

County Board Says 'No' to Request For Reduction in Delinquent Taxes

The County Board of Commissioners veered from a well-trodden path yesterday morning when they refused to make an adjustment on delinquent taxes.

Judge J. F. Duncan, Beaufort attorney, appeared before the board and asked that the board grant a reduction on \$3,213.51 owed on the Cape Lookout property registered in the name of R. E. Whitehurst, trustee.

Judge Duncan said that the owners have an opportunity to sell the property for \$17,000. He said that in the past \$1,174 has been paid on the taxes but the \$3,213.51 is still owed for 1935 through 1939 and 1945 through 1954.

Judge Duncan, who receives a 25 per cent commission for collecting back taxes for the county, said he's been involved in Cape

Lookout land dealings since 1907 and this is the first time he's ever heard of any of the present owners being offered "anything for their property."

Commissioner Tilden Davis said the Cape Lookout land is becoming more valuable and he felt that no reduction should be made in taxes they owed.

The commissioners also said if reduction in taxes were made in this case, all the others who own property there and do not pay taxes, will want a like reduction.

The county board approved two resolutions for forwarding to the State Highway and Public Works Commission. They asked the state to clear out the ditch by the side of the road which drains the road and properties of I. S. Alligood and Roland Styron, Davis, and to widen

a two-mile stretch of road in the western part of the county.

Mr. Alligood appeared before the board and said the ditch is about 700 feet long and approximately 165 feet of it has been filled with brush.

Lionel Pelletier, Stella, asked that the county board ask the state to widen the road from Kuhns to Stella since a lot of road equipment is now in the area widening the highway from Maysville to Cedar Point.

Dr. K. P. B. Bonner, chairman of the board, announced that the September meeting will take place on the second Monday of the month since the first Monday is Labor Day.

The board drew names of jurors for the special term of court which begins Aug. 30 and adjourned.

Police Suspect Hunted Outlaw In Auto Theft

New Hanover County Escapee Believed Seen At Atlantic Beach

Charles Willard "Yank" Stewart, who was proclaimed an outlaw Thursday by a Superior Court judge, is a suspect in the theft of S. A. Horton's 1947 Chrysler, Atlantic Beach Police Chief George Smith said.

Mr. Horton, owner of the Atlantic Beach water system, reported his two-door car stolen Friday morning at 7 a. m. Stewart was reportedly seen at Davis's Beach Head, Atlantic Beach, Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Horton said he last saw his car about 11:30 Thursday night when he parked it in front of his business place, Atlantic Beach Sales and Service. He lives in an apartment over the place.

An Atlantic Beach woman who asks that she not be identified claims to have seen Stewart at the Beach Head Thursday afternoon.

She said she was working behind the counter when he came up to her and, pointing to the juke box, asked, "Is that a juke box or a radio?"

She told him it was a juke box. He then asked her how for it is to Elizabeth City. She told him and then he went and sat down in a booth. He was wearing a dirty white sweat shirt and brown pants. In a few minutes a woman in a blue dress came and sat down with him.

They talked a while, she said, then he got up and left. In a few minutes the girl got up and left too. She was carrying a brief case with her.

Friday morning she said she was looking through a newspaper and saw a picture of the man, identified as Stewart, and she read the story

Trustees Authorize Home For Nurses at Sea Level

Swansboro Town Board Okays \$21,367 Budget

Swansboro's Town Board approved a \$21,367 budget for 1954-55 at a called meeting Thursday night in the Swansboro Town Hall. The budget is \$3,888.95 lower than the expected revenue for 1954-55, according to Mayor M. N. Lisk.

Last year Swansboro had a budget surplus of over \$1,000. Mayor Lisk said the money was then used to install water meters and effect other water system improvements, also for the paving of roads.

In presenting the 1954-55 budget, Mayor Lisk told the board, "It's your duty to study this budget and make corrections where you see fit. If you find any mistakes please let me know about it."

He also said, "I think we've been extremely fortunate here in our finances, considering our low rate of \$1 on the \$100."

In the 1954-55 budget, the street department was allotted more than the other departments because of the street improvement program, the mayor said.

The street department was allotted \$7,000, \$1,500 has been earmarked for repairs, \$1,040 for labor, lights are expected to account for \$960 and \$3,500 has been set aside for new paving.

Other major items on the budget were \$5,022 for administration, including the salaries of mayor, commissioners, attorney, police and clerk, and \$3,200 for the garbage department. Mayor Lisk explained that the high budget for the garbage department was due to the daily collections.

