

Registration for Bond Vote Opens Saturday at Poll Sites

Registration for the Oct. 3, \$72 million bond election will open Saturday morning, Sept. 12, at 9 o'clock, Fred Seeley, chairman of the Carteret county board of elections, announced this week.

The registration books will be open at the regular polling places throughout the county. They will close at sundown. A second registration day will be held Sept. 19.

Any person already registered for state or county elections will not need to register again for the bond elections. Persons whose names appear only on city books or who have never registered in Carteret county before must register on one of the two Saturdays in order to vote in the bond election.

Saturday, Sept. 26 will be challenge day.

The election was called to let the state's citizens vote on a proposed \$50 million issue for school construction and a \$22 million issue for mental institutions. The 1953 General Assembly voted to call the elections at the suggestion of Governor William B. Umstead who has made improved schools and more adequate mental institutions a major part of his program while in office.

Part of the money in the school issue will be divided according to need, part according to average daily attendance in the schools, but each county will get a minimum of \$100,000.

In Carteret county, each district school committee is working to get out the vote and carry the county in favor of the bonds. This county has already been surveyed by the state board of education as to need but no report on the survey has been made public. Low estimates at the beginning of the school year placed the county as at least 20 classrooms short for this year.

At the dedication of the Atlantic Beach bridge last Thursday, Gov. Umstead urged the public to support the school and mental institution bonds as the earlier road bond issues were supported.

Most opinion from persons close to the Carteret county political scene at present is that the election will be very close in this county. Leaders in the drive over the state have expressed fear that citizens in favor of the issues may not feel strongly enough to go to the polls and vote their opinions.

The county school organizations are planning to start in earnest on their campaign next week. A meeting of the county school board association has been called for next Monday.

Curiosity Causes Automobile Crash Saturday Night

"I wanted to see how fast the car in front of me was going," Layton Baldwin told Morehead City police officer Saturday night after he was arrested following an accident in which the car he was driving struck a parked vehicle.

Baldwin was driving west on Evans street at a high rate of speed when his car struck a parked automobile belonging to Jasper Phillips of 2204 Evans street.

The Phillips automobile was knocked 18 feet up and over the curb. Baldwin's car traveled 238 feet from the point of impact. Both cars were described as demolished.

In explaining the accident, Baldwin told the officers that a car in front of him was speeding and he was simply trying to find out how fast it was going. A passenger in his car, Harvey Lewis, was taken to the Morehead City hospital and treated for head injuries and leg cuts.

Baldwin was charged with driving drunk, and careless and reckless driving.

Marker Honors Mitchell And Bombing Milestone

In this year of the 50th anniversary of the first flight by the Wright brothers at Kill Devil Hill, the Outer Banks celebrates another air anniversary of peculiar significance.

On Sept. 5, 1923, Brigadier General Billy Mitchell led a flight of Martin bombers from a base on Hatteras island to sink two battleships, the USS Virginia and the USS New Jersey, which had been anchored off Diamond Shoals.

Sea Level Inn Is Opened Saturday by Taylors

The famous Taylor brothers of Sea Level opened the new Sea Level Inn, a 14-room motel, to the public Saturday afternoon. The inn is the second unit of a possible Taylor hotel chain, as the former Carteret countians also own the Palm Beach Biltmore hotel in Florida.

Among those visiting the new establishment were Governor William B. Umstead and Carl Goerch, Raleigh newspaperman. Approximately 200-300 people visited the inn, which had a full house on its first night.

The motel faces Nelson Bay on highway 70 as the road enters Sea Level. It is in the same area as the hospital being constructed by the Taylor foundation.

Alfred and William Taylor of Norfolk, D. E. and Leslie Taylor of West Palm Beach, Fla., the four brothers, and their families were present for the opening. Mrs. F. C. Noyes of Morehead City and Mrs. Ellis of Norfolk, sisters, were also present.

The Taylor family has long been prominent in Sea Level, but the four brothers left Carteret county's "Down East" to build fortunes in Norfolk and West Palm Beach.

Morehead Port Has Gain In Tonnage, Army Reports

The total tonnage of cargoes coming through the Morehead City port terminal in 1952 was 100,000 tons greater than the figure in 1951, the Army corps of engineers announced this week.

The report was prepared by the Wilmington district of the corps and covered the state's two deep water ports.

Total tonnage in 1952 was 448,241 tons while 343,850 tons were handled in 1951. Statistics for the first half of 1953 are not available yet.

