

Folks Give Opinions On School Bond Issue

By BOB SEYMOUR

One of the favorite topics of discussion in the county is the plan put forth by the citizens for better schools committees — school consolidation. Closely connected with this is the bond issue on which county citizens will vote next month.

People in Morehead City and Beaufort go along, for the most part, with consolidation as suggested by the committee—building a high school east of Beaufort and one west of Morehead City.

Other plans are offered by citizens of Newport and the down east communities. Everyone outside the two population centers has an idea that Morehead City and Beaufort will profit most by the proposed plan of consolidation.

One of the popular alternate plans is to consolidate Morehead City and Beaufort, enlarge Newport, consolidate Atlantic and Smyrna and build a new Negro high school near Beaufort.

The reasoning behind this stems from the growth of Cherry Point and racial problems.

Morehead City and Beaufort make a “natural” for consolidation, declare people in favor of this alternate plan. The tremendous growth in population between Newport and Cherry Point and Swansboro makes them confident that this area should have a school of its own.

The consolidation of Atlantic and Smyrna would improve facilities for students at both schools and would not work a hardship in transportation, they feel.

The building of a modern high school for Negro students between Beaufort and the North River section is a must, a number of people agree. They think colored students are due a better school and equal but separate school plants is the basis for segregation in North Carolina.

A hope expressed by some persons in favor of consolidation was that “maybe we can get some new teachers in here. Some of the ones down here now have been here so long they think they own the schools.”

One man from down east said some of the schools were nothing but places for old teachers to wait for retirement.

Mrs. Buck Newsome, Morehead City, is in favor of a consolidated school if it is built on highway 70 west of Morehead City. She has a boy in the sixth grade and would like to see him going to a consolidated high school.

Mrs. Jasper Long, Wildwood, says she is in favor of having better schools and that consolidation seems to be the best way to get them.

Oscar Allred, Morehead City, speaking on the objections some people have to borrowing \$2½ million due to interest costs, said, “Maybe in a couple years the cost of building schools would be so much that it would offset the interest costs to build them now.”

People in Newport seem fairly evenly divided on the issue. They all seem agreed that they hate to lose their high school but some feel that consolidation is the only answer to solving over-crowded conditions. Others would like to see the Newport school enlarged.

Some felt that the bond issue was too limited. One person said he would like to vote for the issue if the money could be spent on all community high schools.

All agreed that the full story has not been told to the public. They asked such questions as: How much more is it going to cost to transport students to consolidated schools? Where would the schools be located? How much money would be spent at each school? Will consolidation bring better teachers into the county?

Nathan Garner, Newport, said that consolidation seems inevitable. He commented, “I would love to see our high school stay just where it is. If we could be sure that we would have adequate facilities here in four or five years, I would be in favor of waiting.”

“It seems now that the only way to get relief within that time is to consolidate. I think most of the students that attend Newport could easily travel to a consolidated school if it were built between Morehead City and Wildwood.”

“There are a number of students in the Bogue and Pelletier sections that attend Jones Central and Swansboro schools. Those people seem pretty well satisfied and may not want to change.”

“If I had to vote today I would vote for the consolidation of

Down East Forces Make Bid For High School at Smyrna

A new monster has raised its head on the school front—Atlantic and Smyrna better schools committees, meeting Wednesday night with Beaufort’s committee in the board of education office, said they will not go along with school bonds unless the east Carteret school is located at Smyrna. The proposed site is north of Beaufort.

Formerly, Atlantic was content to have its own high school. Now some Smyrna folks have apparently been out recruiting persons east of Smyrna to a cause they think might move the proposed high school farther east than the now-proposed site between highway 101 and 70.

The board of education was also present at the meeting.

Beaufort committee members doubted that Beaufort, a center of population, would go along with transporting children to Smyrna, not because of the distance, but because the major part of the student body would be Beaufort children.

It would be easier, Beaufort committee men say, to transport fewer numbers from the Smyrna area west.

The Wednesday night meeting was originally called to gain approval of the better schools committees on the proposed site east of Beaufort, owned by D. R. Arnold.

Nothing approaching approval was reached.

Those in favor of the proposed school site, two miles north of Beaufort, say that to build a consolidated high school at Smyrna would subject the building to storms and the effects of storms, such as washed-out bridges which would prevent transportation of children from Beaufort.

