the roads.

Stocks was arrested Jan. 29 after a highway patrolman, a Federal agent and a Craven county ABC officer had pursued the car in which he was riding from the Nine-Foot road towards Swansboro. The pursuit began when the car struck a patrol car and crashed through a road block. At both trials, the defense maintained that Stocks had been a passenger in the car and had not been the driver.

Patrolman Testifies
Highway Patrolman C. C. Jones testified that he and the other two officers were on a bridge on the Nine-Foot road on the morning of Jan. 29. He said that they were waiting to stop a car which they had observed several hours earlier in North Harlowe.

Jones said that when they saw the car coming about one mile away, he pulled up on the bridge to block the road. He said that C. C. Churchill, an agent of the Alcohol Tax Unit of the Treasury department, walked up the road to flag the car down.

The patrolman said that the car, instead of stopping, increased its speed, struck the patrol car and kept going toward NC 24. He said that he and the other officers went after it and followed it along NC 24. He testified that his car was traveling at more than 95 miles per hour and that the other car drew away from them. He said that they lost their quarry after about five miles.

Jones said that he was positive that Stocks was driving the car at the time and denied that Alton E. Harris, owner of the car was driving.

Identifies Stocks
Under cross-examination by Harvey Hamilton, jr., attorney for the defense, Jones again denied that Harris had been the driver of the car. He said that he was positive that Stocks was driving.

The patrolman said that he could not be sure at what point he became sure that Stocks was the driver. He said that everything had happened so quickly that he could not tell just what had happened at any particular time.

When Attorney Hamilton suggested that Jones had been too frightened to see who was driving the car, the patrolman said that he could do nothing but sit and watch the car coming.

Jones repeated that he had recognized the car at a distance of about one mile. When Hamilton asked if it wasn't true that the road was visible for only about two-tenths of a mile, Jones said that it was not true.

Churchill testified that he had recognized Stocks as the driver of the car as it passed him while he was standing beside the road. Churchill said that he had stepped off the road to keep from being hit by the car as it approached and that he was only a few feet from Stocks as the car passed.

Under cross-examination, See COURT, Page 2

Governor's Plan Endorsed by PTA

Jaycees to Aid Safety Program

Members of the Morehead City school Parent Teachers association Monday night voted unanimously to support public school program outlined by Governor William B. Umstead in his budget address to the General Assembly.

Mrs. John Nelson reported on the Governor's recommendations. These include a \$50 million bond issue for grants in aid to counties for needed school construction.

In his address, Governor Umstead called for funds to employ attendance officers in sufficient numbers to enforce effectively the school attendance law. He also asked that the needs of the growing school population for supplies be met.

Mrs. Nelson called attention to the section of the Governor's message in which he asked the legislature to consider an additional salary increase for teachers above the 10 percent increase already set up in legislation. The Governor also asked for funds for driver education in high schools, additional funds for vocational education, and additional funds for the operation of the office of the state school superintendent.

Following the business session, the Rev. Leon Couch, pastor of the First Methodist church, spoke on "The Family as Related to World Citizenship." In the absence of the president, Jimmy Wallace, Jim Bob Sanders presided over the meeting. The Rev. H. T. Payne, pastor of the Franklin Memorial Methodist church, pronounced the invocation.

Attendance banners were won by Mrs. G. T. Windell's second grade, Miss Annie Gibbs' fourth grade, and Mrs. Helen Bally's twelfth grade.

Corn, Soybean Farm Contests Set for Big Production Yields

Carteret county farmers should make their plans for the annual five-county corn and soybean contests in the near future, R. M. Williams, county agent, announced this week.

Corn and soybean growers in Carteret, Craven, Jones, Onslow, and Pamlico counties may enter the contest. The purpose of the contest is to encourage greater corn and soybean production through the use of recommended agricultural procedures.

Entries in the corn contest must be submitted to county extension agents by April 1, and entries in the soybean contest must be in by May 1.

An area award of \$75 for the contestant producing the largest yield of corn per acre in the area will be made. A similar award will be given for the highest soybean yield per acre. County awards of \$35 for corn and \$25 for soybeans will be made to the top county grower in each county with the exception of the area award winner.

Special recognition will be given to every contestant producing 75 or more bushels of corn per acre or 30 bushels or more of soybeans per acre.

The corn contest closes November 15, 1953. For the corn contest a minimum field size of one acre is required and for soybeans the minimum size is two acres.

The corn contest is sponsored by Baugh and Sons company, Dixie Chemical company, and the New Bern Oil and Fertilizer company. The New Bern Oil and Fertilizer company is also sponsoring the soybean contest.

Any farmer interested in entering either or both of the contests should see the county agent as soon as possible.

Newport Rotarians Plan Fete for Basketball

The Newport Rotary club voted to invite the Newport high school's championship basketball team to a dinner in the near future at the club's meeting last Monday night.

The civic club hopes to obtain Murray Greason, coach of the Wake Forest Southern conference championship basketball team, for the dinner. The first 12 members of the boys team, the team manager four cheer leaders and Wayne Benton, coach, will be invited.

C. S. Long, president, presided over the meeting. The invocation was pronounced by A. B. Craig. W. J. Blair, Morehead City Rotarian, was a visitor.

Preliminary Damage Estimates At Wilmington Run to Millions

Estimates on the total damage done to the Wilmington waterfront in Monday's disastrous fire ranged from \$5 to \$30 million with insurance underwriters delaying a survey of the damage until the embers have cooled.

Small fires continued to break out for several days along the quarter-mile of burned waterfront property. J. L. Croom, Wilmington fire chief, reported that it might be early next week before all signs of the fire were extinguished.

Completely destroyed in the blaze were the warehouses of the Wilmington Terminal Warehouse company and part of the Seaboard railway terminals leased to Helde and company. Four warehouses were involved with large quantities of nitrates, sugar, tobacco and other commodities destroyed.

"Almost 200,000 square feet of marine terminal warehouse space was destroyed by fire and those facilities belonged to good customers of the state Ports Authority," G. W. Gillette, director of the ports authority, announced.

"We must make every effort to relieve the resulting emergency by employing all facilities of the state terminals to accommodate the

private enterprise firms which have suffered from the fire," he continued.

Plans were made to use every means to continue the flow of water-borne commerce to North Carolina ports and industries.

The fire broke out at approximately 9 o'clock Monday morning and continued through the early afternoon. The blaze was stopped short of a warehouse full of ammonium nitrates, a highly explosive fertilizer ingredient.

In addition to the Wilmington fire department, men and equipment from Camp Lejeune, Wrightsville Beach, Wrightboro, Southport, Carolina Beach and Winter Park battled the flames. Twenty-one fire fighters were injured in the fire but only two were placed on the critical list at a Wilmington hospital.

The largest of several explosions shook business buildings nearly a mile from the fire in the Wilmington business district. Fifteen died in the big blast may have been caused by escaping gas.

An official of the Wilmington Terminal Warehouse company reported that the fire may have started in the electrical wiring system of the warehouses.