

## New Oil Products Will Now Move To Local Port

### State Approves Contract This Week on Animal, Vegetable, Fish Oils

The State Utilities Commission has approved a contract between the Southern Oil Transportation Co. and Bulk Storage Co., Morehead City, to haul animal, vegetable and fish oils from all points in this state to the Morehead City port for export.

Robert Hicks, manager of the Bulk Storage Co., announced approval of the contract yesterday.

Moving to the Morehead City port under this agreement will be cottonseed oil, peanut oil, tallow, fish oil and other similar oil products.

Southern Oil Transportation, a tank trucking firm, has a branch terminal on Highway 70 just west of Morehead City.

At present all of North Carolina's animal and vegetable oils are being transported to Philadelphia for export. Mr. Hicks said that exporting the products out of Morehead City will mean a saving to exporters in freight costs.

## Five Receive Beer Permits; One Denied

County commissioners approved five beer permits and denied one at their meeting Tuesday afternoon at the courthouse.

None of the commissioners was in favor of allowing more beer outlets in the county, but according to law, they have no choice.

The law was read to them by the sheriff. It states that it is "mandatory" that they grant a beer permit unless the person applying for the permit has been convicted of violation of a law or is known to be of ill repute.

The commissioners said they disliked being put in the position of passing on the character of a man or woman. They advised the county attorney, Alvah Hamilton, that a bill should be introduced in the 1959 general assembly allowing them to approve or disapprove beer selling applications "at our discretion".

There was no loophole in the law which would allow the commissioners to deny beer applications "because we have enough beer selling places already". It was the opinion of the board that the county needs no more beer retailers.

Denied was a request for a beer license from Mary Bennett, for Mary's Drive-In, located west of Morehead City. The place is owned, according to the application, by Mrs. Ann Avery.

Permits were granted to Gerald S. Smith, Mom and Pop's, Morehead City; Julian Fulcher, Fulcher's Grocery, Highway 70; William R. Fox, Beach Seafood Market, Atlantic Beach; Gerald C. Taylor, Fodrie's Service Station, Beaufort; and Michael L. Taft, Morehead Biltmore Hotel.

## City Park Gets \$250 Contribution

Earle W. Webb, New York City, has contributed \$250 to the Morehead City municipal park. Mr. Webb is a native of Morehead City and spends part of each year at his home on Bogue Sound.

The check was sent to Jasper Bell, Morehead City's commissioner of buildings and grounds. Commissioner Bell is supervising construction of the park which will have a launching ramp for small boats, picnic tables, and parking area.

The park will be located on Evans Street extended on state property. It will front on Bogue Sound.

Mr. Bell said that more than half of the area has been graded and ready for seeding. He has asked cooperation of civic clubs in preparing the park.

Thus far, only three have responded, the Lions, with Grayson Bullock as representative; Rotary, with Thomas Noe as representative; and the Jaycees, whose representative is Dr. Russell Outlaw. Mr. Bell said he could use some women's club assistance.

Anyone who would like to give a cash contribution toward the park may send it to Mr. Bell.

Mr. Webb, in a letter accompanying his contribution, said in part, "I recently read in THE NEWS-TIMES about the city park. If properly developed and maintained, the park will prove most beneficial in many ways for the community."

## Work Starts on New Well



Photo by Bob Seymour

Well drillers arrived in Beaufort late Monday and started putting down the new well for the town water supply. Drilling the well is the Layne Atlantic Co. C. W. Williams, upper right, manager of the Morehead City-Beaufort office, Carolina Water Co., watches two workmen mix drilling clay. The clay is pumped into the hole to keep the sand walls from crumbling. At a depth of 85 feet, the drill was still churning through sand.

## Savings, Loan Association Will Open Morehead City Office in June

Frederick Willetts Sr., president of the Cooperative Savings and Loan Association, Wilmington, announced Wednesday that a branch office of his firm will open in Morehead City between June 1 and June 15.

The office will be located in the new building being erected at 10th and Arendell Streets, Morehead City.

Mr. Willetts reports that the state supervisory department of the savings and loan association has approved a branch office in Morehead City, and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Greensboro and Washington, D. C., has consented to the extension of the firm's lending limits.

Mr. Willetts described his firm as being similar to a savings bank. Savings are accepted by the company and loans made.

