

State Ports Authority Hopes To Acquire Old Rifle Range

The North Carolina State Ports Authority has filed a request to purchase the old Camp Glenn rifle range, recently declared by the government as surplus property. The site would be used for warehouses.

Action by the State Ports Authority followed a report last week by H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, that the education board was not interested in acquiring it.

When Mr. Joslyn first learned several weeks ago that an agency of the Army at Atlanta had declared the property surplus, he inquired about obtaining it for future development of the Morehead City school system.

The property, Mr. Joslyn said, is 350 feet wide at one end and T-shaped at the other. Because this was deemed inappropriate for construction of a school plant, Mr. Joslyn attempted to obtain adjoining property owned by the Banks estate. He said, however, that the price wanted was beyond the ability of the county to pay.

Proposal Considered
The Morehead City School Board considered the rifle range property, but after study, decided that the Barbour property, purchased for a future high school, was the more desirable site.

Col. R. S. Marr, executive director of the North Carolina State Ports Authority, wrote Mr. Joslyn this month relative to the education board's interest in the property. Mr. Joslyn, meanwhile, had informed the federal government that the school system had given up the idea of acquiring it.

Mr. Joslyn said that if money were available, it would be nice for the education board to acquire the property for future use, but at present, such is not feasible.

He remarked that in 1952 the board of education had made an effort to buy the rifle range property but at that time it was not available.

It has been anticipated, too, that some day the property might be used as a site for a National Guard armory.

Time Limit
Mr. Joslyn also explained that property bought from the government must be put to use within three years. In view of that fact, federal property which becomes available in this area could not be held for periods of years, in hope of some day putting it to use.

J. D. Holt, ports manager, said that it will probably be quite some time before it is known whether the State Ports Authority is successful in obtaining the land.

The rifle range is located west of Morehead City off Highway 70.

Band to Give Concert Tonight

The Beaufort School Band, under the direction of C. F. Jones, will give its annual spring concert tonight in the school auditorium at 8 o'clock.

The program will include Com Suser Tod (Come Sweet Death) by Johan Sebastian Bach; two movements, allegro and andante of Military Symphony in F for Band, Gossec; Pacific Waves Overture, Dotti; Block M March, Bilik.

A feature number to be presented will be Show Boat selections by Jerome Kern; Through the Years, Youmans, featuring Jimmy Potter, trumpet soloist, and A Trumpeter's Lullaby, Anderson, featuring Jimmy Murphy, trumpet soloist.

Other numbers will be Marianna, Singer; Highlights from Oklahoma, Rogers; Office of the Day March, Hall; Wing Ding, Singer; and Entry of the Gladiators, Fucik.

The band will appear on WITN-TV Wednesday afternoon at 1:30.

Quarter Inch Rain Falls Over Weekend

Carteret County received a quarter inch of rain over the weekend, says E. Stamey Davis, weather observer.

The high temperature was recorded on Friday, 65 degrees, and the low was recorded Thursday when the mercury dropped to 30.

The high and low temperatures and the wind directions follow:
Max. Min. Winds
Thursday 58 30 S
Friday 65 46 SW
Saturday 64 50 SW
Sunday 50 32 SW

Dealers Meet Tonight
Carteret County electrical appliance dealers will meet tonight for dinner at 6:45 at Sanitary Fish Market Restaurant to discuss plans for an electrical appliance show to be held in May in cooperation with Carolina Power and Light Company.

Attorney General Gives Opinion on Health Bonds

C&D Director Will Attend Dinner Thursday

William P. Saunders, director of the State Department of Conservation and Development, has accepted an invitation to attend the Chamber of Commerce banquet Thursday in Morehead City.

Speaker at the banquet will be Gov. Luther Hodges. Governor Hodges will be introduced by D. G. Bell, Morehead City, county legislator. Mr. Bell was a dinner



William P. Saunders, special guest

guest of Governor and Mrs. Hodges at the executive mansion in Raleigh last night. He will return to the county today.

