

Newport Housing Project Construction Has Started

After more than four years of waiting, the veterans housing project in Newport is finally underway and work has begun on the first home to be constructed in the project.

The housing project, located on the Nine-Foot road, is sponsored by the Cherry Point Veterans Mutual Housing association, an organization of veterans and non-veterans.

The Barrus Construction company of Kinston began work two weeks ago on paving the streets in the sub-division and the work is scheduled to be completed this week.

Eugene Williams of Havelock was the first person to begin construction of a home in the project. He began work when the paving started and is doing the building himself.

Wilton and Morton, Newport contractors, have started work on the home of Guy Thomas of Havelock, first of the houses to be built under FHA mortgage insurance.

The major delay in construction of houses in the project was caused by FHA requirements for mortgage insurance. The FHA required that streets in the project be paved and that a water system be installed.

The Newport water system was finally completed this spring and the FHA gave its approval to the mortgage insurance. This approval means that it is possible to get both the mortgage insurance and VA direct home loans.

The housing cooperative was first organized at a meeting Feb. 11, 1949. The site for the project was purchased in June of that year and members of the association began selling lots.

The association originally hoped to begin construction in the summer of 1950 and again in 1951, but the FHA requirements began to delay them. Although many people believed that the project would never be completed, the veterans went ahead.

They asked the town for assistance in the matter of a water system and the town agreed to construct one. A contract was awarded in April 1951 for construction of the tank and work was begun. Delays, including damage to the tank in a wind storm, prevented the completion of the tank until this spring.

While the town was struggling to get the water system finished, the veterans increased their efforts to get the streets graded and paved. The area was taken into the town limits in November 1951, and the town assisted the veterans with the paving problem.

Finally last fall, the town and the veterans negotiated contracts with the Barrus company to pave the streets in the project and the approaches to them. Grading began last fall, but the work was delayed by the heavy rains in January and February. When the weather finally cleared, the construction company went ahead and completed the job.

The town is now negotiating with the Carolina Power and Light company for extension of power service to the project. Once electricity is available, the first residents of the project hope to complete their homes and move in.

At the present there are 90 property owners in the project with 22 lots remaining to be sold. The proceeds from the sale of these lots will be used for further developments and beautification in the project.

Eubanks Opposes Lewis for Mayor

Roy Eubanks, Beaufort photographer, has filed for the office of mayor of Beaufort opposing Clifford Lewis who filed near the first of the month. W. J. Mishaal also filed for commissioner.

Mr. Lewis filed as a member of a slate composed of most of the present Beaufort commissioners. L. W. Hassell, present mayor, indicated that he was not going to run at that time. Math Chaplain, a commissioner now, has also said he will not run for re-election.

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NEWS-TIMES Honored

THE NEWS-TIMES is the nation's No. 2 newspaper in the special edition classification, Don Eck, general manager of the National Editorial Association, informed Carteret county's newspaper today.

This national recognition is based on THE NEWS-TIMES' record-breaking 116-page PORT and PROGRESS edition published on Aug. 12, 1952, to symbolize a century of Carteret county progress and to publicize the formal opening of Port Terminal.

In his notification to Lockwood Phillips, publisher, who will accept the award from the National Editorial Association at its annual convention next week at New Orleans, Mr. Eck wrote:

"The judges in the 1953 National Better Newspaper Contest have awarded THE NEWS-TIMES second place in the special edition contest division.

"THE NEWS-TIMES entry won over more than 1200 others. "Congratulations."

Morehead Chamber Elects Three Directors Thursday

Scouts Attend Camporee

About 2,000 scouts from eastern North Carolina attended the annual council camporee in Tarboro last weekend. One of the leading patrols at the camporee was the Apache patrol of troop 101 Morehead City which won a blue ribbon.

Young Ted Phillips is patrol leader of the Apache patrol. The Seagull patrol of troop 101, won a white ribbon. Approximately 20 boys from this troop attended the camporee.

Three patrols from troop 130, Morehead City, were represented. The Beaver patrol, Ethan Davis, III, patrol leader, won a red ribbon and the Flaming Arrow and Apache patrols won white ribbons.

The Beaver patrol also won a special camporee citation for excellent food storage box construction. Approximately 17 boys attended from troop 130.

The Eagle patrol from troop 51, Beaufort, Charles Smith patrol leader, won a white ribbon. Troop 51 was represented by 17 boys at the camporee.