The community building was allotted \$2,150 and \$1,620 will go to the fire department. The extension of the water and sewer systems is expected to total \$1,500 and there will be a hydrant expense to the town of \$875.

In presenting the budget for the water and sewer systems, Mayor Lisk pointed out that the annual operating expense is expected to be \$7,876.08. This department had a bank balance of \$1,916.20 as of June 30, 1954.

According to the mayor, anticipated revenue for 1954-55 is expected to total \$25,255.95.

Donald Taylor, commissioner, moved that the budget be adopted. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Lisk brought a request before the board that a fence be placed at the lower end of the sewer disposal plant to keep children from falling in the outdoors portion of the plant. Commissioner Taylor suggested that Police Chief A. D. Allen be instructed to look into

Contributions Will Finance New Project

The board of trustees of Sea Level Hospital authorized the building of a nurses' home when they met in special session Thursday night.

The home will be located near the hospital and will provide living quarters for eight nurses, according to Marshall Whisnant, hospital administrator. At present there are four full-time nurses and one part-time nurse on the staff.

Funds for building the home will be raised by public subscription. Mr. Whisnant said that substantial pledges have already been received from the trustees.

In charge of contacting persons for contributions is the finance committee: Herbert Styron, Roe; Harvey Taylor, Sea Level; Gilbert Whitehurst, Straits; and ex-officio members, T. A. Taylor and F. C. Noyes, both of Sea Level.

The trustees discussed the location of the home and the floor plan after a special committee, Mr. Noyes, Mr. Whisnant, and Dr. Herbert Webb, resident physician, presented suggestions.

Attending the meeting, in addition to those mentioned, were Alva Taylor, Julian Gaskill, both of Sea Level; Nolie Fulcher, Cecil Morris, John W. Smith, Winston Hill, all of Atlantic.

Romain Gaskill, Stacy; T. B. Smith, Davis; Wesley Willis, Willis; and Roland Salter, Bettie.

The next regular meeting of the board of trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 14.

Guard Unit Gets New Equipment

Beaufort's National Guard unit, Battery A, 295th Field Artillery Battalion, received two three-quarter ton trucks, one two-and-one-half ton truck and a one-and-one-half ton trailer Tuesday.

The unit also received 10 rifles Monday, July 26.

Sfc. Lester L. Hall Jr., unit administrator, stated that the additional equipment gives the unit five trucks, two trailers, 36 rifles, one sub-machine gun, one 50-calibre machine gun, one 30-calibre machine gun, a rocket launcher bazooka and a 45-calibre pistol.

He said the unit also has one movie projector, fire directional equipment for artillery, a survey set, clothes for 40 men and field equipment for 45 men.

The unit will leave for two weeks of camp at Fort Bragg Sunday. They will return Aug. 22.

A four-man advance detail will leave for Fort Bragg Friday. Members of the detail are Lt. Merritt E. Bridgeman, Cpl. J. T. Riggs, Cpl. J. C. Noe, and Sgt. L. D. Hall.

There are 43 men in the unit.

REA Administrators Will Attend Meeting Here

Fred H. Strong, deputy administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration, and Ralph J. Foreman, director of the Northeast Area, both of Washington D. C., will attend the two-day meeting of the Tar Hegel Electric Membership Association at Atlantic Beach tomorrow and Thursday.

Mr. Strong was appointed deputy administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration Jan. 20, 1954. He is a native of Minneapolis, Minn., and was in newspaper work in Minneapolis and St. Paul from 1921 to 1938. For 15 years after leaving newspaper work, he was a public relations counselor in Minnesota, specializing in governmental and political administration.

Mr. Foreman, a native of Homer, Ill., was employed by the Central Illinois Electric and Gas Co. as an engineer and district manager from 1927 to 1946. He was manager of the Southeastern Michigan Rural Electric Cooperative of Adrian, Mich., from 1946 until 1948 and came to REA in January of 1949 as a field representative in the management division. Mr. Foreman was appointed director of the Northeast Area in September of 1953.

Directors and attorneys will attend discussion groups at the Ocean King Hotel and the managers will meet at Captain Bill's on the beach.

In the manager's session, discussion will be centered around power use and the directors and attorneys will hear discussions on the electric cooperative "in social and economic perspective," say program directors. The directors and attorneys will also discuss rate structure.

Approximately 125-150 delegates are expected, according to W. C. Carlton, manager of the Carteret-Craven Electric Membership Corp.

Signs welcoming the association have been placed in Morehead City stores by the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce.

Thirty-two districts will be represented at the two-day meeting which will be one of two meetings held by the group this year.



