

## West Beaufort Land Struggle At New Stage

### Bid Rejected; Officials To Study New Lease Presented Yesterday

The tussle continues over the county property in West Beaufort. County commissioners yesterday rejected the high bid on the property. The land was auctioned last Monday. The top bid was \$3,500, entered by Harvey Smith, Beaufort.

Following rejection of the bids, Charles Davis of the Seashore Packing Co., and his attorney, Wiley Taylor Jr., appeared and presented a new proposal for leasing the property. The board has deferred action on that until Oct. 10.

Prior to their appearance, Gerald Hill, Beaufort, and Luther Hamilton, Morehead City attorney, commented on the matter.

Gerald Hill, a director of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce, told the board that the chamber is in favor of the county's leasing the property for use as a fish pond, as Mr. Davis and his associates propose.

Mr. Hill told the commissioners that the county would realize more money from a lease than outright sale and that a game fish pond would mean an improvement for the town and county.

**Commission Objects**  
Mr. Hamilton said that the Carteret Airport Commission was not in favor of the property being sold. The commission believes, he said, that transferral of the property into private hands may jeopardize airport development.

He said that he thought the commission would agree to leasing of the property.

In the new proposal by Mr. Davis, the property would be leased for 10 years with privilege of the lessee renewing for another 10. The lessee would also comply with CAA regulations in regard to building height, keep a record of money invested on the property and amortize the debt at 10 per cent annually.

Mr. Taylor said that his clients plan to invest \$10,000. The lease also agrees that the State Highway Commission can continue to unload materials for road building.

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## Two Get Minor Bruises in Wreck

Bruce Wayne Babbitt, Davis, and Sandra Gilgo, Atlantic, escaped serious injury at 7:45 p.m. Saturday when the car Babbitt was driving upset at Otway.

Both were treated at the Sea Level Hospital for bruises and minor cuts. The accident happened in front of Jerry Lawrence's on Highway 70.

Babbitt was driving his father's car, a 1956 Buick. It was demolished.

He said that he had passed a car, headed toward Beaufort, and after he cut back into the right lane a car appeared from out of nowhere right in front of him.

He said he whipped to the left, put on the brakes, skidded right, then left again and turned over. The car skidded 150 feet before upsetting.

Charges are pending.



Although they all don't work at the same time, this is the kind of work the Sparks family carries out in the Ground Observer Corps program. Left is W. R. Sparks, Harkers Island bridge tender, spotting a plane. Next to him is his son, Reed, 11; his daughter, Theresa, 17, and Mrs. Sparks, who is recording the information for the air filter center.

## Officials Break Ground for County Jail



The day finally arrived. County officials yesterday broke ground for the new \$75,000 jail on the courthouse square, Beaufort. Wielding the shovel are Sheriff Hugh Salter, left, and Moses Howard, chairman of the County Board of Commissioners. Observing, left to

right, are Commissioner Skinner Chalk, Commissioner Odell Merrill, Irvin Davis, clerk to the board; Commissioner Harrell Taylor; Alvah Hamilton, county attorney; Commissioner Walter Yeomans, and James Potter, county auditor.

Photo by Jerry Schumacher

## Air Force Commends Sparks Family for Plane-Spotting

By BOB SEYMOUR

Lt. Col. James A. Brennan, USAF, has highly commended the W. R. Sparks family, Harkers Island, for their excellent service in the Ground Observer Corps.

Mr. Sparks is the bridge tender at Harkers Island. He and his family have undertaken plane-spotting in cooperation with the State Highway and Public Works program. Bridge tenders all along the North Carolina coast serve as plane spotters.

Colonel Brennan, State Ground Observer Corps coordinator, has written A. H. Graham, head of the State Highway Department, commending him for the cooperation the Sparks have shown. The Air Force has sent them meritorious service award certificates, bars and medals.

Since Operation Skywatch went into effect Feb. 1, 1956, the Sparks family has served a total of 4,290 hours. Mr. and Mrs. Sparks have 1,820 hours each, Reed 500, and Theresa 150.

Ground observers note in which direction a plane is flying, identify it if possible, make a record of their observation on a blank and then telephone this information to the air filter center.

After receiving this information, if the filter center cannot identify the plane, jets take off from a nearby base to intercept it. Every time a ground observer makes a phone call, the Air Force points out, it helps save taxpayers as much as a thousand dollars, since that is approximately the cost of sending three jets aloft on interception missions.

