

## Marine Plane Has Accident Landing at Atlantic Field

A freak accident trapped Marine First Lieutenant Richard E. Kern, 28, of Kansas City, Mo., upside down in the cockpit of his Corsair fighter for two and one-half hours following an emergency landing Saturday morning at the auxiliary landing field, Atlantic.

Lieutenant Kern, a pilot from the Third Marine Aircraft wing at Miami, Fla., escaped with only minor cuts and bruises and a dislocated shoulder after the harrowing experience of being suspended upside down while his squadron mates tried unsuccessfully to reach him by digging frantically with their hands.

His flight leader, Captain B. E. Beeghly, followed the plane onto the field. Having no shovel, he dug with his hands around the cockpit opening until he had scraped away enough soil that he was certain the trapped pilot could get sufficient air to prevent suffocation from gasoline fumes.

He then radioed Cherry Point for help. Four helicopters, led by Major William E. Brown, were among the first to reach the scene.

Determining the immediate need for shovels, they took off again and made landings in the yards of civilian homes near the field and in Atlantic, requesting the loan of



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## Store Hours Set By Merchants

The Morehead City Merchants association voted Tuesday to change business hours for member merchants beginning May 1.

Under the plan, stores will be open on Friday nights until 8 o'clock and stores will remain open Wednesday afternoons. Except for Friday afternoons, the stores will close at 5:30 o'clock and open each morning at 9.

The Wednesday afternoon closings will run from September 1 to May 1.

During the Tuesday meeting, the members voted their approval of a constitution and by-laws proposed by the recently elected board of directors of the association. R. B. Howard, president of the group, presented the constitution.

The purpose of the organization is to promote Morehead City as a business and shopping center, according to the constitution. It provides that any firm in the city may become a member provided it is of good moral standing, pays the dues and fees and abides by the regulations of the association.

An initiation fee of \$15 was established. Dues will be set at a later date. The board of directors will have the power to expel members for non-payment of dues or failure to abide by the rules of the association.

Joe DuBois, secretary of the group, reported that the association now is in the black financially. A debt was incurred by the association for Christmas street decorations. Mr. DuBois said that the decorations had held up well. Mr. Howard appointed an advertising and publicity committee and a membership committee.

## Morehead City Jaycees Vote To Endorse Expansion Survey

The Morehead City Jaycees at their meeting Monday night voted to endorse the stand of the town commissioners in calling for a public hearing on the question of extending the town limits.

The club also voted to offer its services in a survey to find out if the people living in the area desire to be incorporated into the town.

The decision to support the hearing and the survey was made only after several members who live in the area said that they were opposed to the proposed expansion. They said that they believed that the club should remain strictly neutral in the dispute.

It was pointed out that the club would not take any stand on the question but would merely assist in a survey to determine public opinion in the affected area.

It was reported that the bad weather had prevented the club members from planting grass at the site of the new football field. It was announced that the seed would be planted Wednesday afternoon if the weather permitted.

The safety committee reported that plans are being made for the bicycle field day to be held by the bicycle club at the Morehead City school. The Jaycees voted at last week's meeting to sponsor the field day and to assist the club.

The religious activities committee reported that efforts are still being made to secure a speaker for the fifth Sunday union service to be held March 29. The union services held at the high school auditorium are sponsored jointly

## Telephone Officials Under Fire At Utilities Board Hearing

Two officers of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company were under fire Wednesday at a utilities commission hearing on the company's request for a rate increase.

Representatives of the protesting communities and civic and business organizations have been present at the hearing to register the opposition of their respective groups.

Beaufort has been represented by Mayor L. W. Hassell, Dan Walker, manager of the chamber of commerce, Holden Ballou, Wiley Taylor, jr., and Charles Stevens.

Vice-president Jack Havens and Auditor R. A. Nelson were on the witness stand for several hours as Assistant Attorney General I. Beverly Lake attempted to prove that the company does not need a rate increase in order to obtain a 7.5 per cent return on its net investment. They claimed that it will take at least that much to keep investors satisfied and to attract new capital.

If the two officers prove their point before the commission, it will mean an increase of more than \$2,000,000 per year to the company's 104,000 customers in eastern North Carolina.

Mr. Havens estimated that the increase would be \$2,151,463 on the basis of end-of-period investment and \$2,028,286 on "period and investment after application of average return."

Mr. Lake insisted that the company can get by easily without charging another cent.

The assistant attorney general pictured the company as a stockholder who had been too liberal in

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by the Jaycees and the ministers association.

