

Defendant Gives Notice of Appeal

Ralph B. Draper Jr. Posts \$150 Following Judgement Monday

Ralph B. Draper Jr. appealed to Superior Court when he was found guilty of driving while under the influence of intoxicants or narcotics in Morehead City Recorder's Court Monday morning.

Draper is out on \$150 bail. Judge George McNeill had fined him \$100 and costs on the charge of driving while under the influence and the other charge of driving without an operator's license was dropped.

Pays \$100 Fine
William Henry Kerr was fined \$100 and costs when he pleaded guilty to driving drunk.

Others fined and assessed costs were Frank Boyette, \$10, found guilty of making an improper left turn resulting in an accident; John Norman Lewis, \$25, found guilty of public drunkenness; Harold Roosa, \$25, found guilty of speeding.

Malcolm Ray Willis, \$10, pleaded guilty to two charges of speeding; James Kenneth Hughes, \$35, pleaded guilty to careless and reckless driving, and Adron G. Ballou, \$10, pleaded guilty to speeding.

Lewis E. Neilson pleaded guilty to having no operator's license and was fined \$25 and costs with the full fine to be remitted should he present a valid North Carolina or New York driver's license to the court within 30 days.

Francis Casper was also fined \$25 and costs when he pleaded guilty to having no operator's license. The fine to be remitted since the defendant had secured a valid North Carolina driver's license.

Costs Paid
Costs were assessed in the following cases:

Andrew Dulaney Ennett Jr., speeding; Gerald C. Dunlap, fighting and disorderly conduct; Ray Andres, public drunkenness; Alto Lee found guilty of public drunkenness but not guilty of fighting.

David Howard, drunk on the streets of Morehead City; Ernest Linwood Duvannant, failing to stop at a stop sign; Orix E. Ballard, expired license plates; Robert Scudder Smith, allowing unlicensed person to operate vehicle.

Leonard Wright West, drunken. See COURT, Page 6

Two Woodmen Receive Awards

Allen H. Garner and Jack Garner, of Camp 336, Woodmen of the World, Newport, were honored with awards at Family Night Friday in the Newport School lunch room. One hundred persons attended.

Allen Garner won the soil conservation plaque and Jack Garner received the "Mr. Woodman Medalion" for 1954. Newport school bus drivers were also honored with safe driver awards. The drivers are Thornton Pringle, Ralph Simmons, Edward Murdoch, Kenneth Jones, Donald Haskett, Ronald Bell and Jimmy Kelly.

An American flag was presented to the school and was accepted by the principal, E. B. Comer.

Sgt. C. L. Teague of the State Highway Patrol spoke on safety and Douglas C. Henderson presented the awards.

Following the barbecue supper, the Holly Springs Quartet sang. Jack K. Garner, consul commander of Camp 336, introduced guests.

The Rev. J. H. Waldrop Jr., pastor of the St. James Methodist Church, Newport, gave the invocation. Clifford C. Fagle, Morehead City, was master of ceremonies, and the benediction was given by John B. Kelly.

Driver Pays \$50 Fine, Court Costs

Thomas Lovewell was fined \$50 and costs in Morehead City Recorder's Court Monday morning by Judge George H. McNeill when he pleaded guilty to a charge of careless and reckless driving.

The charge was the aftermath of an accident Lovewell had on Saturday night on Arendell Street near 34th when the 1949 Mercury he was driving ran into a car owned by Charles Stephen Canfield parked on Arendell Street.

Capt. Buck Newsome, who investigated, estimated damage to Lovewell's car at \$150 with damage being confined to the lights, bumper, grill and hood.

Damage to the parked car was estimated at \$200.

Check Received
The County has received its second check to help meet the cost of pushing up dunes along Bogue Banks. The check, for \$24,064.50, was received Saturday

Softshell Crab Season Expected to Start Early

By F. C. SALISBURY

From present indications, the softshell crab season is due for an early opening in Carteret County. This county is said to lead in the catching and shipping of soft shell crabs, producing 95 per cent of the state total. Anticipating an early season, crab floats are making their appearance along the shores of Bogue and Core Sounds.

