

County Board Amends Beer Ruling

County Commissioners Hear Both Sides

Two hundred fifty persons attended the beer hearing in the courthouse, Beaufort, yesterday morning. The purpose for which the special county board meeting was originally called was lost in the oratory on why or why not beer should be sold in the county on Sunday.

The meeting was called to hear if there were any protests on lowering \$12,000 for a health center. There were none. So in the board meeting following the hearing the commissioners approved further legal details in connection with the health center.

The beer hearing, which was an outgrowth of the county's banning beer sales in the county on Sunday, took place in the courtroom to accommodate the large crowd, the majority of whom were members of church congregations.

The meeting was opened by Moses Howard, chairman of the board of county commissioners, who told the group that after both sides were heard, the board would "take the matter under advisement."

Mr. Howard invited Wiley Taylor, solicitor of County Recorder's Court, to be the first speaker. Mr. Taylor, who introduced the resolution at the April 9 meeting, declined, saying that he was there only to see that "the county board stands pat."

Harvey Hamilton, Morehead City attorney, was invited to speak as the representative for the beer retailers in the county. He presented, at the conclusion of his remarks, an alternative proposal from the beer dealers — that they would not sell beer until 12:30 p.m. Sunday and Atlantic Beach beer dealers would also comply with that regulation.

After hearing Mr. Hamilton's talk, Mr. Taylor decided that he had something to say after all and said that he didn't believe the alternative proposal would be legal. Mr. Hamilton opened his remarks with the statement that he asked beer retailers not to show up in large numbers because he felt the issue should be decided by common sense and not mass demonstration.

He said he was not condemning the April 9 ruling and that had been on the board he probably would have "voted the same way." He based his argument on the following points: 1. The ruling is unfair. It allows Atlantic Beach but no other place to sell beer on Sunday.

2. It penalizes all beer places because of the way in which a few are run. He said that places such as Dom-El's and Currie's at Money Island, struggle all winter in hope that they can make some money during the summer, and now they are being closed down on their best day of the week.

3. The state board of alcoholic beverage control has assured a stepped-up law enforcement program. 4. The chief law enforcement officer of the county, the sheriff, believes the ruling is unfair because it does not apply uniformly to all beer retailers.

5. Sunday is a big tourist day and if the beer ban stands, thousands of dollars will be lost to the county. 6. Some of the ministers who are members of the organization which endorsed the Sunday beer ban say now, Mr. Hamilton remarked, that they would not have been in favor

Judge Will Speak At Chamber Dinner Saturday

Judge Luther Hamilton, Morehead City, unopposed candidate for the state senate, will speak on the potentials of Down East Carteret County at the annual Sea Level Chamber of Commerce Banquet Saturday night at 7:30 at the Atlantic School cafeteria.

Judge Hamilton, who was a Superior Court judge from 1937-1951, served as county attorney here from 1919-1937. He was mayor of Morehead City from 1928-1929, during which time the municipal building was erected, as well as the fire station.

In 1931 and 1933 he served in the House of Representatives and was a state senator in 1921. Judge Hamilton, in his talk, will comment on ways the Down East communities can be developed.

Directors from each of the Down East communities will be elected, and Clayton Fulcher Jr., Atlantic, president, will preside. The menu for the banquet will be barbecue, slaw, cornbread and hot coffee.

Pledge cards have been sent to all members of the chamber and the members are earnestly requested to get their pledges in within the next few days.



Judge Hamilton

Bischofstein Loads Leaf Cargo

Loading of 1,637 hogsheads of tobacco for discharge at Rotterdam began at the state port, Morehead City, late Friday aboard the MS Bischofstein, new freighter of the North German Lloyd Line.

Col. Richard S. Marr, executive director of the State Ports Authority, announced that 600 hogsheads are going to the Dutch port and the remainder to Germany. This is the sixth shipment of tobacco to be loaded at Morehead City this year.

The shipment consists of eastern North Carolina tobacco, except for 260 hogsheads of burley out of Kentucky. The cargo was loaded by mid-afternoon Saturday and the vessel sailed late that day.

Morehead City Shipping Co. is agent and stevedores.

Tide Table

Table with columns: Tides at the Beaufort Bar, HIGH, LOW, Tuesday, April 24, Wednesday, April 25, Thursday, April 26, Friday, April 27.