These figures represent all types of carriers including barges and cover imports, exports and coastwise traffic both inbound and outbound.

While total tonnages for 1952 and 1951 in Wilmington are much greater than the figures for the Morehead City port, the traffic at Wilmington has been steadily decreasing since 1951 with the decline continuing into the first half of 1953.

In 1951 Wilmington handled 4,495,417 tons of cargo, but by 1952 the total had dropped to 4,112,173 tons. The figure for the first half of 1953 is 2,014,667 tons.

Water-borne commerce activities in all navigable waters in the state are compiled monthly by the corps of engineers' sub-office at Washington and are released as preliminary figures only, pending actual publication in the annual report of the corps of engineers.

In discussing the tonnage decline at Wilmington, Col. George Gillette, executive director of the State Ports Authority, said that most of the decline could be attributed to a decrease in the amount of petroleum being shipped through the port.

At both Morehead City and Wilmington, petroleum products account for a large part of the tonnage figure. Out of 316,982 tons handled by Wilmington in June, 1953, 211,758 tons were petroleum products.

The Morehead City figures are not bolstered by the heavy movements of Marine Corps men and equipment in conjunction with Caribbean maneuvers. Last week one such maneuver brought 14 ships to the port terminal for loading.

The local figures will show a jump for 1953 on the basis of commercial cargoes for the first time. In the spring of this year, the port handled three fertilizer ships and one tobacco export ship.

Home Demonstration Club Meetings Set

Miss Martha Barnett, county home agent, has announced the following home demonstration club meetings for this week. Tomorrow the Russells Creek club meets at 7:30 with Mrs. D. R. Arnold.

Two meetings will be held Thursday. The North River club meets with Mrs. Helen Arthur at 2 p.m. The Core Creek-Harlowe club will meet at 6 p.m. for a picnic at the home of Mrs. Bessie Ward.

The Merrimon club, scheduled to meet yesterday, was postponed, and will meet next Monday at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. Flossie Arthur.

Barden Speaks To Morehead Civic Clubs

Praises Area Progress Since 1920's; Urges Public School Support

The progress Morehead City has made since the 1920's is "tremendous," Congressman Graham A. Barden told a joint meeting of the Lions and Rotary clubs Thursday night at the recreation center.

A guest of the Lions club, Congressman Barden addressed the members of the two clubs at the end of their separate business sessions.

The progress here is greater than anyone believed possible years ago, he told the civic club members, because "if you had believed it, you would have bought some of that \$4 land back then and you'd all be millionaires now."

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Mr. Holt pointed out that in addition to providing rental income for the port, the state had assurances from the Navy that the local port and warehouses would be used for incoming cargoes as necessary. The vehicles include all kinds of trucks, jeeps, and ambulances and will go to the Navy in Cherry Point.

The stevedores started working this morning and the work will continue for 20 hours without let-up. The port hopes that the cargo will be completely unloaded at the end of that period. On each stevedoring shift, there will be 64 men.

Tomorrow the port is scheduled to dock four more Navy transports as a part of the current maneuvers being conducted in the Caribbean by the Marine Corps and the Navy. These will be the last Navy ships until around Sept. 25 when another large movement of Navy vessels is anticipated.

Last week a total of 14 transports, LST's and LSD's docked at the port taking on men and equipment for the maneuvers. The movement proceeded in good order and port officials declared they were happy with the way the ships were handled.

As a new procedure LST's were loaded off the short part of the old dock. In the past these ships which are loaded through a large ramp in the bow have been run onto the shore of Inlet island for loading.

A ramp and pontoon float was constructed and the vehicles were driven off the short dock, down the ramp and into the holds of the ship.

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State Treasurer Backs Bond Vote

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"The need is great, the cause is worthy, and the sound financial condition of North Carolina amply justifies such action," the state treasurer said in an address before one of the few county-wide civic clubs in America.

Speaking as one familiar with the fiscal history of North Carolina for the past 25 years, Mr. Gill, who served as North Carolina Commissioner of Revenue and as North Carolina Collector of Internal Revenue for the federal government before becoming state treasurer, said, "I do not hesitate to endorse the issuance of these bonds."

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"On October 3 North Carolina has a date with destiny," Mr. Gill said. "On this day, we will decide a great issue which involves not only the welfare of hundreds upon hundreds of the mentally ill, but also the future of many thousands of children in the public schools."

"Are we to continue the march of progress which began with Aycock in 1907? Surely there can be but one answer. We will not turn back the clock. On this important day, North Carolina will tell the world that she is able and willing to take care of her own. Every humane and progressive instinct that has characterized the spirit of North Carolina for the past 50 years predicts that we will vote 'yes' on October 3."