Due to the scarcity of hard shell crabs in the waters of Chesapeake Bay, many crabbers have come southward to work the waters of this state. As there are no processing plants of any size in this state, catches are shipped to plants in Virginia and Maryland. Carteret County ranks second in the production of hard shells, Beaufort County being the largest producer. Crabbers have been receiving a price of 9 cents per pound for hard shells.

For many years Carteret County has led in the catching and shipping of soft shell crabs. Several Virginia and Maryland firms send buyers and packers into the county during the season of soft shells.

What must have been record catches of "sheddies" in years past are those marked on the wall of a packing-room in the Seafood building in Morehead City. The notation states, "First catch, March 31, 1917 by John Mart Lewis, 155 crabs." Very near the same date a year later, Mr. Lewis on April 3, 1918 brought in a catch of 186 crabs. These must have been unusual early records to have been recorded on the whitewashed wall of the packing-room.

The life history of this crustacean, whose meat brings one of the highest prices per pound in the fishing industry, is most interesting. Crabs have no internal skeleton, but their body is covered with a hard unyielding shell, which cannot grow with them.

This shell is cast off every year and new one formed to care for the increased growth. Not only is the shell cast off, but even the covering of the eyes, the tendons of the claws, and the lining membrane of the stomach, with its teeth.

The soft crab is the immature stage of the blue or hard crab. Reaching full growth at the end of a year, the crab goes through the soft stage about 20 times during that period, but is practical for eating only during the last three or four stages which are the times right after he sheds his hard shell. April and May are the biggest soft crab producing months.

Crabs spawn at the end of the second year. The female lays one of two batches of eggs, each batch consisting of one and a half million eggs. The rate of survival of the fry is extremely low. After this contribution to propagation of her species, the female usually dies.

Trawling is the chief method of catching both hard and soft crabs by fishermen in this section. Like shrimp, the crab stays close to the bottom where it finds its food. A slower method of catching is done with crab-pots, similar to a lobster-pot which is a baited trap anchored on the sound bed into which the crab can enter but is unable to find its way out.

Legislator Honored By Emeritus Club

D. G. Bell, Carteret's legislator, was elected an honorary member of the Emeritus Civic Club Monday night when the club met at the recreation center, Morehead City.

New officers were elected. They are N. F. Eure, Beaufort, president; J. W. Kellogg, Morehead City, vice-president; and T. B. Sage, Morehead City, secretary-treasurer.

Roy Dixon, Morehead City, was elected to regular membership. The group decided to make next month's meeting a ladies' night and the club will meet in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce at its dinner meeting.

Reports were made by officers and committee chairmen.

'Special' Will Be Out Tuesday

Tuesday's Seadog Souvenir tabloid supplement to THE NEWS-TIMES will be packed with pictures plus stories on the Greensboro tournament. There will also be statistics and stories on the county and district basketball tournaments.

In this supplement in one well-organized issue, are all the important things folks will want to remember about the terrific Seadog season of 1954-55.

There's a story on Carteret County's basketball potential for next year, plus information on outstanding players on all Carteret teams. To assure your getting a copy, plus extra ones you may want, place your order now by calling THE NEWS-TIMES, 6-4175.

B&PW Elects Mrs. Roma Noe As President

Mrs. Roma Noe, Beaufort, has been elected president of the Carteret Business and Professional Woman's Club for 1955-56. Other officers are Mrs. James C. Smith, Morehead City, first vice-president; Mrs. W. I. Loftin, Beaufort, second vice-president; Miss Georgie Hughes, Beaufort, corresponding secretary; and Miss Alida Willis, Morehead City, treasurer.

The election took place at a meeting Tuesday night at the Lottie Sanders Building, Beaufort.

Mrs. Loftin, chairman of the birthday party, named committees. The party will take place at 7 p. m. Tuesday, April 26, at the Blue Ribbon Club, Morehead City. Reservations, paid in advance, must be made by Friday, April 22.

The club voted to give \$25 to the Carteret County Public Library for repairs to the building. Mrs. D. F. Merrill, chairman of the County Red Cross drive, asked the club's support in the current appeal for funds.

