

## County Stops Sunday Beer Sales

## County Sets Tentative Tax Rate of \$1.35

### Firemen Put Out Sea Level Blaze

**Down East Department  
Answers Sunday, Monday Alarms**

Down East firemen were put to their first big test at 7:15 Sunday night when Mrs. Fanny Willis's home at Sea Level caught fire.

Mrs. Willis, who lives alone, was at church at the time, but someone noticed the fire and called Atlantic. The truck rushed to the Willis home and put the blaze out, returning to Atlantic in about two hours.

Damage from smoke and water was extensive, firemen report. The blaze is believed to have started in a closet under the stairway.

**Firemen of all communities in the Down East Fire Department area will attend a drill at 2 p.m. Saturday at Atlantic.**

where paint and rags were stored. Painting of Mrs. Willis's house was scheduled to start yesterday morning.

Firemen reported that they had plenty of water, with some to spare. They also put out a brush fire at about 11 o'clock yesterday morning in the vicinity of the Sea Level Hospital. Flames were endangering the hospital warehouse. The blaze was out in about 45 minutes.

### Otway Residents To Retain Part Of Their Building

Residents of Otway decided at a meeting Friday night at the Community Building to retain the east-west wing of the building for community use.

They decided, however, to offer for sale the north-south wing of the building by sealed bid. The bids will be opened at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 20.

If the bids are not of sufficient size, they will be rejected and the north-south wing of the building used for repair of the part of the building to be preserved.

## Nobody Can Simply Take A Shovel and Start to Dig

(Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of articles being written while Mr. Bunn is a member of the staff of the American Schools of Oriental Research in the Near East. Mr. Bunn is a native of Morehead City.)

Contrary to the idea of most people you just cannot enter a country of the Near East and begin digging up a city. In fact some of the most trying requirements are necessary before digging can begin.

Even if you happened to be traveling in Palestine and should take a shovel and start stirring up the dust of the ages on an ancient city there is every good reason to assume that shortly you would find yourself in jail and faced with a stiff fine.

To dig on an ancient site in Palestine you must first have permission of the Department of Antiquities of the Hashemite Kingdom of the Jordan. Dr. G. Lancaster Harding is the head of that department and a tough man to satisfy when you want to excavate.

He will only give you the courtesy of a passing nod unless you represent a reliable educational institution. Next you must prove before an official board that you have sufficient funds to carry the work to completion.

At the present time the outlay of money for an excavation amounts to about three thousand British pounds or approximately fifteen

The County Board of Commissioners yesterday tentatively set the tax rate at \$1.35, a drop of 45 cents from last year's rate of \$1.80 per hundred dollars of valuation.

The lower rate has been made possible by the recent reevaluation of county property. James D. Potter, county auditor, said the reevaluation has put value of county property up to \$35 million, an increase of approximately \$11 million over the 1955-56 valuation.

With the new low tax rate the total level increase for the 1956-57 fiscal year is estimated to be less than one-tenth of 1 per cent over 1955-56.

The commissioners arrived at the \$1.35 figure after hearing the budget request for the welfare department presented by the superintendent, Miss Georgie Hughes, and the budget request for schools presented by the County Board of Education.

Other figures on the general fund, health fund, and debt service were supplied by James Potter, county auditor.

Miss Hughes, accompanied by the chairman of the board, Stanley Woodland, and Miss Sarah Pake, case worker, said the county's share of welfare funds for the coming fiscal year should be \$84,208.95. With matching funds, this would bring the welfare department's total budget to \$418,825.55.

The increase in county funds being asked this year is \$13,133.06 over the 1955-56 request.

The board of education presented a request for \$95,500 for schools. Mr. Potter said the tax rate cannot be definitely set at \$1.35 until the budget is formally adopted.

The tax department, however, is planning to get tax notices out at the usual time so that residents can take advantage of the 2 per cent discount allowed in June.

### Temperature Drops to 47

The first week of April ended on a rather chilly note as the temperature dropped to 47 degrees, reports E. Stamey Davis, weather observer.

The high for the week was recorded Thursday at 75 degrees. Rainfall for the week totaled three-quarters of an inch.

The high and low temperatures and wind directions for the week were as follows:

	Max.	Min.	Winds
Monday	70	52	SW
Tuesday	67	59	SW
Wednesday	67	59	SW
Thursday	75	60	SW
Friday	68	59	S
Saturday	70	61	SW
Sunday	69	47	WSW

### Smyrna Seniors to Stage Three-Act Comedy Friday

For laughs and more laughs, Smyrna seniors invite folks to see their play, Call Me Darling, at 7:30 Friday night at the school auditorium.