Jasper Bell chairman of the committee said that Dr. Ray Lindley, president of Atlantic Christian college, originally scheduled to be the speaker, has been transferred and will be unable to take part in the service. He said that efforts are being made to obtain another speaker.

All candidates for club officers were asked to appoint campaign managers who will be asked to make short speeches in behalf of the candidates. Candidates for president will be allowed two minutes to present their stories and all other candidates will be limited to one minute.

## Asphalt Burns Driver As Truck Overtakes

Walter Cullifer of Maclefield was burned Monday afternoon when the asphalt truck which he was driving overturned on US 70 east of Beaufort.

Cullifer received burns on his hands and face when the hot asphalt came through the rear window of the cab and landed on him. Cullifer, a driver for the Barbus construction company, told Highway Patrolman R. H. Brown that he was backing the truck up to an asphalt spreader when the accident occurred. He said that the truck went off a high shoulder and overturned.

The injured man was taken to the Morehead City hospital where he was held for treatment. He was released Wednesday.

## Civic Leaders To Make Survey For Town Board

Will Explain Annexation Facts to Residents In Proposed Areas

Representatives of Morehead City civic clubs Wednesday afternoon agreed to make a survey of the areas west of the present City limits to determine the number of people living in the areas and distribute information concerning the proposed annexation of the areas.

The Morehead City board of commissioners has called a public hearing for Monday night, April 6, at the city hall to discuss the annexation.

Proposed for annexation is the state property west of the present city limits at Thirty-fourth street and south of the railroad; the property between the railroad and the present highway 70 west to the west boundary of the state property; and the area north of the railroad to Calico creek between Twenty-fifth street and Twenty-eighth streets. Twenty-fifth street is the present western boundary of the city north of the railroad.

In discussing the annexation proposal, the city commissioners pointed out that the city is committing itself to furnish six kinds of service to the areas before their first tax payment becomes due in 1954 if they come into the town.

These services are installation of fire hydrants, street lights, police protection, garbage protection, street repairs and maintenance and zoning and city planning.

Mayor George W. Dill pointed out that the contract which the city has with the Carolina Power and Light company requires the company to extend water mains for fire hydrants within a reasonable length of time to any area which is added to the city.

Under the present administration, Mr. Dill said the city will continue to send fire trucks to fires in areas adjacent to the city whenever this does not jeopardize the protection of property within the city limits.

"There is not and never has been any agreement between the city and the owners in those areas to guarantee them fire protection," Mr. Dill said in answer to a question.

Others mentioned that fire insurance rates would be reduced in varying amounts, depending on the home, once the property is within the city limits.

The street lights for areas within the city limits also are covered by a contract with the Carolina Power and Light company.

Police protection can be extended to the proposed areas without the addition of men to the city's police force. Garbage collection will be made available with the addition of one or two men to the collection force. The city has two load-packers which would be adequate to collect garbage in the city and the annexed areas.

The town has the equipment for maintaining streets in the area. Mr. Dill told the group. Only one street in the proposed area for annexation.

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## Red Cross Drive Short of Goal

Mrs. E. H. Potter, treasurer of the Beaufort Red Cross chapter, has reported that the drive so far has netted \$632.12. The goal in the drive, which will end tomorrow, is \$2,700.

The largest amount turned in so far has been \$155 from the Beaufort business district. Workers in the district are Mrs. James Davis, Mrs. Oliver Davis and Braxton Adair.

The Queen Street school contributed \$80.66 to the drive, and the faculty of the Beaufort graded school gave \$52.

Miss Linda Smith and Ashlyn Whisnant collected \$61.31 in Atlantic. Marshallberg contributed \$58.90 to the drive. Workers in Marshallberg are Miss Hattie Neal, Mrs. Claud Brown, Mrs. Genevieve Murphy and Mrs. Nellie Willis.

Mrs. Burton Daniels and Mrs. George Lewis collected \$26.10 in the Lennoxville road area. Mrs. Guy Caraway and Mrs. Mary Tosto collected \$40.25 in Merrimon, and Mrs. Annie L. Pittman collected \$12.25 in Stacy.

Mrs. Hilda G. Paul collected \$32.25 from county employees, and Beaufort town employees contributed \$14 through Mrs. Frank King.

The drive, originally scheduled to end last Sunday, was extended until tomorrow. Braxton Adair, chapter chairman, said that the drive was extended to allow workers to contact residents. He said that the bad weather during the drive had hampered the efforts of workers.

## Beaufort Commissioners Refuse To Support Proposed Court Bill

### School Principal Outlines Plan for New Courses

E. B. Comer, principal of the Newport school, outlined the improvements which he hopes to make at the school in a talk Wednesday night at the annual Friendship supper given by the school's grade mothers.

