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Tourists Queried on Their Interest in Proposed Ferry

To obtain an estimate on the number of persons who would use a car ferry between Ocracoke and Cedar Island, hotels and motels between Manteo and Southport are asking tourists to sign petitions. The petitions are being forwarded to Gov. Luther Hodges.

The tourists are shown a map of the coast. In red is the 20-mile route a car ferry would travel between Ocracoke and Cedar Island. In blue is the 300-mile route from Ocracoke north through Manteo, little Washington and south to Carteret.

The 300-mile route is the one that has to be taken to reach the central North Carolina coast again, after outer banks travelers go as far south as they can, to Ocracoke.

The petitions are being supplied by the All Seashore Highway Association, J. A. DuBois, Morehead City, secretary.

As soon as one page is filled, the hotel or motel operator is asked to date it and mail it directly to the governor.

The governor requested a report on how many persons might be expected to use a state-operated ferry between Ocracoke and Cedar Island. A survey firm was contacted but it wanted $10,000 for the job, so the petition idea was decided upon.

Also indicated on the map is the proposed ferry route, another coastal highway link at Fort Fisher, south of Wilmington.

Board Promises Help on Request For Telephones

In response to requests from Bogue Banks residents at Salter Path and Emerald Isle, county commissioners agreed yesterday to write to Carolina Telephone and Telegraph to ask that phones be installed in those communities.

Sheriff Hugh Salter, who passed the request to the board in behalf of the Salter Path and Emerald Isle residents, said those residents would like to know whether the phone company plans to put phones in soon. If not, they want to make other arrangements to get phone service.

The board also authorized forwarding of petitions for a mosquito control district to the State Board of Health. Appearing before the board relative to the matter were F. C. Noyes and Ed Willard, Sea Level, and Lt. Cdr. John McCormack, Atlantic.

Petitions signed by 10 per cent of the freeholders in a district are needed to establish a district. Mr. Willard said that 38 per cent have signed the petitions.

It is proposed that Carteret be established as a district. As such, a separate mosquito control board would be set up, with the power to tax, up to 35 cents per hundred dollars' valuation, for mosquito control work.

A mosquito tax of 10 cents per hundred is contemplated if county residents approve establishment of a mosquito control district in the November election.

Prior to this election, a public hearing must be held. Presiding at the hearing will be Moses Howard, chairman of the county board, and a representative of the State Department of Health. Date of the hearing has not yet been set. The petitions must first be approved by the state health department.

A petition from Harkers Island residents was presented. The petition asks that the state Highway Commission improve the draw span on the Harkers Island bridge so that loads heavier than eight tons may cross it.

The petition was approved and forwarded to the highway commission.

Also approved was a request by Commissioner Harrell Taylor of Sea Level. He requested that the state place drainage tile through the sea wall at three places at Sea Level to prevent water from backing up on the highway and flooding adjoining property.

The board approved sale of a surplus police radio to George Smith, constable of Morehead township, for $200.

A tax matter concerning property owned by Mrs. J. M. Stallings, Merrimon, was discussed. The matter was referred to Prentiss Garner of the auditor's office.

Mrs. Leota Hammer of the health department appeared befort the board relative to a change in the health budget. The board adopted the budget as it was set up in May.

Ponies Penned

Ponies on Cedar Island were penned on the Fourth of July. The penning attracted a good crowd and several horses were sold.

Funeral Rites Conducted Sunday for G. L. Davis

Graham L. Davis
. . . dies from injuries

The funeral service for Graham L. Davis, 65, Straits, was conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Beaufort. Mr. Davis, past president of the American Hospitall Association and nationally-known hospital consultant, died at noon Friday in the Morehead City Hospital from injuries received Monday, June 30, in a head-on automobile collision at Bettie.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Edward Sharp, rector of St. Paul's. Burial was in Ocean View Cemetery, Beaufort.

