

Coastal Art Displayed



Mrs. Owen Dail's art creations, using shells and vegetation from the coast, were on display at Morehead planetarium last month. Mrs. Dail lives at Atlantic Beach. James E. Wadsworth, Chapel Hill shell expert, explains part of the exhibit to Miss Mae Worsham of Chapel Hill and Gretta Green, Va.

Board Considers Road, Drainage Issues Monday

County commissioners considered road and drainage problems at their meeting yesterday morning at the courthouse, Beaufort.

Moses Howard, chairman of the board, announced that the Lockhart road has been staked out and improvements are scheduled to be started this spring.

Referred to the highway commission were two Harkers Island drainage problems, one on the new highway, and another called to the board's attention by William R. Lewis, an island resident.

Also referred to the state was a request for paving of the Nassau road in Smyrna township. A petition presented to the board stated that there were nine houses on the road.

Gene Smith, representing property owners on Leonda drive (between Front street and Lennoxville road), appeared before the board and asked that the county request the state to reconsider taking over Leonda drive. The board agreed to make the request.

Earl Taylor appeared and asked that the road from highway 101 to the airport be added to the county system. This request was also approved and forwarded to the highway commission.

A request for improvement to a 400-foot road at Williston was made. The clerk was asked to write the petitioners, Cecil R. Willis, Martin Brooks, Elmer D. Willis and others, and inform them that the road does not meet the state's minimum requirements.

The board has asked that the state consider placing some sort of sign at Hardesty's corner, warning traffic headed for the Merrimon road that it will cross in front of westbound traffic on highway 70.

Odell Merrill, clerk, read a letter inviting commissioners to a State Highway commission hearing March 17 at New Bern.

The board requested Alvah Hamilton, county attorney, to ask that the Salter Path land, settled by squatters, be deeded to the county by the owners, the Roosevelt heirs.

It is proposed that if this is done, the county will deed it to the persons who have built houses on it. If those persons do not list their property for taxes, the county will

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Cars Collide At Intersection

Mrs. Nancy Gaskill Josey, route 1 Beaufort, was in Sea Level hospital yesterday recovering from injuries received in an automobile accident Saturday about 3 p.m. The accident occurred at the intersection of Cedar and Live Oak streets, Beaufort.

According to Beaufort police, Mrs. Josey was driving a 1959 Simca owned by Naomi S. Gaskill of Sea Level. She was going east on Cedar and stopped for a stop sign at Live Oak.

The Simca was struck from the rear by a 1956 Ford driven by Arthur N. Blahard Jr. of Springfield, Mass. The car was owned by Elliott Robbins Jr. of Jersey City, N. J., a passenger in the Ford.

Blahard, according to the police report, was drunk. He told police he did not see the Simca stop. Robbins suffered a slight head injury.

Blahard and Robbins are being held in jail for their appearance in court today. Blahard is under \$150 bond and Robbins is under \$100 bond.

Court to Convene
A one-week term of superior court, for trial of civil cases, will open at 10 a.m. Monday in the courthouse, Beaufort.

Presbyterian Women Will Meet at Wildwood Church

Wildwood Presbyterian church will host Wednesday to women of district 4, Wilmington Presbytery.

Theme of the conference will be Understanding the Bible. The meeting will continue throughout the morning and end with lunch at noon served by women of the Wildwood church, headed by Mrs. J. F. Wade.

Registration will begin at 9:30, followed by music and meditation in charge of Mrs. J. Bonner Bell.

The Rev. A. M. Daniel, pastor of the church, will give the invocation at 10. Mrs. C. F. Hawes will lead the call to worship. Mrs. Wade will extend greetings.

The Rev. Joseph C. Wagner, pastor of Havelock Presbyterian church, will be the speaker. Workshops will follow.

Reports will be given by the following: Mrs. C. F. Hawes, Rose Hill, spiritual growth; Mrs. R. T. Sinclair, Wilmington, world missions; Mrs. Edward Wessell, Leland, church extension.

Mrs. Glasgow Hicks, Wilmington, Christian education; Mrs. W. P. High, Whiteville, stewardship; Mrs. G. E. Maulitsy, Jacksonville, annuities and relief.

Mrs. Radford Allen, Council, general fund agencies; Mrs. J. Carol Morgan, Morehead City, intergroup work; Mrs. Lou Belle Williams, Beaufort, historian; and Mrs. Mac F. Jones, Leland, White Cross.