Mayor George W. Dill, Morehead City, will introduce Mr. Saunders and other state dignitaries.

The dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. The time has been changed to this earlier hour so that persons attending the banquet may go to Maundy Thursday church services which have been rescheduled for 8 p.m.

J. A. DuBois, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, says that tickets for the banquet are still available, but reservations should be made today without fail. The banquet will take place at Captain Bill's Waterfront Restaurant. Reservations may be made at the restaurant or at the chamber of commerce office, 6-3404.

Governor Hodges will preside at a lunch luncheon at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Hotel Fort Macon. Members of the citizens advisory panel on hurricane protection will attend, as well as members of the All-Sea-shore Highway Association and members of North Carolina's delegation to the Rivers and Harbors Congress.

Governor Hodges will leave Morehead City for a trip along the outer banks Friday.

News in Nutshell

INTERNATIONAL
RUMBLINGS of doubt and revolt inside the Communist parties of Britain, East Germany, Italy and Austria have been heard as the result of the Kremlin's recasting the dead Stalin from a role of hero to villain.

PRESIDENT CORTINES of Mexico, Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent of Canada, and President Eisenhower started a two-day meeting, Operation Friendship, today at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

NATIONAL
SEN. ESTES KEFAUVER, Democratic candidate for the presidency, stated that he didn't believe Southern Democrats would split over the segregation issue.

A BATTLE ROYAL is now underway between Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler and GOP Chairman Leonard W. Hall over how much President Eisenhower might shift some of his duties if re-elected in November.

STATE
CAROLINA'S PEACH orchards are being checked for damage caused by the recent freezing weather. Last year the entire peach crop was destroyed by a similar late freeze.

SEN. W. KERR SCOTT has announced that he is co-sponsoring legislation that will "pave the way for a long-range permanent program of protection of North Carolina's coastal areas against damages from hurricanes and other natural disasters."

A letter from the state attorney general's office to Alvah Hamilton, county attorney, states that a State Supreme Court ruling is desirable relative to borrowing money to build a county health center.

The letter was received by Mr. Hamilton yesterday. It stated that the Supreme Court has never ruled on whether a health center is essential, but gave the opinion "that at this time a good case could be made before the Supreme Court to the effect that a health center NOW has become a necessary expense."

The county is seeking to obtain a health center, but in order to match federal and state funds, has to borrow \$10,000. To borrow that amount, Mr. Hamilton has pointed out that a vote of the people would be necessary.

Dr. C. G. Applewhite of the State Board of Health appeared before the county board of commissioners this month and said that he had a letter from the attorney general stating that a referendum would not be necessary.

The letter received by Mr. Hamilton yesterday from Attorney General William Rodman made no reference to Dr. Applewhite's letter or statement. Mr. Hamilton said that he sent a copy of Dr. Applewhite's letter to bond attorneys in New York, asking if on the basis of that letter, bonds could be sold. As of yesterday, Mr. Hamilton had not heard from the New York attorneys.

The attorney general's letter received by Mr. Hamilton yesterday said a tremendous public service would be rendered if a case regarding health centers would be presented before the Supreme Court so that a ruling could be obtained as to whether they are essential or not. The state constitution at present defines them as non-essential.

The attorney general said that in the absence of such a ruling he didn't think the county could get the bonds sold.

125 Take Tax Cases to Board

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Fire Truck To Have New Motor

Morehead City's FWD fire truck will soon have a much more powerful motor.

The truck which was bought about five years ago, has always been operated under a handicap, not enough power, according to D. J. Hall, fire commissioner.

Last week final approval was given to a plan whereby the FWD people will replace the 130 horsepower motor with a 165. The only cost to the town of Morehead City will be the difference between the price of a new 130 and new 160 hp motor.

Commissioner Hall said that difference will probably be about \$150. The other costs, at least \$1,000, will be borne by the FWD firm.