Surviving are his wife, Anne Marie; a son, John Pierre, Baltimore, Md.; a daughter, Mrs. Roger A. Reardon, Oxnard, Cal.; his mother, Mrs. J. J. Davis, Smyrna; six brothers, Lloyd, Smyrna; Harry, Raleigh; Rear Adm. Ernest J. Davis, USN (ret.), Beaufort; Rear Adm. James W. Davis, USN, Paris, France; Maurice, Falls Church, Va., and Edward, Tucson, Ariz.

Also surviving are four sisters, Mrs. Joel Davis, Harlowe; Mrs. Ruby Holland, Smyrna; Mrs. Orrie Holland, Falls Church, Va.; Mrs. William Sourwine, Seattle, Wash., and eight grandchildren.

Hospital Administrator

At the time of his death, Mr. Davis was administrator of the Onslow County Hospital, Jacksonville, a position he accepted after retirement in 1952 as hospital consultant for the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, Battle Creek, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis built a home at Straits in 1952 where Mr. Davis engaged in cattle raising as well as serving, when requested, as advisor on matters of hospital administration.

From 1924 to 1940, he served as hospital consultant for the Duke Endowment and in 1940 went to Michigan in the same capacity for the Kellogg Foundation.

He served in numerous official capacities for the American Hospital Association from 1938 to 1946, becoming president in 1948. In 1946 he was a member of the joint commission of the American Hospital Association and the American Public Health Association.

He was a past president of the Michigan Hospital Association, member of the Federal Hospital Council, commission on health facilities of British Columbia, Inter-American Hospital Association, and American Statisticians Association.

Edited Magazine

For five years he was editor of Southern Hospitals magazine and was a contributor to numerous hospital and medical journals.

Mr. Davis was born at Woodville, N. C., and studied at Wake Forest, University of North Carolina, George Washington University and New York University. He was in the Army Air Corps in the second world war.

In place of flowers at the funeral, the family suggested that funds be used for a scholarship in his memory at the University of Minnesota where Mr. Davis established the School of Hospital Administration.

Health Department Reports Increased Amount of Work

During the month of June alone, the county health department staff administered 2,230 shots.

The detailed report, as given the health board last week, follows: typhoid shots 850, triple (diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus) 314; smallpox 59, polio 744, and tuberculin tests 212.

(The Carteret Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has agreed to purchase another shipment of polio vaccine for adults).

Other activities: blood tests 166, health cards issued 163, venereal disease treatments 37, x-rays 53, cases at orthopedic clinic 50, cases at TB clinic 17, TB cases sent to sanatorium or other hospitals since November 1957 15.

Dr. Luther Fulcher, health officer, reported that the work of the health department staff has increased tremendously.

A. D. Fulford, sanitarian, said the same condition prevails in his department.

His activities include the following: inspection of 110 restaurants, 8 hotels, 21 motels, 2 summer camps, 2 hospitals, 9 school lunchrooms, 11 schools, 34 meat markets, 1 slaughtering house, 2 dairies, 23 labor camps.

The Federal Housing Administration also requires that septic tanks and water supplies be inspected and approved before a veteran can get a loan.

In rural sanitation, the sanitarian investigates complaints, collects water samples on request and has them tested, inspects septic tanks for private citizens.

He supervises the mosquito control program. Total amount spent in 1957 was $13,780. The state requires that the number of hours, miles, acres covered, types of materials used be reported. Community projects must be supervised.

Mr. Fulford told the board, "The work load has become such a burden on the sanitarian that it is impossible to continue without more help or cut out some of the programs and services."

Mr. Fulford said that he is unable to make inspections as frequently as they should be made and other things are being left undone because one person cannot do them.

Word of Death Received

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. B. G. Reece in Elkin Hospital Friday. Mrs. Reece was the sister-in-law of Mrs. S. C. Holloway and was a frequent Morehead visitor. Funeral services were conducted Saturday in Elkin.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar
(Eastern Standard Time)

HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, July 8	
1:02 a.m.	7:24 a.m.
1:45 p.m.	8:07 p.m.
Wednesday, July 9	
1:45 a.m.	8:22 a.m.
2:30 p.m.	9:10 p.m.
Thursday, July 10	
2:33 a.m.	9:17 a.m.
3:19 p.m.	10:05 p.m.
Friday, July 11	
3:30 a.m.	10:06 a.m.
4:12 p.m.	10:55 p.m.

