

# Grand Jury Blasts County Airport

## Airport Chairman Says Need Of Funds Blocks Action

The grand jury dive-bombed the Beaufort-Morehead airport this week, citing conditions there that needed correction.

The jurors, in their report, stated that the runways and taxi strips are littered with fragments of glass, clam shells, as well as beer cans and other debris. This was termed a hazardous condition that could cause injury to people and damage to planes.

The jurors said that the entrance road to the airport is in a poor state; that the taxi strips and runways are used by many types of vehicles. Sections of fence are missing, thus permitting easy access to the airport.

It was pointed out that the wind direction T is not operating and this could cause a plane accident; boundary lights are in need of repair and some are out of position. The entrance doors to the administration building have deteriorated and the sign, Beaufort-Morehead City Airport, is in need of repair.

The report also stated that the jurors saw a 1958 Ford with license tax VX373, occupied by two white women, being driven on the taxi strips and runways, and at one time it stopped at the northwest end of runway 32, which was the one on which planes were to land and take off at the time.

The grand jury recommended that all these conditions be corrected, especially the wind indicator, prior to May, the time Piedmont airlines starts operation.

The report also recommended that the sheriff's department patrol the airport and block illegal entryways. It said the county should bear the cost of all improvements, if the money is not available otherwise.

Glenn Adair, chairman of the airport commission, said yesterday that he would be glad to join with the grand jury in requesting AGAIN, as he did last May, that the county commissioners provide funds for maintenance.

Mr. Adair said that he presented a budget and went over it in detail with the county commissioners but they did not see fit to appropriate any money for maintenance.

The present airport commission, he explained, is encumbered by leases to private individuals for certain portions of the airport property and the income from that rental is not sufficient to meet maintenance costs.

The airport commission chairman said that the road is a county road and every method has been tried to get it improved. He said that in his budget request last year he asked for \$2,000 to pave the road. He suggested then that when the approaches to the North River bridge were paved this spring, the road could be paved at nominal cost.

"But the county commissioners did not give us any funds," Mr. Adair repeated.

The wind T that is on the airport was put up by Ben Alford, a member of the commission, with the cooperation of a local metal shop. He said that this wind indicator is now

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## Hancock Park Residents Ask Morehead's Aid

Three residents of Hancock Park, Beaufort, appeared before the Morehead City town board Tuesday night at the town hall to request the town's assistance in opening a clogged sewer in the Hancock Park area.

George Herbert, spokesman, said that the town of Beaufort would not allow its men and equipment to go into the area, which is outside of town. He explained that heretofore, when there was trouble with the sewage line, the Hancock Park residents on the line paid the town to make the necessary repairs.

(Beaufort town authorities state that a court order, arising out of an annexation fight, prohibits their equipment from going into the out-of-town section.)

Mr. Herbert said that W. H. Potter, mayor of Beaufort, has told him that any equipment from another town that comes through Beaufort will be confiscated.

Mr. Herbert said he didn't want Morehead City's help if it would cause hard feeling between the two towns.

Mayor Dill commented, "I think we'd be sticking out heads in a family fight. In view of what the mayor has told you, there would be hard feeling."

Mr. Herbert said that he had tried to get help from every contractor, plumber, as well as from the towns of Newport, Havelock, Swansboro, as well as Cherry Point. He said he would be willing to buy equipment, but such purchase would not help in the present emergency situation.

Commissioner S. C. Holloway suggested that Mr. Herbert contact the county health department. "If the county requested our equipment, we would be obligated to let the county have it to alleviate a menace to health," Mr. Holloway observed.

Accompanying Mr. Herbert were Thurman Salter and Charles Bell.

## Board Discusses Parking Meters

Town commissioners discussed briefly the town's policy on parking meters Tuesday night at the meeting in the municipal building.

Dr. Russell Outlaw, a town commissioner, said people from out of town had been complaining about getting parking tickets. He said that he had been asked by the Chamber of Commerce to request that the parking meter ordinance be enforced impartially.