Fire Chief Vernon Guthrie said the truck will be sent to Carolina Equipment Co., Raleigh, for installation of the new motor.

Commissioner Hall said that a proposal to have the department's newly-acquired "surplus" tank truck converted at Newport is under consideration. The conversion, which involves outfitting a pipeline, would probably cost about \$175, he said.

Pilot Charlie Piner Took A Trip He Didn't Want

Not since 1917, Capt. Charlie Piner says, has he ever had to leave Morehead City on shipboard when he didn't want to. But the record was shattered this month.

Captain Charlie, veteran Morehead City harbor pilot, was "shanghaied" Thursday, March 8, when high seas prevented his leaving the 'Esso' tanker New Orleans after he took her out from the Morehead City dock.

Utilities Commission Permits 50 Per Cent Water Rate Raise

Resigns Position



Cecil O. Morris, Atlantic, above, has resigned as chairman of the state's commercial fisheries committee, Board of Conservation and Development.

Mr. Morris is also retiring from business in Atlantic where he has operated a general store and oil business. He has been affiliated with the commercial fisheries committee for several years.

Mr. Morris, who is suffering from arthritis, is retiring because of his health. His successor has not yet been named.

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One-Week Term of Court To Open Tuesday, Beaufort

A one-week criminal session of Superior Court gets underway next Tuesday morning at the courthouse, Beaufort. Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn will preside.

Twenty-one cases will go before the grand jury. They are as follows:

A. J. Williams, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill; William Dewey Swift, speeding; Ganes Thomas Chapman, drunken driving; Dalton Earl Whaley, careless and reckless driving; J. D. Arnold Jr., breaking, entering and larceny.

Heber Lewis Jarvis, breaking, entering and larceny; Simmie Smith, fraud; Robert Adams, larceny; Walter L. Jarvis, breaking, entering and larceny; Larry Daniel Kennitz, breaking, entering and larceny; Francis Lee Bailey Jr., motor vehicle violations.

Roderick Woodrow Long, drunken driving; Dalton Earl Lawrence, racing; Leo B. Eubanks, gambling; Mrs. Alice Abbott, assault and

slander; Raymond Garner, motor vehicle violations; Henry Glenn Smith, manslaughter.

Ralph Arnold, breaking, entering and larceny; Hassell Brown Lawrence, careless and reckless driving; Virgil Bender, gambling, and James Housman, murder.

Cases to be heard Tuesday (if the grand jury returns true bills) are Frederick M. Raris, motor vehicle violations; Robert Adams, drunken driving; Horace Johnson, whisky violation; A. J. Williams, assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill; Herbert Howell, no-operator's license.

William Dewey Swift, speeding; Clemmie Dodson, motor vehicle violations; Ganes Thomas Chapman, drunken driving; Heber Lewis Jarvis, breaking, entering and larceny.

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E. H. Potter Dies Sunday; Funeral Monday

Edward Hartland Potter, 72, died Sunday morning at his home on Marsh Street, Beaufort, after a long illness.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 yesterday afternoon in the Ann Street Methodist Church, with the Rev. J. D. Young, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Ocean View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were T. T. Potter, James D. Potter, James H. Potter III, Gilbert Potter, W. H. Potter, all of Beaufort, and Tommy Russell of Morehead City, all nephews of Mr. Potter.

Mr. Potter, son of the late James Hollister and Nannie Murray Potter was a life-long resident of Beaufort. He received his education in the Beaufort schools and in Washington, D. C.

He was affiliated with Westinghouse in Pittsburgh and returned to Beaufort as manager of the Beaufort Lee Plant. He held this position until his retirement three years ago.

He had been a member of Ann Street Methodist Church for 58 years, had served as town commissioner for several terms, and was a county commissioner until a month ago when his health forced him to resign. He was appointed to the county board Nov. 10, 1952 to fill the unexpired term of Hugh Salter.