Miss Hughes, chairman of the club's civil defense committee, requested assistance of members in the county-wide civil defense program and it was suggested that club members be taught first aid.

Reports were made on the club-sponsored March of Dimes, the recent district meeting at Goldsboro and on a recent visit to the New Bern Club.

Mrs. C. L. Beam, president, presided during the business session. Dinner was served by the Grace Circle of Ann Street Methodist Church. Red carnations, used as centerpieces, were given to club members following dinner.

Firemen Sell Theatre Tickets

Morehead City's firemen will make a house-to-house canvass today to sell tickets for the showing of "Black Dakotas" at the Ocean Park Drive-In Theatre next Wednesday night.

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State Health Officer Reports On Salk Vaccine

Raleigh (AP) — The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has been advised that there are 250,227 children in North Carolina eligible for the Salk polio vaccine, Dr. J. W. Norton, state health officer, said today.

A report is awaited from the national foundation, Dr. Norton added, of the effectiveness of the vaccine. He said that once the vaccine is licensed for distribution it will have the full endorsement of the State Board of Health.

Plans are progressing throughout the state, Dr. Norton said, for administration of the vaccine to first and second-grade school children immediately after it has been made available by the national foundation.

Sufficient Quantity
It was pointed out that the vaccine will be shipped to North Carolina only in quantity sufficient to vaccinate children whose parents have signed a written request that it be given to their children.

Dr. Norton said parental request forms have been distributed throughout the schools to parents of all first and second-grade children and are now being collected by county health officers.

Parents of 85 per cent of the eligible first and second graders in Carteret County have requested injections for their children.

Distribution Points
The vaccine, when available, will be packaged and shipped directly from the manufacturer to six distribution points in North Carolina: Charlotte, Greensboro, Asheville, Raleigh, Williamston and Wilmington.

Dr. Norton urged that every parent take advantage of the opportunity to request that his children be given the vaccine if eligible for it. Each eligible child will be given a series of three injections.

12 Members Join Hospital Group

Twelve new members joined the Woman's Auxiliary, Sea Level Community Hospital, Monday night when the Auxiliary met in the Marshallberg Community House.

The new members are Mrs. Walker N. George, Mrs. Eugene O. Davis, Mrs. Allen Smith, Mrs. Douglas Johnson, Mrs. Vernon B. Lewis, Mrs. Wesley M. Wilson, Mrs. Ira T. Willis, Mrs. Willard Piner, Miss Margie Willis, Mrs. Elwood R. Willis, Mrs. Grayer Willis, and Mrs. Dorothy Piner, all of Marshallberg.

During the brief business meeting, the auxiliary was shown pictures which have been painted for the children's room at the hospital. Artists are Mrs. Jack Windley, Beaufort, and Beaufort art students Linda Fodrie, Jackie Young, Frances Bell, Joyce Hill and Norma Garner.

The auxiliary will meet again April 18 in the dining room of the Sea Level Inn.

Mrs. Donald Chadwick, program chairman, introduced Mrs. Dorothy Piner under whose direction a delightful program of music was presented. It consisted of vocal solo, April Showers, by Patricia Smith, piano duet, "Qui Vive," by Ann Salter and Dorothy Piner; ukelele solo, Five Foot Two, by Roy Willis; piano solo, Smoke Gets In Yur Eyes, Ann Salter; and male quartet composed of Walker George, Wesley Wilson, Ralph Neal and Roy Willis, who sang on Moonlight Bay and In The Evening by the Moonlight.

Refreshments were served by the executive committee.

Congressman to Speak

Congressman Graham A. Barden will be one of the speakers at the ground-breaking ceremonies today at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Goldsboro. Gov. Luther Hodges and Senator Ervin will also speak.

State Ports Officials Await Decision in Court Action



The major issue in a friendly suit now before the courts is this grain elevator, looming skyward in the picture. The elevator, built at Morehead City state port, is an installation important to the efficient handling of grain cargoes. Tied up beneath the elevator in this picture is a barge being loaded with soybeans.