Mayor George Dill said that it is Dr. Outlaw contended that local people never get into court. George McNeill, town attorney, and court solicitor, said few local people get into court because they pay their fines.

The out-of-town people think they can "beat the rap," and thus become indignant when a warrant is served on them in their home town.

The overparking fine is \$1. After 24 hours, the fine is \$2. After that, notice is sent and if no response is forthcoming, a warrant is served. When the defendant comes into court, the penalty is usually the \$2 fine, plus a third of the court costs and any other charges attendant to serving the warrant.

To show that overparking fines are being paid by most, clerk John Lashley reported that two weeks' collection in overtime parking fines totaled \$87.

The town attorney said, "Either you enforce your parking meter ordinance or forget it entirely." Dr. Outlaw also said that there are a lot of cars of "prominent citizens" that don't have town tags on them. He said he wished the police would walk around and tag some of them while they're parked in front of people's homes.

Walter Morris, commissioner, reported that the rescue squad had submitted its list of members and by-laws. He said he hadn't read the by-laws thoroughly so the board tabled action on accepting them until the May meeting.

License Returned  
James Hibbs Carroll of Newport has had his driver's license reinstated by the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, effective Feb. 24.

## Lenster Frazier to Serve Two Years for Assaulting Woman

Lenster (Bear) Frazier was sent to the roads for two years in superior court this week. He pleaded guilty to assault on a female. He had been charged with attempt to commit rape.

The prosecuting witness was Annie D. Shepherd, Beaufort, who testified that Frazier assaulted her on the road by the Core Creek Methodist Church Nov. 2, 1959.

She said that Frazier forced her car off the road, broke into her car which was locked, made her get in his car and then drove down the road by the Core Creek church. That was where she jumped out and ran into a nearby house for help.

Sent to the roads for six months was Willie Knight, who pleaded guilty to transporting non-taxpaid whiskey.

Sentenced to a year in prison was Charles Henry Dunn, charged with failing to comply with a court order specifying that he support his family.

William Lester Johnson, charged with eight counts of breaking, entering and theft, was put on probation five years. His two-year sentence was suspended on condition that he pay \$100 to Pine Knoll Shores as reimbursement for loss.

Charles Lessene, charged with assault and resisting arrest, pleaded guilty to resisting arrest. The state accepted the plea and he was given 60 days, suspended on payment of costs and 12 months good behavior.

William Odum pleaded guilty to stealing a check. His six-month sentence was suspended on payment of costs and on condition that Odum stay on good behavior two years.

Shirley Maxine Mason was found guilty of careless and reckless driving, resisting arrest and speeding. Judgment was deferred pending payment of \$50 fine and costs.

Sarah Reaves Smith was found guilty of drunken driving and paid \$100 and costs. Elijah Lewis pleaded guilty to public drunkenness, but his 90-day sentence need not be served if he receives treatment from a Veterans' hospital prior to June 1. If he's arrested for public drunkenness prior to that date, the sentence is to be served.

The state did not prosecute Annie Mae Hinson on a charge of having bootleg whiskey for sale. In another case in which she faced the same charge she did not contest the charges and paid costs.

Otis N. Fulford got 90 days for careless and reckless driving, sentence suspended on payment of \$100 and costs. The seduction charge against David Ellis Willis was dropped, since Willis has married the plaintiff.

Eddie Lee Collins pleaded guilty to non-support. His six-month sentence was suspended on payment of costs and \$15 weekly for his family's support.

Allen Anderson's judgment was deferred providing he pay \$8 a week for the support of Daniel Leroy Anderson. The case against Ernest Mattocks Jr., non-support, was dropped because the warrant did not state a crime, according to the court.

Remanded to recorder's court was the case against Curtis Davis Jr., charged with non-support. Granted a divorce were Mary J. Gurley and George A. Gurley, the mother to have custody of a 6-year-old daughter.

The state decided not to prosecute.  
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## Jaycees to Select Miss Carteret

Beaufort Jaycees voted Monday night at the Scout building to co-sponsor with the Morehead City Jaycees a Miss Carteret County in the state beauty pageant this year.

