

Petitioners Ask For New Bridge To Harkers Isle

County Board Asks State to Make Survey From Lennoxville

Petitions, bearing hundreds of names and asking for a bridge from Lennoxville Point to the Straits-Harkers Island section, were presented to the county board yesterday morning by Elwood Willis, Marshallberg.

Mr. Willis said the petitions request that the state survey the possibility of placing a bridge and fill across the area.

Appearing to support Mr. Willis's recommendation were Glenn Adair, Beaufort, Capt. Jim Harker, Fernie Willis, David Yeomans, Ernest Parker, Walter Nelson and Earl Johnson, all of Harkers Island.

Mr. Adair said that since the state has announced plans to put another bridge across North River at about the same place where the present bridge is, the petitioners thought it might be well to investigate the possibility of building a Lennoxville - Harkers Island bridge instead, leaving the present North River bridge as is.

He said it would save money, save time, and make the down east section of the county more accessible. Mr. Adair added that it might cost a bit more than the three-quarter million dollars earmarked for a new North River bridge, but would be of more value.

He said that since there is not much boat traffic through the area, a draw probably would not be necessary and several marshes along the route could be filled. He said the fill would serve to lessen the storm tides which now hit the North River bridge farther upstream.

Commissioner Harrell Taylor spoke in favor of the plan and Captain Harker said such a bridge would increase the value of Harkers Island land.

Mr. Adair said that persons in favor of the proposal would be happy to meet with Maynard Hicks, highway commissioner.

The board accepted the petitions and passed a motion suggesting that the State Highway and Public Works Commission make the survey.

On other road matters, the board requested that persons who appeared before them yesterday relative to re-routing a road from Highway 70 northward to the Country Club Road have a petition signed by property owners, granting a 60-foot right-of-way.

Mr. J. Addie Taylor reported that Mrs. Deibert, who had formerly refused to allow any of his property to be used for a road, had agreed to grant a right-of-way elsewhere on his property.

David Yeomans, Harkers Island, asked if the state had made any decision on paving an island road that leads to the cemetery. The board authorized the clerk, Irvin Davis, to write the highway department to inquire what action had been taken.

Alton Honeycutt of the North Carolina Employment Security Commission appeared before the board and explained how the commission makes a "position classification study" on government employees. The study, he said, forms a basis for compensation and promotion.

He said that the study would be made at no cost to the county other than for a typist and a place for her to work. The county accepted his proposal and authorized the county auditor, James Potter, to assist Mr. Honeycutt where necessary.

County Defers Action On Three Beer Requests

County commissioners deferred action for 30 days yesterday on three requests for beer permits.

The requests came from Charles R. Sloan Jr., who operates Charles' Bar, Atlantic Beach; Archie Fleming, who operates Fleming's Fishing Pier, and Paul Joyce, who applied for a permit for Smitty's Drive-In, west of Newport. Joyce was given little encouragement on his application.

The board also appointed a county airport commission. Members are M. T. Mills, Edgar Swann, Luther Hamilton Jr., all of Morehead City; Dr. John Way, Beaufort, and Dr. Herbert Webb, Sea Level.

The board specified that they shall serve four years, or the number of years as specified by the law creating the airport commission.

Architect Reports
Robert Stephens, architect, reported to the board that the new county jail plans had been approved by state agencies concerned and said that plans were on file in the sheriff's office where con-

