

Highway Official Puts 'Must' Tag On River Bridge

Prospects for a new bridge across the Newport River at Morehead City brightened Friday when W. F. Babcock, highway director, put a "must" tag on the project.

Also tagged "must" by the director, was widening and improving highway 70 between Havelock and the Carteret-Craven line.

Mr. Babcock said the work is being slated for construction in 1959 and 1960. The State Highway Commission, which studies the director's recommendations, gave Babcock's priority projects tentative approval.

Cost estimates of the jobs will be prepared and submitted to the highway commission when it meets in Waynesville Sept. 29 and 30.

Morehead City is in favor of a new bridge across Newport River at a location farther north of the present one. Such a site, it is contended, would give access to a larger portion of Newport River for port development.

Interests east of Morehead City who favor development of the state port eastward, rather than north, say the bridge should stay at its present location, but be widened.

The state hasn't committed itself on anything.

Three Injured, Same Corner!

Three visitors from Durham were hospitalized as the result of an accident at 24th and Arendell Streets (beach road and highway 70) at 12:25 p.m. Sunday. Susan Smith, 12, was treated at the Morehead City hospital for a broken collar bone and injuries to her left side.

James P. Smith Jr. had a sprained neck and Joyce Hunt was suffering from shock. All three were riding in a 1951 Chevrolet going east on Arendell Street. The car was driven by M. H. Smith, also of Durham.

Walter Wood, Kinston, was charged with failure to yield the right of way. According to Police Chief Herbert Griffin, Wood was going south on 24th Street and ran into the side of the other car.

Damage to the left front of the Chevrolet was estimated at \$300. Damage to the front end of the 1949 Plymouth Wood was driving was estimated at \$400.

Chief Griffin said it was the sixth accident at that corner in the past year.

Rotarians See 'European Slides'

Robert McNeill showed slides he took in Europe at the Morehead City Rotary Club meeting Thursday night. The club met at the Rex Restaurant.

Robert spent seven weeks touring Europe this summer. He flew to London where he joined a tour group. After going through England and Scotland, the group went to Belgium, spending three days at the World's Fair.

From Belgium, Robert went to Holland, Germany, Switzerland and Italy. He took a ship from Naples to Lisbon, Spain. On the cruise home the ship docked in the Azores and at Halifax, Nova Scotia, and finally at New York.

Visiting Rotarians were Bob Bryan, Goldsboro, Jennings Earnhardt, Charlotte, and Jim Fleming and Lawrence Stroud, Greenville. Guests of Rotarians were W. H. Potter, Ralph Wade and Al Archer.

Carteret's First Class of Student Drivers Honored at Exercises Friday

The first class of Carteret student drivers "graduated" Friday morning. In exercises in the courthouse, Beaufort, the students were congratulated and presented with cards certifying that they had successfully completed a six-week driver training course.

H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, presided. He pointed out that the cards they received would be helpful in obtaining a driver's license, and that the fathers of boys who held such cards would receive car insurance rebates.

Mr. Joslyn thanked Paul Motor Co., Parker Motors and Sound Chevrolet for lending cars for the program and expressed his appreciation to the instructors, John Duncan, James Fodrie and Stewart Daniels.

Mayor C. T. Lewis, Beaufort, told the student drivers that safe driving must be practiced all the time, not just until the operator's license is obtained. He urged them to practice courtesy, self-control and warned them not to be a "bel-ligerent driver".

The mayor reminded them that 25 per cent of the licensed drivers are not good drivers. He remarked that the instruction they received will be "beneficial to all of us".

Mayor George W. Dill warned the students that they should not drive faster than they can think. He said each one of them may think that he has learned to control his impulses, but "there is always mechanical failure and the other fellow".

Mr. Duncan presented cards to his students who were the following: Linda Dickinson, Victor Reynolds, Reginald Lewis, Becky Sanders, and Perry Brown, all of Newport.