White Oak Citizens Seek County Funds for Onslow Public Schools

Assemblyman Gives Views On Eve of '59 Legislature

D. G. Bell, Carteret’s general assemblyman, will leave Monday for Raleigh. The legislature opens Wednesday.

Mr. Bell, in an interview this week, said revision of the state’s court system will “be one of the biggest things to come before the legislature.”



D. G. Bell, Raleigh-bound

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Firmly in favor of court reform, as recommended by the Bell committee, Carteret’s legislator said, “The aim is to give the average man every advantage, at the least cost, to get justice in courts with the least delay.”

“All that is proposed will not be approved at this session,” Mr. Bell said, “the study commission had no idea it would be. It is a long-range program.” (While Mr. Bell served on the laymen’s committee studying the courts, it is coincidental that his last name is the same as the chairman of the study committee, J. Spencer Bell.)

The main principle of the proposed court reform, Mr. Bell said, is to give the judicial phase of government more authority. As it is now, courts have all the responsibility for administration of justice but the authority, as to where they should sit, when and under what rules, lies with the legislature.

Two Defendants Get Jail Terms In City Court

Two defendants were sentenced to jail terms in Morehead City recorder’s court Monday. Judge Herbert Phillips sentenced Edgar Taylor, Morehead City, to six months for his third public drunkenness offense within 12 months.

Harold Bass, Morehead City, got 60 days for disturbing the peace and being drunk and disorderly.

Isabelle Casey, Morehead City, was sentenced to six months in woman’s prison but she appealed to superior court and posted a \$100 cash bond. The woman had been found guilty of possession and sale of non-taxpaid whiskey.

Curtis Bell, Morehead City, was sentenced to 90 days for failing to pay court costs in a previous conviction. He managed to raise the money after court and he was allowed to pay and not serve time.

Swindell C. Price, Cherry Point, was fined \$100 and ordered to pay court costs after he entered a plea of guilty to drunk driving charges.

Marvin Ray Horne, Morehead City, and Glen Manning, New Bern, were put on probation for one year. They were found guilty of petty larceny. Each was ordered to pay court costs.

Fisheries Show Higher Catches July-December

Commissioner Gives Report to C&D

Only Shrimp Output Shows Decrease

C. G. Holland, commercial fisheries commissioner, presented a glowing report to the board of conservation and development at Durham this week.

The commissioner called the entire year of 1958 “a gratifying success.”

Statistics showed an increase in production of all types of seafood, except shrimp. Licensed were 6,243 boats, an increase of 775 over 1957, which was a record year.

Oyster production increased during the last six months of 1958. Mr. Holland attributed most of the increase to the extensive planting of shells and seed oysters, carried on by the commercial fisheries department with the assistance of the UNC Institute of Fisheries Research.

Shrimp production was about 62 per cent under the same six-month period of 1957. Clams as a seafood, the report said, are gaining in popularity. Production of hard and soft shell crabs showed an increase.

Although hard freezes took a toll of scallops, production was up this year. Most were caught in Bogue Sound and some large trawlers reported small catches in the ocean.

Southport enjoyed one of its best summer menhaden seasons and the fall season was termed one of the best in many years. Total fall catch was 294,312,000 fish, exceeding 1957’s total by 87,438,000.

This was attributed to good weather and large schools of fish off the coast.

Of the 236 arrests made for fisheries violations, 170 defendants were found guilty. Seized were 129 nets and anchors. They were sold for \$505.

Mr. Holland credited Leon Thomas, law enforcement supervisor, for his diligent work in that division and commended Frank E. Hopkins and Willis C. Mobley, for increased collections in license fees. Field and office personnel, the commissioner added, lent valuable assistance.

Swansboro-Born Petitions Make Rounds in Carteret

Petitions asking Carteret County to reimburse Onslow for the money Onslow spends on Carteret students are being circulated in the western part of the county.

The petitions, which were drawn up in Onslow County, undoubtedly with the blessings of the Swansboro school board, are making the rounds in White Oak township, Carteret’s westernmost township bordering on Onslow.