Among the speakers will be Mrs. Adolf Oterson and Mr. Daniel Luncheon will be served in the new community building.

Trustee Gives Dismal Picture To Creditors

Anybody who is owed any money by the Morehead City Shipbuilding Co. has little chance of collecting.

That is the opinion of W. H. Hoffer, Durham, trustee for Kirchofer and Arnold Inc. and Morehead Shipbuilding, firms that have declared bankruptcy.

Reports were filed by Mr. Hoffer in US eastern district court last week.

Of the shipbuilding firm, the report said "... the picture is not too bright for any substantial recovery on the part of general unsecured creditors."

K&A served as investment banker for the shipbuilding firm. It is estimated that claims against K&A and its subsidiary, Morehead City Shipbuilding, may exceed \$4 million.

The trustee's report charges R. C. Kirchofer, president of the firms, with breaching the trust of his customers and giving "false balance sheets" to directors and stockholders.

Kirchofer is indebted to K&A for \$233,373 and "can make no restitution," the report said.

Mr. Hoffer said the firm's officers "cannot evade liability simply by contending they did not know what was going on..."

One of the officers is J. W. Thompson Jr., Morehead City, a vice-president and director, who was paid \$24,000 annually.

Several Carteret residents had invested in K&A and are now listed among the firm's creditors.

Mr. Hoffer said financial distress and in some cases poverty of its customers could have been avoided had each of the directors and officers of K&A exercised good faith and due diligence in managing the corporate affairs... and had proper audits been made.

White Oak Folk Seek Deputy

Citizens from White Oak township yesterday asked county commissioners to provide a full-time deputy sheriff in their area.

The commissioners agreed to consider the request when drawing up the budget for the sheriff's department for 1960-61.

Dr. L. J. Dupree, spokesman for the delegation, said that a deputy sheriff would tend to prevent lawlessness in the White Oak section and facilitate apprehension of those who disturb the peace or otherwise break the law.

Sheriff Hugh Salter commented that with the cooperation of the Marine corps, military police are on full-time duty in the area and can be contacted by the sheriff by radio. On Friday and Saturday nights, he added, he and his deputies make regular trips through the White Oak section.

Dr. Dupree said that especially in the summer time a law officer is needed. He said that upstate folks, some of them, behave themselves at home but come to the Cedar Point section in White Oak township for a vacation and "don't behave like gentlemen and ladies."

Services of a constable, he added, haven't proved satisfactory.

Appearing with Dr. Dupree were J. M. Young, John Jones, Elmo Smith, Milton Truckner, Sgt. Walter Blakeney, Elbert Guthrie, E. L. Weeks, John R. Jones, Sam Williams, G. P. Williams and John Guthrie.

No Cause Found
Judge Herbert Phillips, in Morehead court yesterday, found no probable cause for holding Andrew Guthrie, Morehead City. Guthrie was charged with carnal knowledge, crime against nature and contributing to delinquency of a minor. Court officers said the girl involved denied all actions attributed to Guthrie. The warrant had been sworn out by Guthrie's wife.

County Officials, Educators Discuss Need of School Funds

To the Victors...



O. P. Johnson, left, superintendent of schools, Duplin county, presents the district championship basketball trophy to Butch Hassell, and Pud Hassell, right, co-captains of the Beaufort Seadogs. (See sports section for more details on tournament at Kenansville.)

Echoes of the Past

Lawson Describes Fruitful Colony of North Carolina

By WILEY H. TAYLOR JR.

This series of articles is being compiled in connection with the celebration of Beaufort's 251st year. No attempt will be made to present the articles in chronological order.

This, the first of the series, will deal with the period just prior to the settlement of the town, and will attempt to give the reader an idea of what coastal North Carolina was like when our forefathers arrived to settle the town.

Some historians would have us believe that our first settlers suffered great danger from the Indians, and suffered serious want for the necessities of life. Such was not the case. To the contrary, the Indians were very friendly and helpful to the first settlers of eastern Carolina. Almost one hundred years lapsed before they became hostile and had to be practically exterminated.

In 1700, John Lawson attended the Pope's Jubilee in Rome. While there a gentleman who had done a lot of traveling told him fascinating stories of "both Indies." Lawson's imagination for adventure was fired by the stories and he resolved to explore the new world. Five years later, in 1705, his name appears as one of the incorporators of Bath Town.

