

## Legislator Enumerates Laws Discussed with County Board

### Adults May Take Fisheries Course At Smyrna School

● 30 Enrolled to Date For Atlantic Course

● Meeting to be Held At Smyrna Thursday

With a course in navigation due to begin at Atlantic Saturday, groundwork has been laid for a similar fisheries vocational education program at Smyrna.

Dr. A. F. Chestnut, chairman of the county's fisheries education committee, reports that 30 adults have signed up for the course at Atlantic.

Dr. Chestnut attended a meeting at the Marshallberg Community building Thursday night in which plans for a course at Smyrna were discussed.

Possible courses are radio and communications, navigation, engine maintenance and mechanics, net mending and making and boat building.

The following committees were appointed to obtain instructors for the courses and help the instructors set up a course of study:

Leon Thomas, Tommie Lewis and Lionel Salter, radio and communications; Claude Brown, Archie Jones and Ikie Guthrie, navigation; Cicero Lewis and James Gillikin, engine maintenance and mechanics; Earl Chadwick and Lionel Salter, net mending and making; and James Gillikin, Ikie Guthrie and Ralph Neal, boat building.

Others who attended the meeting were Tilton Davis and Russell Swindell. Mr. Swindell is coordinator of fisheries education, New Hanover county.

Another meeting has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Smyrna school. All adults interested in taking one or more of the courses are invited to attend.

### Board Selects School Sites

The county board of education yesterday approved both sites for the proposed consolidated schools, the Arnold site north of Beaufort and the site next to the Little Nine west of Morehead City.

A delegation of persons from White Oak township appeared before the board to request Carteret to pay some of the cost of sending White Oak pupils to Onslow schools. The board deferred action until March.

H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, was authorized to confer with an architect relative to major structural changes at Newport school. An electrician has been contacted relative to other work at the school. The board authorized work to proceed.

Mr. Joslyn said many of the electrical wrongs at the school had been corrected before the Newport firemen sent their report to the state on fire hazards at the school.

### Groundhog Fails To See Shadow

Yesterday was groundhog day and weather observer Stacey Davis says if that groundhog didn't come out he surely missed a good chance of not seeing his shadow! That's double talk for "It was cloudy."

Mr. Davis reported that skies had been overcast all weekend. Intermittent rain and drizzle have accounted for about a half-inch of precipitation since Thursday.

Sleet was reported in some sections of the county late Sunday night. Maximum and minimum temperatures and wind direction for the weekend follow:

	Max.	Min.	Wind
Thursday	68	43	N
Friday	67	47	SW
Saturday	57	41	NW
Sunday	44	40	NE

### Patient Improves

W. J. Mishaal, Beaufort, who was severely injured in an accident several weeks ago, has regained consciousness and is improving slowly, according to his physician, Dr. John Way. Mr. Mishaal is still confined to Morehead City Hospital.

D. G. Bell, county legislator, reports that certain legislation has been proposed by county commissioners. Of local and state-wide nature, the legislation was discussed by Mr. Bell and the commissioners at a recent meeting.

In a release prepared by Mr. Bell, he described the legislation as follows:  
Proposed by county commissioners—

1. Changes in law or regulations that would either give the county commissioners the sole authority to issue and revoke beer license (with appeal to the malt beverage director) or remove the county from all authority and responsibility of beer permits.

Present regulation is county has no authority to refuse beer permit if original permit has been issued by the state malt beverage division. This legislation seems sound.

2. Place a statute of limitation of 10 years on taxes to become effective two years after ratification. This seems okay but desire to check further.

3. Local legislation authorizing the county to tax and lay aside annually funds for future school construction. I am not familiar enough with this, must check with local government commission and also study capital reserve act.

4. A local law requiring persons storing or assuming responsibility for personal property of persons living outside of Carteret County to furnish the Carteret County tax collector during the month of January each year with a list of such property giving description and owners name and address.

Comments: Many boats are stored and left in this area for the winter with no way for the tax collector to determine the owner or his address. Such property by law is required to be reported by the owner. To place this responsibility adds an additional burden and clerical work to businesses applicable to such legislation.

It is hoped to find some way to prepare legislation helpful to the county tax department and yet not be too great a burden on the businessman.

5. Amend state wide bill on mosquito control districts authorizing the county and not the mosquito control board to set the amount and levy taxes. The mosquito control district was so drawn as to envision the possibility of a district comprising two or more counties.

In such cases the district board would have to have authority to levy such taxes. Where the district is solely within one county it is probably best that the county board control the tax levy. Legislation will be introduced amending the bill to take care of such cases.