Speaking before a group of county officers and school authorities, Mr. Comer said that he hopes to initiate commercial and vocational home economics courses within the next few years. He said that he hopes to be able to begin the commercial course next year.

Mrs. Floy Garner and Mrs. Ruby Simmons outlined the advantages of the vocational course and explained the benefits which it could bring to the community as well as the school. They explained that vocational home economics includes work in the homes and adult classes as well as work with the school children.

H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, told the group that the progress would have to be made slowly. He said that some of the county's schools have no vocational courses and that he did not believe that he could add a second vocational course at Newport until the other schools have such courses. Newport already has a course in vocational agriculture.

Ed Carraway of Newport said

that the group favored progress for the Newport school but not at the expense of other schools. He called for everyone to work together for the progress of the entire county. He asked them to get behind any projects which would benefit the county.

Mrs. Garner, who served as toastmistress, said that the grade mothers and other organizations in Newport wanted to give all the children of Carteret county and eastern North Carolina the same educational advantages which are enjoyed in other parts of the state.

Mrs. Garner praised Coach Wayne Benton of the Newport basketball team for the sportsmanship which his players had displayed during the season. She said that the team had been a credit to the county during the recent state tournament in Winston-Salem.

Students from the fifth grade at the school presented the scarecrow dance which they will do in tonight's variety show at the school. Miss Ann Rivers and Tom Dickerson also entertained the guests with musical selections.

The Friendship supper is an annual affair designed to allow the grade mothers to become better acquainted with school officials, members of the board of education, the county commissioners and other county officers.

## Military Police Station Moved To Make Room for Building

### Taxi Driver Gets 18 Months

Ben Heath, Morehead City taxi driver, was sentenced to serve 18 months on the roads Monday in Morehead City recorder's court after his conviction on a charge of driving while under the influence. Heath was also ordered to turn his driver's license over to the state highway patrol.

Heath later served notice of an appeal to the June term of superior court and was released on \$500 bond.

Heath was arrested Sunday night after the cab which he was driving was involved in a three-car wreck on US 70 west of Morehead City.

Jesse B. Gould of Morehead City testified that he was driving west on US 70 at the time of the accident. He said that the taxi which was driving toward him, suddenly made a left turn and struck the side of his car. He said that he swerved toward the shoulder in an unsuccessful attempt to avoid the taxi.

Gould said that he was almost off the road when he was hit and that the impact pushed his car on to the shoulder.

Highway Patrolman J. W. Sykes said that when he reached the scene of the accident he found that a third car, operated by Capt. Charlie Piner, had struck the other two cars.

Sykes said that his investigation showed that the accident had occurred near the right side of the road. He said that Heath appeared to be drunk so he arrested him and took him to the Morehead City police station.

Capt. Buck Newsome of the Morehead City police testified that Heath was drunk when he was brought to the police station.

Testifying in his own behalf, Heath said that he had just left a drive-in at the time of the accident. He said that his passenger asked him to stop at Willis' barbecue so he could get some food to take home with him.

Heath said that he was making the left turn at the time of the impact. He said that he had signaled for the turn. The cab driver denied that he was drunk at the time.

Heath admitted that he had a record of previous convictions for drunken driving. Solicitor Herbert O. Phillips, III, then submitted Heath's previous record which extended back to 1934. The record included convictions for hit and run driving, public drunkenness, speeding and other motor vehicle violations and two convictions for drunken driving.

Judge George H. McNeil said that in view of Heath's long record he believed that he was justified in sending him to the roads.

Heath's passenger at the time of the accident, D. G. Davis, was ordered to pay court costs for being drunk on the highway. He served notice of appeal to the June term of superior court and was released on \$50 bond.

The Beaufort town board at a special meeting Tuesday night refused to give its support to a proposed bill which would allow the abolition of the Beaufort recorder's court. The commissioners also refused to support a bill which would raise their salaries and that of the mayor.

The proposed legislation was submitted by Gene Smith, Beaufort attorney, who said that the bill would allow the town board to eliminate the "unnecessary expense of the court."

Mr. Smith explained that the bill, drawn up by him and Attorney Claud Wheatly, jr., would allow the commissioners to pass an ordinance

abolishing the court. The bill would also allow the county commissioners to give Beaufort 50 per cent of the costs received from all cases originating within the present jurisdiction of the Beaufort court.

## Conner Freed On Two Counts

A six-man jury Monday in Morehead City recorder's court found A. S. Conner, jr., of Morehead City not guilty of careless and reckless driving and driving while under the influence of alcohol. The jury convicted him of speeding and failing to stop for a stop sign.