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## Artist to Appear Oct. 15



Theodore Lettvin, brilliant American pianist, will present the first Community Concert of the season at Morehead City Monday, Oct. 15. Mrs. W. J. Ippock, secretary of the Community Concerts Association, announces that membership cards will be put in the mail this week.

## Six Wills Go on File In Clerk of Court Office

Six wills have been filed recently with the clerk of superior court, Beaufort. They were the wills of Lula A. Dennis, D. W. West, and Dora Bell, all of Newport, R. E. Chaplain and F. R. Seeley, both of

Beaufort, and C. R. Young, Harrell County.

Roy N. Dennis was named executor of the estate of his wife, Lula. Mrs. Dennis left all her property, real and personal, to her husband. The will was drawn July 13, 1956 and witnessed by M. C. Howard, Bennie R. Garner and Swindell Garner. It was probated Sept. 17, 1956.

Mr. West named his sons, Wayne Jr. and Carlton Ray, as executors of his estate. He directed that his funeral expenses be paid and left his property, real and personal, to his three sons, Wayne, Carlton and Leonard Wright West.

The will was drawn Oct. 16, 1952 and witnessed by Roy T. Garner and Clinton S. Garner.

Mrs. Bell named her daughter, Elizabeth B. Garner, executrix. The will was drawn July 20, 1956, witnessed by Mrs. Sudie Mann, J. Wheeler Smith, and Ira J. Jones and was probated Sept. 1, 1956.

To her daughter, Margaret, Mrs. Bell left the homeplace and land around it, as well as the furnishings. She specified that her other children, if they wished, should

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## Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, Oct. 2	
6:20 a.m.	12:06 a.m.
6:44 p.m.	12:36 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 3	
7:12 a.m.	12:55 a.m.
7:32 p.m.	1:29 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 4	
8:00 a.m.	1:42 a.m.
8:19 p.m.	2:18 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 5	
8:46 a.m.	2:26 a.m.
9:03 p.m.	3:05 p.m.

## County to Check Water Line Issue

County commissioners yesterday authorized Alvah Hamilton, county attorney, to find out who owns the water lines on Craven Avenue in Highland Park and take the necessary steps to get the lines lowered so the state can work on the street.

Commissioner Skinner Chalk said that he didn't believe the matter was the county's business but rather a controversy between the property owners and the water company, and the property owners should contact the State Utilities Commission.

In view of his opinion of the matter, Commissioner Chalk did not vote in favor of the county attorney's investigation.

Commissioner Chalk said that C. W. Williams, manager of Carolina Water Co., told him that the water lines do not belong to the Carolina Water Company.

Commissioner Odell Merrill contended that since the county has to give approval on road repair work, the county is involved in the water line problem.

The water lines are so close to the surface of the road that graders cannot work the road without hitting the lines, according to J. L. Humphrey, county superintendent.

The board also authorized a letter to be sent to Governor Hodges informing the governor that Carteret County is satisfied with the work done by highway officials in this county.

Chairman Moses Howard said that he felt the governor should know, in view of recent criticism directed at highway officials, that this county is pleased with the officials' "100 per cent cooperation."

The board drew names of prospective jurors for the November term of criminal court.

## Mayors Appeal To Employers

C. T. Lewis, mayor of Beaufort, and George W. Dill, mayor of Morehead City, have proclaimed next week as Employ the Physically-Handicapped Week. The mayors are calling upon employers to hire the physically-handicapped.

Oct. 7-13 has been designated as Nationally Employ the Physically-Handicapped Week by Congress. It is pointed out that many handicapped workers have proved their competence when rehabilitated and properly prepared for jobs.

The mayors call upon public officials as well as leaders of industry, labor and civic groups "to make every effort to enlist public support for a sustained program aimed at the employment and full use of the capabilities of those physically-handicapped."

They urge all employers to place their job openings with the Morehead City Employment Security Commission office, 4th Street, Morehead City.

## Nine Attend Rally

Nine men from the county attended the Democratic rally at Greenville Friday night. They were Irvin W. Davis, Sheriff Hugh Salter, A. H. James, Moses Howard, Prentiss Garner, Luther Hamilton Jr., Marshall Aycue, Theodore Smith, and John James.

## Engineer Says Storm Damage Fixed, OK'd

### Hodges Provides \$505,000 For West Carteret Highway

Carteret commissioners' September approval of a new road in the western part of the county came none too soon. Governor Hodges this past Thursday allocated \$505,000 for building the road between N. C. 24 and Maysville.