Surviving are his wife, Alma Russell Potter, a son, Cmdr. E. H. Potter Jr., USN, Jacksonville, Fla., two daughters, Mrs. W. D. Howard, Beaufort, Mrs. J. C. Ellington, Swansboro; one sister, Miss Nannie Potter; three brothers, H. L., W. V. B., J. H. Jr., all of Beaufort, and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the Missionary Baptist Church, Harkers Island, with the Rev. Mr. Goodwin officiating. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Surviving are the parents, five sisters, Mrs. Frederick Willis, Rose Mae, Elsie Down, Rachel, and Shirley; three brothers, Walter Daniel, Mickey and Kenneth, all of Harkers Island; and his maternal grandfather, Don Lewis of Harkers Island.

The child was injured when he fell from the back of the family car on Harkers Island and was then struck by a car driven by Clarence Willis. Willis, also of Harkers Island, was following behind the Chadwick automobile.

Eugene suffered a fractured skull, brain concussion and broken leg. He died at 12:20 p.m. Sunday, having never recovered consciousness after the accident.

Swansboro to Open Library April 2

The recently-completed Community Library in Swansboro, first municipal project completed this year in the Finer Carolina program, will be opened to the public April 2.

Swansboro Woman's Club will hold an open house at the library, located in the Community Hall of the Community Building, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. that day.

The project was sponsored by the Woman's and Men's Clubs and the Town of Swansboro.

Linwood Williams is general chairman of the Finer Carolina Program and Mrs. Georgia Dentzer is publicity chairman.

The town will receive tonight at a special awards dinner a thousand dollar check from Carolina Power and Light Co. as a winner in the 1955 Finer Carolina contest.

Wins Commission



Ensign Sterling G. Dixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Dixon, Davis, was recently commissioned at the Naval Pre-Flight School, Pensacola, Fla.

Ensign Dixon received his bachelor's degree in chemistry at the University of North Carolina in 1955. He is a member of Alpha Chi Sigma, national chemistry fraternity and a member of the American Chemical Society.

He graduated from Smyrna High School in 1951 and is now continuing his flight training at Pensacola.

Harkers Island Boy Dies Sunday

Eugene Dail Chadwick, 4 1/2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene L. Chadwick of Harkers Island, died Sunday afternoon in Morehead City Hospital of injuries sustained Saturday, March 17.

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Postcard Travels By Turtle Express

Once in a while a piece of mail disappears and after a long time turns up again. Miss Mary Arendell, 609 Bridges St., Morehead City, knows what it feels like to be confronted with a mystery.

She received last week a postcard from Washington, D. C., dated Aug. 3, 1934. It was from a friend of hers who stopped off in Washington on her way to New York.

The message on the card consisted of a greeting and told Miss Arendell that the writer would forward her address when she got in New York.

Miss Arendell said that her friend wrote after she got in New York and mentioned that she had mailed Miss Arendell a card from Washington, but Miss Arendell never received it.

Well, it turned up last week, just 22 years late. Miss Arendell says, "With this election coming up, they probably got busy up there in Washington and cleaned out their postoffice."

Alert Motorist Reports 'Object'

A motorist, J. L. Snipes, Morehead City, reported Friday that he saw something in the sky Thursday night which resembled a meteor, falling from the heavens to earth.

Mr. Snipes said that he noticed the object as he was traveling to Morehead City from Havelock about 8:20 p.m. and that it was in a southeasterly direction from his location on Highway 70.

Although the object may have been something from outer space, investigations proved that it most likely was a star shell or flare fired from a Navy vessel entering the Morehead City port.

Water Company Manager Says Firm Might Appeal

Carolina Water Co. has been granted a 50 per cent increase in rates, according to a decision handed down by the State Utilities Commission Thursday, but the water company might file an appeal.