White Oak residents seem to be accepting the petitions — and signing — without argument. Onslow County estimates that it will spend \$85 per pupil this year on educating Carteret pupils. They figure the total cost for the year at \$29,000.

The petitions are expected to be placed before county commissioners Monday morning.

For more than 25 years, students from Carteret have attended public schools in Onslow County. What began as a temporary arrangement has become a permanent affair — with Onslow County taxpayers footing the bill.

This year about 350 Carteret students are attending schools in Swansboro and White Oak. Most of these students are from White Oak township, the communities of Bogue, Cedar Point, Pelletier and Stella.

Some students from the Stella community are now going to Jones Central near Trenton to get a high school education.

While White Oak and Swansboro schools profit by the added students through federal and state assistance based on attendance, the Onslow County school board feels that Carteret County is under a moral obligation to educate its own students.

The Carteret County board of education has made no immediate provision for these students in the proposed building program it hopes will be financed through the sale of bonds. Onslow County officials believe Carteret students will continue to attend Swansboro and White Oak schools indefinitely.

With this in mind, the petitions are being circulated.

White Oak township citizens seem to be in favor of the petitions. A great number of the adults in the township attended school at Swansboro or White Oak and feel closely tied to Onslow County.

Leon Weeks operates a grocery store west of Broad Creek on highway 24. He says, “White Oak is the forgotten township in Carteret County. Our children have to leave the county to go to school and we adults have very little voice in county government.”

“There are county commissioners from Atlantic, Sea Level, Harkers Island, Morehead City and Newport. A look at the map will show this to be a peculiar arrangement.

“Regardless of our influence in the county, we like to feel that our children are getting equal opportunities for an education. We would prefer to send our children to school in this county so they can know what is going on.”

“If the county passes a bond issue and builds consolidated schools near Beaufort and Morehead City there will be very little left for anything.”

“The county will be in debt for the next 30 years so we will have to wait at least that long before we can expect to have even a grammar school here.”

“I entered school in Swansboro in 1934 when I was in the eighth grade. All the high school students from this township were already going to Swansboro.”

Beaufort Plant Makes Unusual January Catches

Beaufort Fisheries accounted for a record catch of 11½ million menhaden in six fishing days last week and two fishing days this week according to William H. Potter, general manager.

A few of the fish were roe fish, another oddity for January when all other menhaden factories close down and transfer their operations to the Gulf of Mexico.

All of the fish caught were yearlings, medium-size fish producing a medium quantity of oil, Mr. Potter said.

In one previous January, Beaufort Fisheries caught 10½ million but none of them as good quality as the fish caught this January.

Rough weather Wednesday, and yesterday stopped fishing but Mr. Potter was hopeful that weather today would moderate the seas so that fishing can be resumed.

“It is gratifying to Beaufort Fisheries,” Mr. Potter stated, “that our crews are willing to fish and that, as a result, many thousands of extra and unexpected dollars are poured into the economy of Carteret County.”

Mayor Asks Club To Plant Trees

The Beaufort Jaycees have appointed a committee to study the possibility of planting trees along the streets in Beaufort. Mayor C. T. Lewis spoke to the club Monday night when it met at the Scout building.

Mayor Lewis said that most of the trees in town now are very old and in poor condition. He predicted that the streets would soon be bare unless some civic group took an interest in the problem.

President Guy Smith appointed Merlon Bullock, Mack Styron and Billy Ipeck to talk to county agent R. M. Williams and see how much work and expense would be involved.

Jaycee Jesse Taylor reported on the DSA banquet last Saturday night. All the members agreed with him that the banquet was a success.

Four Defendants Tried In Beach Mayor's Court

Four defendants appeared in Atlantic Beach mayor’s court Tuesday night at the town hall.

Wayne M. Souder, for public drunkenness and resisting arrest, paid \$5 and costs. The other three paid costs. Charges against them were as follows: Richard E. Mooney, using profane language in public; John E. Gavney and Buddy Dickens, fighting and disturbing the peace.

All were from Cherry Point.

Clothing Leaders Trained; County Council Meets Tuesday Afternoon

Eleven of the county’s 13 Home Demonstration Clubs were represented Tuesday at the training meeting for club clothing leaders in the home economics agent’s office, Beaufort.

The clothing leaders received instructions on conducting the demonstration, Basic Patterns, in February.

