

County Board Okays Special Court Term, Adopts Budget

Mortars Are There, But They're 91 Years Late

By RIP WILDER

Fort Macon finally got its 10-inch mortars but, as far as the Confederates are concerned, the mortars got there 91 years, two months and 24 days too late. And they're Damyankee mortars at that.

On the morning of April 24, 1862, Confederate Colonel Moses A. White would probably have given his eye teeth, one rebel yell, and all of his confederate money for a couple of 10-inchers.

The Yankees were setting up their 10-inch mortars behind the sand dunes 1,680 yards to the west of the fort. And there was nothing the Rebels could do about it.

Fort Macon was supposed to be a "shot proof" fort but the 100-pound balls up and over into the inside of the fort.

The Confederates had every kind of artillery except the 10-inchers and there was no way they could shoot back at the Yankees behind the dunes.

The Yankees, under Captain Flagler, opened fire on Fort Macon at 5:40 a.m. April 25, 1862. Four U. S. ships off the coast also opened fire but Fort Macon had

The Board of County Commissioners, in session yesterday morning at the courthouse, approved the County Bar Association's request to petition the governor for a special civil court term and approved a budget of \$604,818.06 for the 1954-55 fiscal year.

The request from the bar association was presented by Alvin Hamilton, county attorney. A special two-week term of civil court would cost the county between \$1,500 and \$2,000, the board estimated. Such funds are not included in the budget.

But Attorney Hamilton said 60 cases are on the civil court docket and there's no way to get them cleared without a special term. He said persons involved in the cases want to get them over with and it is the county's obligation to see that court terms are scheduled to meet the needs.

The board suggested that the regular October term of Superior Court be set for two weeks instead of one, but Mr. Hamilton said it was impossible to try to change a schedule already set.

May Say No

He added that even though the county board approves a special term, Governor Umstead may not be able to send a judge here to hold the session. The bar association has asked that the two weeks be scheduled sometime this month or next.

The resolution passed yesterday will be forwarded to the governor.

The budget for the current fiscal year exceeds last year's by \$33,908.15, but actually county expenses remain about the same, according to James Potter, auditor. The difference is due to an accumulation of money to pay off county bonds whose owners cannot be located.

The general cost of running the county next year has been estimated at \$162,367; the health department budget was set at \$19,401, welfare fund at \$57,796.77; County Board of Education \$85,253.29, and debt service fund \$280,000.

The county's share of the 1954 tax levy was estimated at \$49,500. The tax levy was set at \$1.80 per hundred. Of that amount 20 cents goes to the general fund, 4 cents to the welfare fund, 6 cents to the health fund, 25 cents for public assistance (old age, dependent children, the disabled and blind), \$1 to the debt service fund for county and school bonds, and 25 cents to the County Board of Education.

A \$2 poll tax was also levied on each male person between 21 and 50 years of age, plus a dog tax of \$2 for female dogs and \$1 for males.

Tax Collector Reports

Eugene O. Moore, county tax collector, reported to the board that \$1.31 per cent of the 1953 tax levy had been collected. The total levy was \$388,688.36. Collected was \$354,928.67. Of that amount \$102,504.50 was collected this year and \$252,914.34 last year. Taxes for 1952 and prior amounted to \$27,000.

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long range guns and drove the ships away.

The Yankee batteries fired an estimated 1,150 shots and hit on approximately 550 which is pretty good shooting in anybody's league, considering they had no gun sights and had to judge the wind the best way they could.

Col. White surrendered at 10 a.m. April 26.

The mortars finally arrived at the fort around the first of February 1954, from Raleigh. The officials in charge thought it would be a good idea to have the mortars on display at the fort since this type of gun meant the ultimate downfall of the fort as a Confederate stronghold.

Ironically enough, the mortars placed in the fort are some of the ones left in Raleigh towards the end of the Civil War by a Yankee general named Sherman who was taking a jaunt through the southlands.

The 2,000 - pound mortars, loaded with 100-pound balls, are now on display at the fort and are just as they were in '62 except for the fact that they are resting in cement blocks now instead of on the original wooden stands.

Two Cars Go to Junk Heap Via Curve Near County Line

A 1952 four-door Buick was demolished at 12:30 a.m. Friday when it turned over several times on Highway 70 a quarter mile east of the Carteret-Craven line. At 7:30 p.m. Sunday an identical model car turned over in almost the same spot and it too was smashed beyond repair.