Weekend Passes In Carteret With No Deaths

● Minor Automobile, Water Accidents Occur

Other than a few minor auto accidents, the Fourth of July weekend passed quietly in Carteret. There were no fatalities on the highways or in the water.

Duane Harvey, Davis, suffered a serious neck injury, however, when he dived into shallow water. Harvey was with a group of persons who were coming from the banks in a boat.

They stopped to go swimming and Harvey, instead of making a shallow dive, dove deep. The water was about 3 feet deep.

He floated to the surface, was pulled aboard the boat and rushed to Sea Level Hospital.

Two motorboats collided in the cut to Sonny's Yacht Basin, Atlantic Beach Sunday. No one was hurt.

Damage totaling $30 was caused when a 1958 Nash driven by Henry C. Suggs, Morehead City, struck a parked 1957 Nash in the Piggly-Wiggly parking lot, Morehead City, at 2:40 p.m. Thursday. The 1957 Nash had been parked by Evelyn A. Moore, Morehead City.

Chief Herbert Griffin investigated.

At 7 p.m. on the Fourth, Richard F. Newman, 308 Moore St., Beaufort, in a 1951 Ford, was going west on Cedar Street when he ran into a parked 1955 Nash Rambler.

The Rambler was owned by William Sewell, 120 Moore St. Chief Guy Springle said Newman claimed the sun was in his eyes and blinded him. Damage was slight and there were no charges.

Highway patrolmen and other law officers said it was one of the "quietest Fourths" they had ever been through. The patrolmen expressed their appreciation to motorists for their cooperation in obeying speed laws and other traffic regulations.

They attributed the safe weekend largely to this cooperation.

Beach Mayor Speaks to Club

Alfred Cooper, mayor of Atlantic Beach, was guest speaker at the Morehead City Rotary Club meeting Thursday night. The club met at the Rex Restaurant.

Mr. Cooper traced the history of the beach from the first toll bridge to the present. He said that two more bridges, one in Morehead City and one at Swansboro, were needed to ease the traffic problem on the one existing bridge.

Tearing out the sidewalks on the bridge and making it open for three lanes of traffic would ease the traffic situation somewhat, the mayor suggested.

The third lane would be open to traffic going toward the beach in the morning and early afternoon and open to traffic leaving the beach later in the day.

Mr. Cooper was the guest of program chairman Dr. A. F. Chestnut. Other guests and visitors included Edwin Tenney Jr., Columbia, S. C., brother-in-law of president Thomas Noe, and Frank Wooten of Goldsboro.

Mercury Hits 90 For First Time

Weather observer Stamey Davis reported the highest temperature of the summer for Saturday. The mercury climbed to a scorching 90 in the shade. That was only one degree higher than the high of Friday, July 4.

The temperature has dropped below 70 only for a short time this month. The mercury fell to 67 early Tuesday morning, July 1. Since then the thermometer has ranged from 71 to 90.

Maximum and minimum temperatures and wind direction for the month follow:

	Max.	Min.	Wind
Tuesday	88	67	SSE
Wednesday	87	71	SW
Thursday	86	75	SW
Friday	89	77	SW
Saturday	90	77	SW
Sunday	87	75	SW

Tobacco Specialist Will Be at Newport Thursday

Tobacco farmers are invited to meet at 10 a.m. Thursday with S. N. Hawks, tobacco specialist, on the Y. Z. Simmons farm, Newport.

A tobacco demonstration has been planted on that farm. R. M. Williams, farm agent, also invites farmers to bring any diseased tobacco plant with them and Mr. Hawks will offer advice on how to combat the problem.

State Proceeds with Outer Banks Restoration Plans

Beginning Monday, owners of property on the outer banks, between Drum and Ocracoke Inlets, will be contacted by the state relative to granting an easement through their property.

The easement must be obtained before the state will send prison labor to the banks to construct brush and sand fences to prevent further erosion.