Had the commissioners dilly-dallied, Carteret would undoubtedly have been by-passed as the governor divided up a highway fund surplus.

The new route, known as the Black Swamp Road, leaves Highway 24 and goes northwestward through Ennett property and on into Maysville. It is a route favored by the state over another route that had been proposed from Havelock through Croatan National Forest to Pollockville.

The Black Swamp Road will allow travelers between Morehead City and Raleigh to bypass Cherry Point and New Bern. It will also give easier access to the new Emerald Isle development on Bogue Banks.

The route of the new road can be seen on a map posted on the bulletin board in the courthouse, Beaufort.

The total highway surplus, which accumulated during the past two years, was \$13,232,916.

In addition to the allocation for roads throughout the state, \$500,000 was set aside for three new ferry boats at Oregon Inlet and repairs on four others.

## Girl Scout Fund Stands at \$233

Through noon Saturday, workers in the Beaufort Girl Scout drive collected \$233.69. Their goal was \$400, approximately a third of the county total. The drive officially closed last week.

Collected in a house-to-house canvass Friday night, Sept. 21, was \$170, Mrs. Leonard Safrit reported. Mrs. Vie Bellamah, chairman of the fund drive in Beaufort, says donations are still being accepted.

Conducting the campaign, in addition to Mrs. Bellamah and Mrs. Safrit, are Mrs. David Jones, Mrs. Ralph Thomas, Mrs. Bob Slater, Mrs. Willie Lewis, Mrs. Jethro Quideley, Mrs. F. M. Thompson, Mrs. Jack Lord, Miss Nancy Atkinson, Miss Theresa Bellamah, Mrs. Edward Nelson, Mrs. Phil Thomas Jr., Mrs. Ivey Eubanks, Mrs. J. D. Potter, and Mrs. Norwood Young.

## Farmers to Elect ASC Committees

Farmers will ballot for ASC community committees Tuesday, Oct. 23, B. J. May, ASC manager announced yesterday.

The county ASC board of elections recently named community elections boards and they, in turn, have named 10 nominees in each community.

The community election for the Morehead City area consisted of James Murdoch and Ralph Creech, Wildwood. They have chosen the following to run for ASC committees.

K. S. Swinson, J. T. Oglesby, Robert Laughton, Thomas Oglesby, George Creech, Earl Murdoch, C. A. McCabe, G. C. Allen, Ross Willis and Bennie Swinson.

Men elected this month will serve one-year terms.

## Coast Guard Makes Weekend Rescues

The lookout tower at Fort Macon spotted a flag waving by Buoy No. 12 in Beaufort Inlet Saturday afternoon and dispatched the Coast Guard's 38-footer to check on the situation.

Hubert Willis of Morehead City was found aboard his 23-foot pleasure boat with a stalled motor. He was towed in to Morehead City.

The Coast Guard received a radio call Friday afternoon from a 29-foot pleasure boat owned by Thomas G. Willis of Beaufort. The boat was near Shackleford Banks and had developed engine trouble. She was towed back to Beaufort.

## New Member Welcomed

Joe House was welcomed as a new member of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce yesterday by President Glenn Adair, Holden Balou, director, and Miss Pat Springle, chamber secretary.

## County Board Considers Five Road Problems

Five highway problems were presented to the county board of commissioners yesterday morning at the courthouse. Four dealt with roads and one with drainage.

The board referred three roads to the State Highway Commission. One is located at Smyrna, another at Newport, and the third west of Morehead City. The Smyrna road, a half mile long, runs from the drive-in theatre to the landing built by the late Capt. George Davis.

Irvin Davis, clerk, said that the state maintains the road, but improvements are being sought. The county commissioners cleared the request and sent it to the state.

The road known as Park Lane, is 850 feet long, and runs from Oak to Sherwood Road at Newport. Moses Howard, chairman, said that a right-of-way has recently been obtained which will allow improvement of the road.

The Lockhart road petition, placed before the board last month, was reviewed and cleared. Mr. Davis said that the petitioner, D. E. Lockhart, told him the roads involved totaled three-tenths of a mile. They are located west of Morehead City.

Houses number 15. An asphalt topping is sought.

Further investigation was ordered in the case of the Chadwick Road in the Gloucester community. An extension of the road for 615 feet is being sought. There are three homes on the road, which runs to the water.

Referred to J. L. Humphrey, county road superintendent, was a drainage problem near the Harkers Island Road. Mrs. Myrtle Gillikin appeared before the board in the interest of her sister, Mrs. Virginia Lawrence.