Directing the play is Mrs. Mildred Davis. Admission is 50 and 25 cents and proceeds will be used to buy the seniors' parting gift to the school.

### Files for Office



D. G. Bell, Morehead City, yesterday afternoon filed as a candidate to succeed himself as general assemblyman from Carteret County.

Mr. Bell's statement of candidacy follows:

"I wish to announce to the people of Carteret County, that I shall be a candidate to succeed myself as their representative in the General Assembly, subject to the action of the voters in the Democratic Primary of May 26."

"Many people have expressed the opinion that the 1957 session of the General Assembly will face more serious problems than has been the case in recent years, making it desirable that there be a continuity of service through the special session that will be called this summer, into the regular session in January."

"I shall appreciate any and all assistance in this campaign and should my candidacy receive the approval of our people, I feel that my past experience may prove useful to Carteret County and to North Carolina."

### Firemen to Stand By for Clean-Up

If you're going to burn off a lot, please call the Beaufort Fire Department and tell them that you're going to do it so they can be ready to answer a call if the fire gets out of control.

Beaufort firemen, at their meeting Thursday night at the fire station, set the dates of April 10 to May 10 for a clean-up campaign.

Firemen will not actually do the burning, but they will give advice if requested and will be ready to act if the fire gets out of hand.

If possible, firemen would like to be notified a day ahead of time when a lot will be burned. Since winds may shift and make a burning unwise, they admit that 24-hour notice may prove to be far in advance, but they would rather be ready.

Chief Charles Harrell presided at the meeting. Later that night firemen met again to put out a fire blazing in a car on Highway 101.

### Principal Lists Pre-School Clinic Requirements

The pre-school clinic for children planning to enter first grade of the Beaufort Graded School for the 1956-57 school term will be held in the school gymnasium Wednesday, April 18, 1956, at 1 p.m.

Every child must be accompanied by a parent who must bring the child's birth certificate. All prospective pupils must be 6 years of age on or before Oct. 16, 1956.

Members of the health department will be present to give physical examinations and necessary vaccinations and shots necessary for entrance at the 1956-57 school term. Parents concerned are asked to pick up information blanks to be filled in prior to the date of the clinic if possible. "It is most important that all concerned be present so that an accurate count of the new first grade pupils for next school term can be made," said B. E. Tarkington, principal.

## Grand Jury Report Severely Criticises School Conditions

The grand jury selected for the April term of Superior Court was commended by Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn for its fine report Friday morning at the courthouse.

At the same time the report of conditions at county schools was read and the judge said that it was a sorry commentary on the part of Carteret County residents "to allow such horrible conditions to exist."

The grand jury noted the following repairs that were needed by county schools:

**Queen Street School, Beaufort**—Badly infested with termites. Also found cracked walls, falling and broken plaster, north wall leaning at a slight angle, floors separated and sagging from the walls, windows in need of repair and gymnasium inadequate.

**Beaufort School**—Found in fair condition with exception of space for storage and serving facilities. It was noted that 800 children were being fed daily in a space a little larger than a classroom. The gymnasium was found to be inadequate in size and facilities with a possible health hazard involved.

**W. S. King School, Morehead City**—School grounds found to be in a most unsatisfactory condition because of holes caused by shifting sands and winds.

The street leading to the school is un paved, causing a hazard in bad weather for loading and unloading school buses. The building itself was found to be in excellent condition.

**Morehead City School**—School found badly in need of a gymnasium, and it was noted that the present one had been condemned by the fire department.

It was noted further that the gym has poor drainage, no dressing facilities for students and needs to be repaired as a whole.

It was also noted that two eighth grade classes were conducted at the recreation building because of overcrowded conditions.

**Newport School**—Very poor condition, especially the old part of the building. Many doors and windows are out of order, constituting a fire hazard and a cause for injury.

Some of the exit doors are locked and cannot be readily opened in case of fire. The window in the girls' rest room should be replaced by frosted glass for privacy.

Much of the plumbing is badly in need of repair and blackboards in the seventh and eighth grade classes are too low for students at that age.

It was also noted that broken locks on the gymnasium should be replaced, and the entire building should be painted.

**Atlantic School**—Appeared to be in good condition but some windows were cracked or broken and...

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## Newport Team Places Fourth In Land Contest

Newport's FFA Land Judging team, composed of Billy Simmons, Donald Haskett, Albert Wallace, and Eugene Edwards, made a very commendable showing at the second annual North Carolina Land Judging meet at Farmer, N. C., Saturday.

Farmer is located in Randolph County and is almost directly in the center of the state.

The Newport team piled up 495 points which ranked them first in their district (District I), constituting 23 counties and fourth in the state.