J. A. DuBois, Morehead City, reports that in a preliminary survey taken last year, all of the property owners agreed to give the easement. The state cannot construct right-of-ways or undertake work on private property.

The Beach Erosion Board of the Corps of Army Engineers has cooperated with the State Hurricane Rehabilitation office in planning the dune construction program. All of the livestock were ordered taken off the banks by July 1. The state felt that if left there, they would knock down fences and undo all the work that might be done to restore the land.

Since the hurricanes of recent years, the ocean washes over the banks and into Core Sound on high tides.

W. F. Babcock, director of the State Highway Commission, says aerial photos have been taken of the Drum to Ocracoke Inlet area. A center line for the proposed right-of-way has been established and ownership of property is being plotted on the photo.

It is hoped that the easements can be obtained with little delay.

Cost of prison labor to construct sand fences has been estimated at $5 per prisoner per day, or a total of $25,000.

The National Park Service is rebuilding dunes and planting vegetation on the banks north of Ocracoke Inlet. Some private property owners have put up sand fences; others are urged to take any protection measures they can to prevent further erosion of the outer banks.

Joey Makes Like Pretzel

Photo by Bob Seymour

Joe Hewett, 11, Morehead City, says television contortionists have nothing on him. Here he has both feet locked behind his head while he waves and winks at the camera. It took a while, but he finally got untangled.

Near-Drowning Occurs Friday

Floyd Johnson, Douglas Swain, Tony Johnson and Charles McCarthy Jr., all of Beaufort, were given credit for saving three girls who got into deep water while playing in Taylors Creek near the post-office dock, Beaufort, Friday morning.

The girls were Linda Willis, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Willis; Shirley Matthews, 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Early Matthews; and Dorothy Willis, 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Willis, all of Beaufort.

Linda and Shirley, neither of whom can swim, waded into a drop-off and were in water over their heads. Dorothy went after them but was not strong enough to pull her friends to safety.

Charlotte Mitchell, Beaufort, saw what was happening and went to help the three girls. It was then that Mr. Johnson and the three teen-age boys realized the girls needed help. They swam out and brought them in.

The three girls were scared but safe. Police Chief Guy Springle warned them to stay away from deep water until they could swim well.

The chief said that there were many holes in Taylors Creek that the average person would not know about. Wading in deep water is asking for trouble, he concluded.

Sheriffs Meet Here

Members of the North Carolina Sheriffs Association will convene today at the Morehead Biltmore for their annual meeting.

Board Adopts County Budget of $711,296.80

County commissioners adopted a budget of $711,296.80 at their meeting in the courthouse, Beaufort, yesterday. Some minor adjustments may be made, but that is the amount of county funds scheduled to be disbursed during the current fiscal year. The figure does not include state and federal funds.

The tax rate of $1.35 per hundred dollars of valuation is broken down as follows: general fund, 20 cents; welfare general assistance fund, 10 cents; old age assistance, 1 cent; aid to dependent children, 4 cents; aid to the permanent and totally disabled, 3½ cents; aid to the blind, 1½ cents.

Public school maintenance, 20 cents; health fund, 7 cents; building maintenance, 3 cents; courthouse annex and jail bonds, 3 cents; special school bond retirement fund, 1 cent; courthouse annex and jail bonds, 3 cents; payment on health center notes, 1 cent, and debt service fund, 60 cents.

The total valuation of property in the county was set at $39½ million.

The county's total debt as of July 1, 1958 was $1,004,055. Bonds retired during the past fiscal year totaled $136,000.

Budget totals for the various departments are as follows: general fund, $220,000 (includes cost of operation of county offices, collecting taxes, operating courts, etc.); health department $38,604 (county's share of that budget is $26,915; other funds are state and federal.

Welfare, $508,997.74 (county's share is $91,305.80); education, $242,447 (county's share is $118,076).

The amount of money to be spent by the county in the current fiscal year exceeds the estimated 1957-58 budget by $35,796.80.

To meet the increase, accumulated surpluses are being used, since there was no raise in the tax rate.