In charge of the session was Mrs. Floy Garner, agent, assisted by Mrs. W. G. Simpson and Mrs. Charles Stanley. Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Milton Piner have made basic patterns in material, such as muslin. They will be used in next month’s club meetings to demonstrate the instructions.

Attending the training meeting, in addition to those mentioned, were Mrs. Lucille Morse and Mrs. Herman Taylor, Pelletier; Mrs. Leon Parker, Broad Creek; Miss Alice Laughton, Crab Point.

Mrs. Joe Barnes, Mrs. Walter Whitley, Wildwood; Mrs. Jim Kelly, Mrs. John Reynolds, Newport; Mrs. Henry Chadwick, Mrs. Thelma Chadwick, Gloucester.

Mrs. Will Dail, Mrs. Guy Styron, Mrs. R. P. Gooding, North River; Mrs. Lee Garner, Russell’s Creek; Mrs. Jim Stallings, Mrs. Guy Carraway, Merrimon; Mrs. Dyon Simpson, Bettie; Mrs. David Merrill and Mrs. L. D. Norris, Wiregrass.

Most of the clothing leaders stayed for the afternoon meeting of the county Home Demonstration council. Lunch was served in the home agent’s office.

Two officers were elected to fill terms of those who had resigned. They are Mrs. Leon Parker, secretary, who replaces Mrs. Stanley Gillikin, and Mrs. G. T. Spivey, treasurer, who replaces Mrs. D. R. Arnold.

Named to serve on committees for the 20th district meeting in April were Mrs. Will Dail, nominating committee; Mrs. Douglas Stewart, resolutions; Mrs. Henry Chadwick, registrations; Mrs. Leslie Sanders, courtesy, and Mrs. Jim Kelly, time and place.

Mrs. Spivey was nominated as first vice-chairman of the district.

The women decided to serve pie and coffee at the 4-H development meeting tonight at the civic center, Morehead City. The budget for 1959 was approved. Plans were made for making drapes for the home agent’s office.

Attending the meeting in addition to those mentioned were Mrs. Barrett Davis, Crab Point; Mrs. Leslie Sanders, Mrs. Douglas Stewart, Mrs. Pat Midgett, Broad Creek, Mrs. John Ives and Mrs. E. C. McLawhorn, Harlowe.

American Export Lines To Call at State Port

Walter Friederichs, operations manager, state port, Morehead City, announces that American Export Lines will establish regular cargo service at Morehead City.

American Export Lines is the third major ocean-carrier to make Morehead City a regular port of call. The others are Holland America Lines and Ocean Stinnes Lines.

Ships of the American Export Lines will call at Morehead City twice a month, depending on whether cargo is here to be loaded or unloaded, Mr. Friederichs explains.

The ships will call at Morehead City, Wilmington, Savannah and Charleston before sailing to all principal ports in Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Pakistan, India, Ceylon and Burma.

The first ship that will be available to exporters shipping through Morehead City will be the Exchange, due Feb. 12.

Two C&D Men To Speak Here

G. F. (Gerry) Albright, and John Johnson, Raleigh, will be the speakers at the February meeting of the Beaufort Community Development Corp., according to W. H. Potter, president.

Mr. Albright and Mr. Johnson are with the small industries section of the Department of Conservation and Development.

An informal discussion, moderated by Mr. Potter and Mr. Albright will follow Mr. Albright’s talk on small industries’ locating here.

Participating will be town officials of Beaufort, Morehead and Newport and county commissioners, and representatives of Carolina Power and Light, First-Citizens Bank, Cooperative Savings and Loan, B&M Railroad, Southern Railway, Beaufort Jaycees and the Morehead City chamber of commerce.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Monday night, Feb. 9, in the courtroom of the courthouse, Beaufort.

Mr. Potter announces that the March meeting will deal with farming opportunities. Plans are under way now to have an open discussion moderated by farm experts at the state and national level.

Symphony Drive Short of Goal

Although the symphony membership drive in the county has fallen short of its goal, the state symphony orchestra is scheduled to come to Carteret for two concerts Monday, March 9.

Charles Willis, a member of the Carteret Symphony Society’s board of directors, says all workers had not reported, but it is estimated that proceeds are a couple hundred dollars short of the \$700 needed.