The club does not ordinarily meet the first Monday of the month, but a special meeting was called to see whether members would rather sponsor a Miss Beaufort or co-sponsor a Miss Carteret County.

The girl representing the county will enter the Miss North Carolina contest this summer. Should she win, she would be eligible for the Miss America title.

## FHA Girls Will Do Odd Jobs

As part of their FHA week activities, members of the Morehead City chapter, Future Homemakers of America, will be available to do odd jobs from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. tomorrow.

Folks having odd jobs they can't or haven't time to do are invited to call Miss Ann Couch, home economics teacher, at PA6-5067 and an FHA girl will be sent to their home.

The girls will wash a car for \$1, wash windows for 5 cents or 10 cents per window, depending on the size, mow and rake lawns for 50 cents or \$1 and babysit for 50 cents per hour. Prices for other jobs can be obtained from any FHA'er or by calling the above number.

## Morehead City Adopts Tentative Budget, Tax Rate Tuesday Night

## Seven Appear In Beach Court

Seven defendants appeared in Atlantic Beach mayor's court Tuesday night at the town hall.

Fined \$5, ordered to pay court costs and stay away from the beach six months were Marvin E. Thomas and Elmer G. Waddell, both of Havelock. Thomas was charged with using loud and profane language and disturbing the peace. Waddell was charged with public drunkenness, resisting arrest and using loud and profane language.

The following paid costs: Elvis E. Bruner, Morehead City, fighting and disturbing the peace; Bruce R. Williams, Wildwood, fighting and disturbing the peace. John Mahan Aldrich and Lonnie J. Ketter, both of Cherry Point, public drunkenness.

C. D. Baker, Cherry Point, charged with public drunkenness, was turned over to his commanding officer at the Marine base.

## Newport Board Discusses 'High Bill' with Auditor

Josiah Bailey, auditor, was present at the Newport commissioners meeting Tuesday night at the town hall to give reasons for the amount of his bill and to make recommendations for changes in the bookkeeping system. He appeared at the request of the commissioners after they received a bill for nearly \$800 for last year's audit.

Mr. Bailey told the commissioners that the smaller the business or municipality, the higher the fee for auditing usually runs. He said this was because of the amount of annual bookkeeping the auditor must do himself.

Newport has two part-time bookkeeping employees, Miss Edith Lockety for the administrative department and Junius Creech for the water department. The auditor stated that although he considered his bill a fair one, his office had absorbed a part of the cost because he did not feel that Newport could afford to spend such a large portion of its tax levy on an audit.

Commissioner Bennie Garner said that when the audit was started several years ago, he was under the impression that the audit cost would decrease over the years. Instead, he said, it seems to have gotten higher. He inquired if it would continue to get higher every year until the town was broke. He also asked if the law required a town to have an audit.

Included in the audit were recommendations made by Mr. Bailey to improve the bookkeeping system and thus, he said, lower the audit cost. One of these was the employment of a full-time bookkeeper by the town.

Commissioner Leslie Bercegeay

asked Mr. Bailey if the addition of such a person would cut his fee in half. The auditor replied that it would be at least half, possibly more.

The board then discussed which would be cheaper in the long run, hiring a full time bookkeeper and paying Mr. Bailey half as much as his present bill, or continue the present set-up. They agreed to pay Mr. Bailey for the past year's audit and expressed their thanks to him for his efforts to help the town.

In other business, Lionel Garner asked the board's help in getting rid of stray dogs in his neighborhood, which he says are a menace to residents.

After discussion, the board approved a motion to erect a wire house for stray dogs. Any such dog caught will be kept in confinement, fed and watered for 48 hours, after which it will be disposed of.

Mr. Garner also requested that the town install a catch basin in the ditch in front of his home, to prevent undermining of his driveway. The commissioners told him that the road was on the state system and referred him to highway officials.

A sample application for a building permit was approved and the fee for such application was set at \$2, effective April 15, 1960.