North River Bridge Set As County's No. 1 Road Project

County commissioners placed the proposed North River Bridge No. 1 on the list of bridge projects in the county when they met yesterday afternoon with State Highway officials at the courthouse.

The Beaufort bridge, across Gallant's Creek, was listed No. 2 and the Morehead City Bridge, across Newport River, No. 3. Cost of the North River bridge is estimated by highway officials at \$750,000. Cost of the Beaufort bridge, for which bids will be asked in July, was estimated at \$825,000, and cost of the Morehead bridge was estimated at \$1 1/2 million.

Highway officials said a survey is being made now relative to relocation of the Morehead bridge. Maynard Hicks, highway commissioner, said a survey relative to fixing a road across the Open Grounds to Sea Level showed the terrain to be too swampy to attempt it.

Commissioners gave their opinion on road needs. Commissioner Walter Yeomans said that in his opinion the Harkers Island bridge is adequate at the present time. Commissioner Harrell Taylor said roads in the Sea Level section were all right but there was a bad drainage problem.

Mr. Hicks pointed out that there is not much money available now for building secondary roads. Primary roads are being given attention because they have had no work on them for eight years and at present there is no bond money as there was during the Scott administration, he explained.

He said that the state's only hope for secondary roads is that an \$11 billion federal road bill passes. If it does, North Carolina will probably get \$300 million on the basis of population.

C. G. Holland, former sheriff and now state fisheries commissioner, proposed that the board write Ed Scheidt, director of the State Highway Patrol, and request that a state highway patrolman be stationed down east and live in that area.

He suggested that the letter ask for a reply and if no action is taken, the county board should remember that "Scheidt has a boss over him." The board also approved a petition to improve Cedar Lane, a road 1650 feet long in the Cedar Point section.

Highway officials present, in addition to Mr. Hicks, were R. Markham, division engineer, C. Y. Griffin, district engineer, and Mrs. Exum, clerk.

Judge Comments On Senate Race

Judge Luther Hamilton, Morehead City, unopposed candidate for the state senate, commented Friday that he was pleased that he would have no opposition in the forthcoming primary. He said that otherwise he would have had to spend much time campaigning in the six counties that make up the seventh senatorial district.

Also running for the two state senate seats is John Dawson, Kingston. The judge also said that even though he is sacrificing personal income in serving as senator, he will do his best for the people he will represent.

Morehead Town Board Sets May 3 for Re-Zoning Hearing

Members of the Morehead City Town Board, in session Thursday night at the municipal building, set Thursday night, May 3, as the date for a public hearing on re-zoning.

J. Hicks Corey, Greenville, appeared before the board and requested that his property on the north side of Arcndell, 400 feet westward from 28th Street, be zoned for business.

Mr. Corey, who was also represented by William Speight, attorney, told the board that he plans to put a Taste-Freeze business next to the Gulf Station which is located at 28th and Arcndell. Mr. Speight contended that since the Gulf Station is a business, as are the properties north of the station, re-zoning for business would be in keeping with the development in that neighborhood.

The board requested that a letter be written to the department relative to the request. It was also agreed that the request should be placed before the C&D board when it meets here July 2 and 3. It was also decided that at the same time the public expresses its opinion on the Corey property, that the Theodore Econom property, west of 25th Street, be considered for re-zoning. The property lies on either side of the railroad Y.

Also on the agenda for proposed change in the zoning laws will be an amendment to permit doctors, lawyers and others of professional nature to have offices in a residential area, only as long as those offices are used for the purpose for which they were originally established.

Wants Street Paved Stanley Woodland, accompanied by R. W. Wells, appeared and asked that the block of S. 15th Street, on which they live, be paved. Mr. Woodland said that persons living in that block have agreed to pay the total cost of paving. George McNeill, town attorney, See MOREHEAD, Page 7

Church to Observe 50th Anniversary Tuttle's Grove Church, one of Carteret's historical shrines, will observe its 50th anniversary as a Methodist Church Sunday. A complete history of the church and the schedule of events for the anniversary observance appears on Page 6, Section 2 of today's paper.