Cars Crash Head-On on Causeway

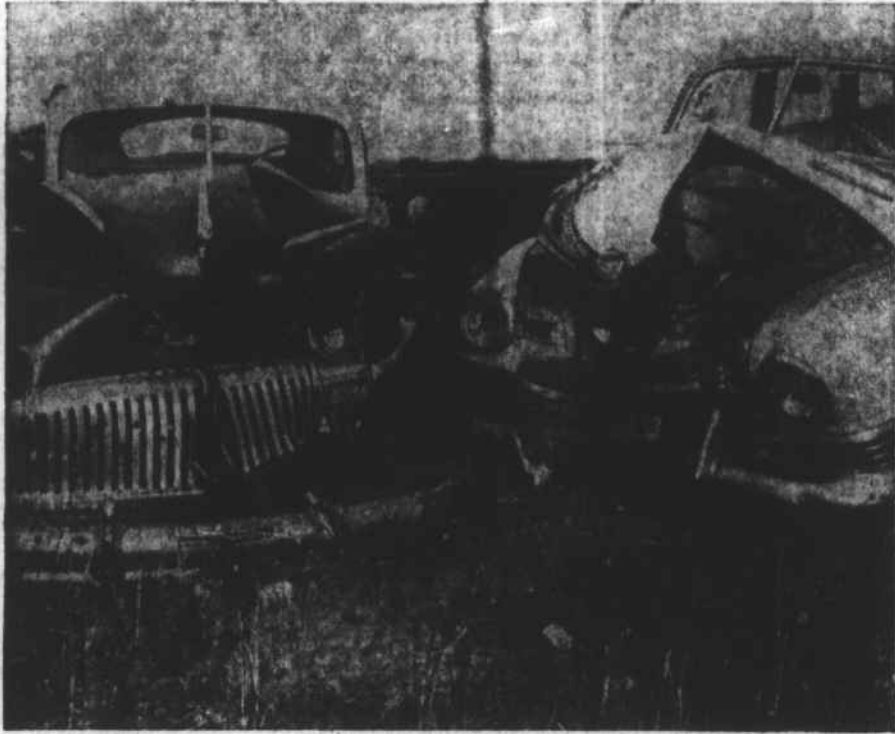


Photo by Jerry Schumacher

These two cars met head-on at 5:20 p.m. Friday on the Beaufort-Morehead City causeway. Mrs. Shirley Smith Ervin, 310 Live Oak St., Beaufort, was driver of the Nash, and a Negro was driver of the DeSoto. State Highway Patrolman W. J. Smith investigated. Mrs. Ervin and her two sons were treated for head and face injuries. Both cars were demolished. Mrs. Ervin has been charged with improper passing. The patrolman said she was trying to pass a pickup truck in the face of oncoming traffic.

County Board OKays Budget Of \$730,082 for 1956-57

Patrolman Checks on Five Weekend Wrecks

As if shootings, cuttings and thefts weren't enough, cars continued to pile into each other all weekend.

State Highway Patrolman R. H. Brown investigated no less than five accidents from Friday at 11 p.m. to Sunday at 11:30 p.m.

Foster Willard Smith, Broad Creek, suffered a broken leg when he was struck at 1:45 Sunday morning on the highway 50 feet from the intersection of Highways 24 and 70, west of Morehead City. Smith said that whatever hit him did not stop.

The hit and run victim was discovered by several Marines and about 10 minutes later State Highway Patrolmen Brown and W. J. Smith Jr. arrived. Smith was taken to Morehead City Hospital in the Dill ambulance.

He told Patrolman Brown that he had hitched a ride from Atlantic Beach with a carload of men. He said they asked him to get them some liquor and he told them he couldn't.

Then they put him out on Highway 70 and he walked back to the intersection and was on Highway 24 when he said something hit him.

Two Citations
Joseph H. Minder, Camp Lejeune, was charged Sunday night, after an accident near the Blue Ribbon Club, with failing to yield the right of way and going the wrong way in a one-way lane.

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Newspaper Offers Free Classifieds

To help boys and girls 16 and under to get summer jobs, and to give them an opportunity to trade, or sell to make some extra money, THE NEWS-TIMES is offering them free ads on this page during June.

The ad will run two times. Included in it must be the age of the person placing the ad. The ads may be mailed to THE NEWS-TIMES, taken to the newspaper office, or phoned in, 6-4175.

Coast Guardsman Seriously Hurt

Harvey Taylor Jr., Harkers Island, remained in an unconscious condition in the Morehead City Hospital yesterday, suffering from injuries received at 11 o'clock Thursday night in an automobile accident on the Merrimon Road.