He remained in the colony for eight years, during which time he engaged in surveying and encouraged colonization. In recognition of his valuable services the Lords Proprietors made him Surveyor-General.

Upon his return to England in 1709, Lawson published his famous history of North Carolina. It is primarily from that work that the information for this article is taken. Lawson went as far inland as the present day Salisbury, but most of his time was spent in the coastal sections of the state. From his book we know that some of it was spent in the immediate vicinity of the site where Beaufort was ultimately located.

Of the people of the colony Lawson said, "The Indians of North Carolina are a well shaped clean-

made people, of different statures, as the Europeans are, yet chiefly inclined to be tall. They are very straight people, and never bend forwards or stoop in the shoulders, unless much overpowered by old age. Their limbs are exceeding well shaped. As for their legs and feet they are generally the handsomest in the world.

"Their bodies are a little flat, which is occasioned by being laced hard down to a board in infancy. This is all the cradle they have... Their eyes are black or a dark hazel; their color is a tawny, which would not be so dark did they not dawb themselves with bear's oil, and a color like burnt cork.

"This is begun in infancy and continued for a long time, which fills the pores and enables them to endure the extremity of the weather. They are never bald on their heads, which, I believe, proceeds from their heads being uncovered, and the greasing their hair, so often as they do, with bear's fat, which is a great nourisher of the hair and causes it to grow very fast."

Maybe the fellow who took the grease out of hair tonic helped to keep white gloves and pillows clean, but Lawson testifies to the fact that good old grease eliminates the shiny domes of many modern men.

The Indians, Lawson said, "are kind and affable to the English, the Queen being very kind, giving us the rarities her cabin afforded, as loblolly made with Indian corn and peaches. These are comely sort of Indians, there being a strange difference in the proportions and beauty of these heathens.

"Although their tribes or nations border upon one another, yet you may discern as great an alteration in their features and dispositions, as you can in their speech, which generally proves quite different from each other, though their nations be not above ten or twenty miles in distance.

Of the Congere women he said, "The women here being as handsome as I have met withal, being several fine fingered brunettes amongst them. These lasses stick not upon hand for long, for they marry when very young, as at twelve or fourteen years of age." His description of the women of the Congere tribe seems to have applied to most of the other nations as well.

To testify to the fact that the whites were well provided for and enjoyed a relatively high standard of living he said, "The Christian natives of Carolina are a straight, clean-limbed people; their children being seldom or never troubled with rickets or those other distempers that the Europeans are visited withal.

"'Tis next to a miracle to see one of them deformed in body. The vicinity of the sun makes impression on the men who labour out of doors, or use the water. As for these women that do not expose themselves to the weather, they are often very fair and generally as well featured as you will see any where, and have very brisk, charming eyes which sets them off to advantage.

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Meeting on Aging To Begin at 2 P.M.

Senior citizens and all others interested in the well-being of older people will attend a meeting at 2 p.m. today in the N. F. Eure building, Beaufort. Dr. Catherine Dennis, Raleigh, a member of the Governor's committee on Aging, will be the speaker.

On display will be literature relating to gerontology (science of aging), including material on what other communities are doing for their senior citizens and what the senior citizens are doing for their communities.

Today's meeting has been planned by the county committee on aging, Miss Grace Wilson, Beaufort, chairman. All civic, fraternal and church groups are asked to have representatives present.

FHA Announces Appointment

John J. Felton, route 2 Beaufort, has been appointed to membership on the County Farmers Home Administration committee to complete a three-year term that will expire on June 30, 1961.

He will succeed John D. Young, Stella, who resigned a short time after he had accepted full time off-farm employment recently because he found, he said, that he could not devote to the committee time required for its work.

Other members of the Carteret committee are Y. Z. Simmons, chairman, Newport, and Milton D. Truckner of Pelletier.

The supervisor says that these committees are indispensable to the operation of the FHA program in any county. They pass on applications from applicants for all types of loans and furnish the required certifications with regard to the size, suitability and value of farms that are offered as security for the real estate loans.

They also assist generally in planning and conducting the work of FHA.

Subscriptions Due
Yearly subscriptions to Newport ambulance service are due and should be paid to Gordon Cutler, treasurer of the Newport fire department. Mr. Cutler's address is route 2, Box 1-A.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Tuesday, March 8	LOW
4:36 a.m.		11:12 a.m.
5:11 p.m.		11:25 p.m.
Wednesday, March 9		
5:31 a.m.		11:58 a.m.
6:02 p.m.		
Thursday, March 10		
6:18 a.m.		12:12 a.m.
6:44 p.m.		12:42 p.m.
Friday, March 11		
6:59 a.m.		12:56 a.m.
7:23 p.m.		1:24 p.m.