6. Legislation or help from the county representative in procuring equipment for rural fire fighting. It is hoped to be of some help in obtaining surplus trucks and equipment from federal agencies.

There is legislation for instructing volunteer fire departments both municipal and rural. The program is believed to be good and efforts will be made to expand and accelerate this program.

7. Pass local legislation allowing county commissioners to set costs for the clerk of court, registrar of deeds and sheriff's office. This was the law until 1951 at

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### Edward Wheatly Survives Serious Accident Injury

● 6-Year-Old Child Hit by Car Friday

● Beaufort Driver Says Boy Ran into Auto

Edward Wheatly, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Wheatly Jr., Beaufort, was reported in fair condition in the Morehead City Hospital yesterday. The child was seriously injured when struck by a car on Live Oak Street at 3:20 p.m. Friday.

Driving the car, a 1958 Studebaker, was the Rev. Robert Suggs, Highland Park, minister of the Beaufort Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Edward suffered a break in his upper right leg, broken collar bone, brain concussion, cuts about the face and bruises. Teeth in his upper jaw were knocked out.

The child was rushed to Morehead City Hospital by the Adair ambulance, escorted by chief Guy Springle in the Beaufort patrol car. At the Morehead City town limits, a Morehead City police car preceded the Beaufort police car and the ambulance to the hospital.

Chief Springle investigated the accident. Mr. Suggs, he reported, was going toward his home in Highland Park at about 15 to 20 miles an hour. At the intersection of Live Oak and Pine Street, the driver said, some small boys were going toward Ann Street on the east side of Live Oak.

Just as he got to them, he told the chief, one of them ran into the right front fender of his car. He felt the jar and stopped.

"I don't think the child ever saw the car," he continued. "His head was down and his arms were folded in front of him like he was carrying a football or something."

The impact threw Edward to the curb on the northeast corner of Live Oak and Pine. The Adair ambulance was called by Carl Hattzell, whose business is nearby.

Sheriff Hugh Salter happened by and put his coat over the youngster and William Roy Hamilton of Hamilton's Furniture store brought a blanket to cover the lad until the ambulance arrived.

Edward was lifted into the ambulance by Hugh Gordon, former Beaufort football coach. Chief Springle was summoned from Ray Gordon Lewis's Pure Oil station where he had gone to get a snack after taking care of traffic at the close of the school day.

Chief Springle said the child was so dirty and full of blood that he didn't know who he was. Some bystanders said it was the Wheatly child, others said it wasn't, and others just didn't know.

The chief said that the child was in Morehead City Hospital 10 minutes after the accident happened. The accident is the first in Beaufort involving a pedestrian this year.

## County Officials Propose \$1.60 Tax To Meet School, Other County Costs

### Cookie Sale Starts Tomorrow



Beaufort and Morehead City Girl Scouts and Brownies start their cookie sale tomorrow. Proceeds will be used for Scouting activities. Pictured, left to right, are Mary Lee Gibbs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gibbs, route 1 Beaufort, Marcelle Vernberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Vernberg, Pivers Island, Earlene Dale Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Edwards, Morehead City, and Roberta Sue Barnum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Barnum, Morehead City.

## Senator from Morehead City Board Approves Proposed Law

Judge Luther Hamilton, Morehead City, state senator from this district, will leave today for Raleigh. He will be present tonight when senators caucus to elect their president pro-tem. And it's a tight race. The contenders are 37-year-old Robert Morgan of Shelby and 51-year-old C. V. Henkel of Turkeysburg.

Senator Hamilton didn't indicate in which camp his tent is pitched, but granted that "there was a little contest on for president pro-tem."

Also representing the seventh senatorial district at Raleigh this session will be J. O. Simpkins, New Bern.

The senator from Morehead City is of the opinion that there "has to be a tax increase somewhere if we do what we should do." Taxes are always a big issue.

In his opinion, the sales tax is "the fairest law ever levied" but he's in favor of knocking out some of the exemptions. "A lot of them," he said, "could be eliminated."

He's against favoring some items by letting them go untaxed, but taxing others. "If you take the

sales tax off blackstrap molasses because you think it's a poor man's staple, you're letting off the fellow who can't pay, too. I like blackstrap molasses." The senator was using molasses merely as an illustration. There is no sales tax on food.

Senator Hamilton, who for many years was a superior court judge, said that the proposed court reform program is "all right." He said that one of the things in it, to which he objected, the appointment of judges by the governor, has been removed by mutual agreement.