State ports officials and other interested parties are awaiting the decision of Judge George M. Fountain, Wake County Superior Court, regarding the legality of bonds issued to build the \$60,000 grain elevator at Morehead City state port.

The case opened at Raleigh last week. Judge Fountain's decision, regardless what it may be, is expected to be appealed in order to get a State Supreme Court ruling. It's a friendly suit initiated by the state of North Carolina to clear up a question on whether money could be borrowed for building such an installation at the port under terms of the 1949 state ports bond act.

Plaintiff in the suit is the State Ports Authority. Defendants are the First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co., Wachovia Bank and Trust, and the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.

The Coast Line entered the case as a friend of the court, contending that its rail facilities might be affected.

Low Bidder
First-Citizens, low bidder on the bond issue, contends it cannot accept the bonds until the legal points are settled. Wachovia holds some of the 1949 port bonds.

The 1949 act authorized the state to sell \$7,500,000 worth of bonds for use in developing the Wilmington and Morehead City ports. The grain-handling facilities figuring in the new issue would be leased to Cargill, Inc., a major grain firm.

The Ports Authority was represented in court by Attorney General Harry McMullan and Assistant Attorney General Ralph Moody; First-Citizens by D. L. Ward and J. E. Tucker of New Bern; Wachovia by Penn Sandridge of Winston-Salem, and the Coast Line by Norman Shepherd.

The judge was asked if lease of facilities built with state bond money meant the faith and credit of the state would be lent to a private corporation. The banks' lawyers contended this might be a key point in the case. The railroad lawyer claimed the point was critical.

McMullan and Moody answered that many states and public agencies have issued bonds for similar purposes. They said public owned facilities at a number of ports are leased to private operators.

Where these facilities are used for the public benefit, they claimed, public expenditures are legal and proper.

Railroad Argues
The Coast Line said in a brief that a policy permitting state subsidized port facilities may subject it to unreasonable competition. It claimed it feared the policy would lead to bond money being used for phases of a truck-shipping line system proposed by McLean Trucking Company of Winston-Salem.

The McLean plan envisions a fleet of coastal ships which would carry truck trailers between the Wilmington port and northern water terminals.

McMullan and Moody moved that references to the McLean plan did not bear on the case at hand and should be stricken from the record. Judge Fountain allowed the motion.

In operation the McLean plan would only slightly interfere with Coast Line operations.

School Superintendent Praises Board Member

H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, expressed his appreciation Tuesday to A. B. Cooper, Morehead City, who is being replaced on the County Board of Education by George R. Wallace, Morehead City.

"Mr. Cooper has been most active on the board and interested in county-wide school administration," Mr. Joslyn remarked. "He has been most cooperative."

Because Mr. Cooper is mayor of Atlantic Beach, statute prohibits his continuing in another public office, that of board of education member. He was appointed in the place of Charles V. Webb who died while in office.

Members of the education board are appointed every two years when the legislature meets. A bill introduced in the house Monday night appointed education board members for 94 counties, Carteret included.

At the 1954 term of the legislature, members were appointed for two years. At that time the number on the education board was increased from three to five.

This year the terms are staggered — two members appointed for six years, two for four years and one for two.

Mr. Joslyn said that type of arrangement is more conducive to smooth operation of the school system. Robert W. Safrit Jr. and Theodore Smith have been appointed for six years each, Mr. Wallace and W. B. Allen, four years each, and D. Mason, two years.

Beaufort Pre-School Clinic To Begin at 1 Wednesday

Registration for next year's first graders at Beaufort Graded School will begin Wednesday at 1 p. m. in the Beaufort school gymnasium.

At that time children will be officially put on the rolls of the school for the coming year. Parents will be given the alternative of having their children examined by members of the county health department at this time or by their family physicians later. Each beginning student must have a physical examination and immunization before school opening next year.

Every child must be accompanied by at least one parent who must bring along the child's birth certificate to prove that he or she will be 6 years old by Oct. 15, 1955. Parents are asked to pick up report forms prior to the date of the clinic so as to have all necessary information for the teacher in charge. These may be picked up at the school or will be sent to parents by the school if requested.