County commissioners, the county board of education and Morehead City school officials yesterday morning discussed the possibility of getting money for schools faster than it is now being accumulated.

No decision was made. The discussion mainly clarified the need for a new Morehead City school now. Construction of a new school is not contemplated before 1962-63.

Moses Howard, chairman of the county board of commissioners, remarked that he and his board felt that the county board of education might be able to start building, this year, several units of the new Morehead City school on the site north of highway 70-A.

Funds used would be the \$155,000 that has been set aside this year by the county for school construction.

In light of that, Mr. Howard said, H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, and his board were at the meeting yesterday at the courthouse to discuss the situation.

Mr. Joslyn presented a mimeographed report giving enrollment figures and the physical facilities that should be included in a new Morehead City school. Total cost for a 465-pupil school would be \$750,000.

Dr. A. F. Chestnut, chairman of the Morehead City school board, said that five architects had been contacted relative to drawing plans. It was reported that most are reluctant to start a school building on a piecemeal basis, contending that process would be more expensive in the long run.

Dr. Chestnut commented that nothing fancy is wanted, just adequate classrooms.

County commissioners believed that if a heating plant, cafeteria and classrooms, numbering about 12, could be put up, overcrowding at the present Morehead City school would be relieved.

Mr. Joslyn said that in the fall more classroom space will be needed at Atlantic, Smyrna, Beaufort and Queen Street. He said that efforts are being made to obtain houses at Cherry Point that are being declared surplus.

Possibility of trying another bond issue was discussed but the feeling, generally, was that it would not pass. Mr. Joslyn suggested a million and a half dollar bond issue in 1961 plus continuation of the present fund-accumulation program. He said that with the increase in valuation of property in the county, he has been told that such an issue might be handled without an increase in taxes.

R. W. Safrit, chairman of the county board of education, suggested that instead of paying off the county's present bonds as rapidly as they are being retired that the pace be slowed and the money turned over to schools.

Attending the meeting, in addition to those mentioned, were Lenwood Lee, principal of Morehead City school; W. B. Allen, T. B. Smith, and D. Mason, members of the county board of education.

Skinner Chalk Speaks to Lions

Skinner Chalk, Congressional candidate, was the speaker at the Morehead City Lions club meeting Thursday night. He revealed his ideas and beliefs as a candidate. The cutting of the foreign aid program and the streamlining of the nation's defense budget were the main items discussed by Mr. Chalk.

The club also heard a report from president O. J. Morrow on the recent regional meeting in New Bern. Mr. Morrow gave highlights of a talk by Jack Steckley, past international president of the Lions club. Attending the meeting from Morehead City were Cliff Edwards, O. J. Morrow, Jim Crowe, Joe Collins and their wives.

Plans for a civic organizations sign-grouping to be sponsored by the Lions Club were discussed. Under the plan, signs of all civic and fraternal organizations would be grouped together and erected at the intersection of Highway 70 and 70-A.

A. N. Willis is chairman of the project. The club asks that any organization that Mr. Willis has not already contacted, and who is interested in the project, call him.

The club's four new members, George Mizesko, Jim McLean, Joe Collins and Vernon Beasley, were inducted by tail-twister Owens Frederick.

Candidate Endorsed
Carteret commissioners, in session yesterday afternoon at the courthouse, endorsed the candidacy of Skinner Chalk, commissioner who is running for Congress from the third district. Announcement of the endorsement was made by A. H. James, chairman of the county Democratic committee.

Squad Gets Inhaler



Clifford Fagle, representing Woodmen of the World, presents a portable inhaler to Cal Dezern, right, of the Morehead City rescue squad. In the background are Jim Hux and Lenwood Brinson. The presentation was made Wednesday night. (Photo by Don Farrier.)

Welders' Torches Cause Fire on Newport Lot

Newport firemen extinguished a small fire Saturday afternoon on a vacant lot belonging to Lonnie Howard. The lot, site of the proposed postoffice, is located next to Newport Small Engines Co.

The fire started when welders cutting up old corrugated pipe ignited the asphalt tar with which the pipe was covered. There was no damage.