Request Denied A proposal to widen 11th Street, in the block by the Colonial Store, was considered. The Colonial Store owners said they would meet the entire cost. The board turned the proposal down because there is in-

Plans are nearing completion for the Fourth District VFW meeting at Beaufort Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6. The meeting will take place in the new VFW hall, West Beaufort. Host will be Jones Austin Post No. 2401. The meeting will open with registration at 2 p.m. May 5. There will be a dance at the hall that night, beginning at 9 p.m.

The meeting will reconvene at 10 a.m. Sunday and at 11:30 a.m. the VFW auxiliary will serve lunch. At the afternoon session to follow, Robert Miskelly, department senior vice-commander will preside. Officers will be elected and installed.

The only officers not installed will be the district commander and district auxiliary president who will be installed at the state VFW meeting at Wilmington in June.

Emeritus Club Suggests Town Establish Park

W. S. Kidd of the Emeritus Club appeared before the Morehead City Town Board Thursday night at the town hall and suggested that the town acquire the east end of the fisheries property at Camp Glenn as a waterfront municipal park.

The property is owned by the State Department of Conservation and Development. The board requested that a letter be written to the department relative to the request. It was also agreed that the request should be placed before the C&D board when it meets here July 2 and 3.

Officer Appears Lt. Merrit Bridgman, commanding officer of the National Guard Unit, attended the meeting and said that the unit finances are in bad shape and requested the board to advance the unit \$50 to pay the telephone and water bill for the next two months.

Lieutenant Bridgman said that other towns regularly contribute to support of their National Guard units. The officer reported on the amount of income the unit brings to the city, a total of \$27,275.12 in payroll and construction work last year. He added that radio equipment recently acquired connects this unit with other batteries throughout the state.

The town attorney, George McNeill, questioned the legality of advancing funds to the unit, but the board agreed to take the request under consideration. Lieutenant Bridgman also asked the town fathers to cooperate with the unit in urging businessmen to allow Guardsmen time off to attend summer training camp.

Request Denied A proposal to widen 11th Street, in the block by the Colonial Store, was considered. The Colonial Store owners said they would meet the entire cost. The board turned the proposal down because there is in-

Plans are nearing completion for the Fourth District VFW meeting at Beaufort Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6. The meeting will take place in the new VFW hall, West Beaufort. Host will be Jones Austin Post No. 2401. The meeting will open with registration at 2 p.m. May 5. There will be a dance at the hall that night, beginning at 9 p.m.

The meeting will reconvene at 10 a.m. Sunday and at 11:30 a.m. the VFW auxiliary will serve lunch. At the afternoon session to follow, Robert Miskelly, department senior vice-commander will preside. Officers will be elected and installed.

The only officers not installed will be the district commander and district auxiliary president who will be installed at the state VFW meeting at Wilmington in June.

New Officers Recently-installed officers of the post are Al D. Phillips, commander; Charlie Lupton, senior vice-commander; George Snooks, junior vice-commander; Cecil Peterson, adjutant and quartermaster.

Marines to Return Here Next Week

Marines from Cherry Point and Camp Lejeune who completed a practice assault on Vieques Island, Puerto Rico, will return to Morehead City next week in Navy transports.

Yesterday's assault climaxed a two-month joint Marine Corps-Navy amphibious operation in Caribbean waters. Leading the assault was the Sixth Marine Regiment, Camp Lejeune, supported by Cherry Point jets, helicopters, and "flying box cars" which flew equipment and passengers.

In charge of the exercise was the much-decorated Marine, Col. R. C. Mangrum who has been selected for promotion to brigadier general.

Funds Sought For School Ground

Civic organizations which have undertaken "renovating" of the Morehead City School grounds will accept donations from the citizens interested in the project. They request that the money be sent to Lenwood Lee, principal, with a notation that the contribution is "For School Grounds."

O. H. Johnson Jr., a qualified landscape engineer, is drawing plans for re-planting, but the civic groups are in need of funds as well as equipment for doing the work. Especially needed are hoses, shovels, rakes and similar equipment. If this equipment cannot be given, it is requested that persons loan it for the school project on a long-term basis.