"Carteret citizens can invest their funds at 3 1/2 per cent interest," Mr. Willetts continued. "There will also be unlimited funds for lending purposes. This lending will be done on first mortgage real estate—principally on dwellings, although commercial property loans will also be considered."

The Wilmington firm has established a branch in Morehead City at the request of Morehead City businessmen interested in seeing home construction, through borrowing, made easier.

The Cooperative Savings and Loan Association was organized in 1898 and claims the record of having operated 60 years without a loss. Mr. Willetts says it is one of the largest and fastest growing institutions of its kind in North Carolina, with assets now approximating \$18 million.

Mr. Willetts has been associated with the business 36 years. He is a past president of the North Carolina Savings and Loan League and a past director of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Greensboro.

Frederick Willetts Jr. is secretary-treasurer and co-manager of the firm. He is a graduate of UNC and a savings and loan graduate of the University of Indiana. He was president of the Azalea Festival held recently at Wilmington.

Management of the Morehead City office will be under the supervision of Mr. Willetts Jr., who also supervises the branches in Wallace and Jacksonville.

Attorneys and others to be connected with the Morehead City office will be announced later.

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## Fireman Urges People To Call Right Station

The Beaufort Fire Department has answered two alarms unnecessarily in the past two weeks. Both fires were reported in the area served by the Marshallberg Fire Department.

Beaufort engineer Elmond Rhue says that the Marshallberg Fire Department may be contacted by calling the Baptist parsonage, PA 9-3243; Claude Brown, PA 9-3412; Lester Murphy, PA 9-3247; or Elwood Willis, PA 9-3306.

Mr. DuBois then read a letter from Mason King, another vice-president of Southern Railway, submitting an application for membership in the chamber.

The directors approved the hiring of Mrs. Jeanine Willis as full-time office secretary.

## Unemployment Claims Drop

Fewer people filed claims at the employment security office, Morehead City, last month than did in February.

According to Mrs. Julia Tenney, manager of the office, a total of 2,523 persons filed claims during March.

Of that number 194 were initial claims and 2,329 were continued claims. During February there were 2,880 claims filed in the office.

The number of initial claims in the office has dropped steadily since January. In that month there were 562 new claims. In February there were 341 and in March there were 194.

Mrs. Tenney says that there are 663 persons who are looking for work through her office. During March the office got calls for 123 job openings and placed 121 workers. A good many of these positions, however, were temporary.

## Atlantic Men Propose Civic Club

To stimulate interest in community affairs, an Atlantic civic club is being proposed.

When only a few members turned up at the meeting of the Down East Fire Department last Thursday night, the Atlantic members discussed a civic club. They would like both men and women to join.

Since the Parent-Teacher Association is not functioning, some sort of community-wide organization may be valuable, the men report.

A meeting to discuss the new organization has been scheduled for 7 p.m. next Thursday at the fire department headquarters.

## Chamber Official Reports On Many Mail Inquiries

The Morehead City Chamber of Commerce got 243 inquiries about resort facilities and 285 inquiries about sports fishing during March.

Chamber Manager Joe DuBois reported on office activities at a meeting of the board of directors Monday night at the chamber of office, Hotel Fort Macon.

Mr. DuBois reported that March was the most active month, correspondence wise, in the history of the chamber. A total of 782 letters were answered.

Chamber president Bud Dixon announced that he had appointed a special committee to select a Citizen of the Year for Morehead

# County Board Sets Same Tax Rate, \$1.35, for 1958-59

## Harkers Island Church Body Requests Tax Exemptions

Oliver Griffin and Johnny Lewis, two of seven owners of the old school building on Harkers Island, asked the county Tuesday to relieve them of taxes because the school is used as a church.

Mr. Griffin said that the church is non-denominational and is known as the Free Grace Mission. As a church, he said, the owners thought it would be exempt from taxes.

The county commissioners said that the only way the property would be eligible for tax exemption would be to have the deed registered in the name of the Free Grace Mission rather than seven private owners.

Commissioner Odell Merrill informed them that it is too late to be relieved of 1958 taxes. (The school was bought by the present owners from a group of Raleigh sportsmen).

The board agreed to relieve Brunswick Navigation Co., Beaufort, of ad valorem taxes for five years, in accordance with the stipulations set forth under the State Stream Sanitation laws.