"There's no written guarantee that the governor would not get too much politics in this thing," said the senator.

Mr. Hamilton said that he had no particular pet project he wanted to carry before the legislature.

When questioned about the port, he said, "That's always been a so-called pet of mine. Lots of people forgot the year I spent in Washington trying to get this port under way. . . I shall always exert my efforts along lines to better this region."

### Civilians Hear Store Owner

Civitan member Otis Jones spoke on his business as owner of the Morehead City Western Auto Store at the Civitan meeting at Mrs. Russell Willis' Restaurant Friday noon.

President Jimmy Wallace, D. S. Femia and Ralph Styron reported on the zone meeting in New Bern Wednesday. They were especially impressed with the work done by other clubs for mentally retarded children. Mr. Wallace said he would appoint a committee to recommend a project for the Morehead City Civitans.

Entertainment chairman Thurlow Wheaton announced that a Valentine's dance will be held at the Blue Ribbon Club Thursday, Feb. 12. The cost of the party will be paid from the club treasury.

The secretary, Joe Beam, was instructed to write a letter of appreciation to the Kinston Civitan Club for the bronze luncheon bell that group sent as a gift.

### Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, Feb. 3	
4:19 a.m.	10:55 a.m.
4:51 p.m.	11:07 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 4	
5:24 a.m.	11:50 a.m.
5:54 p.m.	
Thursday, Feb. 5	
6:21 a.m.	12:02 a.m.
6:48 p.m.	12:42 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 6	
7:11 a.m.	12:55 a.m.
7:57 p.m.	1:32 p.m.

County commissioners yesterday afternoon approved a proposal by sheriff Hugh Salter to confer with D. G. Bell, legislator, on a law that would require junk dealers to keep a record on all from whom they buy car accessories.

Sheriff Salter said this would stop a lot of the hub cap stealing that goes on.

The board approved a request by Harrell Taylor, chairman of the planning board, regarding joint operation by the county and city for federal planning funds.

Commissioners discussed the proposed school bond issue. If it doesn't pass, the board said that the county board will finance school improvements to the best of its financial ability.

Moses Howard, chairman, said he felt the people were due an explanation of what the county board plans to do if the bond issue is not approved.

The commissioners, individually, said taxes would have to be raised whether the bond issue passes or not, but they took no official action on an alternative to the school bond plan.

The board accepted \$161.59 in payment of back taxes, from 1944, on property formerly owned by Julia Bell, Morehead City. The check was from the late Mrs. Bell's grandson, D. G. Bell. The county, which holds the deed to the property, will give Bell a deed.

The board approved sending Bruce Edwards, jailer, and sheriff Hugh Salter to Chapel Hill this week to attend a school for jailers and law enforcement officers.

A line between a tug and barge broke loose at the Atlantic Beach drawbridge between 10 and 11 p.m. Saturday. There was a lot of excitement before the tug and barge got together again and proceeded west through the draw.

John R. Mayberry was the bridge tender on duty. Motorists who thought that something may be wrong with the bridge tender, since the bridge didn't open at sound of the tug toots, summoned the Morehead City police. There was nothing wrong with Mr. Mayberry.

When a vessel is in trouble, it blows four blasts. The tug blew three for the bridge to open. It opened. Then the tow line trouble came. The tug blew for the bridge to close. The bridge closed.

After some time, the tug got its barge — which had drifted toward shore — back where it should be, blew for the bridge to open and proceeded on its way.

### Education, County Boards OK 'Information Bulletin'

County commissioners and the board of education got together Thursday night and agreed on school bond information to appear in a circular to be sent home with school children.

The information sets forth some facts on the school bond proposal and announces that the total tax rate, if \$2 1/2 million for schools is borrowed, will be \$1.60. The present rate is \$1.35.

Of the \$1.60, fifteen cents would be used to retire the school debt. Ten cents would be added to provide for other county services, such as health and welfare.

County commissioners said that the additional 10 cents is needed to meet the regular budget, without any expanded services in the various departments. They claim that several departments operated at a deficit last year.

Commissioners Gaston Smith, Atlantic, and Skinner Chalk, Morehead City, voted against approving the information to appear on the bulletin. Moses Howard, chairman of the county board, voted in favor of it in order to break the tie.

Commissioners David Yeomans and Harrell Taylor voted in favor of it.

The information on the "take home" bulletin planned to be given to school children states that the secretary of the local Government Commission has scheduled retirement of the county's total indebtedness (school bonds and present million dollar debt) in 17 years.