Nobody was hurt in either accident.

Driving the car in the Friday accident was Titus Lindley Willis, Cherry Point. State Highway Patrolman Brown said Willis failed to round a curve as he was headed toward Cherry Point. The road was wet at the time.

A man riding with Willis escaped injury as did the driver. No charges were preferred.

Patrolman Brown also investigated the Sunday night accident. Mrs. Sarah R. Smith, Havelock, was driving a 1952 Buick toward Cherry Point when she ran off the shoulder on the right and turned over when she tried to cut back on the road. The car skidded 222 feet.

Mrs. Smith has been charged with careless and reckless driving. Otis D. Wolfe, Fayetteville, owner of the car, was riding with her. He has been charged with public drunkenness. Several other passengers were in the car also. All escaped injury.

Patrolman Brown said he had stopped Mrs. Smith Sunday afternoon and warned her about her driving.

Craven Gets Rid Of 64 Stills

New Bern—Craven County ABC and ATU officers have destroyed 64 whiskey stills since the first of the year.

Included in the hauls were 888 gallons of freshly made liquor, 84,574 gallons of mash and 18 moonshiners.

All of the outfits were steam, stove-type stills. Largest of the lot was a 800-gallon affair, with 9,000 gallons of mash on hand.

Like most of the other booze factories captured, it was located in the county's North Harlowe section. Officers used up 46 sticks of dynamite in blasting it out of existence.

On the basis of mash supplies and whiskey seized, it is estimated that destruction of the stills saved the government \$100,000 in alcoholic taxes for a single combined run.

Nabbing the moonshiners at their work is a rare accomplishment. All roads leading into heavily wooded areas pass by homes of interested parties. Natives use shotgun signals to spread an alarm as soon as raiders are spotted.

Then, an automobile will trail the government car, to keep tab on what happens and where.

Truck, Car Collide Monday

A 1947 Ford pick-up truck, driven by Lewis E. Creech, Snow Hill, and a 1947 Ford, driven by Paul Vernon Gibson Jr., Newport, collided yesterday at 9 a.m. three miles west of Morehead City.

Highway Patrolman J. W. Sykes, who investigated the accident, said both vehicles were traveling east on U. S. Highway 70. Creech said he was turning left off the highway into the road leading to the Morehead City Block and Tile Co. and that he gave a hand signal.

Gibson stated that he did not see a hand signal and Gibson's car hit the truck from the rear.

Patrolman Sykes estimated that about \$150 damage was done to the car and little or no damage to the truck. He said two persons were traveling with Gibson. No injuries resulted from the collision, according to Patrolman Sykes.

Gibson was charged with passing at an intersection and Creech was charged with failing to give a hand signal.

Miss Morehead City Will Go to Burlington Tomorrow

Miss Norma Swinson, Miss Morehead City of 1954, and her party, will leave early tomorrow morning by automobile for Burlington, where Miss Swinson will register for the Miss North Carolina Beauty Pageant.

In Miss Swinson's party will be her escort, Buddy Midgett of Morehead City and Miss Thelma Memaks, her companion, also of Morehead City.

When they arrive in Burlington, a Nash Rambler will be available to them, states Jasper Bell, Morehead City Jaycee president.

Will Sing Solo

Miss Swinson will sing "Temperament" at the pageant. All contestants must demonstrate a talent. Miss Swinson's pageant wardrobe, consisting of a street dress, evening gown, and bathing suit, was furnished by Clara's and The Dress Shop of Morehead City.

Port Calendar

City of Fayetteville — Barge continued this weekend its daily schedule of trips between Aviation Fuel Terminal and Cherry Point, carrying jet fuel.

SS Esso Laden — Will dock at Esso Port Terminal Thursday. Coming from Baytown, Tex., with gas, kerosene and fuel oil. Will go to Baton Rouge, La., after leaving here.

Gulf Atlantic Barge — Sailed Friday from the Esso Port Terminal for Washington, N. C., with a load of gas and kerosene.

USS Mallette (APA)—Docked and sailed from the state port Saturday.

Patiella — Will dock Thursday or Friday at Trumbull Asphalt Co. Coming from Curacao, Netherlands West Indies, with load of asphalt.