Commissioner Bercegeay requested permission to erect speed limit signs in the residential area in which he lives. He said there are a considerable number of children in the area and the residents would like to erect conspicuous

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## School Traffic Laws Clarified

Mayor W. H. Potter, Beaufort, reminds motorists that parking at Beaufort school is permitted on the south side of Mulberry street only.

Between 7:30 a. m. and 4 p. m. on school days traffic shall proceed only from west to east.

The mayor explains that the above rules were made in the interest of safety of school children in compliance with requests by school officials and "interested parents."

Chief of police Guy Springle reports that cars have been stopping in front of the school to pick up children. That is not objectionable as long as the parents pull up in front of the school for a few minutes, pick up the children and move on.

Some parents, however, park in front of the school for a much longer period, waiting for school to let out and thus create the same traffic hazard that the no parking ordinance was intended to eliminate.

## Clerk to Check Road Program

County commissioners on Monday authorized the clerk, Odell Merrill, to investigate thoroughly the county's status in the state's secondary road paving program.

Mr. Merrill plans to check on the appropriations made for road work in the county in the past several years and the actual work done.

"All we're getting are 'priorities' on road paving, no work, and the people are getting upset," Mr. Merrill observed.

The county advertised in the March 1960 issue of Bond Buyer that it was in a position to purchase outstanding bonds. The ad brought response of a bondholder who is willing to sell \$13,000 in bonds. The commissioners authorized the auditor to buy them.

## Marine Killed In Afternoon Crash Monday

John H. Forbes, 26, Camp Lejeune, was killed at 4:45 p. m. Monday on highway 24, eight miles west of Morehead City.

Forbes was driving a 1955 Mercury which failed to make a curve. Injured in the accident was John Wallace Owens, also of Camp Lejeune. He suffered a broken back.

According to highway patrolman W. E. Pickard, the car was headed east. It skidded on the curve and went down an embankment. The occupants were thrown out and the car landed on top of them.

The highway was wet and the rear tires were slick, the patrolman said. The car was demolished.

Forbes' death is the second highway fatality in the county this year. The first occurred just five weeks prior to the second, when Willie Willis, Sea Level, died in an auto accident Monday, Feb. 29. Coroner David Munden attributed Forbes' death to internal injuries.

## District Demonstration Clubs to Install Chairman

## Board Names Committeemen

With one exception, school committeemen whose terms expire, were reappointed by the county board of education Monday at its meeting in the courthouse annex.

Replacing Lawrence Garner at Newport will be Lester E. Haskett. Reappointed to the Newport committee is Nathan Garner.

Reappointed to the Beaufort school committee are David Hill and George Huntley Jr.; Camp Glenn, Roger Jones and Kenneth Wagner; Morehead City, Mrs. George Dill and W. C. Carlton.

All will serve three-year terms. School committeemen serve staggered terms so that insofar as possible, committeemen with previous experience remain in office.

George Wallace, member of the board, presented the Morehead City school committee's report on needs the committee feels should be met in its proposed new school.

The board requested the clerk and county school superintendent, H. L. Joslyn, to write a letter of congratulations to the Beaufort basketball team for winning the state championship.

Appointed treasurer at Smyrna school, to succeed Mrs. Peggy Steele was Mrs. Delores Gillikin.

Board members at the meeting, in addition to Mr. Wallace, were T. B. Smith and Robert Safrit Jr., chairman.

## Groups Ask Vote on Bond Of \$1 Million for Hospital

## Newport Rotary To Sell Tissues

Newport Rotarians discussed plans for financing the dedication of the new postoffice at their meeting Monday night. The discussion was led by Derryl Garner and Harold Chartley, program co-chairmen.

It is hoped that the club can have the dedication in June. Since there will be some expense involved, it was decided to have a door-to-door facial tissue sale to raise money. The sale will begin early next week.

Visiting Rotarians at the meeting were Gannon Talbert and Tom D. Lewis from the Morehead City club. The Rev. M. O. Sears, pastor of Newport Missionary Baptist church, and the Rev. Charles Stafford of Bunlevel, who is conducting a revival here this week, were guests of Rotarian Derryl Garner.

