

# Carteret County Votes 72-1 For School, Hospital Bonds

By a margin of 72 to one Carteret County voters voted their approval of the state's \$72 million school and mental institution bond issues.

The vote was 2,958 for the school bonds and 41 against; and 2,942 for the mental institution bonds and 43 against. The results were reported by Fred R. Seeley, chairman of the county board of elections.

Only precinct not included is Portsmouth which had not reported by yesterday morning.

Statewide unofficial returns yesterday with 1,715 of the state's 2,010 precincts gave: 157,502 for school bonds and 23,259 against; 159,344 for mental hospitals and 19,701 against.

The vote was so one-sided that unofficial tabulation of returns was halted after returns were received from the 1,715 precincts and no doubt of the outcome remained.

The voting was lopsided in most counties though few gave as high pluralities as Carteret. In Wake County the margin was 10 to one for schools and 15 to one for hospitals; Durham voted five to one for schools and six to one for hospitals; Mecklenburg was six to one for schools and eight to one for hospitals; and Guilford was eight to one for schools and nine to one for hospitals.

These returns from the wealthy and populous counties were the biggest surprises of the election. Political observers had predicted that the school bonds might run into trouble in these counties which have already had bond issues of their own to finance school construction and therefore may not share too heavily in the \$25 million to be distributed according to needs.

The bond issues are \$50 million for schools and \$22 million for mental hospitals. Of the school funds, \$10 million will be distributed evenly with each county getting \$100,000; \$15 million will be divided according to average daily attendance; and \$25 million according to needs.

H. L. Joslyn, superintendent of the Carteret County schools, said yesterday that he was "very happy" with the outcome of the election. Carteret is one of those counties which expects to profit from the allocation for needs.

## Three Navy Men Tangle With Police Chief Friday

Three hospital corpsmen stationed at Camp Lejeune are being held on charges of attempted highway robbery in Carteret County. They are Raymond D. Walsh, USN, Albert J. Lortz, USN, and Robert L. Fugate, USN.

Sheriff C. G. Holland said Saturday that the men were arrested by the Swansboro chief of police, Ervin O. Ballard. Chief Ballard called Sheriff Holland at 1:40 Friday morning from Swansboro.

He told the sheriff the following story:

Jacksonville police have been troubled recently over quite a few highway robberies. Chief Ballard said that he received a tip and on Thursday night went in civilian clothes to the Riviera, a restaurant on the Carteret side of White Oak River. He said he had his gun strapped to his right leg.

In front of the Riviera he met three men (who later identified themselves as Walsh, Lortz and Fugate). The three offered to take the chief (who they did not know was an officer) to a place in Carteret County where they said a big-time poker game was in operation—\$30 limit on certain days of the week and higher on weekends.

So the chief said he'd go with the three. They got in a car and started east on highway 24, with the man later identified as Lortz, driving.

## 31 Boy Scouts Receive Awards at Honor Court

## Port Revenues Up for Quarter

## Beaufort Negro Commits Suicide

Thirty-one Boy Scouts received recognition at the Court of Honor Sunday night in Franklin Memorial Methodist Church, Morehead City.

Highlight of the event was presentation of the Eagle Scout award to James E. Willis of troop 101, son of Mrs. Reba Willis, Morehead City. Participating in this ceremony were W. C. Wall, field executive; Willis' Scoutmaster, Gerald Davis; James B. Willis Jr. and Gordon C. Willis, Eagle Scouts of Morehead City; and the award winner's mother, Mrs. Willis.

**Win Star Awards**

Star Scout awards were made to Tommy Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones, Beaufort, and Darden Eure Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. Darden Eure, Morehead City. Tommy is a member of troop 51 and Darden of troop 130.

Dr. Eure, district chairman, presented the Star Scout awards. Dr. Walter Chipman, Beaufort, presented merit badges to the following:

Charles Smith, Tommy Jones, Frank Potter, David Chipman, all of troop 51, Beaufort; James E. Willis, Theodore Phillips Jr., and Lloyd McCabe, all of troop 101, Morehead City.