Speaker Says United Fund Success Depends on Backing

The community and organizers of a United Fund must be sold on the idea of having only one drive for funds before a United Fund Chapter can be successful, John Alexander of Raleigh told representatives of Morehead City civic organizations Thursday night at a meeting in the Recreation Center.

"If the organizers are sold on the idea, the community can be sold," he said. In a poll taken in Raleigh before a United Fund chapter was organized, 92 per cent of the people contacted favored one drive for funds. This included all the large business concerns, too," he stated.

Mr. Alexander, president of the Raleigh Tractor and Truck Co., and 1953 United Fund campaign chairman, was speaking before a joint meeting of Lions and Rotary. Other civic organizations were represented also.

67 Attend

Introduced by P. H. Geer Jr., Morehead City, Mr. Alexander told the 67 persons attending that he received no pay for his work with the Raleigh United Fund.

Also, he said, each chapter is organized differently, because, he said, "It's your United Fund."

He said the people of Raleigh were tired of numerous drives for funds. The mayor organized a committee to study the possibility of a United Fund.

These men, Mr. Alexander said, were sold on the United Fund and 92 per cent of the people contacted

Tides at Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, July 13	
6:01 a.m.	12:18 a.m.
6:26 p.m.	12:01 p.m.
Wednesday, July 14	
6:47 a.m.	1:01 a.m.
7:10 p.m.	12:47 p.m.
Thursday, July 15	
7:30 a.m.	1:41 a.m.
7:51 p.m.	1:33 p.m.
Friday, July 16	
8:12 a.m.	2:19 a.m.
8:32 p.m.	2:17 p.m.

Marine Steals Light 'To Abide By Law' He Says

Cpl. Corbin C. Saunders, Cherry Point, was charged with minor larceny in the Morehead City Recorder's court yesterday and he tried to explain that he was only trying to abide by the law.

On the night of June 29, Saunders was arrested by Lt. Carl Blomberg of the Morehead City Police Department for stealing a headlight from a 1946 Ford parked in front of the offices of Parker Motor Company on Arendell St.

When arrested, Saunders stated that a State Highway Patrolman had told him that he must get a headlight for his car and, he explained, that was what he was doing, according to Lieutenant Blomberg.

In court yesterday, Lieutenant Blomberg testified that at 10:40, June 29, he saw Saunders "messing with the front of the 1946 Ford" and went over to investigate. When he reached Saunders, he said that he saw the headlight.

Saunders told the officer his story and said that he had left two dollars to pay for the light. Lt. Blomberg stated that he told Saunders to show him the money. He said that on the way to the car he noticed Saunders reaching in his pocket and when they reached the car Saunders reached in the auto and then handed the lieutenant two bills.

Lieutenant Blomberg testified that Saunders had handed him a five dollar bill and a one dollar bill instead of the two ones he was supposed to have placed in the car.

Saunders was found guilty by Judge George McNeill and was fined \$25 and costs of court.

Director Reports Operating Profit at Morehead City Port

Maybe Terrapin State Doesn't Like Turtles

The "Terrapin State" doesn't seem to want its terrapins.

According to G. B. Talbot, chief of the Middle Atlantic investigations at the U. S. Fish and Wildlife laboratory, Beaufort, it was decided about seven years ago that the terrapins at the laboratory would be distributed to Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Maryland.

All of the states accepted the terrapins and turned them out in their marshlands except Maryland, which is known as the "Terrapin State." But an arrangement was made with the laboratory at Beaufort to keep the terrapins. And that arrangement is still in effect.

As long as the "Terrapin State" wants to keep its turtles in the Tar Heel State, that's evidently OK with the Fish and Wildlife lab, as long as the board for the 1,200 terrapins is paid!

Cecil Gillikin Wins First Place In 4-H Contest

Fourteen-year-old Cecil Gillikin, Bettie, won first place in the 4-H district contest at Washington, N. C., Thursday and is qualified to participate in the state contest at Raleigh this week.

Fay Kelly 16 Newport, won a second place in vegetable use demonstration and was the only girl to place from Carteret County.

Cecil gave a discussion on the importance of soil-testing and went through the procedure of taking soil samples to win his first place. He also explained a chart which gave the type information on the soil sample which is needed by the state soil-testing bureau.