Conner was fined \$50 on the speeding charge and \$10 and costs for failing to stop at a stop sign.

Conner was arrested when his car jumped the sidewalk at 24th and Arendell after highway patrolmen had chased him from 34th and Evans.

Highway Patrolmen J. W. Sykes and W. E. Pickard said that they were attracted to Conner by the manner in which he was operating his car as he came through the section base and proceeded along Evans street. They said that the car went three feet off the road and almost turned over.

The officers testified that they began to chase Conner at a speed of about 55 or 60 miles per hour. They said that they gained on him as he slowed down to make a turn on 29th street and then onto Arendell.

The officers said that Conner failed to stop at the stop sign at the corner and began to increase his speed on Arendell street. They said that they clocked Conner at 75 miles per hour as he went along Arendell.

Sykes and Pickard both said that Conner tried to turn south at 24th street but went up on the sidewalk when he missed the turn. They said that they arrested Conner when they saw that he was under the influence of alcohol and took him to the Morehead City police station.

Patrolman Carl Bunch of the Morehead City police said that he observed Conner when he was brought to the station and booked. He said that in his opinion Conner was drunk. He said that he based his opinion upon Conner's actions in the police station.

S/Sgt. Francis Eddings of the military police said that he saw Conner in the police station and believed that he was under the influence of alcohol. He described Conner's actions to the jury. Eddings said that he had been a police officer before joining the marines and made a practice of studying the actions of men brought into the police station.

Several witnesses testified that they had been with Conner at a dance at the American Legion hotel and that they did not see him drink anything. They all said that Conner was sober when he left the

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## Record Male Loggerhead



Captain Jim Beebe, right, and his son, Jim Beebe, jr., show the 400-pound male loggerhead turtle they caught last week while trawling for mullet. The turtle marks a record for males. The men were able to get 175 pounds of steaks from the turtle. Photo by Jerry Schumacher

## Court Losing Money

Mr. Smith said that the Beaufort court was losing money and that the proposal would allow the town to get revenue from the county court without the necessity of supporting a court. He said that he felt sure that the county commissioners would pass the necessary ordinance if the legislature granted permission.

The attorney said that he had asked for the special meeting so that the matter could be considered before the deadline for introducing local legislation in the general assembly. Such legislation had to be introduced in the general assembly by Wednesday. He said that he did not wish to rush the commissioners but that action would have to be taken immediately or not for another two years.

Dan Walker, town clerk and clerk of court, said that the recorder's court is not losing money but is holding its own. He said that so far the court has not cost the town anything.

Dr. W. L. Woodard reminded those at the meeting that the court was not set up to make money. He said that if it came to a question of operating the court at a loss the court should be abolished but that the town is not interested in realizing a profit from the court.

## Court Serves Purpose

Charles Stevens, town attorney, said that the court is serving its purpose which is to aid law enforcement in Beaufort. He reported that the court was not set up to make money and that it should be abolished if that is the case.

Mr. Smith said that the town would still have law enforcement under the proposed setup and would not have to bear the expense of the court.

Earl Mason, judge of the recorder's court, said that he believed that the present system was proving entirely satisfactory from the

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## Wade, Duncan Wills Probated

The wills of Miss Nannie Wade and Graham W. Duncan of Beaufort have been filed for probate in the office of the clerk of superior court, Beaufort.

Mr. Duncan left his real estate and insurance business to his wife, Myrtle, with request that she give half of the business to his son, Graham W. Duncan, jr.

He left \$100 and a diamond ring which had belonged to her mother to his daughter Mrs. Evelyn Hassell and left \$100 to his son John W. Duncan.

All other property was left to Mrs. Duncan.

Mr. Duncan's brother, John, was named executor of the estate.

Miss Wade directed that any money left in her estate after funeral expenses and debts were paid be given to C. G. Holland with the request that he place a marker on her grave.

She left all her household furnishings to Mattie Respass Willis.

Mr. Holland was named executor of the estate.

## Fisheries Group Goes to Hearing

A subcommittee of the House Fisheries committee held a hearing yesterday to hear opinions on the fish tax license bill proposed by the Conservation and Development board.

Attending the hearing were Sheriff C. G. Holland, W. A. Ellison, of the Institute of Commercial Fisheries, and Clayton Fulcher, jr., a director of the North Carolina Fisheries association.

The subcommittee is trying to work out a compromise measure. The bill proposed by the state agency was opposed by the fisheries association on the grounds that it was confusing in its multiple-tax character.

The fisheries association has stated that it is not against most of the actual taxes and licenses fixed but it is opposed to the method by which the taxes and license would be levied.