Taylor, who is stationed aboard the U. S. Coast Guard cutter Absecon, was driving his 1953 Buick along the road when he lost control on a curve and turned over.

The car was demolished. Taylor suffered a severe brain concussion and was reported to be in a serious condition.

State Highway Patrolman W. J. Smith investigated the wreck.

Earl Taylor, Beaufort, Buys County Properties

Earl Taylor, Beaufort, was successful bidder yesterday on two properties offered for sale by the county at noon at the courthouse door.

Mr. Taylor bid \$300 on a house on the airport property and \$1,500 on the former ABC store on Turner Street, Beaufort.

News in a Nutshell

INTERNATIONAL
SEVERAL MEMBERS of Prime Minister Nehru's All-India Congress Party were injured Sunday night as mobs, enraged by Nehru's unyielding stand against determining Bombay's future along language lines, attacked him and his party. Nehru escaped harm.

NINE MEMBERS of a wedding party, including the bride and groom, were killed Sunday near Sheffield, England, when their station wagon crashed into a bus. The collision was labeled the worst road accident in the history of the area.

NATIONAL
CIGARETTE SMOKING is getting back to normal after a two to three-year slump, with many Americans switching to king-sized filter tips. But, according to the Internal Revenue Service, cigar and pipe smoking is in "steady decline" while snuff manages to hold its own.

The County Board of Commissioners approved a 1956-57 budget of \$730,082.32 at its monthly meeting yesterday at the courthouse, Beaufort.

This is \$51,033.43 in excess of the \$679,048.89 budget for the fiscal year of 1955-56. The largest increase is in the school fund. That is \$20,000. The second largest, \$16,752, is in the health fund and the third largest, \$12,433.06, in the welfare fund.

The general fund increase, \$7,497 is accounted for in part by the addition of a salary of \$2,340 for a radio operator at Morehead City police station and an additional \$500 yearly for the county library.

The debt service increase of \$5,648.63 was caused by recent bond issues.

The 1956-57 budgets for the five county departments are: general fund \$276,470; health fund \$34,752; welfare fund \$84,208.95; school fund \$95,500; debt service \$239,151.37.

While the 1956 valuation is \$36,000,000 and the tax rate \$1.35, a seven per cent allowance is made for delinquencies in tax payments. Thus tax collections are estimated at \$454,068 rather than at 100 per cent, \$486,000.

Other income, all estimated on prior years' collections, brings total estimates 1956-57 county income to \$730,082.32.

Cash balance as of July 1, 1956, is estimated at \$139,170.49.

Of the \$450,583.43 tax levy for 1955, Tax Collector Eugene Moore reported collections to date of \$408,581.06.

Uncollected in land taxes are \$33,960.34 and in personal taxes \$8,342.03.

Mr. Moore stated that personal taxes were the most difficult to collect but that he was resorting to garnisheeing both salaries and bank accounts where either or both are found to exist.

The board declared that Mr. Moore's 1955 books were in order and that the 1956 books be turned over to him so that his office can begin mailing out 1956 tax notices.

Negro Held for Shooting 'Sister's Suitor' Sunday

Thief Takes \$360 At Owens Home

Chief of Police Reports Box, Where Money Was Kept, Found in Yard

Durwood Owens, 113 1/2 Broad St., Beaufort, reported to police Sunday morning that he had been robbed sometime during the night of \$360.

Owens, who had not spent the night at home, discovered the theft when he returned home early Sunday morning. The money, he said, was kept in a small metal box in a chest of drawers in his bedroom.

Chief of Police Guy Springle, who investigated, said that the front door to the house was not securely locked and the burglar probably entered by merely pushing it hard. The bedroom was ransacked. The small metal box was not locked. Owens said that was found in the back yard.

Chief Springle said that fingerprints were taken from the chest of drawers and the box.

Owens reported that he spent the night with his sister, Mrs. Louis Willis, 306 Cedar St.