"There is no question about the need. Those best informed as to the state of our mental hospitals, and those who have given their lives to leadership in education, tell us that these funds are absolutely essential to the maintenance of minimum standards and requirements. What they say to us is underscored by those of the mentally ill who are still held in jails and in other unsuitable places."

"In my opinion, we are not only faced with the demands of a great cause which lie heavily on our heart and conscience, but we are faced with an opportunity to make a sound investment in our own future. Like physical resources, our human assets require judicious conservation and development."

Holiday Celebration Is Quiet In County with Large Crowds

Navy Ships Autos Through Port Here

Stevedores at the Morehead City state port terminal this morning started unloading a cargo of automotive vehicles consigned to the Cherry Point air station.

J. D. Holt, manager of the port, reported that this was the first such movement to come through the port. The SS Sealeader brought a full load of 234 vehicles from Davisville, R. I.

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Tourist Accommodations Filled by Noon Sunday

Traffic deaths and accidents mounted over the nation during the Labor Day weekend but here in Carteret county everything was quiet. Only a few minor accidents were investigated by police officers.

The National Safety council has estimated that traffic deaths during the holiday will total at least 440 nationally. By Monday morning the toll had climbed to 335.

The beach was very quiet yesterday with most businesses operating as usual during the week. Large numbers of people came to the county to go fishing over the weekend, and by Sunday afternoon all hotel, motel and rooming house accommodations were reported filled.

Joe DuBois, manager of the Morehead City chamber of commerce, reported that every room listed as available in the chamber's directory was passed out to tourists by Sunday night.

The night information and room service which the chamber has conducted on the weekends this summer will now be discontinued. Charles R. Freeman has been manager of the service. Whenever regular tourist accommodations were filled, tourists were referred to the chamber office where a list of available rooms in private homes was kept.

"We were able to place hundreds of people which has been a big help to the community," Mr. DuBois said. Private rooms in Morehead City and Beaufort were listed.

Alfred B. Cooper, mayor of Atlantic Beach, reported that probably 75 per cent of the cottages on the beach would be closed up for the winter before next weekend. "Some people may come back for a couple of weekends," he said "but the season is over."

Sunday's crowd at the beach was very large, Mr. Cooper said. He estimated that it was almost as great as the largest crowds during the middle part of the summer.

The Beaufort police department reported that no accidents happened in Beaufort and its activity was limited mostly to arresting a few persons for public drunkenness. Similar quietness was reported in Morehead City, with the exception of an accident Saturday night.

Highway patrolmen did not report any weekend accidents throughout the county.

Most local people reported that the summer season came to a quiet close with the traditional Labor Day. Some pointed out that there are not as many people coming to the beach on the holiday now as in the past, though most restaurants were filled to capacity both Saturday and Sunday nights.

Man Breaks Jail; Quickly Captured

Circumstances have a way of knocking a man when he's down, Rudolph C. Thomas found out this weekend the hard way.

Briefly summarized Thomas was arrested Friday for failure to support an illegitimate child, placed in the county jail he broke out, he was recaptured, and a wire from Virginia informed county officers he was wanted in that state for grand larceny.

Hugh Salter, deputy sheriff, reported that Thomas was living on a dirt road near the Morehead City golf course when he was arrested on the original non-support charge. Later the sheriff's office got warrants for the arrest of Eva Mae Hardy for co-habitation. She took out the non-support warrant.

After he was placed in the county's jail, he managed to get away while some repairs were being made Saturday afternoon. He made his way on foot to the intersection of highways 101 and 70 where he was spotted by Deputy Salter who was returning from Harkers Island.

His break-out emphasizes the sheriff's department's long time contention that the Carteret county jail will not hold a prisoner "who wants to leave." The county is considering calling a vote for a \$50,000 bond election to build a new jail.

To complete Thomas' plight, when he got back to the jail, a wire had arrived saying he was wanted in Virginia for grand larceny. Thomas was then taken to New Bern for safe keeping where he waived extradition to Virginia.

Otherwise the county had a quiet weekend.

Bell Goes to Convention

Jasper Bell of Morehead City has been attending the convention of the Associated Master Barbers Association of North Carolina in Asheville. The convention started Sunday and ends today. The principal speaker at the Monday session was Willard Cole, Pulitzer Prize-winning Whiteville newspaper editor.