From Morehead City: Jerry Bowers, Ashley Jarman, Mary Phillips, Patricia Nelson, Elaine Miller, Doris Phillips, Nancy Jefferis, Jonice Parker.

Jo Ann Whitley, Benjamin F. Whitley, Lacy Wray; Herman Wetherington, Evelyn Morris, James D. Terrell, Donald Fox.

Mary Louis Hanes, Joan Guthrie, Leroy Lewis, Naven Mason, Jackie Roberts, Mart Bell, Jimmy Lee Whitley, Thomas Avery Gilbert.

Alton Parker Robinson, Cecil Hyatt, Pamela Atkinson, John H. Crowe, Mike Crowe, Michael Leonard.

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Car Falls Through Bridge Opening



After daybreak Sunday, wreckers went to work, above, to pull the car up and off the fender. In the right background can be seen beach homes. Spectators gathered on the bridge to watch the operation.

A miracle saved John Stuart Murphy, 32, Greenville, from certain death at 3:30 a.m. Sunday when he drove his 1958 Chevrolet through lowered gates on the Atlantic Beach bridge, and into the drawspan opening.

Instead of going into the channel, the car caught and hung on the fender of the bridge. Murphy, who was charged with driving drunk and driving after his license was revoked, was gotten out of the car by military policemen, and others at the scene. He was not hurt.

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Had the car been going faster than it was, the speed would have buried it clear of the fender and into the deep channel spanned by the Atlantic Beach drawbridge. This is the angle at which it stopped. The driver escaped uninjured.

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Driver Hospitalized After Saturday Crash

James (Hallett) Styron, Sea Level, was in the Morehead City Hospital yesterday morning, recovering from injuries received when the 1957 Ford he was driving failed to make a curve two miles east of Beaufort on Highway 70 shortly after midnight Saturday.

Patrolman W. J. Smith Jr. said Styron was headed east.

Crowds Flock In After Daisy Goes

Atlantic Beach, Fort Macon beach, and fishing piers yesterday reported big Labor Day weekend crowds. A. B. Cooper, Atlantic Beach, said that the crowds were as big, if not bigger than on any previous Labor Day weekend.

Daisy put the beach businesses in the doldrums Monday through Friday, but business picked up Saturday.

Highway patrolmen said that traffic has been heavy. There were several auto accidents, but no fatalities.

State Reports On Federal Funds

Raleigh — The State Highway Commission reported today it has let to contract over \$8 million in work under the federal emergency highway allocations made by the Congress last April. Under the anti-recession legislation, North Carolina is set to receive a total of almost \$14 million.

Congress stipulated that all emergency funds must be applied to contract projects before December of this year and the projects completed by December of next year.

Since June, when the Commission launched the program called "Emergency D", 41 projects have been let in 30 counties on a total of 235.16 miles of road work. Contract estimates on the projects total \$8,836,910.53. Several of these projects have already been completed and opened to traffic.

In releasing the report, Highway Director W. F. Babcock said he feels the commission has made excellent progress in the emergency program and can easily place the remaining \$5,000,000 under contract before the Dec. 1 deadline.

FabFish to Meet
Fabulous Fishermen will attend a fish fry and business meeting at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at Captain Bill's Waterfront restaurant, Morehead City. The dinner is being provided by Capt. Otis Purifoy.

The state driver license division has reinstated the licenses of L. Cyrus Dickinson, Beaufort, and James C. Perry and William F. Warren, Morehead City.

Odell Merrill, Gaston Smith To Go on Slate

- Democratic Committee Chooses Candidates
- Hour-Long Session Held Saturday

Representatives of 26 of the county's 27 precincts on Saturday morning chose Odell Merrill, Beaufort, as Democratic candidate for register of deeds in the November election. Gaston Smith, Atlantic, was chosen as Democratic candidate for county commissioner. He will replace Mr. Merrill, who was running for county commissioner.