There is hope that this money may be obtained during the coming month.

The Little Symphony will give a concert for school children at 2 p.m. March 9 in the Morehead City School and a concert for adults at 8 p.m. in the Beaufort School.

Lions Club Plans Membership Drive

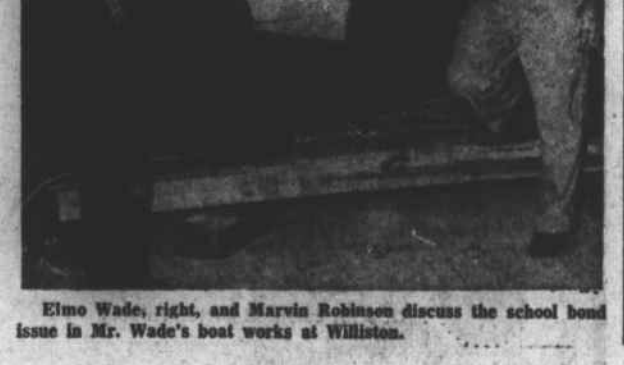
The board of directors of the Beaufort Lions Club met Tuesday night at the home of Ed Nelson, Beaufort. The directors discussed plans for a membership drive.

A plan by which each member is to invite one potential member to a meeting was accepted.

Aims and purposes of the Lions Club will be discussed at the next regular club meeting. The meeting is scheduled for Feb. 12 at Holden’s Restaurant.

Board to Meet Here

C. G. Holland, commercial fisheries commissioner, reported yesterday that the board will meet in Morehead City in July. Its April meeting will be in Raleigh, April 26 and 27.



Elmo Wade, right, and Marvin Robinson discuss the school bond issue in Mr. Wade’s boat works at Williston.

Firemen Give Rotary Program

Officers of the Newport Fire Department and Newport fire commissioner Wilbur Garner presented the program at the Newport Rotary Club meeting Monday night. The club met at the school lunchroom.

Rotarian Moses C. Howard was program chairman. He introduced the fire commissioner first. After Mr. Garner discussed his relations with the fire department, the officers spoke.

Assistant chief Bennie Garner, Capt. George Green, Lt. Larry Howard and secretary-treasurer Gordon Cutler explained their jobs to the Rotarians.

Chief Charlie A. Gould Jr. concluded the program with a general discussion of operations, accomplishments and plans for the future.

E. F. Carraway, Stafford, Kan., a former president of the club, was the guest of Harold Chartley.

Navy Pilot Bails Out of Doomed Jet

A Navy F3H jet crashed on Bogue Banks 4 miles east of the Swansboro life boat station Tuesday afternoon. Patrick J. Gallagher, Cherry Point, pilot of the plane, bailed out over Newport.

Coast Guardsmen from Fort Macon as well as Swansboro took part in a search for the plane and pilot. A beach patrol from Swansboro found the plane but the pilot was picked up by a Marine helicopter south of Newport.

BM/1 John Gaskill drove from Fort Macon to Newport to help conduct a ground search but was notified when he arrived that the pilot had already been found.

Boy Escapes Injury When Bike Hits Car In Morehead City

Billy Freeman, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. David L. Freeman, 2200 Bay St., Morehead City, escaped injury at 8:20 a.m. Wednesday when he collided with a 1954 Oldsmobile driven by Mrs. Evelyn Piner Willis, Beaufort.

Billy, according to police chief W. H. Griffin, rode his bicycle from behind some parked cars and ran into the side of Mrs. Willis’ car. Mrs. Willis was driving west in the 1200 block of Bridges Street.

The bicycle hit the left side of the car, causing about \$25 damage. Billy was taken to the hospital by his father, checked over and released.

There were no charges filed.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Friday, Jan. 30	
12:14 a.m.	6:15 a.m.
12:33 p.m.	6:39 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 31	
1:19 a.m.	7:30 a.m.
1:30 p.m.	7:51 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 1	
2:08 a.m.	8:47 a.m.
2:32 p.m.	9:04 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 2	
3:12 a.m.	9:55 a.m.
3:41 p.m.	10:09 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 3	
4:19 a.m.	10:58 a.m.
4:51 p.m.	11:07 p.m.