Mrs. Gillikin said that the road by Leoden Gillikin's store floods and prevents her sister from getting out to the Harkers Island Road.

## Extension Workers Plan Farm Meeting Oct. 12

Farm and business leaders of the county will attend an agriculture meeting Friday night, Oct. 12. This will be a follow-up session to an initial meeting on county agriculture which was held at the civic center, Morehead City, Friday night.

R. M. Williams, county agent, said the meetings are being conducted by agriculture extension workers throughout the state to get a composite view of the agriculture picture in each county.

Speakers at Friday night's meeting were Mr. Williams, Mrs. Floy Garner, home agent, and Fred Knott, assistant county agent.

Mr. Williams presented the farm picture, Mrs. Garner the home picture and Mr. Knott the 4-H set-up.

**Opinions Given**  
Following the talks, listeners were invited to express their opinion as to the county's rural problems.

Mrs. Billie Smith pointed out that extension workers cannot reach all the people and one of the problems is getting parents to supplement extension workers' teaching.

Stanley Gillikin, Bettie, pointed out that Carteret farmers are badly in need of a system of marketing. "There's not enough competition in here," he commented.

"There's only one buyer and you never know what you're going to get from day to day for your produce."

John Kelly, Newport, said that there is also a tobacco marketing problem.

Archie Hardesty, Core Creek, commented, "After I grow my crops, nobody wants 'em."

Mrs. Smith commented that there should be better methods of grading. "After some of these vegetables come through a grader, I wouldn't have them!" she declared.

## Deadline for Soil Bank Applications Set for Oct. 15

Deadline for signing up for the conservation phase of the soil bank program for 1956 is less than two weeks away. As yet no Carteret farmers have made application for the program, says B. J. May, ASC director.

Gray Hassell, Beaufort engineer who handled county applications for federal aid after the 1955 hurricanes, reported with relief yesterday that all the repair work in the county has been finished, approved, and paid for.

The repair projects were county-wide, extending from the eastern limits westward along the shore. Eroded shorelines were built up, docks rebuilt and sand dunes pushed up.

The work was financed by the Federal Civil Defense Administration. Cost, including work done in municipalities after Connie, Diane and Ione, ran into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Mr. Hassell presented to the county board of commissioners yesterday a request from the U. S. Army engineers for approval of stream clearance work, absolving the federal government of all damage which may be incurred.

In addition to Newport River, Gibbs Creek near the Jones development (Glendale Park) and the head of North River have been designated for clearance.

The Newport River project starts up at the headwaters of the river and runs to within several miles of the Newport River bridge east of Morehead City.

Mr. Hassell said that the engineers plan to take out logs and other obstructions, but not sand bars.

## Lions to Hear Roy A. Sandlin

Lion District Governor Roy A. Sandlin of Raleigh will be guest speaker at the Morehead City Lions Club meeting Thursday night at Fleming's, says publicity chairman Oscar Allred.

At last week's meeting, president James E. Crowe conducted a business session since a quartette scheduled to give the program didn't appear. The Lions voted to dispense with the Oct. 11 meeting in order for members to attend a chamber of commerce business meeting.

The Lions made plans for their weekend White Cane drive. Frank Moran reported yesterday that 31 memberships in the North Carolina State Association for the Blind have been reported. The memberships sell for a dollar each.

The Lions collected \$154.08 on the street Saturday. The street collections, plus the memberships, should put the total funds raised to well over \$200, he said.

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Mr. Williams said that county farmers can readily market, locally, all the strawberries, figs and muscadine grapes they can grow, suggesting those as new commercial crops. He added that a winery in South Carolina is seeking 100 acres of grapes in this area now.

Mr. Hardesty said that was fine, but getting rails for grape arborers is a problem. "We split a rail for my grape arbor the other day and it was worth \$50!" he declared.

Attending the meeting, in addition to those mentioned, were Harry Venters, assistant to Mr. Williams, George Stallow manager of Carolina Power and Light; A. D. Ennett, Cedar Point; Mrs. Stanley Gillikin; Clarence Mills, Newport; Fred Creech, Wildwood.

Mrs. Fred Knott and James H. Davis, Beaufort; Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Oglesby, Crab Point; and David Jones, soil conservationist.

Mr. May reports that Oct. 15 is the last day that a farmer can sign up for the 1956 program. Anyone signing up after that date will receive payment for his land beginning in 1957. He expects quite a few farmers to sign up for the coming year.