The water company, which serves Beaufort, Morehead City and Snow Hill requested last September that rates be doubled in Beaufort and Morehead City and increased 35 per cent at Snow Hill.

C. W. Williams, manager of Carolina Water Co., said yesterday that the water company will start this month crediting customers with the amount overpaid since November, when the company put the doubled rate into effect.

Mr. Williams said the rebate will include the month of March. It is possible, he said, that some folks may not have to pay a water bill in April if the rebate covers the bill.

Posted Bond
When the water company filed its request for higher rates, it was required to post \$50,000 as guarantee that customers would be given refunds if the requested rate was not granted.

Beaufort, Morehead City and Snow Hill fought the rate increase. Retained as counsel was Dr. Beverly Lake, Raleigh. The utilities commission heard the case in December.

The water company's attorneys in Boston are now studying the utilities commission's ruling. The ruling states that the water company has to begin rebating within 30 days after the decision is handed down.

When asked what would happen if the courts allowed a doubled rate, the rebates having been made, Mr. Williams admitted he didn't know. He emphasized, however, that by yesterday water company attorneys had not decided whether they would appeal.

One Dissent
Of the four utilities commissioners writing a decision, only one dissented. Edward H. McMahan said that Carolina Water Co. requested too much of an increase, but added that the raise allowed is "inadequate."

Mr. Williams said that his company may base its appeal on Commissioner McMahan's contentions.

Costs Paid
Costs were assessed against William I. Loftin Jr., speeding; James R. Moore, no operator's license, and Eddie Lee Collins, bad checks. Collins was also ordered to make good on the checks.

Archie Fulford was assessed half-costs for improper registration.

Charges of improper registration against Joseph Franklin Long, and no operator's license against Joseph Cicero, were dropped.

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Calvin Sandier, Walter Odell Bruton, Ramon Edwards Schultz, Joseph C. Jollie, Clinton Joyner, Roderick Moore, John A. Stewart, Ivan Goodwin, Donald Kanudsen, Clayton Kanudsen, Joseph Lee Gillikin and Perry B. Van Antwerp.

Banks to Observe Next Monday as Easter Holiday
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Most of the stores in Beaufort and Morehead City will be open as usual. The town halls in Beaufort and Morehead City and the county courthouse will close.

Newport Wins Land Judging Meet at New Bern Thursday

Newport was the winner in the Federation Land Judging contest Thursday. The contest was held on the farm of Elbert Cook, a few miles west of New Bern. Other schools participating in the contest were Dover, Jasper, and Pamlico.

Representing the Newport FFA land-judging team were Billy Simmons, Donald Haskett, Albert Wallace and Eugene Edwards. The team was coached by C. S. Long, FFA advisor and teacher of agriculture in the Newport School, and David Jones, Carteret County soil conservationist.

The Newport team plans to participate in the second annual N. C. FFA Land Judging meet to be held at Farmer High School near Asheboro April 7. This is a statewide meet and federation winners from all over the state will participate.

The winner of this event will receive \$750 for expenses in attending the National Land, Pasture and

Motorist Pleads Guilty to Two Counts Thursday

Howard Fallin pled guilty to careless and reckless driving and no operator's license before Judge Lambert R. Morris in County Recorder's Court Thursday and was fined \$50 and costs instead of three months on the roads.

Robert Hyman was fined \$10 and costs for being drunk and disorderly and destroying public property. He was given a suspended 30-day jail sentence.

Bonds were forfeited by Johnnie Dozier Kenon, speeding; James Stanley, improper license; Hazel Moore Guthrie and Harry Charles Baker, expired license plates; Junior Lee Thompson and Dorla W. Hill, no operator's license.

John J. Cirelli Jr., obstructing traffic at scene of accident; Solomon Barnwell and Annie Lee Croom, public drunkenness; Fountain Taylor, failure to stop for stop sign; Clifton Pernell Hardesty, improper equipment, and Ross Goode, improper driver's license, speeding and careless and reckless driving.

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