Troop 201, Beaufort, was represented by 11 boys. Alex Copeland led the Wolf patrol and Sammy Merrill led the Fox patrol.

Harkers Island troop 75 was represented by a patrol which took a red ribbon at the camporee. Linwood Hancock is scoutmaster of troop 75.

Adult leaders who attended from Carteret district were Charles Hassell, Carlton Rose, Walter Morris, Dr. D. J. Eure, Robert McCabe, W. C. Carlton, John Connor, R. E. Howard, Floyd Chadwick, Ethan Davis and Gerald Davis.

Mr. Howard, Carteret district commissioner, was in charge of the campfire program. Mr. Davis and Mr. Hassell were area leaders. The leaders reported that the boys had a wonderful time.

Bill Would Allow Track Elections

The Senate of the General Assembly passed a bill Friday which would allow Morehead City and Currituck county to hold an election on the dog tracks.

The bill would authorize referendums in the two areas on the question of whether or not the dogs may continue to run. A referendum could be held upon petition of 15 per cent of the registered voters. Elections on the question could not be held closer together than three years.

Earlier last week the Senate Proposals and Grievances committee killed a bill which would have abolished pari-mutuel gambling all over the state. At that time the weaker local option bill was offered as a substitute bill.

Public hearings for proponents and opponents of the bill produced little excitement except for charges of intimidation by the proponents and claims of benefits by opponents.

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Beach Business Group Headed By Freeman

Association Approves Assessments, Budget For Coming Season

The Atlantic Beach Businessmen's association elected Shelby Freeman president for the coming year at a meeting in the Ocean King hotel Sunday afternoon.

The other principal business of the meeting was the adoption of a budget and assessments for the summer season.

Other officers elected were Frank Thomas, vice-president; Mrs. Leslie Moore, secretary; and C. L. Sexton, Bud Dixon, Joe Zajac, and Bill Wadsworth, members of the board of directors.

Alfred B. Cooper, presented the proposed budget to the group. Under the budget the business men will raise \$5,654 to maintain services during the five summer months from the first of May through September.

During the coming season the business men plan to work with the Atlantic Beach town commission in providing police protection, garbage collection, street lights, lifeguards and other city services. The principal innovation for the coming season, if the proposal is adopted by the town board, will be the addition of a supervisor for the beach who will be in charge of the policemen and other beach employees.

This supervisor will be largely paid by the assessments made to business men.

Victor Wickizer, chairman of the assessment committee, pointed out that the assessments this year were greater than in the past due to the addition of the supervisor and garbage collection for the garbage in the business area. The assessments ranged from \$450 for the hotels to \$100 for smaller businesses on the beach. Most of the assessments were paid at the meeting Sunday.

Mr. Cooper, who is mayor of the town, will present the business men's proposals to the town board on May 1.

The parking problem for the beach was turned over to the new board of directors. Several possible locations for large-scale parking were suggested. The association also discussed the on-premise beer ordinance, all beer must be consumed in the place where it is purchased unless it is purchased for consumption in a private place and leaves the building unopened.

The promotion and advertising committee reported that it will have a report to make to the association at its next meeting.

Registration for children who will enter the Beaufort-graded school next September will begin Monday at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

At that time children will be put on the official rolls of the school for the coming year. Every child must be accompanied by at least one parent who must bring the child's birth certificate to show that the child will be six years old prior to October 1, 1953.

Parents will be given the alternative of having their children examined by members of the health department at the registration or by the family physician at a later date. Each beginning student must have had a physical examination before the school opens in order to gain admission.

Report forms listing all the required information should be obtained by the parent prior to the clinic so that all the questions can be answered quickly. These forms will be mailed to the parents if they are requested.

B. E. Tarkington, principal of the school, urged all persons concerned with the clinic to attend in order to make it possible for the school to plan accurately for its enrollment next year. Valuable information and booklets will be given to parents at that time and refreshments will be available for the pre-school children.

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Weekend Accidents Injure Six; One in Critical Condition

Heavy weekend traffic and milder weather Saturday stepped up the automobile accident rate in Carteret county as six wrecks were investigated by highway patrolmen and police officers.

Morris R. Willis, 16, of Harkers Island, was seriously injured early Sunday morning when the automobile in which he was riding overturned on the Harkers Island road. Morehead City hospital authorities listed his condition as critical yesterday and reported that the complete extent of injuries had not been determined.