Fred H. Strong ... REA officials attending session

Morehead Will be Departure Port for Four Fall Cruises

Guard Unit Will Organize in Fall

Plans to activate a National Guard Unit in Morehead City are being carried out and it is anticipated that the battery will be organized in the early part of September, according to Major Clement M. Ward Jr., executive of the 196th Field Artillery Group, Jacksonville.

The North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development has granted the unit use of machine shops located at Camp Glenn and work is now in progress to convert the shop building into an armory, said Major Ward.

The project is being carried out by the adjutant general's department of the State of North Carolina.

Major Ward said, "It is felt that the facilities in Morehead City are ideal, and the unit will be an asset to the community and to the state of North Carolina."

Four luxury cruises will be conducted from the Morehead City Port Terminal this fall aboard the Swedish ship "Stockholm," announces J. D. Holt, port manager.

The Stockholm's first cruise is scheduled for Oct. 16 followed by others on Oct. 23, Oct. 28, and Nov. 3.

The first, sponsored by the State Academy of General Practice, the State Medical Society, will take in Havana, Cuba, and Nassau, capitol of the Bahamas.

Sailing time is 2 p. m. Aboard ship will be a buffet luncheon and a "get-acquainted" cocktail party. Oct. 18 the liner is scheduled to arrive in Havana at 1 p. m.

On arriving passengers will have an opportunity to sitsteeze in Havana, visit Jai Alai games, and tour the Cuban capitol's night spots.

To Leave Oct. 19

The Stockholm will leave for Nassau at 4 a. m. Oct. 19. The day will be spent at sea with the liner arriving in the Bahamas at 8 o'clock the following morning.

A full day will be spent in Nassau, during which there will be a sight-seeing trip, bathing at Paradise Beach, plus a golf tournament.

In addition to golf, sports activities include sailing, fishing, cycling, tennis and carriage trips throughout the island.

At 6 p. m. Oct. 20 the Stockholm will leave for the return trip to Morehead City. It is scheduled to arrive in port at 8 p. m. Oct. 22, rounding out the seven-day cruise.

Passengers for the trip include the following from Carteret County: Miss Jean Bowles, Mrs. Elodie W. Arthur, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Poisson, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Stroud, Mr. and Mrs. J. Douglas Taylor, and Mrs. H. W. Thornton, all of Morehead City; Miss Georgina P. Yeatman and party and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis of Beaufort.

Additional reservations are available for North Carolinians desiring to make the cruise, who aren't members of the medical profession, and who aren't connected with the medical society, stated Mr. Holt.

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Coroner Reopens Willis Case

Coroner Leslie D. Springle announced yesterday that the case of Otis Guy Willis, 17-year-old Davis youth killed June 6 in an automobile accident will be reopened because of new evidence.

There will be a second inquest at 8 p. m. Friday at the courthouse, Beaufort. At the first inquest June 8 the coroner's jury requested further investigation because it could not be determined then whether Willis or his companion, Roy Davis Styron, also of Davis, was driving the car.

Willis was killed at 11:45 on the Sunday morning of June 6 when the car in which he was riding skidded and overturned on a sharp curve east of the Smyrna Creek Bridge. He was thrown from the automobile into a water-filled ditch and died from a crushed skull, broken neck and internal injuries.

Styron was treated at the Sea Level Community Hospital for a cut scalp and bruises. The car was owned by his father, Roy M. Styron. Willis was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Willis.

Teachers Learn More About Marine Science on Coast

While public school students are enjoying summer vacations, their teachers are going to school to obtain new ideas for the classroom when school reopens in the fall.

One such group of school teachers is currently studying marine life in the coastal waters at Morehead City. Aboard the shrimp trawler, Edith M. are, they explore the curios of the sea in search of specimens to carry to their classrooms.

This expedition aboard the Edith M. climaxes a two-week course that includes field trips along the beach and sound, rocky banks, and coastal marshland in search of marine specimens which will aid them in teaching natural science to students from the first grade through high school.

Netted from the shrimp boat are such creatures of the sea as the horseshoe crab, anchovies, mantis shrimp, butter fish, sea robins, and occasionally a sea horse.

From the rocks the school teachers get sea cucumbers, sea urchins, star fish, sea snails, conchs, and clams. All of these go into a private collection which is taken back to the classroom for study and identification.

These unusual courses for natural science teachers are made available by the North Carolina State College Extension Service. Teachers from the mountains to the coast gather at Morehead City to learn more about the natural sciences

Officers Recover Norfolk Auto

A 1950 Pontiac, owned by a Norfolk man, was recovered at 8 p. m. Friday behind Needham Garner's sawmill, Newport. Deputy Sheriff Marshall Ayscue said the car belonged to the stepfather of the youth found in it, Franklin Roosevelt Foster, 17.