Miss Martha Barnett, county Home Demonstration agent, will take a group of boys and girls to Raleigh next Monday for the 4-H short course at State College. The course will last one week.

One boy and three girls will go with Miss Barnett to Raleigh. They are Bill Turpin, Camp Glenn, county health king who will participate in the health pageant; Carl of Bearham, Morehead City, county health queen who will also participate in the health pageant; Etta Taylor, Beaufort, who will participate in the state dress review and Freda Hansley, Camp Glenn, who will go as a delegate.

Miss Taylor is the winner of the Carteret County dress review.

Rain Finally Relieves County

The rains came — finally.

Farms, tinder-dry forests and grasslands were soaked by 4.31 inches of rain over the weekend. The showers started at 5 p.m. Friday and fell almost continuously until after midnight Sunday.

The greatest amount fell late Saturday night and all day Sunday, according to Stamey Davis, weather observer.

During the rain the temperature fell off from 91 Thursday to 76 Sunday. Wind, for the most part, came from the southwest, but, said Mr. Davis, strong northeast winds brought the badly needed deluge.

Temperature readings since Thursday follow:

	Max.	Min.
Thursday	91	80
Friday	85	74
Saturday	81	72
Sunday	76	71

State Ports Authority Meets Here Friday

During the past fiscal year the port of Morehead City made a \$100,000 profit, Col. Richard S. Marr, director of state ports, told the State Ports Authority Friday morning at a meeting at the Dunes Club.

He presented a report on Morehead City and Wilmington port operations for the past six months. The report recommended:

1. A request for \$2,600,000 from the next legislature for a warehouse and heavy equipment at both ports
2. Purchase of more land for the expansion of the Morehead City port
3. Acquiring the federally-held shipyard at Wilmington which adjoins the state port
4. Increased effort to obtain \$57,000 reimbursement from Uncle Sam for dredging done at Wilmington
5. Conclusion of investigations toward financing the building of a grain-loading installation at Morehead City
6. Continuing efforts to establish grain elevators here and at Wilmington
7. Working "very closely" with Southern Railway in building up the port of Morehead City

Struggle Predicted

In the report Colonel Marr said, "Our position at Morehead City as a commercial port is not too good and the struggle there for commercial cargoes is going to be a long difficult one. When and if the Southern Railway takes over the A&NC, a change for the better will occur overnight."

The director told the port authority members that Morehead City is handicapped because of poor freight rates. When it comes to trucking, Morehead City is at a disadvantage, he said, because it is 70 miles farther eastward than Norfolk or Wilmington.

Referring to Southern's connections westward, the director said, "When we can draw from the Middle West, that's the big hope for Morehead City."

Two readjustments in the port contracts with Esso and Trumbull were reported, meaning, Colonel Marr said, "more business with them." Navy cargoes here have increased but as for the commercial aspect, the director said "it will take a long hard fight."

The ports operating budget for the 1955-57 biennium was tentatively approved. A meeting for final action on it will take place Aug. 20 at Blowing Rock.

Changes Made

Two major changes were made by authority members. They recommended an increase in maintenance funds to \$74,000. The original figure was \$49,500 and they approved a salary raise of \$1,200 for Colonel Marr beginning with July 1, 1955.

The budget exceeds that of the just-past fiscal year by \$126,000 or more than \$250,000 for the years 1955-57.

It includes an "adjustment" of port employees' salaries, Colonel Marr said, bringing salaries "in line" with those of comparable jobs in this area.

At present the salary of the ports manager at Morehead City is \$8,099 and the salary of the Wilmington ports manager is \$7,722. Beginning July 1, 1955 these salaries will be made equal, \$9,182 annually.

The total salaries item includes the hiring of additional traffic solicitors, rate clerks and stenographers, a total of seven persons. The director requested approval for establishment of a "sub rate office" at Morehead City. E. E. Lee Jr. is head of the rate department and there would be two other rate clerks, one here and one at Wilmington.

It was pointed out that \$20,000 earmarked for out-of-state solicitors in the last biennium was not spent. In addition to that, \$7,833 from the previous budget remains.

To Open in New York

Referring to port business solicitors in other states, Colonel Marr

Track Interests Buy Property At Currituck

Currituck — A bid of \$8,000 purchased two tracts of land belonging to the Carolina-Virginia Racing Association in a public auction sale at the Currituck Courthouse door at noon Friday.

