

# Engineers to Open Bids Today On Dredging at Ocracoke

## Jaycee Pageant Committee Meets

Luther Lewis and Charles Willis, co-chairmen of the Miss North Carolina Pageant to be held in Morehead City July 26-28, presided at a meeting of pageant committee chairmen Thursday night at the Hotel Fort Macon.

Mr. Willis announced that Bill Norwood, announcer on WNCT-TV, Greenville, will act as master of ceremonies for the pageant.

Under discussion were the number of programs to be printed and letters to be sent to all Jaycee clubs in the state interested in sending contestants.

The group voted to have 2,000 programs printed, and bids will be asked from printing companies throughout this area by Floyd Chadwick, program chairman.

Information on sending publicity on the pageant to newspapers, radio and TV stations throughout the state was presented by Hal Shapiro.

Attending the meeting, in addition to those mentioned, were L. G. Dunn, James Macy, Paul Cordova, Russ Willan, Jerry Willis, Frank Cassiano, Bob Davis, Cooper Hamilton and Dr. Russell Outlaw.

Bids will be opened at Wilmington today on extensive dredging work in the Ocracoke area.

According to Army Engineers, the dredging will be a three-phase one-contract job: restoring Silver Lake Harbor to 10 feet, Wainwright Slough Channel to 7 feet, and Wallace Channel opposite Ocracoke Inlet to 12 feet.

Work is expected to begin 20 days from today. Bids will be opened at 10:30 this morning at the Corps of Engineers' office.

**Gerig Finishes**

The engineer dredge Gerig completed a million-cubic-yard maintenance dredging job in the Beaufort Inlet bar channel Wednesday and is now on similar work in the Cape Fear bar channel at Southport.

P. M. Snell, head of the Corps of Engineers District Construction Division, Wilmington, says the Beaufort Inlet Channel is in "excellent shape" with all markers in correct locations and the water depth at 30 feet (plus 2 feet overdepth) and 400 feet wide in the outer channel and 300 feet wide in the gorge.

Normally, Mr. Snell explains, the volume of dredging would be much less but Hurricanes Connie, Diane and Ione last year built above-average shoals in the channel.

**Bardens Inlet**

In other activities, the Dredge Savannah (Norfolk Dredging Co.) will begin work on Bardens Inlet (Back Sound to Lookout Bight) tomorrow. The Savannah will move to the area from entrance-channel dredging at Oriental. Bardens Inlet, now 5 feet deep by 50 feet wide, will be increased to 7 feet deep by 100 feet wide.

The Dredge Atkinson began Friday to remove shoals in the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway at Swansboro. This is the first phase of work covering the route from that point to Little River, S. C.

Invitations for bids will go out today for some 140,000 cubic yards of dredging at Stumpy Point and Far Creek at Engelhard. The Stumpy Point Channel will be restored to 7 feet deep and 75 feet wide.

At Engelhard it will be 7 feet by 60 feet. An overdepth of 2 feet will be dredged at both points. Bids for this combined job are scheduled to be opened March 20 with work to begin within 20 days thereafter.

## Two Ships Will Arrive At Morehead This Week

Two ships will arrive at Morehead City port this week to load general cargo and sail for South America.

The ships are the M/S Frederika, a Swedish freighter, which will arrive here from New York tomorrow, and the M/V Montevideo, a Norwegian freighter which will arrive Friday.

The Paranagua, a Swedish freighter, loaded general cargo over the weekend, and sailed Sunday. Agents and stevedores for the vessel are Heide and Co., Morehead City.

The Frederika will probably sail Wednesday or Thursday and the Montevideo will probably sail Sunday.

# 300 Hear Symphony Friday Night at Beaufort School

Approximately 300 persons attended the annual concert of the North Carolina Little Symphony Friday night at the Beaufort School auditorium.

Directing the orchestra was Dr. Benjamin Swalin. The featured soloist was Mary Jennings, soprano.

The program consisted of Overture to the Opera, The Merry Wives of Windsor by Nicolai; Symphony No. 92, in G Major by Haydn; Valse Triste, Sibelius; Clear Track, Strauss; Roumanian Dances, Bartok.

Ballet music from the opera William Tell, Rossini; overture to the opera Il Signor Bruschino, Rossini; and as encores Tales from the Vienna Woods; Traumerel and Dixie.

Miss Jennings sang the aria from Deities of the Styx from Alceste

by Gluck; Ballatella, Ah Ye Birds Without Number from Paggiacci by Leoncavallo; Porgi Amor from the Marriage of Figaro by Mozart; Awakening by Golde, and as an encore Summertime from Porgy and Bess by Gershwin.

**Beaufort Firemen Go On Resuscitator Call**

Beaufort firemen answered a resuscitator call at the Virgil Woolard residence on Live Oak Street Saturday morning at 8:55 a.m.

The Woolard's young baby had fallen on the floor and knocked itself out. The baby was conscious by the time firemen arrived and was all right.

Free China reports its population is now more than 10 million.