Oaksmith Home Burns Yesterday

The historic Oaksmith homestead, west of Morehead City, burned to the ground at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. Morehead City firemen answered the call but could not save the dwelling which was in a deteriorated state.

The home, reported to be built in 1825, was the center of many romantic tales of this section. Until about a year ago it was occupied by Geraldine Oaksmith, who is now living in New York City.

The home was seriously damaged by recent hurricanes. It has been the subject of vandal attack and in a rash of robberies carried out by some youths last year, was ransacked.

The house was once the center of a large plantation and was located off Highway 70 at the rear of the Asphalt and Petroleum Co. truck terminal.

Firemen didn't know how the blaze started.

Father Byron To Leave Friday

Father Paul Byron, pastor at St. Egbert's Catholic Church, Morehead City, will leave Friday to take over his duties as administrator at the Immaculate Conception Church in Durham.

The interim appointment for Father Byron at Durham will last at least one year, he said. Replacing Father Byron as spiritual leader in Morehead City for the Catholic faith will be Father Walter Higgins, a native of Camden, N. J., whose last pastorate was at Spruce Pines.

Father Byron came to Morehead City in January 1954 after being pastor at Asheboro. He also served at Whiteville, Waynesville, Wake Forest and Raleigh.

He is a native of Albany, N. Y.

Mayor Will Testify In Washington

Mayor George W. Dill, Morehead City, will appear tomorrow in Washington, D. C., before a sub-committee on appropriations to present testimony on Morehead City harbor.

The mayor will point out the need for deepening the harbor to 35 feet to permit larger cargoes to move in and out.

Mayor Dill will fly to Washington and return by air either tomorrow or Thursday. He was requested to testify by Congressman Graham A. Barden.

Unknown Man Slashes Woman

Naomi Worthy, 504 1/2 Pollock St., Beaufort, was in Morehead City Hospital yesterday, recovering from cuts she received Sunday by an unknown intruder who entered her home, she told police.

Chief of Police Guy Springle said that the slashing occurred at noon Sunday. The victim said the man came through the window in front of her house. She asked him what he wanted and in reply he gashed her at the left side of her neck and the left side of her back.

George Worthy, the victim's husband, told Chief Springle that when he got into the room, he saw a man running south on Pollock Street but could not identify him.

Yesterday Worthy, who had meanwhile gone to Morehead City and was picked up by police on a public drunk charge, told the chief that "the man was real dark, slender, weighed about 175 pounds and was between 35 and 40 years old."

Naomi Worthy has recently returned to the county after serving time in prison at Raleigh.

\$415 Received For Recreation

By yesterday only \$415 had been received to finance Beaufort's summer recreation program, James H. Davis, treasurer reported. This is half the amount needed to operate the program from June 18 to Aug. 18.

Director of the program will be Hugh Gordon, Beaufort football coach, who will be assisted by Jimmy Owens in supervising swimming and baseball games.

The program is open to children age 8 and up. The Beaufort Junior Woman's Club this year is sponsoring raising of funds. The money is used to pay the directors and to buy baseball equipment.

It is obtained through private donation and through contributions by businessmen.

Norman Willis Held On Wife-Beating Charge

Norman Willis, Sunset Lane, Beaufort, has been released under \$750 bond on a charge of beating up his wife Saturday.

Assistant Chief of Police Carlton Garner served a warrant on Willis after Mrs. Willis placed the charge of assault against her husband. She was treated at Morehead City Hospital and discharged.

Charles Salter, Morehead, Recovers in Hospital

A Morehead City Negro, Matthew Mitchell, is being held under \$500 bond in Morehead City on charges of shooting a white man early Sunday morning at Mitchell's home. According to Mitchell, the man he shot, Charles Delford Salter, Morehead City, was making advances to Mitchell's sister, Beatrice.

Salter was shot through the lower part of his chest, on the right side. His condition yesterday noon at the Morehead City Hospital was reported as good.

Police report that the shooting occurred at 1:40 a.m. Sunday at 1004 1/2 Avery St., Morehead City.