"It is very important that all persons concerned attend this clinic so as to make it possible for the school to know how many students to plan for next year," said B. E. Tarkington, principal.

Refreshments will be served the pre-school children.

Miss Myrtle Piver, first grade teacher, Beaufort Graded School, will be in charge.

The Newport Businessmen's Association will meet at 7:30 Tuesday in the community building. The meeting was postponed from last Tuesday.

Society Seeks Handicapped

Parents seeking care for crippled children in this area should contact the Carteret County Easter Seal Society.

In a special announcement, Mrs. Zeb Mauney, president of the society, asked parents and other citizens to notify her if they know of a crippled child who needs help.

"By crippled we mean not only those who are unable to walk, but with many other kinds of handicapping conditions. The Society stands ready to provide care and treatment services of all kinds," Mrs. Mauney said.

Director Lists Players in Next Theatre Drama

Lynn Stoller, director of the next Carteret Community Theatre play, "The Night of Jan. 16th," yesterday announced the cast.

Characters are as follows: District Attorney Flint, Steve Dail; Defense Attorney Stevens, Jack Filkins; Karen Andre, Pat Webb; Nancy Lee Franklin, Sam Daniels; Madga Swinson, Lillian Frances Giddens; Jane Chandler, Joyce Willis; Sigurd Jungquist, Charles O'Conner; Judge Heath, H. F. Lindsay; Dr. Kirkland, Harlan Stone.

Homer Van Fleet, Floyd Stewart; Elmer Sweeney, Hap Hansen; John Whitfield, Ed Walston; Larry Regan, Walt Hamilton; Roberta van Rensselaer, Susan Bridgman.

Clerk of court, Lynn Stoller; Alida Willis and Ruth Peeling, stenographers; Tressa Vickers, prison matron; policeman, Tom Respass.

The play will be given in the courtroom of the county courthouse the latter part of April or first part of May. It's the dramatization of a murder trial with Karen Andre on trial for her life.

Smyrna Seniors Will Present Play Tonight

Tonight at 7:30 the curtain goes up on the Smyrna Senior play, Lost Horizon, at Smyrna School.

Announcement of the winner of the Sweetheart of Smyrna High will also be made. In addition to the contestants named earlier this week, Mona Faye Arthur will represent the Glee Club.

Walker G. Willis Wins High Commendation

Walker G. Willis, son of Mrs. Thomas Willis of Morehead City, has received a letter of appreciation from the commanding officer of the Rio Vista Storage Activity group at Rio Vista, Calif.

Mr. Willis, relief master at the Oakland Army Base, is credited with the removal of three large barges which threatened to damage the Three Mile Slough Bridge in the Sacramento River during the night of Jan. 6-7, 1955.

He volunteered for the duty of operating a landing craft which would help push the barges aground, though he had never before operated one of these craft.

On two occasions during the night Willis was instrumental in re-beaching the barges without damage after they had slipped off the beach.

Willis worked for 12 hours under the most trying conditions to keep the barges beached and then helped in the re-mooring of the vessels, his commanding officer said.

Power Off Sunday
Electric power will be off in Morehead City between 3rd and 28th Streets Sunday for 15-minute intervals as follows: 4 a. m. to 4:15 a. m., 7 a. m. to 7:15 a. m., 10 a. m. to 10:15 a. m., 1:30 p. m. to 1:45 p. m.

Principals Attend State Meeting at Asheville

Principals attending the North Carolina Education Association meeting at Asheville this weekend are G. T. Windell, Morehead City, president of the state principals' division; Ramie Davis, Wildwood, and E. B. Comer, Newport.

Also attending the meeting are H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent, and two Future Teacher of America members from the Morehead City chapter.



Four students will debate the issue, Resolved: that democracy is better than communism for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, this afternoon at 1:30 in the Morehead City School auditorium. They are pictured above with their teacher, Miss Virginia Wilkes. Left to right, they are Billy Rich, James Phillips, Miss Wilkes, Milton Roush and Mary Smith. The debaters are sophomores.

Refreshments were served by the executive committee.