A. H. James, chairman of the county Democratic executive committee, presided at the hour-long session at the courthouse, Beaufort.

Irvin Davis Resigns
The necessity for choosing a register of deeds candidate arose when Irvin W. Davis, register of deeds for 28 years, resigned. His resignation took effect yesterday.

When a candidate withdraws following a primary, the executive committee of that candidate's party is authorized to fill the vacancy. Candidates elected Nov. 4 will take office in December.

Mr. Merrill has served as a county commissioner since March 1956 when he was appointed to succeed E. H. Potter, Beaufort. He was renominated for county commissioner in the May 1958 primary. He owns and operates Merrill's men's furnishings store, Front Street, Beaufort.

During recent sessions of the county board of commissioners, in the absence of Mr. Davis, who was ill, Mr. Merrill served as clerk to the board. The register of deeds also has that duty.

Although a resident of Beaufort has usually held a post on the county board, the Democratic committee apparently reasoned that a Beaufort man as register of deeds, who also sits in on the county board meetings as clerk, would provide Beaufort with representation.

Native of Atlantic
Mr. Smith, who will run for office in November, is a graduate of Atlantic High School, class of 1929. Prior to going into the net business, which he operates now, he was owner and operator of a 40-foot fishing trawler, the Olena. Mr. Smith's wife is the former Matilda Davis of Davis. They have two sons, Michael and Fred.

Mr. Smith ran for county commissioner in 1954. Members of the county board now are Harrell Taylor, Sea Level; Skinner Chalk Jr., Morehead City; Mr. Merrill and Moses Howard, Newport. Walter Yeomans, who died last month was also on the board. He was from Harkers Island.

David Yeomans, Harkers Island, was nominated as a county commissioner in the May primary. Receiving nomination as a Democratic candidate virtually assures the candidate of election in November.

Lions to Sponsor White Cane Drive During September

The Morehead City Lions Club will sponsor its annual White Cane drive this month. Last year the Lions sent \$300 to the state association for the blind. Publicity chairman O. N. Alfred says the club hopes to improve on that figure this year.

The club met Thursday night at the Hotel Fort Macon to discuss plans for the drive and to conduct other business. The Lions voted to give \$25 per month to the welfare department to be used for buying glasses.

President Elmer Watson appointed Eugene Espy, A. N. Willis and Cliff Edwards to assist Grayson Bullock in getting restrooms built for the new city park.

Deputy district governor James Crowe reported on the zone meeting at New Bern earlier in the week. The meeting was a training course for club officers.

Odell Merrill ... to run in new slot



THE NEWS-TIMES welcomes the movie ads and the stories about movies back in its pages. By mutual agreement, the movies and the newspaper will endeavor to give Carteret County the best in movie coverage, both in ads and stories.

Tide Table (Eastern Standard Time)

Tides at the Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, Sept. 2	
10:49 a.m.	4:28 a.m.
10:55 p.m.	4:51 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 3	
11:25 a.m.	4:54 a.m.
11:30 p.m.	5:25 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 4	
12:02 a.m.	5:15 a.m.
	6:04 p.m.

Formal Ceremony Will Open Beaufort Span

Mosquito Control Hearing Will Begin at 2 Today

To determine whether there is sufficient interest in holding a referendum on a mosquito control tax, there will be a hearing at 2 this afternoon in the courtroom of the courthouse, Beaufort.

The hearing will be conducted by the board of county commissioners, Moses C. Howard, chairman, presiding. Also present will be a representative of the state board of health.

To Answer Questions
At the hearing, the commissioners and the health representative will answer questions on the mosquito control act which gives a county (or district) authority to levy a tax to spray to get rid of mosquitoes, to drain stagnant pools or take other measures to decrease the mosquito population.

It is contemplated that if a mosquito control tax is approved in referendum, that the tax would be 10 cents per hundred dollars of valuation.