This can be done, the secretary says, by adding 15 cents to the present debt service rate of 65 cents. Bonds would be sold as follows: a million dollars' worth in the fall of 1959, a million in the spring of 1960 and the remaining \$500,000 in 1961.

The county expects to pay off by June 30 of this year \$200,000 of the present million dollar indebtedness, leaving a balance of \$800,000.

The Local Government Commission figures the interest on \$2 1/2 million over 17 years at \$1,205,000.

The information bulletin approved last week for publication and distribution says, "Go to the polls Saturday and vote for the bond issue to provide needed school facilities."

The bulletin says that \$1 million will be spent for a consolidated school in the west (site to be designated) and \$1 million for a consolidated school in the east (site to be designated) both to be started simultaneously.

The remaining \$500,000 would be used to renovate the present schools and build a 300-pupil elementary school at White Oak when one is needed there.

The words "site to be designated" are not those appearing on the bulletin. Education officials say that actual proposed location will be filled in before the bulletin goes to the printers.

### Cars Sideswipe On Island Road

Two cars sideswiped on the Harkers Island Road at 6:40 Thursday night. Patrolman J. W. Sykes, who investigated, has charged Frank D. Gillikin, Otway, one of the drivers, with driving without a license and driving on the wrong side of the road.

Gillikin, in a 1953 Mercury, collided with a 1951 Ford driven by Richard Quercioli, Cherry Point. No one was hurt. Damage to the Ford was estimated at \$250 and damage to the Mercury at \$150.

Gillikin was going north on the Harkers Island Road and Quercioli south. The accident happened on a slight curve, the patrolman said.

### Eight Pay \$100 Fines In Recorder's Court

Eight defendants in county recorder's court Thursday were ordered to pay \$100 fines and court costs. They follow:

Wayne A. Smith, Myron B. Taylor and William J. Raymond, careless and reckless driving; John D. Brake, allowing a drunk to drive; and Frederick D. Taylor, Donald E. Huff, Johnnie H. Hill and Aubrey Norris, driving drunk.

Three cases were bound over to superior court. George W. Morris, charged with receiving narcotics under false pretense, Ernest Martin, charged with hunting without a license, and Curtis Davis Jr., charged with non-support, were the defendants.

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### Storm Insurance Rates Go Up

● \$100 Deductible, Not \$50, Now in Effect

● Commissioner Issues Ruling Friday

Storm insurance rates are up, as of yesterday.

The North Carolina Fire Insurance Rating Bureau Friday gave the green light for considerably higher rates to a seacoast area which includes Carteret.

Now, if you suffer damage from windstorm, such as a hurricane, and it amounts to no more than \$100, you pay it yourself. The terms are \$100 deductible and not \$50 deductible as in the past.

If you own property on the outer banks (such as Atlantic Beach), the extended coverage rate on frame buildings, for example, has doubled, 40 cents per \$100 instead of 20. And you can get no insurance reimbursement for damage caused to exterior paint and waterproofing by wind-driven sand.

A public hearing was called on the matter by Charles F. Gold, insurance commissioner, on Tuesday, Jan. 6.

Evidence presented showed that insurance companies have suffered heavy losses in the coastal areas as a result of a series of storms in 1954-58. As a result, some of the companies have withdrawn from the coastal area. They would not sell insurance here at the rates in effect prior to Monday.

Commissioner Gold observed, "This has brought about economic distress because lending institutions . . . do not wish to extend credit without the borrower having insurance. . . Also, failure to furnish insurance can bring about calls for payment of loans which places undue hardship on businesses and individuals."

Evidence at the hearing showed that storm losses from 1954 to 1957 exceeded premiums received by \$8 1/3 million. This does not include damage from 1958's Helene.

Commissioner Gold points out that the law does not require companies licensed here to sell to anyone. If the company refuses to do so, the state can do nothing about it.

The only thing the state can do, the commissioner explains, is to adjust rates in a fair manner so that insurance companies will want to sell insurance here.

In addition to Carteret, the counties affected by the higher rates are Beaufort, Brunswick, Camden, Chowan, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Hyde, Jones, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington.

Extended coverage provides insurance against windstorm, hail, explosion, riot, riot attending a strike, civil commotion, aircraft, smoke and vehicles. It is sold, if the buyer wants it, along with the standard fire insurance policy.

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### Coast Guardsman Retires



After reading his retirement orders at a muster at Fort Macon Coast Guard station Friday morning, ENC Julius Taylor, left, inspected the station crew. Here he congratulates his replacement, ENC Earl Sells Jr. In the center is group commander CWO James Hunnings.