## Agents Conduct 4-H Programs

Leaders of the County 4-H program are Mrs. Floy Garner, home agent, and R. M. Williams, county agent.

Assisting the county agent in the 4-H program, which includes 399 boys, is Harry Venters. Mrs. Garner conducts the program for the girls which has an enrollment of 520.

Until January, Al C. Newsome, who is now working in Gates County, was in charge of the boys' 4-H program as assistant county agent.

(Editor's Note: See section 2 for special stories and pictures on 4-H work in the county.)



R. M. Williams

## Baptist Church Will Conduct Revival March 12-18

Revival services will be held in the First Baptist Church, Beaufort, March 12-18. The Rev. Douglas Aldrich, pastor of the Forrest Hills Baptist Church, Raleigh, will be the guest evangelist.

Services will begin each evening, Monday through Sunday, at 7:30. Special music will be provided by



The Rev. Douglas Aldrich ... from Raleigh.

the three choirs. The church's pastor, the Rev. W. T. Roberson, will lead the music.

Mr. Aldrich is one of North Carolina's most sought-after preachers, Mr. Roberson said. He is popular as a preacher among college students and other youth groups, in addition to being an evangelist. Mr. Aldrich is on the program of the Southern Baptist Convention this year in Kansas City. "Beaufort is extremely fortunate to engage this busy young preacher," Mr. Roberson commented.

"The public is cordially invited to attend these special services," he added.

**Application Rejected**

The application filed by Atlantic Beach of Civil Defense funds has been rejected again, Gray Hassell, county engineer, reported yesterday. Other county applications have been approved.

## Port Calendar

M/S Frederika—Due Wednesday at Morehead City port to load up with general cargo.

Esso New Orleans—Due Wednesday at Esso Standard Terminal with gasoline and fuel oil from Baytown, Texas.

M/V Montevideo—Norwegian freighter due Friday at Morehead City port to load general cargo. Will sail Sunday.

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## Inquest

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girl who was also beaten, according to information from the authorities, but that child has been released from the hospital.

Mrs. King continued, "That night I had a headache and had taken a sedative. Later my girlfriend woke me up on account of she heard a noise. She asked if someone was knocking on the door and I said, 'No, it's in the Housman apartment.' And again in a few minutes we heard him hollering at the babies."

Under questioning by the solicitor, Mrs. King described the noise. She said, "It sounded like licks being passed and two babies crying, then the noise ceased."

When asked if she heard Sergeant Housman say anything, the witness replied, "He was cursing and swearing at the babies. He was hollering awfully loud that night."

**Babies Asleep**

She continued, "I saw the babies the next morning when I went to ask him if he was going to take the babies out to my girlfriend's. The babies were asleep on the bed at the time and I didn't go around to look at them."

Mrs. King said she didn't see the children again until 3 o'clock that day, Thursday, Feb. 23. She testified, "My girlfriend came to where I work and said the babies were black and blue, so I took off and went home."

"When we got there, he (Housman) had the older baby in the car and I went on up in the apartment and saw the youngest baby. He was black and blue. I told Jim that we ought to take him to the doctor's. So we took him to Cherry Point."

**Baby Examined**

She told the solicitor that she didn't know who examined the baby, but she thought it was a Dr. Williams. She said that the doctor told them to take the child home but if it started "throwing up or any changes take place, bring him back."

Mrs. King said Sergeant Housman was with her at that time and they then took the baby home where they put him to bed.

She said that she next saw the baby on Friday in the afternoon. Mrs. King continued, "Jim came down to where I work at the cleaners and said the baby was having convulsions. We took the baby to Dr. Hatcher in Morehead City. He examined it and called Cherry Point and Cherry Point said to take the baby to the hospital at Camp Lejeune."

**Doctor Testifies**

Mrs. King left the stand and the next witness called by Coroner Leslie D. Springle was Dr. Peter W. Snyder, a commander in the Navy stationed at Camp Lejeune.

He said he was in his quarters when he was called to examine the baby at 8 Friday night. He explained that he was a pediatrician, a child specialist.

Dr. Snyder said, "When I first saw the child I was aware that it was convulsing." He said there were "bruises across the chest, abdomen, left flank and a small area of bruising on the back."

When asked what type of brain injury the child was suffering from, he said, "Contusion of the brain as a result of convulsive disorder."

The doctor continued, "We attempted to treat the child in the recommended manner and I left the hospital at 10:30 that evening. During the night it continued to convulse."

He said that a neuro-surgeon also saw the child and they both agreed on the diagnosis and that the child was seriously ill. The baby was given sedatives in an attempt to control the convulsing, but it continued to convulse, according to the witness.

He said that he was called again at 2 p.m. when the child had just had another convulsion "and had expired." Dr. Snyder said death was caused by a "cerebral contusion," or in simple language bruising of the brain.

After each witness testified, the coroner asked Sergeant Housman if he wished to question the witness and Housman mumbled, "No sir."

The next witness, Dr. G. H. Friedell, a pathologist stationed at Camp Lejeune, said he saw the body of the baby on the night of the 25th when Coroner Springle impaneled a jury at Lejeune.