Efforts are being made now to locate someone affiliated with the Daughters of the American Colonists, Virginia Dare Chapter, who planted 13 oaks on the school grounds some years ago. Anyone who knows how to contact that organization is asked to give the information to Mr. Lee. Rufus Oglesby has already donated topsoil, and grass seed is being planted.

Plans Near Completion for District VFW Meeting in Beaufort May 5, 6

Plans are nearing completion for the Fourth District VFW meeting at Beaufort Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6. The meeting will take place in the new VFW hall, West Beaufort. Host will be Jones Austin Post No. 2401. The meeting will open with registration at 2 p.m. May 5. There will be a dance at the hall that night, beginning at 9 p.m.

The meeting will reconvene at 10 a.m. Sunday and at 11:30 a.m. the VFW auxiliary will serve lunch. At the afternoon session to follow, Robert Miskelly, department senior vice-commander will preside. Officers will be elected and installed.

The only officers not installed will be the district commander and district auxiliary president who will be installed at the state VFW meeting at Wilmington in June.

Beer May be Sold After 12:30 P.M. Sunday

After two secret ballots the county board of commissioners yesterday afternoon approved by a 3 to 2 vote the amending of the Sunday beer ban to allow beer sales on Sunday after 12:30 p.m.

The board was told in the morning by Harvey Hamilton, attorney for the county beer dealers, that if the county approved the revision the Atlantic Beach town board would put the same ruling into effect.

On the first ballot three commissioners voted against revising the ruling. The motion to revise was placed by Commissioner Harrell Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Odell Merrill.

After lengthy discussion and debate as to whether the same motion could be put on the floor again, it was decided that it could. Commissioner Taylor moved and Commissioner Merrill seconded and the second vote was 3 to 2 in favor of amending.

During the discussion prior to the second ballot Sheriff Hugh Salter said he believed that Atlantic Beach would go along with the 12:30 opening hour for sale of beer on Sunday. Up until now, beer could be sold on Sunday from 7 a.m. until the required closing time, 11:30 p.m.

Commissioner Merrill commented on a highway chart which showed three highway fatalities down east last year. Sheriff Hugh Salter said that one fatality was due to a driver drinking corn whisky, another was Lawrence Tuten who was killed when a pick-up truck turned over, and the third was Alex Lewis whose death was due to a heart attack at the wheel. He said none were attributed to beer drinking.

Commissioner Taylor said that he was in favor of prohibition if it could be enforced, but he said he was opposed to discrimination in beer selling. Regarding the legality of the revised ruling, state law was cited wherein beer could be sold daily at any time, within the hours of 7 a.m. and 11:30 p.m., at the discretion of local governing bodies.

Piedmont Will Begin Service Here June 1

Piedmont Airlines will begin service into Beaufort-Morehead City airport June 1. The eastbound flight will arrive at Beaufort at 5:13 p.m. and the westbound flight will leave Beaufort 22 minutes later, at 5:35 p.m.

Relative to equipping the airport with lights for a night flight, R. D. Hager, vice-president of Piedmont Airlines, says, "We had hoped that lights would be available as we would like to have tried a schedule which would arrive at 10:03 p.m. and depart at 8:25 a.m., westbound, in an attempt to see if different scheduling would increase business this year over last."

A move is afoot now to obtain funds from the county, Beaufort, Morehead City, and private individuals to pay for lighting of the airport. At the county board meeting yesterday morning, the board rescinded its April 9 action relative to appointing a new airport commission. Five new members were named then to the airport governing board.

Moses Howard, chairman of the board, said that formal resignations of previous members had not been received and added that persons on the commission should be those who have no personal interest in the airport. He commented that members of the new commission should be interested in the airport but have no personal axe to grind. The board tabled further action until the May meeting.

Club to Sponsor Flower Show

From 1 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, the Junior Woman's Club of Morehead City will sponsor a flower show at the Recreation Building, Morehead City. First, second and third place ribbons will be given. Judges will award a sweepstakes green ribbon to the exhibitor who receives the highest number of ribbons. Each entrant will pay 25 cents and be permitted to enter as many exhibits as he or she wishes for that one fee. Rules will appear in detail in Friday's paper.

Persons who would like additional information, meanwhile, may contact Mrs. Harvey Hamilton, 6-3688, or Miss Elizabeth Lambeth, 6-5082.