Sammy Merrill, troop 201, Beaufort; Darden Eure Jr., Walter Morris Jr., and Ethan S. Davis III, all of troop 130, Morehead City; Woody Hancock, Johnnie Ingram, and Blaine Johnson, all of troop 75, Harkers Island.

First class awards were presented by B. J. May, Beaufort, to the following: Herman Autry, troop 201; Jerry Hyatt, troop 101; Walter S. Morris Jr. and Truman Kemp Jr., both of troop 130.

Second class awards were presented by the Rev. Howard Payne, minister of Franklin Memorial Methodist Church, to Truman Kemp Jr., troop 130; George Outlaw, Seth Roberts, John Weeks, Robert McCabe, Guy Sabiston and Baxter Powell, all of troop 101.

Allen Robinson, Roland Lewis, Bernie Davis, Osborn Owen, Ronnie Wilson, Bobbie Golden, Clifton Davis, John Hill, J. M. Brown, and Larry Davis, all of troop 228, Marshallberg.

**Win Banners**

The host troop, 101, was winner of the attendance banner given to the troop having the most parents there. For having the largest number of Scouts in the Court of Honor the participation banner went to troop 228.

Participating in the opening of the candlelight ceremony was Scout Theodore Phillips Jr. who led the Scout oath and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The Scoutmasters, Charles Hassell, troop 51, Beaufort; Linwood Hancock, troop 75, Harkers Island; Floyd Chadwick Jr., troop 130, Morehead City; Gerald Davis, troop 101, Morehead City; and Carlton Rose, troop 201, Beaufort, were recognized.

Neighborhood Commissioner Ethan S. Davis II planned the Court of Honor ceremony.

## Drive Opens Oct. 12 For Community Concerts

Carteret County's fourth annual Community Concerts campaign will open Monday, Oct. 12. Sale of memberships to the concert series will continue through Saturday, Oct. 17.

A dinner for concert membership salesmen at 7 o'clock Monday night, Oct. 12, will be held in the Ocean King Hotel, Atlantic Beach.

Community Concerts offices will be located in both Beaufort and Morehead City. Tickets for the Carteret series will also be sold in Newport, Cherry Point and New Bern. There will be no Community Concerts in New Bern this year, according to Miss Camella Campbell of the New York office.

Miss Campbell was in the county Friday and met with Mrs. G. W.

# 4-Year-Old Girl Killed by Automobile In Front of Beaufort Theatre Sunday

## Farmers Name PMA Candidates Election Will Begin in Newport Thursday; Men To Apply for ACP Aid

At the five community meetings in Carteret county Monday through Friday the following men were nominated and their names will be placed on the ballots to be voted on for community committeemen in the elections beginning in Newport Thursday.

White Oak Township: for 1954 community committeemen, six men were named. In the election each voter will vote for only five. The three highest will be the regular committeemen and the next two will serve as alternates. Voters in each of the five administrative areas of the county will vote for only five of those on the ballots. The six men are John D. Young, RFD Maysville; Lee Sawrey, Stella; S. B. Gibson, RFD 1, Newport; Allen J. Vinson, Robert Rhue, Woodrow Bright, all of Pelletier; and Marion Weeks, Stella.

Morehead Township: Robert E. Loughton, Morehead City; Kenneth Miller, Joe Barnes, Sam Garner, all of RFD 1, Newport, Wildwood section; Earl Murdoch, Wildwood; and Clarence Oglesby, Crab Point.

Newport: Clarence Millis, Little Deep Creek community; Prentiss M. Garner, Newport; Ernest Quinn, near Mundine section; Harry D. Locke, Little Deep Creek section; Clayton Cannon, Nine Foot Road and Robert Smith, Deep Creek community.

Beaufort-Harlowe Townships: Archie R. Hardesty, William J. Hardesty, both of RFD 2, Newport; Kerney A. Merrill Jr., 101 highway RFD Beaufort, Noah Avery, West Beaufort; Manly Eubanks and Raymond Dickinson, both of RFD Beaufort.