Western North Carolina boys dominated the top three places. The Mills River chapter of Henderson County topped first place with a score of 550 points. Mills River was first place winner in the Land Judging contest last year.

Stoney Point of Alexander County ranked second with 541 points and Beulah chapter of Surry County ranked third with 504 points.

As first place winner in District I, the Newport Chapter was awarded a check of \$50 and an attractive inscribed plaque.

Fifty of the fifty-two federations in the state were represented by a team of four at the meet. These teams were selected at federation elimination meets earlier.

The boys judged four different fields of varying nature, determined the potentials and quality of both the top soils and subsoils, degree of erosion, slope, drainage, and permeability. On the basis of these selections, they place the field in one of the eight land capability classes.

They also recommend treatment and conservation practices such as terracing, strip cropping, rotation, fertilization, conservation of crop residue, drainage, long rotation with perennials and others.

The meet was sponsored by the Carolina Power and Light Co. and the North Carolina Bankers Association.

The Soil Conservation (USDA) was cooperative with the North Carolina Department of Vocational Agriculture in education in the mechanics of the contest. Conservationists on both state level and county level were in attendance.

C. S. Long, teacher of agriculture and Newport FFA Chapter advisor and David Jones, Carteret County soil conservationist, accompanied the Newport team. They left Newport Friday afternoon and spent the night in Randleman.

They had to register at the Farmer High School Saturday morning at 8:30.

Commenting on the grand jury report, H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, said yesterday morning that the report was interesting but he has yet to see a grand jury report on schools which tells where the money can be obtained to effect the improvements needed.

"I know very well that we need gymnasiums and more classrooms," Mr. Joslyn said, "and if the people are willing to vote a \$1½ million bond issue to pay for it, we'll build them."

Referring specifically to parts of the grand jury report, the school official said that he has noted that termites are particularly bad at the new school buildings where most of the construction is masonry.

He said the termites travel through the concrete blocks and into the wooden sills and frames.

As for no place to house industrial equipment at Atlantic School, Mr. Joslyn said that industrial arts is not even a part of the curriculum there as yet and that it is hoped that the PTA may be able to help finance a shop when the course is started.

As for the walls of the Beaufort School leaking on the east and north, they have been treated by the Rockwell-Newman Co. and if this work has stopped the leaking, then the inside plaster will be torn off and replaced.

In reference to the Stella School, Mr. Joslyn said that the school should be consolidated. Sixty to 70 per cent of the children attending there now are from Jones County, he said. Jones County is now building a new school for them and they will probably be transferred back to Jones soon.

Mr. Joslyn said there are not three grades at Salter Path, as the grand jury report states. There are only two. Last year toilet facilities were put in there, which of course entailed an entire plumbing system, and the school was painted and repaired.

Mr. Joslyn said that members of the grand jury did not consult him as to what the education program at present or proposed is.

The grand jury report was read to the county board yesterday afternoon. Moses Howard, chairman of the board, said he'd like to know where the board could get the money to do all the things necessary to the schools.

Alvah Hamilton, county attorney, said that "nine-tenths of the report was silly." He said that it was "not even an honest report."

James Davis Potter, county auditor, said it would be nice if the county could find \$50,000 toward building a gymnasium and that perhaps from private sources another \$50,000 could be raised to give the county a good \$100,000 gymnasium.

## Cars Collide Near Morehead

A three-car collision on Highway 70 west of Morehead City at 11:20 a.m. Saturday caused two people to be sent to Morehead City Hospital. A third suffered abrasions, cuts and lacerations.

John Corbett Norris, route 4 New Bern, was driving a 1955 Chevrolet pickup truck west, with his turn signals indicating a left turn into Bonham Heights, when he was struck by a 1950 Plymouth driven by Edward Cannon Brooks, route 1 Morehead City, going east. Brooks in turn struck a 1955 Buick operated by Frank Gaskill Swindell, Morehead City, according to State Highway Patrolman J. W. Sykes. Brooks told the patrolman he saw the signal and blew his horn thinking that he could get past the truck. The Buick was sitting at the stop sign on Bonham Heights Road.

Damage to the truck was estimated at \$600 and the Plymouth was a total wreck. No damage was done to the Buick.

Taken to the hospital were Mr. Norris and his son. Billy Howard Ellis, a passenger in the Brooks vehicle, suffered the cuts and bruises.

Citation Issued  
Lucious Chapple, Jacksonville, Fla., was apprehended by Assistant Police Chief Carlton Garner of Beaufort at 8 p.m. Sunday night and charged with public drunkenness.