In that wreck, the car driven by Bobbie Jean Jones, 19, of Harkers Island overturned. Patrolman W. J. Smith reported that Jones has been charged with careless and reckless driving and speeding in a 35 miles per hour zone. Jones received head injuries.

The owner of the car, John T. Wilson, was uninjured but was charged with public drunkenness.

Earlier Saturday night, two vehicles collided head-on in the center of the draw-bridge to Atlantic Beach. The steel bracing on the span kept the car and truck involved in the crash from plunging into the sound.

According to Patrolman Robert H. Brown a late model car driven by John R. Freshwater, 23, of Hubert struck the side of the span then hit a pickup truck driven by Alice Mills of Morehead City, route 1. The injuries to the two drivers were slight, but the patrolman reported that each vehicle carried a passenger who received serious cuts and lacerations about the face and throat.

The impact of the collision threw Bennie Lamm, 20, of Swansboro, the passenger in Freshwater's car, and Corporal John F. Duffey of Camp Lejeune, passenger in the truck, into the windshields of their respective vehicles.

Freshwater has been charged with careless and reckless driving, and speeding in a 20-mile per hour zone.

Patrolman Brown reported that a more serious accident was prevented by the quick action of the bridge tender who let down the gates stopping all traffic and removed the injured from the vehicles. Patrolman Smith assisted Patrolman Brown. The investigation of the accident is not complete.

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With the Armed Forces

Newport Sailor Returns Aboard USS Missouri

Ernest F. Garner, fireman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy T. Garner of Newport, route 1, has returned to the United States aboard the USS Missouri after a six month tour of duty in Korean waters.

The huge battleship was the first of its class to complete a second tour of duty in the Korean theater. It served as flagship for the Seventh fleet.

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Symphony Drive Ends; Leaders Are Pleased

C. R. Davant, president of the Beaufort-Morehead City chapter of the North Carolina Symphony society reported today that he was pleased with the preliminary reports of drive workers.

The symphony chapter held its annual drive for memberships during the last two weeks. House-to-house solicitations were made in both Beaufort and Morehead City.

The Carteret chapter needs to raise \$950 in memberships in order to guarantee a free concert for school students in addition to the regular adult evening concert by the orchestra.

This winter the symphony was able to play only the adult concert here due to the small number of memberships. Leaders in the local drive have worked intensively in order to guarantee the school concert for next year.

The chapter here was the first one in the state to stage its 1953 drive for memberships.

The North Carolina Symphony orchestra in the past has been largely supported by the sale of memberships to the public and by appropriations from the General Assembly. Memberships in the society have been \$3 for a regular adult membership, \$5 for an active membership, and \$25 for a group membership.

Throughout the year, the symphony travels many thousands of miles bringing the finest music to audiences in North Carolina and nearby states. The concerts for school students have always been an important part of the symphony program.

Mr. Davant said that from preliminary indications it appeared the chapter would reach its goal. Contributions may still be made by calling Mrs. E. A. Council at the civic center in Morehead City or the Eastern Rulane office in Beaufort.

Political Pots Boil in Morehead

Eight more candidates have filed for the Morehead City municipal election since last Friday morning. Politics is becoming one of the most important discussion topics in town.

Those who have filed since Friday are D. J. Hall and W. L. Derickson who filed as candidates for commissioner of the city. Mr. Derickson, an incumbent at the present time, filed yesterday morning. Mr. Hall filed Friday afternoon.

Others filing Friday afternoon were A. B. Roberts, Jr., and Gordon C. Willis, for trustee of the Morehead City hospital; George H. McNeil, for judge of the Morehead City Recorder's court; Herbert O. Phillips, III, for solicitor of the recorder's court; and John E. Lashley, for clerk of the recorder's court.

Earlier this month George W. Dill, Jr., present mayor filed for that office. As yet he is unopposed. All of the other incumbent commissioners have also filed. They are D. G. Bell, M. T. Mills, S. C. Holloway, and Dr. John Morris.

Ted Garner has filed for commissioner and Leroy Guthrie has also filed for commissioner. Mr. Guthrie also filed the names of Thomas Wade, R. Doug West, and V. J. O'Neal for commissioner. It was assumed that Mr. Guthrie and these three men were running as a slate, but in public statements last week, each one declared that he was an independent candidate for the office and that Mr. Guthrie had filed for him because he was too busy to file for himself.

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