Claud Wheatly, attorney, explained to the board that Beaufort Fisheries, which has cooperated with Brunswick Navigation in establishment of a stickwater plant, was required to make use of such a plant to comply with law preventing water pollution.

Mr. Wheatly reported that the attorney general has ruled that the stickwater plant is eligible for exemption of taxes for five years, providing the State Stream Sanitation Commission has issued it a Certificate of Compliance, indicating that the firm's operations are in connection with maintenance of pure waters.

Mr. Wheatly said such a Certificate of Compliance has been issued the firm.

The board took under consideration a proposal that it go on record against removal of aircraft repair operations from Cherry Point to private industry.

Congressman Barden, by letter, has informed the board that he doubts if a bill authorizing such (HR11094) will become law. The letter was read to the board.

Request Tabled  
Tabled was a request from Robert Rouse Jr., solicitor for the fifth district, for \$50 to help meet tuition expenses totalling \$250 for a course at Northwestern University in August. The course, from Aug. 4 to 8, would, he said, be of value to him as a prosecutor.

Commissioners discussed the need for a special term of superior court, but at the advice of the county attorney, Alvah Hamilton, took no action pending a meeting of the County Bar Association.

Cliff Edwards of a water softening service, appeared before the

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## Demolition Study To Start Tuesday

A demolition team from Fort Bragg will conduct an eight-hour course here next week.

The course will instruct Civil Defense personnel on dismantling live bombs, how to care for oneself in a bomb attack and how to protect life and property.

The instruction will be given for two hours on four nights, beginning Tuesday night at the National Guard armory, Morehead City.

Attending the course, in addition to Atlantic Beach Civil Defense personnel, will be members of the Greenville Rescue squad, Newport Fire Department and the National Guard.

Plans for the course were made by Bill Moore, Atlantic Beach deputy Civil Defense director.

All three were turned over to Moore County authorities yesterday morning.

At the time of the Allen and Bell robbery, Hibbs Soda Shop and the Friendly Diner at Newport were also entered. The sheriff believes all three burglaries, committed March 23, were pulled by the Brown boys.

Weather observer Stacey Davis says that his thermometer is still out of order. He was able to record only the minimum temperatures this week. They follow: Monday, 52; Tuesday, 41; and Wednesday, 46.

County commissioners have set the tax rate for the 1958-59 fiscal year at \$1.35 per hundred dollars of valuation. This is the same rate that was in effect last year.

This rate will not meet budget requests. To meet the request of the board of education the tax rate would have had to be raised 35 cents.

To meet the request of the welfare department, the rate would have had to be raised an additional 4 cents to a total of 39 cents, making the tax rate \$1.74 per hundred dollars of valuation.

The board is in sympathy with the needs of the county, insofar as schools are concerned, but the commissioners feel that with the tremendous investment needed in schools, the people should be allowed to say whether taxes should be increased to meet school building costs and operation.

James D. Potter, county auditor, remarked that in a referendum the people could vote on

1. Raising taxes to pay off bonds if the money is borrowed in a lump sum to build schools  
2. Raising taxes to finance a pay-as-you-go school program  
3. Don't raise taxes at all and get along without new schools.

How Apportioned  
With the exception of the money which goes to retire the county's debt, the school program and welfare program get the lion's share of tax revenue. Each department receives 20 cents of the \$1.35 or a total of 40 cents.

According to the proposed 1958-59 budget, 23 cents will go into the general fund; seven cents to the health department and the remaining 65 cents to retire the debt.

Commissioner Skinner Chalk voted against the \$1.35 rate. He maintains the tax rate should be raised to permit putting 90 cents toward debt retirement.

The commissioners heard budget presentations from H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools and Miss Georgie Hughes, welfare superintendent. Accompanying Miss Hughes were members of her board, Mrs. C. G. Holland, Corbett Davis and Nathan Garner.

School Request  
The board of education has requested \$244,076 this year, as compared with \$95,500 last year.

Of the amount requested, \$212,000 is earmarked for investment in new rooms, building sites and buildings. Fifteen thousand dollars is requested for new sites and \$160,000 to be set aside specifically for new buildings.

While \$160,000 would not go very far in putting up new buildings, it is the education board's theory that such amounts would be set aside annually until enough is available to start construction.

Providing \$118,000 total for schools this year would knock out all of the requests for new structures with the exception of a gym for Queen Street School (\$34,000) and temporary buildings at Morehead City School.