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## Fire Destroys Station Wagon on 101 Thursday

Beaufort firemen answered a call on Highway 101 at 11:15 Thursday night where a 1956 station wagon, driven by Dalton Willis, was burning.

The cause of the fire was attributed to a mechanical defect. The car was burned beyond repair, but the driver was unharmed. Loss was estimated at \$3,000. Firemen returned to the station shortly before midnight.

## Board Acts on Motion Passed by Ministers

By resolution yesterday afternoon the County Board of Commissioners prohibited sale of beer and wine throughout the county from 11:30 p.m. Saturday to 7 a.m. Monday. In other words, no beer sales allowed on Sunday after May 1.

This will not affect Atlantic Beach which is an incorporated town. Beaufort, Morehead City, and Newport do not permit sale of beer and wine on Sunday. Atlantic Beach is the only town which does.

The action was taken following presentation to the board of a resolution by Wiley Taylor, solicitor of Recorder's Court. Mr. Taylor presented a resolution passed by the County Ministers Association yesterday morning.

The resolution, signed by the Rev. W. T. Roberson, secretary of the association, asked the board to forbid the sale of beer and wine on Sunday.

**Visitors Come to Buy**  
Mr. Taylor said that most of the motor vehicle law violations in the county are the result of persons from neighboring counties coming to Carteret over the weekend to get beer. He said that Onslow and Craven prohibit sale of beer on Sundays.

The solicitor told the board that Judge Lambert Morris and Sheriff Hugh Salter agreed that stopping beer sales on Sunday would be a good thing.

**Patrol Officer Reported**  
Mr. Taylor said that Sgt. C. L. Teague of the State Highway Patrol pointed out that the number of accidents in the western part of the county increased on weekends.

Mr. Taylor said that the South Seas on Highway 70 and places out toward Swansboro, as well as three places east of Beaufort sold beer on Sundays.

Commissioner Walter Yeomans said the beer-selling places east of Beaufort were "always crowded with cars and full of young boys and girls drinking beer."

He pointed out that state and federal help would be forthcoming on mosquito control if the coastal counties showed that they were doing something for themselves.

Mr. Bell said that mosquito control is a complicated problem because the insects breed one place and fly elsewhere. He estimated that an effective state mosquito control program would cost half a million dollars annually, but said the state and federal government would probably pay the biggest part.

He said the program has support upstate if people there can be shown that the coastal counties are pitching in.

The request for funds was accepted and the board said it would consider it when drawing up the budget.

Mrs. Moore added that visitors left Atlantic Beach last year because of the mosquitoes.

The towns of Beaufort, Morehead City, Newport and the county have mosquito spraying machines. The towns are expected to continue their spraying programs if the county will cooperate.

The county hopes to find the \$5,000 for mosquito control in the health department funds.

Commissioner Skinner Chalk raised the question of the county's paying \$40 a week to compensate an operator at the radio switchboard in Morehead City.

Sheriff Hugh Salter said that the county never agreed to pay the salary of an operator, that the county agreed to pay for the county radio system, plus the \$75 a month maintenance costs and \$36-75 a month for the phone line between Beaufort and Morehead City.

He said that the county did not agree to pay for an operator, as Morehead City contends. He said there was controversy over who would hire the one operator if the county paid the salary. He said Morehead City wanted to do the hiring and the sheriff at that time, Gehrman Holland, said that if she was paid by the county, the county should do the hiring.

Sheriff Salter was authorized to consult parties involved and report back to the board in May.

## Theodore Phillips Will be Toastmaster

Theodore Phillips will be toastmaster tomorrow at 8:15 p.m. at the Beaufort town hall when the County Toastmasters Club meets.

C. T. Lewis will be topic master and the invocation will be given by J. P. Harris Jr.

Prepared speakers will be Dr. David Farrior, J. B. Eubanks, E. G. Phillips, Dr. W. L. Woodard and Clifford Faglie.

Jasper Bell will be master critic and other critics will be Mr. Harris, C. T. Lewis, R. E. Mason, and G. D. Hill.

## Shrimp Taken

Shrimp in small quantities are being taken by trawlers out of Beaufort, Morehead City and Swansboro. Heavy southwest winds are believed by some fishermen to cause the shrimp to leave their winter havens early.

## Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar

HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, April 10	
7:32 a.m.	1:28 a.m.
7:40 p.m.	1:34 p.m.
Wednesday, April 11	
8:13 a.m.	2:10 a.m.
8:31 p.m.	2:13 p.m.
Thursday, April 12	
8:54 a.m.	2:53 a.m.
9:15 p.m.	2:55 p.m.
Friday, April 13	
9:37 a.m.	3:38 a.m.
10:01 p.m.	3:40 p.m.