Morehead Board Faced Problem With Building

The Morehead City board of commissioners decided Saturday afternoon that it had no power to require Morton Davis to get a building permit to complete his projected filling station on the north side of Arendell street on a lot recently annexed into the town.

The question hinged on whether the building had been started before the annexation. If it had not been started, then the town would have had the power to grant or refuse a building permit; if it had been started before the annexation, the town would have had no control over it.

The board heard testimony from three independent contractors to the effect that the building had been started. Mr. Davis told the board the construction was delayed because of a shortage of materials and the fact that the highway grade has not been fixed yet in that area. Contract for the building was let in advance of the annexation.

The problem arose when residents of the town on the south side of Arendell street protested the building and asked that the town stop it. The town board acted earlier to freeze all construction in the recently annexed area until a zoning engineer has made a survey and the area has been zoned.

It was at this point that the question as to when a building is started arose. Part of the concrete foundation for the building had been poured before the annexation election.

Before its vote Saturday afternoon the town board spent a good part of Friday afternoon and night listening to both sides of the question.

Herbert O. Phillips III, representing the residential property owners, suggested that the town stop the construction by requiring a permit and let the matter be settled in court.

In the spring, Mr. Davis submitted a plat of the proposed station to the town so that the board could approve it with respect to streets alone. It was emphasized that before the annexation the town's powers over the area were limited purely to plats of streets.

Mr. Davis said that he had not consulted the town about starting the building because when he started the property was not in town and the town was not concerned.

Howland Freed On \$1,000 Bond; Hearing Delayed

The hearing of James Howland of Morehead City on charges of setting a fire at his wife's beauty shop was continued until next Monday at yesterday's session of the Morehead City recorder's court.

Howland is charged on three counts in a warrant signed by his wife, who owned and operated the Beauty Nook on Shepard street. The charges are attempting to set the building and equipment on fire, disturbing the peace and public drunkenness.

The charges grow out of a series of events Tuesday night when Howland saturated parts of the building in which the shop is located with gasoline. The fire was stopped before much damage was done. Most of the damage was to an air conditioning unit.

Howland was arrested Wednesday. He was held in the county jail until Friday morning when he was released on \$1,000 bond. He will be given a hearing on the arson charges in the Morehead City recorder's court and if probable cause is found, his case will be transferred to the Carteret county superior court for trial.

Newport Girl Trains

Miss Margaret L. Lewis of Newport, route 2, has entered the Cabarrus Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. The fall term opened Sept. 1.

New Lab Building Bids Will Be Opened Sept. 29

Bids for the new U. S. Fish and Wildlife service laboratory on Pivers Island will be opened Sept. 29, according to an announcement by S. B. Talbot. Construction of the new 36 foot brick building will be the second phase of the laboratory's remodeling.

Mr. Talbot, director of the laboratory, also revealed that he is seeking new staff members for the fisheries research. Although the government is cutting some funds, appropriations have already been made to staff this work.

Work on the new laboratory, to replace the present 50-year-old central building, is to begin as soon as the contract is awarded and it is hoped that it will be finished within six months. Ground has already been cleared for the construction just south of the present structure.

Final plans for the construction were made last week during a visit at Pivers island by David E. Booth, engineer from the Fish and Wildlife service's regional office in Atlanta.

The new laboratory, a one-story building, will house administrative offices, six to eight offices for biologists, library, dark room and laboratories for chemical analysis and other work connected with research at the fisheries. The air conditioned building will have fluorescent lighting.

The first phase in the remodeling of the service's buildings on the island was begun in June 1952 when work was started on a service building. Almost complete, the 148 by 30 foot structure was built at a cost of about \$20,000.

Social Security Man Schedules Local Visit

A representative of the Bureau of Old-Age and Survivors insurance will be in Carteret county next week, N. A. Avera, manager of the Wilmington Social Security office, announced today.

The representative will be in Beaufort at the courthouse Wednesday, Sept. 16, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. On Thursday, Sept. 17, the representative will be in room 120 of the Morehead City post office from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Any person may see the representative for help in claiming Federal-old-age and survivors insurance benefits, checking a social security account, or obtaining information about old-age and survivors insurance.

Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, Sept. 8	
8:12 a.m.	2:05 a.m.
8:20 p.m.	2:25 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 9	
8:45 a.m.	2:37 a.m.
8:53 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 10	
9:19 a.m.	3:07 a.m.
9:25 p.m.	3:36 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 11	
9:51 a.m.	3:37 a.m.
9:58 p.m.	4:11 p.m.