Officer Ayscue said that between the time he, Ormsby Mann, Newport police chief, and Bill Dugee, constable, called for a wrecker to move the car, Foster had returned to it. He was found putting gas in it when the officers came upon him.

The car was reported missing July 26. Officer Ayscue said Foster evidently drove the car here from Norfolk and called on the Waddell family at Newport.

The car, reported to be in good condition, is being held at Newport. With approval of the FBI agent in this area, Foster was released from custody.

Defendant Fined Only On Recklessness Charge

Henry Merrill, in Beaufort Recorder's Court last week, was fined \$100 and costs and sentenced to six months on the roads, suspended, on an amended charge of careless and reckless driving.

It was erroneously reported that he had been fined and sentenced on the original charge of drunken driving. Through his attorney, Harvey Hamilton Jr., he pled guilty not to the drunk driving charge but accepted the court's findings in the lesser careless and reckless driving charge.

THE NEWS-TIMES retracts the original statement and apologizes for the error.

Lions to Entertain Wives Thursday

Morehead City Lions will entertain their wives and guests at a ladies night dinner Thursday.

The affair begins at 6:30 p. m. at the Recreation Center, Morehead City.

In charge of entertainment will be Victor Wickizer, Fred Hardy, and Oscar Allred.

Last Thursday the Lions had a business meeting followed by a board of directors meeting.

Agassiz Moves Sick Seaman

James H. Smith, New York, N. Y., was taken off the SS Pan Connecticut about 40 miles from Morehead City Friday at 3:30 a. m. by the Coast Guard Cutter Agassiz after he had suffered a heart attack.

The Agassiz arrived at Morehead City at 11:30 a. m. Friday and Mr. Smith was rushed to the Morehead City Hospital in an ambulance which was waiting at the port.

Mr. Smith's condition was listed as "fair" at the Morehead City Hospital yesterday and Dr. Ben F. Royall stated that he was greatly improved.

The SS Pan Connecticut, a tanker, was going from Wilmington, Del., to Texas City, Tex.

Mr. Smith's family was expected to arrive by plane from New York today.

Playground Gets Improvements

The Junior Woman's Club, Beaufort, has carried out three more projects in connection with their Park By the Sea. A sign has been placed at the front of the park, a shelter has been built to provide a shaded area for mothers who bring their children to the park, and the area has been cleaned up in an effort to eliminate mosquitoes.

Fred King, Beaufort, donated his services in painting the sign. The sign is approximately 12 feet long with two and one-half foot high letters, Park by the Sea.

The shelter will seat 12 people and is 6 feet high.

Mrs. David Hill, president of the Junior Woman's Club, said the town of Beaufort has agreed to keep the grass cut on the property.

The club met last night at the Inlet Inn and discussed possibilities of raising more money for the project. It was also pointed out at the meeting that services of club members are needed for further work on the project.

The Beaufort Town Board will meet next Monday night, Aug. 9. The meeting was postponed from last night because Mayor Clifford Lewis is in the hospital.

League Official Appeals for Funds

Mrs. W. I. Loftin, executive secretary of the Crippled Children's League, has appealed for funds to finance the treatment of Hubert Gillikin, Otway.

Hubert, who is almost 17 years old, is suffering from a spinal ailment which has left him paralyzed from the waist down. At present he is confined to the Sea Level Hospital where he underwent an operation performed at no charge by Dr. Herbert Webb, resident physician. (In January of this year Hubert was discharged from the state hospital, Gastonia).

Mrs. Loftin said the League for Crippled Children has contributed as much as its finances will allow and hopes that generous county residents will contribute toward the bill for hospitalization. To date \$35 has been collected.

"No matter how small the donation is, it will help," Mrs. Loftin said. Contributions should be mailed to Mrs. Loftin, Box 7, Beaufort.

League Official Appeals for Funds

The Newport Town Board will meet at 7:30 tonight at the town hall for their August session.



Examining the catch aboard the shrimp trawler Edith M. are, left to right, Jack Stewart, Durham; Mrs. Catherine Hopkins, Brown Summit; Mrs. Virginia Douglas, Weldon; Billy Douglas, Weldon; Mrs. Madalyne Alnoworth, New Bern; Prof. B. E. Brandt, State College; Helen Jackson, Winston-Salem; Annie Nye Hunter, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Margaret Copeland, Durham; Edwin Tenny, Swansboro; Margaret Prongy, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Jack Stewart, Durham; Prof. Gene Starnes, State College.