Child is Injured When He Hits Car In Beaufort

Jonathan David Jones, 8, Durham, ran from between parked cars Thursday in the 100 block of Front street, Beaufort, and collided with a 1958 Ford driven by George Huntley Jr., police report. The accident occurred at 7:05 p.m.

Police Chief Guy Springle said the boy was carried to the hospital for treatment of cuts on his face. He spent the night in the hospital.

Mr. Huntley was driving about 15 mph when the child darted from between the cars, the chief said. The little boy ran into the right front fender of the Ford. He told Mr. Huntley, "You didn't hit me, mister, I ran into you."

Jaycees to Send Wires To Miss Morehead City

The Morehead City Jaycees plan to send daily telegrams to Bonnie Fish, Miss Morehead City, while she is at the state beauty pageant at Charlotte this week.

Dr. Berl Lewis is chairman of the telegram committee. Anyone interested in sending congratulations to Miss Fish can call Dr. Lewis at his office, 6-3312.

Tax Collector Makes Report

Eugene Moore, county tax collector, reported yesterday that $103,207.11 has been collected on the 1958 tax levy. Received last month on the 1957 levy was $3,957.65, on 1956 and prior levies $1,218.91.

Business license fees last month totaled $2,104.50, making total receipts for the tax collector's office $110,506.17 in June.

Percentage of the 1957 levy collected is 92. In answer to a question by Skinner Chalk Jr., commissioner, Mr. Moore said that by the time all legal steps are taken to collect taxes, the percentage of each levy received is about 95 per cent.

The board renewed the contract with E. L. Brinson, deputy collector of delinquent personal property taxes. Mr. Brinson will receive 30 per cent commission on all personal property taxes he collects on 1956 and prior levies, and 10 per cent on 1957.

Last month he collected delinquent taxes amounting to $508.13.

Patrolman Promoted

Lt. Richard H. Chadwick, veteran State Highway Patrolman who was promoted to his new rank July 1. Lieutenant Chadwick is a native of Beaufort and joined the highway patrol in 1941. He was formerly a sergeant in charge of Wake County's 17-man detachment of troopers and will take over as executive officer of patrol troop B with headquarters in Fayetteville.

Willie McGee Pays Fine In Morehead City Court

Willie James McGee was fined $150 and ordered to pay court costs in Morehead City recorder's court last Monday. Judge Herbert Phillips found him guilty of driving drunk, driving without a license and using another person's license.

Louis A. Masciello and John P. Igoe were fined $50 plus costs. Masciello was found guilty of hit and run and failure to report an accident. Igoe was found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon.

James Frank Hall was found guilty of running a red light and driving without a license. He was fined $25 for driving without a license and $10 plus costs for running the light. Robert W. Hotchkiss drew identical judgments for the same offenses. Each man was given a deadline to present a license and get the $25 fine back.

Howard L. Shinn was ordered to pay $25 and costs for public drunkenness. Benjamin F. DeLoach paid $25 and costs for driving without a license.

Ida Felton was ordered to pay court costs after she withdrew a warrant charging Joseph Felton with disturbing the peace with disorderly conduct.

Haywood Snell and Sound Appliance Co. settled their differences over a hand truck and charges against Snell were nol prossed by the state.

Three defendants did not show up for court. James Satterwaite forfeited a cash bond he had posted after running a red light.

Leon English did not show up for the second week in a row. He has been charged with public drunkenness. Andrew Midgett, charged with driving after his license had been revoked, also failed to appear. The judge ordered both men picked up.

Cases were continued against Harry Morris, Frank Grantham and Mack Thomas Harrell.

Two Boys Steal $23 From Cottage at Beach

In juvenile quarters at the county jail yesterday morning were two youngsters charged with stealing $23 from a cottage at the east end of Atlantic Beach.

The boys were arrested Saturday by George Smith, constable. Sheriff Hugh Salter said the boys took the money from a pocketbook in one of two cottages they had entered. They divided the money between them.

Both youngsters have been confined in the past to training school. They were scheduled to be given a hearing before A. H. James, juvenile judge, yesterday. One of the boys has confessed to the theft.