East-Merrimon Townships: Osborne G. Pigott, Gloucester; Brondeil Gillikin, Bettie; H. D. Carraway, Merrimon; William G. Willis, Smyrna; Clarence Piner, Otway; S. W. Lawrence, RFD Beaufort; and Herber Golden, Bettie.

Three or more men were named as candidates for delegates to the county convention at these meetings. See FARMERS, Page 2

## Fishing Pier Hopes For Old Bridge Die

Hopes that a part of the old Atlantic Beach bridge might be saved for a fishing pier died Friday when the Atlantic Beach board of aldermen voted not to request that 1,000 feet of the bridge be turned over to them.

A meeting of the beach board was called in Raleigh for the specific purpose of considering a "veiled suggestion" made by the Highway Commission that the beach municipality might get a part of the bridge, Alfred Cooper, mayor, reported.

"After a full discussion," he said, "it appeared that the town or someone would eventually have to pay for tearing the bridge down and we didn't see how we would get enough income out of the bridge to pay for its eventual destruction."

At the meeting Friday, the board considered the desires of fishermen in this area for a pier on the sound and also heard Fred Fletcher of Raleigh, who had spearheaded the attempt to keep a part of the bridge. The board also considered the necessity of leasing the bridge to someone, and the legal aspect of any liability that might arise through the operation of a pier.

After the discussion the members present voted unanimously that the Town of Atlantic Beach had no interest in the fishing pier proposal. This decision amounted to a recommendation that the bridge be removed.

Aldermen present were J. Con Lanier of Bethal, Hobb Anderson of Wilson, L. T. White of Raleigh, and Mr. Cooper. The meeting was held in the offices of the North Carolina League of Municipalities.

The Highway Commission had suggested that it would leave 1,000 feet of the bridge up on the beach side if the town authorities would take over, assume full responsibility for it, and agree to destroy it if they should decide later not to continue it as a pier.

Mr. Fletcher told the board that an Atlantic Beach property owner had offered to keep the pier in a safe condition and operate it. Two other beach residents who operate a party fishing boat and an outboard fishing dock asked that the bridge be demolished.

Mr. Lanier made the motion to let the bridge go and Mr. Anderson seconded it.

## Driver Held Under \$500 Bond; Inquest Tonight

Four-year-old Judy Ann Nelson, 409 Pine St., Beaufort, was killed at 2:35 Sunday afternoon in front of the Beaufort Theatre when she was struck by a car.

The car was driven by McCravy Guthrie, age 40, Harkers Island, who is under \$500 bond pending the decision of a coroner's jury at 7:30 tonight.

According to Officer Richard Babcock who investigated the accident, the little girl was with her older sister Patty Jean, and was leaving the movie. Parked across the street in a car were the child's mother, Mrs. Clifton Nelson and Mrs. Nelson's father, J. W. Glover.

Mr. Glover told Officer Babcock that when Judy saw her mother and grandfather she pulled away from her sister and darted across the street. At that moment, Mr. Guthrie who was proceeding east, struck her.

The policeman said witnesses told him that Guthrie was going slowly, about 10 miles an hour. The right front wheel evidently ran over the child, crushing her skull and both shoulders. When the car stopped the youngster was lying in front of the rear right wheel.

She was taken immediately to the Morehead City Hospital in the Guthrie automobile but died a couple minutes after arrival.

Riding with Mr. Guthrie was his wife, Rowena, and his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Guthrie.

The children were leaving the theatre at 2:35 in the afternoon because the film which was to be shown had not yet arrived. The girl's mother had received word to pick up the children.

The inquest will take place in the municipal building, Morehead City. Coroner Leslie D. Springle has impanelled the following jurors: W. Allen Hancock, George B. Willis, John C. Guthrie, State Patrolman J. W. Sykes, all of Morehead City; T. P. Allen and James D. Ramsey, both of Beaufort.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Beaufort. Interment was in Victoria Cemetery, Marshallberg.