35-Cent Limit
The law permits, however, a tax as high as 35 cents per hundred dollars valuation. The amount of tax is to be determined by a board of mosquito control commissioners which would be set up if county property owners approve a mosquito control program.

A mosquito control district could comprise several counties, and the cost of control would be apportioned among them. As proposed, however, Carteret alone would comprise a mosquito control district.

Persons at Sea Level interested in mosquito control report that they contacted adjoining counties and found no interest in those counties for mosquito control.

Special Registration
If, after the hearing today, the county commissioners deem it advisable to hold a referendum on the question, a special registration will be required and a date set for the election.

A special registration means that each person who wants to vote on the issue will have to register his name with a registrar in his precinct prior to the referendum. Being registered now for town or general elections will not be sufficient to qualify a person to vote.

Southern Makes New Try to Get Marine Railroad

Southern Railway, continuing efforts to acquire the right to operate the federal railroad between Camp Lejeune and Cherry Point, filed an application with the Interstate Commerce Commission Friday, Aug. 22.

The application was made by the Camp Lejeune Railroad Co. and Southern Railway. It requests for the Camp Lejeune Railroad Co. a "certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing operation of a line of railroad . . . known as the Marine Corps Railroad, extending from Havelock to Jacksonville, approximately 35.6 miles, all in Onslow, Carteret and Craven Counties . . ."

The application also requests permission to issue a thousand shares of capital stock without par value and permission by Southern to acquire control of the railroad through stock ownership.

Previous attempts of Southern to acquire operating rights to the Marine line have been blocked by other railroads. Southern at present operates the Atlantic and East Carolina road, which passes through Cherry Point at a terminus of the Marine railroad.

Swansboro to Stage Sixth Mullet Festival Sept. 27

Swansboro's sixth annual Mullet Festival to be held Sept. 27 is expected to surpass all five previous festivals in events and numbers of people attending.

The "Friendly City by the Sea" has gone all-out this year to insure that everyone from toddler to grandpa has an enjoyable time.

The idea of a Mullet Festival originated in 1952 as a good-will program. What had started out as a community fish-fry has grown far beyond original expectations. The first festival drew 300 townspeople and guests. Over 3,500 are anticipated this year.

Kicking off the day's events at 1 p.m. will be the biggest parade ever held in Swansboro. In addition to numerous floats representing various civic and business organizations, there will be three marching bands: Camp Lejeune's 2nd Marine Division Band, Jacksonville's High School Band, and the band from Swansboro High.

Highlighting the parade will be a float bearing the Mullet Festival Queen and her court.

At 2:30 p.m. activities shift to the waterfront where a colorful "pirate show" takes place. As in previous years there will be free boat rides around Swansboro and on the Inland Waterway.

Refreshments will be served, starting at 3:30 p.m., at the local community building, giving townspeople and visitors a chance to relax and get together.

Many high-ranking military and civilian dignitaries have accepted invitations as guests of Swansboro.

For \$1 (50 cents for school age children) hungry spectators will be served an old-fashioned mullet and shrimp dinner, complete with hush puppies and cole slaw. The dinner beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the high school, will be followed by a fireworks display on the school athletic field at 7:30 p.m.

Topping the evening's entertainment is a scheduled "sock dance" at 8 p.m. in the school gymnasium. The meal ticket will serve as admission to the dance.



Two Cars Damaged In Bridge Wreck

Harry L. Oswald III, Wallace, was charged with failing to maintain a proper lookout and following too closely, after an accident at 5:55 p.m. Sunday on the Atlantic Beach bridge.

Oswald was driving a 1955 Ford and the other car involved was a 1958 Cadillac driven by Daniel L. Stallings, New Bern. Both cars were headed toward Morehead City. Patrolman J. W. Sykes said the Ford rammed the rear of the Cadillac.

Oswald cut his lip against his teeth. Damage to the Cadillac was estimated at \$400 and damage to the Ford at \$300.

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