**Autopsy Performed**

He described bruises on the baby's body and said that "at the request of the coroner and with the approval of the commanding officer an autopsy was performed."

He said the autopsy revealed that the brain was bruised, which caused internal bleeding and that there were also tears in the tough membranous tissue which holds the brain in place. "Cause of death," Dr. Friedell said, "was undoubtedly due to injury to the brain and its attendant bleeding."

Under questioning by the solicitor, he said that the injury was due "to application of some external force either directly or indirectly." Because of the soft bones in a baby's head, he said it is not easy to say exactly whether the blows were struck there.

Maj. C. B. Burch, USMC, the next witness to take the stand, said that he was called in on the case prior to the death of the baby. Major Burch is G-2 investigations officer, Cherry Point.

Solicitor Rouse asked Burch to identify Sergeant Housman and the officer pointed to Housman. Then

# Civil Defense Director Gives Report On Year's Activities to County Board

## Col. Harry Brown to Head State's Hurricane Program

Col. Harry Brown, Atlanta, Ga., has been appointed to supervise a multi-million dollar program for reducing the effects of future hurricanes in North Carolina.

Gov. Luther H. Hodges announced the appointment Thursday and issued a report describing the program in detail.

The governor, who is seeking \$20,000,000 in Federal funds to help implement the recommendations made by the Council of Civil Defense with the help of a Citizens Advisory Panel and a Committee on Hurricane Rehabilitation, said suggestions have been sent to Tar Heel Congressmen in Washington.

The 64-page report, compiled after a \$27,000 study following four destructive hurricanes in 1954 and 1955, proposed the establishment of a special staff, working directly through the office of the governor, to help in guiding and coordinating hurricane protection programs.

Colonel Brown, the governor said, has been chosen to take charge of this work.

Brown now is assistant administrator for operations control services in the Civil Defense office at Battle Creek, Mich.

He formerly was regional CD administrator with headquarters in Thomasville, Ga., and he worked closely with North Carolina authorities in disaster relief work following Hurricane Hazel and in helping municipalities relieve water shortages in 1953 and 1954.

## Negro News

**Morehead City Hospital Admitted:** On Friday, Mrs. Clyde Alvin George, Havelock; Mrs. Carrie Smith, Beaufort.

**Discharged:** Mr. Extra Quick, Morehead City, Thursday.

## Births at Morehead City Hospital:

To Mr. and Mrs. Clyde George, Havelock, a son, Friday, March 2.

The Community Dramatic Club met Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. Mamie Clemmons. A short devotional was led by the hostess after which a birthday party was given in honor of a club member, Mrs. Bessie Mills.

Games were played and refreshments served. Mrs. Mills was presented with gifts from each member.

Present were Mrs. Naomi Beeton, Mrs. Clemmons, Mrs. Mamie Fuller, Mrs. Louise Henderson, Mrs. Virginia Horton, Mrs. Beulah Jones, Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Elsie Warnett.

A meeting will be held tomorrow night at 8 in the home of Mrs. Fuller.

The Ladies Home Instruction Club will celebrate its seventh anniversary Thursday night with a meeting at 8:30 at the Anchor Inn, Morehead City.

Queen of the South, Order of Eastern Star Chapter No. 209, will meet tonight at 7:30 in the Masonic Hall.

The senior choir of St. Luke's Baptist Church will give a musical program Friday at 8 p.m. in the Christian Star Church. The public is invited.

## To Attend Meeting

Mrs. Louise Nelson, Beaufort; Mrs. John T. Fussell Jr., Morehead City, and Mrs. Eunice Paul, Sea Level, members of the North Carolina Kindergarten Association will attend the meeting of the North Carolina Association for Childhood Education at Woman's College University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Saturday, March 17.

The major read a statement which he took from Housman at noon Friday, Feb. 25.

The statement, in part, follows: "My wife was admitted to the station hospital on Wednesday and I had time off from the base . . . about 8:30 p.m. the girl in the crib started crying and the boy on the bed was crying . . . I hit the boy first, several times with my hand . . . I hit her four or five times and she fell against the crib . . . I put alcohol where she hurt her face and put the baby in a crib with its bottle."

When the major left the stand, the jury filed out. Members of the jury were Douglas Merrill, P. C. Beam, T. P. Allen, George Broda, Fred Davis and Elmore Davis, foreman.

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## Seed for Wildlife Plants Available at Farm Office

R. M. Williams, county farm agent, has announced that the second delivery of wildlife conservation seed will be available at the farm agent's office today.

The seed and bi-color plants are available to farmers free of charge from the Wildlife Conservation Department.

Mr. Williams also announced that R. R. Rich, extension dairy specialist, will be in the county Thursday to discuss dairying problems with 4-H Club members.

stations for broadcast and after the storms passed, assisted in obtaining necessary help in the county.

The Civil Defense director, during the past year, has spoken to civic groups and pupils in public schools. It was also reported that under the Civil Defense matching fund program, Newport obtained radio equipment for its fire trucks.

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