(Later at the education board meeting, the board members said they would not approve placing temporary buildings at Morehead City School. They said permanent schools could be built at Camp

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## Swords of Hope Will Go To Crusade Contributors

Red plastic sword lapel pins, symbol of the American Cancer Society, will be sold in downtown Beaufort and Morehead City tomorrow. On the following day, Cancer Sabbath, a door-to-door solicitation in the two towns will be made.

The Cancer Crusade is under the supervision of the Carteret Business and Professional Women's Club.

Crusade chairman for the county is Miss Lyda Piner. Chairman for Morehead City is Mrs. James C. Smith; for Beaufort, Mrs. C. L. Beam, and for the down east area, Mrs. John Valentine, Marshallberg.

In charge of the sword-of-hope sale in Beaufort are Mrs. Earl Taylor and Mrs. Dan Walker. Sell

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## Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar

HIGH	Friday, April 11	LOW
2:06 a.m.		8:44 a.m.
2:45 p.m.		9:08 p.m.
Saturday, April 12		
3:05 a.m.		9:42 a.m.
3:44 p.m.		10:07 p.m.
Sunday, April 13		
4:05 a.m.		10:34 a.m.
4:42 p.m.		10:59 p.m.
Monday, April 14		
5:00 a.m.		11:20 a.m.
5:34 p.m.		11:46 p.m.
Tuesday, April 15		
5:51 a.m.		12:04 a.m.
6:19 p.m.		

## Education Board Sets Next Year's School Calendar

### Appointments Made to Fill Vacancies on Four Local School Boards

The County Board of Education adopted the school calendar for 1958-59 when it met Tuesday afternoon at the education office in the courthouse annex, Beaufort.

School will open next fall on Tuesday, Sept. 2, the day after Labor Day. There will be one holiday in October to allow teachers to attend an annual teachers' meeting. Thanksgiving holidays will be Nov. 27 and 28.

An unusually long Christmas vacation will occur because New Year's Day of 1959 falls on a Thursday. Rather than return to school for one day, Jan. 2, school will not be resumed until Monday, Jan. 5.

Easter holidays will be March 27, Good Friday, and March 30, Easter Monday. School will close May 29, 1959.

Appointments Made  
Appointees were named to fill expired terms of certain school trustees.

Raymond Ball and Halsey Paul were appointed to succeed themselves for three years on the Beaufort School board. Gerald Murdoch will succeed Abbott Morris on the Camp Glenn board.

Truman Kemp will succeed George McNeill on the Morehead City board. Succeeding E. F. Carraway and Lloyd N. Garner on the Newport board are Gerald T. Merrill and Charles Hill.

Budget Discussed  
The board discussed the 1958-59 budget. Members said that they were opposed to putting more temporary rooms at Morehead City School. That may be one of the alternatives if the present building cannot accommodate all of next year's student body.

The board approved the Rotary Club's use of the Newport school lunchroom for its meetings. The club will rent the lunchroom.

Two members are still needed on the Smyrna Citizens for Better Schools Committee. No one has been named to fill the vacancies as yet.

The board discussed the physical condition of school buildings and sites for proposed schools.

Presiding at the meeting was Robert Safrit Jr., chairman of the board.

Because of the small amount of money raised here in the cancer campaign last year, only \$362 has been available in the county since then to help cancer patients or to educate persons on the importance of recognizing cancer symptoms.

Miss Vivian May, Morehead City, president of the County Cancer Society, who has accepted the office within the past month, announced yesterday that \$25 has been paid by the society on a drug bill for a needy cancer patient from Salter Path.

Authorized by the society this week was the purchase of necessary items for a Beaufort resident who must undergo a cancer operation in May at Winston-Salem. She is the mother of five children, her husband is out of work and one of her children is now hospitalized.

Funds given to the cancer society help finance the cancer detection-diagnostic center at James Walker Memorial Hospital, Wilmington.

Any woman 35 and over and any man 40 and over may have a free examination. Any individual, regardless of age, is examined if a cancer symptom is present or if they are referred by their physician.

Persons should write for an appointment to American Cancer Society, Box 1382, Wilmington, N. C.

The examinations are scheduled for Tuesday mornings. Each person given an appointment will receive a postcard stating the time and date.



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