E. B. Comer, Rotary president, presided.

License Reinstated  
Alex John Willis, route 1 Newport, has had his driving privileges reinstated by the Motor Vehicles Department.

Terming the Morehead City hospital "obsolete," doctors of the county and members of the Morehead City hospital board of trustees appeared before county commissioners Wednesday night at the courthouse, Beaufort, and asked the commissioners to call for a referendum on borrowing approximately a million dollars for a Carteret General Hospital.

The commissioners said they would make a decision at their May meeting.

Dr. John Morris, spokesman for the group, said, "The trustees face constant frustration in trying to operate the present Morehead City hospital plant because of costly repairs. . . All expenditures on the building mean only patchwork and after expensive outlays they still have an old hospital building."

He added, "In view of the fact that it takes from 18 months to three years to build a new modern hospital even after funds are available, it is urgent that something be done at once. . ."

It is proposed that the hospital be built with federal funds meeting 55 per cent of the cost and local funds, 45 per cent. Federal funds are available on projects approved by the State Medical Care commission. The commission must have applications for the funds by June 30, Dr. Morris said.

Application by this county can be filed if the county authorizes a

## Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar

HIGH	Friday, April 8	LOW
5:37 a.m.		12:02 a.m.
6:06 p.m.		
	Saturday, April 9	
6:24 a.m.		12:25 a.m.
6:47 p.m.		12:45 p.m.
	Sunday, April 10	
7:06 a.m.		1:10 a.m.
7:27 p.m.		1:28 p.m.
	Monday, April 11	
7:48 a.m.		1:56 a.m.
8:06 p.m.		2:09 p.m.
	Tuesday, April 12	
8:31 a.m.		2:39 a.m.
8:48 p.m.		2:50 p.m.

## Spring Chamber Session Will Be April 28, Board Decides

Directors of the Morehead City chamber of commerce, meeting Monday night, set Thursday, April 28, as the date of the spring membership meeting. Garland Scruggs, Ed Swann and Jimmy Wallace were named as a committee to select the Citizen of the Year for 1959 and the recipients of merit awards for travel promotion.

With the cooperation of Vernon Paul, manager of the Hotel Fort Macon, the directors authorized J. A. DuBois, manager, to proceed with enlargement and partitioning of the chamber office in the lobby of the hotel. Mr. Paul will be paid a rental of \$25 monthly for the space.

Directors voted that the following amounts be made available immediately to sub-committees of the advertising committee to get promotion projects started: Fabulous Fishermen, \$1,000; signs,

\$1,500 to be used as needed for signs considered most important.

Literature: \$300 for preparation of lay-outs, obtaining photos, etc. for brochures on Carteret county; newspaper and magazine, \$825 to cover ads in resort sections of state papers and magazines; public relations: \$300 as a stand-by fund to transport and display the Carteret county exhibit when necessary.

An amount will be voted to the radio-tv committee, the directors said, when the committee submits an estimate on need.

The board voted a salary for 30 months to Bob Simpson as publicist.

Mr. Scruggs reported on the industrial development conference at Goldsboro and emphasized the need of close community cooperation and private investment capital if industry is to be attracted to this county.

Mr. DuBois reported on the Hatteras Yacht launching, the Sportsmen's Show at Charlotte and the NC Travel Council meeting at Durham.

To encourage attendance at the US Chamber of Commerce meeting, the board authorized partial payment of expenses incurred by those attending from the chamber.

Mr. DuBois was asked to write a letter to the Beaufort basketball team commending them as state champions, also a letter of thanks to the Morehead City high school band for its fine performance at the yacht launching.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$4,280.18. Pledged to date for 1960 is \$23,456.

President Rufus Butler presided. Present were Mr. Scruggs, Edgar Swann, Shelby Freeman, Jimmy Wallace, Russell Outlaw, Mr. Simpson and Mr. DuBois.