Surviving are the child's parents, two sisters, Patty Jean, 7, and Harriet 2, her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Glover, Beaufort, and her paternal grandfather, Capt. John Nelson, Gloucester.

This death was the third auto fatality in Carteret County in three weeks. Killed Sept. 20 was Lonnie Hyatt, Morehead City, and on Sept. 26 Jackie Lee Daniels, Cedar Island.

## County Auditors Show Balance of \$35,000

## Fair Winners Are Announced

The auditing firm of Williams and Wall informed the Carteret County Board of Commissioners yesterday that the county had a gross income of \$1,425,000 last year with an unexpended balance of \$35,000 at the year's end.

The auditors have just completed their audit of the county's finances for the fiscal year 1952-53. They also pointed out that the county's bonded indebtedness was decreased of \$138,000 last year.

Luther Osborne, who made the audit, told the commissioners that "all the county's books are in good order. Your officers are functioning very efficiently."

Dr. K. P. B. Bonner, chairman of the board, pointed out that the county is now a \$20 million business with an annual income approaching \$1,500,000. "The people should choose the commissioners with a great deal of care because they supervise a large and important operation," he added.

A sidelight on the county's improving finances was revealed when Mr. Osborne pointed to the reduction in taxes receivable. At the end of the fiscal year the county had \$105,000 in back taxes. Some few years back the total of unpaid back taxes approached \$750,000. He also emphasized that tax collections are now above 91 per cent of the total levy for current fiscal years.

Frank Wall, a member of the auditing firm, was also present and complimented the commissioner on the county's improving financial position.

The commissioners accepted the report and awarded the contract for next year's audit to the firm.

The Board of Commissioners approved tax sales of one lot in Asbury Beach to Ernest J. Davis for \$75; three lots in Newport to Mr. Davis for \$225; and 25 acres in Merrimon township to Mr. Davis for \$300. A proposed sale of 1,004 acres near Stacy was held up pending a clearance of title on the land. Bids of \$800, \$1,000, and \$1,200 had been registered for this land.

## Morehead Lions Help State Blind

Fred Lewis, Morehead City, chairman of the Morehead City Lions Club's campaign to help North Carolina's blind, announced today that club members will personally contact their friends to obtain funds.

At the Lions Club meeting Thursday night at the Recreation Center, the club decided against its original proposal to sell white cane pins on the street.

Mr. Lewis said that a membership in the North Carolina Association for the Blind is \$1. Any amount will be accepted and persons who contribute will receive a White Cane pin and a receipt. (A white cane is used by a blind person to indicate to the public that he is unable to see.)

The White Cane sale is being conducted by Lions Clubs throughout the state this week.

President Fred Hardy presided at Thursday's meeting. The Lions will observe Ladies Night Oct. 15. They are also planning a benefit to raise funds for a spastic child at Crab Point.

## Home Demonstration Meetings Announced

Miss Martha Barnett, home demonstration agent, has announced four club meetings this week. Today the Wildwood club meets at 2:30 with Mrs. B. O. Ketter. The Newport club meets tomorrow at 2 p.m. with Mrs. C. S. Long.

The North River club meets Thursday at 2:30 with Mrs. Billy Smith. Friday the Pelletier club will meet at 2 p.m. with Mrs. Allen Vinson.

### Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar

HIGH	Tuesday, Oct. 6	LOW
7:05 a.m.	12:53 a.m.	7:15 p.m.
7:15 p.m.	1:21 p.m.	
HIGH	Wednesday, Oct. 7	LOW
7:41 a.m.	1:27 a.m.	7:50 p.m.
7:50 p.m.	1:58 p.m.	
HIGH	Thursday, Oct. 8	LOW
8:14 a.m.	2:00 a.m.	8:24 p.m.
8:24 p.m.	2:35 p.m.	
HIGH	Friday, Oct. 9	LOW
8:48 a.m.	2:31 a.m.	8:57 p.m.
	3:11 p.m.	

## Confusion Reigns on Gillette

Confusion appears to be ruling the State Ports Authority as conflicting reports come out of a special meeting held last Thursday in Charlotte. The seven-man board made no decision on the status of George W. Gillette, present executive director of the authority.