Returns Home
Mitchell, 21 years of age, who is employed as a presser at Newport Dry Cleaners, told a NEWS-TIMES reporter yesterday that he was returning to his home from Dudley's (Dudley's is a restaurant in the Negro section of town).

He said from the side of the house he saw Salter sitting with his sister, Beatrice, in her bedroom. Then he said he went to the front of the house and knocked on the door. When he found the door unlocked, he walked in. Coming toward him were Salter and his sister.

"Then," he said, "Salter and Beatrice went into the kitchen and I went and sat down on her bed, staying there for about 20 minutes."

"From there I went to my bedroom and laid down. I got up later and walked into the kitchen where Salter was leaning over my sister as though he were kissing her. I told him to leave the house and when he didn't, I shot him." Police said that Mitchell used a .22 rifle.

Walks Home
The wounded Salter walked from the house to his home at 1006 Fisher St., and then was taken to the hospital by a neighbor, Gerry Minor.

When Morehead City police were notified, they went to the Mitchell residence. It was 2:11 a.m. According to Lt. Carl Bunch, who went there with Patrolman Bill Condie, Mitchell could be seen holding the rifle.

They knocked at the door several times, but got no answer. Then they kicked the door in. They found Mitchell lying on the bed. Under the bed they found the rifle, where Mitchell had apparently put it when he heard the officers.

In the kitchen the policemen found the spent shell. Lieutenant Bunch said Mitchell denied the shooting at first, but later told them what had happened.

He also said that Salter had been to his house last summer to visit some Negro boys who were staying there.

Police said that Mitchell has a good reputation and had never been in any trouble before.

Driver Issued Citation After Saturday Wreck

Derwood Lee Chadwick, Straits, was charged with driving drunk and careless and reckless driving, when his 1955 Ford collided with a 1941 Plymouth driven by Mrs. Norman Goodwin Boyd at 8:09 Saturday night. The accident occurred at 8th and Bridges Streets, Morehead City.

Mrs. Boyd was traveling west when Chadwick, driving on the wrong side of the road, struck her vehicle in the right front fender, police report.

Capt. Buck Newsome investigated and issued the citation. He estimated damage to the Boyd car at \$50.

Officer Cites Seven Saturday
Seven men were apprehended by Assistant Police Chief Carlton Garner Saturday. All were charged with public drunkenness and put in jail under \$25 bond.

They were James Watts, Eddie Crews, and Archie Watts, all of Brunswick, Ga.; Willie Watts, Denmark, S. C.; Adam Kelsey, Sanford, Fla.; Robert Modlin, Beaufort, and a Puerto Rican who is working on local farms.

Officer Garner said he couldn't understand the Puerto Rican and the man couldn't write his name. All are docketed for appearance in recorder's court Thursday.

Served Saturday on Eddie Collins, Beaufort, was a warrant sworn out by his wife, Ollie May, charging him with non-support. Officer Garner said Collins was released under \$350 bond. He is scheduled to appear in court Thursday.

Twelve planes, bringing vacationists to this area landed at the Beaufort-Morehead airport over the weekend.

Choral Club Presents Dazzling Summer Revue Tonight, Tomorrow



Guy Smith Jr., left, and Garland Morris will be featured soloists in the Choral Club show. Tickets may be bought at the door.

The biggest and most spectacular show ever presented by the Choral Club of Beaufort will be given tonight and tomorrow at 8 p.m. at the Beaufort School auditorium.

Offering appeal for all tastes in music, the show will be divided into four acts.

As a special feature, Mrs. Ralph Hancock, former Choral Club member and now of Salt Lake City, Utah, will sing solos between acts. Mrs. Hancock is a former resident of Harkers Island and Beaufort.

The first act is a beach scene and will feature a group of beautiful models displaying the newest beach wear from four leading stores in Beaufort and Morehead City.

A scene from the musical, Porgy and Bess by George Gershwin, will be the second act. Singing the title roles will be Mrs. Her-

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