John Masoni, representing the Ranger Investment Corp. of Cleveland, Ohio, and one of the principal stockholders in the Moyock dog track, was the sole bidder.

The sale was transacted by Wilton F. Walter Jr., county attorney, and involved 62.5 acres on which the dog track was located and 13.5 acres across the highway from the track.

John Dawson, Kinston attorney who represents the racing association and Frank B. Aycock Jr., Elizabeth City attorney whose legal efforts resulted in the dog tracks being closed, were present as spectators.

The sale was ordered by the State of North Carolina to collect taxes due the State Department of Revenue.

The State Supreme Court ruled this spring as unconstitutional the act which allowed pari-mutuel betting at the track.

Rulings on appeals in United States courts have not been handed down.

Two Cars Collide At Davis Sunday

Two cars collided at the main intersection in Davis at 2:45 p.m. Sunday. Mrs. Levy Jackson Goodwin, Cearu Island, a passenger in one of the cars, got a cut on her head.

Her husband was driving a 1950 Chevrolet which collided with a 1952 Plymouth driven by Marshall Grady Warren, Roseboro. Warren was headed west and Goodwin east. State Highway Patrolman W. E. Pickard said Goodwin cut too short at the turn and struck Warren.

Warren, who had his wife with him, said he saw Goodwin coming and stopped. Goodwin said because of the heavy rain and foggy windshield he couldn't see very well.

Damage to the Chevrolet was estimated at \$100 and damage to the Plymouth at \$225. No charges were preferred.

Republicans Will Meet for Clambake

County Republicans will gather at Smyrna School Friday night for a clambake. Ray Jennings, Taylorsville, chairman of the Republican State Executive Committee, will be the speaker.

Roy Thomas Garner, Newport, chairman of the county Republican Executive Committee, said other state Republican leaders will be present also.

The clambake will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets may be obtained from Republicans throughout the county. The public, Mr. Garner said, is welcome.

Theatre Group Schedules Meet at 7:30 Tomorrow

The Carteret Community Theatre will meet at 7:30 tomorrow night at the radio station, Mrs. Wiley Taylor, business manager, announced yesterday.

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Duke to Dedicate New Research Lab At Marine Station Saturday, July 24

Dr. C. G. Bookhout, director of Duke University Marine Laboratory, Pivers Island, announced yesterday that the new research laboratory at the marine station will be dedicated Saturday afternoon, July 24.

In conjunction with the dedication there will be an open house and shrimp supper for Duke alumni in Carteret and friends of Duke students and faculty.

During the open house from 4 to 5 p.m. there will be demonstrations on research work in the laboratories and a collection of marine animals and plants of the county will be shown.

The dedication ceremony will begin at 5 with a welcome by Dr. Bookhout. The dedication address will be given by Dr. Paul Gross, vice-president of the university. The supper will be served picnic style at 5:30.

The new research laboratory is in a building 40 by 80 feet. Floors are of poured concrete and the construction is frame with pastel green shingling. The interiors are finished in plywood paneling.

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Phillip Mazrek Found Guilty Of Trespass

Phillip E. Mazrek, Cherry Point, was found guilty of forcible trespass by Judge George McNeill in Morehead City Recorder's Court yesterday.

Mazrek was charged with taking Thursday night the 1954 Ford convertible belonging to Barrett Davis, Morehead City.

Davis testified that he missed the car at 9 p.m. and called the Morehead City Police Department immediately.

Patrolman Homer Lewis was dispatched to investigate and he found the car parked on the side of the road between Dom El's Drive-In, Atlantic Beach, and the Atlantic Beach bridge.

Patrolman Lewis stated that Mazrek was passed out in the front seat of the car.

Mazrek was taken to the Morehead City Police Station and, upon being searched, it was found that he had the keys to the car.

Patrolman Lewis said the only statement he could get out of Mazrek was "I want to see my congressman." He added that Mazrek was drunk.

Mr. Davis estimated that approximately \$100 damage had been done to the car.

Judge McNeill sentenced Mazrek to 60 days in jail suspended on payment of \$25 and costs. He was instructed to pay \$100 for damage to the car within 30 days.

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