Early in September the board met and failed to agree on a successor to Mr. Gillette and continued him in office for 30 days. State Senator Edwin Pate, of Laurinburg, vice-chairman of the authority, told reporters after the meeting that no action was taken.

Persistent rumors have circulated throughout political circles in the state that Avery Thompson of Lake Waccamaw, himself a member of the authority, was seeking the post of executive director. Mr. Thompson has been an outspoken critic of Mr. Gillette for several years and brought up the question of firing the present director in September.

On Friday, he denied the rumors that he was seeking the position. "I'm not now a prospective successor to Colonel Gillette," he said. "If I had been a candidate I'd certainly never have accepted appointment as a member of the authority."

Mr. Thompson has argued that under Mr. Gillette the authority hasn't "been able to affect a cohesive organization. Whether the enterprise is publicly or privately financed, you must have coordination in all departments. We don't have coordination in Wilmington."

He also added that in his opinion there was particularly a lack of coordination between the two ports at Morehead City and Wilmington.

Reports indicate that the authority is split 4-3 for removing Mr. Gillette. A. G. Myers, chairman whose illness has prevented his attending any recent meetings, Harry White of Winston-Salem, and Harvey Moore of Charlotte are rumored to favor retaining the retired Army colonel. Mr. Pate, Raymond Bryan of Goldsboro, Mr. Thompson and Harold Coffey of Lenoir are reported to favor securing a new executive director.

Mr. Pate has said that he expects the matter to be cleared up within the next 30 days. Among the men rumored to be under consideration by the authority are State Budget Engineer Frank Turner; J. D. Holt, manager of the Morehead City terminal; and Henry Sweet, recently ousted director of the Georgia state ports.

The confusion in the State Ports Authority is also reported to be spreading into the political considerations shaping the Senate race next year when Senator Alton A. Lennon of Wilmington will be a candidate.

## Buildings in Beaufort Last Month Total \$2,050

New construction and repair to buildings during September in Beaufort cost approximately \$2,050, Gerald Woolard, building inspector, reported Saturday.

Building permits were issued as follows: Dick Parker, office and used car lot, Live Oak street \$1,000; John R. Jones, repair dwelling on Craven street \$200; and F. R. Bell, re-roof business building on Front street \$850.

## Association to Meet

The Beaufort Rural Fire Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the fire station, Beaufort. Chairman Leslie Springle especially requests all board members to attend. Members also are expected.

## Officer Arrests Sawmill Worker

Nathan Watson, colored sawmill worker of Beaufort, was placed in jail under \$100 bond at 4 o'clock Saturday morning. He was charged with assault on a female, causing serious body wounds.

Officer Carlton Garner, Beaufort, said that Lucinda Fisher, 415 Pollock St., was treated at Morehead City Hospital for four gashes in her back ranging from 2 to 6 inches long. It is alleged that Watson cut her with a pocket knife when he found her with another man at the carnival Saturday night.

According to Officer Garner, Watson told him that he and the woman were living at Saffir's sawmill. Saturday night they went to the carnival and Watson said that the woman "slipped away" and became friendly with another man.

He found them together and he lashed out with his knife, he said. The man with her took off, according to Watson's story.

Twenty-five to 30 stitches were required to close the gashes in the woman's back. She was discharged after treatment.

## Motorist Blames Dog for Accident

A dog on the highway was labeled as the cause of an accident on highway 70 near the race track at 10:30 Thursday night.

W. B. Wanless, Camp Lejeune, got a cut finger as a result of the accident and Virgil L. Harris, Camp Lejeune, driver of the car, escaped injury.

Patrolman W. E. Pickard reported that the car, a 1952 Chrysler, was headed west on 70 when a dog ran in front of it. To avoid the dog, Harris went to the left and then cut back to the right, running in the ditch and hitting a telephone pole. Damage to the car was estimated at six or seven hundred dollars.

The accident occurred about 500 feet east of the highway 24 and 70 intersection.