Steve Roberts Wins Sand Fence Contract

Steve Roberts, Morehead City, was low bidder yesterday on erection of sand fences on Bogue Banks. He was awarded the contract by the county board in afternoon session. His bid was 34.5 cents per linear foot. Other bidders were Clyde Jones, Morehead City, 39.9 cents, and D. A. Ballou, Morehead City, 36 cents.

Health Department Will Give Polio Shots This Week

Polio shots will be given at the regular health department clinics in Beaufort and Morehead City this week. Dr. Luther Fulcher says the health department has 100 doses on hand. Both first and second shots will be administered. The clinics are from 1 to 4 p.m. today and 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday at the county health office, court house annex, Beaufort; and from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday in the hospital annex, Morehead City.

Administered in the special polio clinic last Tuesday were 238 shots, Dr. Fulcher reported. Third shots will not be given at clinics this week.

Half a Million Isn't Enough

By RUTH PEELING If you think half a million dollars is a lot of money for building schools, hold y'er hats, that is just a third of what Carteret needs! The \$500,000 to \$700,000 figure mentioned in Friday's paper would build just one high school. And Carteret's school needs are much more than that. If folks want better schools, they can request a referendum and vote yes on borrowing the money. Although a million and a half dollars is a tremendous amount, school officials hope that the Local Government Commission, which has to approve all such borrowing, would give its approval, since Carteret so badly needs additional facilities. A new high school for Morehead City ought to be going up right now, but there is no money. That high school alone, with the necessary classrooms, vocational depart-

ments and gymnasium, would cost when completed, three-quarters of a million dollars. If a half million were available now, part of the plant could be constructed, with additions later as the money becomes available. According to the master plan for school improvement in this county, approved by the state three years ago, the next school to be built will be at Harkers Island, for grades 1 through 8. That will cost, without equipment, between \$120,000 and \$130,000—well over half the \$170,000 Carteret has been allotted from the second \$25 million of the \$50 million set up by the state. (And that \$170,000 hasn't been made available by the state as yet.) From the first \$25 million, Carteret received \$180,000.71 and that money was used to build Beaufort's new primary school and additional classrooms at Queen Street School.

What is a million and a half dollars needed for? In addition to the Harkers Island School, Smyrna needs a shop and a gymnasium. Queen Street School needs a gym, Camp Glenn needs an auditorium. That's close to \$300,000 right there. Beaufort very soon will need a new high school. With that and the proposed Morehead City School, that's a million. A hundred and thirty thousand dollars could well be spent on additional classrooms at Newport, and although Atlantic School is getting along all right, extra rooms will be needed there soon. Now being built at W. S. King School, Morehead City, and Queen Street School, Beaufort, are cafeterias. Some of the money to pay for those is going to have to come out of next year's budget. That's the situation...it's not an encouraging one. But if taxpayers are willing to borrow the funds, new schools can be built.

Police Rescue Marine Who Dived Off Bridge Sunday

Atlantic Beach is famous as a beach and swimming resort but the bridge tender, Preston Edwards, got quite a surprise Sunday at 10 p.m. when Marine Corps Pfc. Chris Brock took a swan dive off the bridge. The Marine, accompanied by a buddy claimed after he was pulled out, "If I hadn't had that last beer I probably wouldn't have wanted to take a swim." He vaulted off the bridge very gracefully into the murky, swirling waters below. The bridge tender called the Morehead City Police Department and Patrolmen Homer Lewis and Walter Thomas, with some rope, responded to the call.

Capt. Buck Newsome followed his fellow officers to the scene with more rope to assist in the rescue. Patrolman Lewis let down what rope he had and the Marine

grabbed hold. When Captain Newsome arrived on the scene they attached the added rope to what they already had and they were able to hang on to the man caught in the treacherous tide below. By a series of maneuvers, calling to the Marine and guiding the rope, they managed to get the youth near one of the fenders at the side of the draw, and he climbed up the side of the bridge to safety, assisted by Patrolman Lewis.

Wanted to Swim He told police that he wanted to take a swim, and that he was probably the first swimmer of the season at the beach. He was taken to Cherry Point in a Navy ambulance. According to the police, Private Brock was under the influence of intoxicants when he jumped, but by the time they rescued him he was pretty well sobered up.