

\$1,040,000 Approved for Hospital

Town Zones Postoffice Dock

● No One Attends Tuesday Hearing
● Board Discusses Annexation Problem

Perhaps a fight of a year's standing came to a close Tuesday night when Beaufort town commissioners and owners of the dock in front of the postoffice concluded a compromise agreement as the board zoned the dock for "restricted commercial" use.

In return, the parties who filed suit against the I. N. Moore family, dock owners, agreed to withdraw their action.

"Restricted commercial" use means that menhaden boats may not use the dock, but it is open for use by pleasure craft, in accordance with the regulations that apply to the waterfront block west of the dock.

The zoning action by the board followed a public hearing at the town hall at which no one appeared. I. N. Moore and his son, Leslie, came to the meeting briefly after the hearing, and were informed of the board's action.

Routine reports were given by commissioners. Mayor W. H. Potter, who presided, said that he had requested the SBA to send application forms for loans to businesses badly damaged by Donna.

He also informed the board that Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Merrill have made a site available for a county hospital on highway 101. The site consists of 20 acres, of which seven are cleared.

The board discussed annexation proposals and the possibility of laying sewer lines to the areas how outside town. Mayor Potter said he would like to see a hearing, now pending before the court, scheduled as soon as possible.

C. R. Wheatly, town attorney, said that a survey of the proposed sewer area, by Gray Hassell, engineer, should be made.

The board directed that chief of police Guy Springle follow up parking tickets issued for overtime parking at meters. Mr. Wheatly said that the number of parking meter violations reported and the amount received in parking meter fines show that the town is not enforcing the parking meter ordinance.

The board approved payment of \$25 to the Ann Street Cemetery association, dues for 1960.

A letter complaining about weeds on a vacant lot was received from Mrs. Ulys Lee. Commissioner Otis Mades said that quite a few lots have been cleaned.

Request for a street light in the 400 block of Pollock Street was tabled until the next fiscal year. A suit to clear title to Willis Temple sawmill land was brought to the attention of the board. The town was named in the suit since street ends join the property in question. The matter was referred to Mr. Wheatly.

Swansboro Weathers Donna, Storm That Dwarfed Hazel

By TUCKER R. LITTLETON

Sunday night Hurricane Donna roared across the White Oak river, leaving a trail of debris and disaster. When the time came to calculate the damage, Swansboro mayor M. N. Lisk estimated that Donna's toll reached at least \$500,000 within the city limits of Swansboro alone. He estimated that damages totaled \$10,000 to the town itself in public property loss.

Mayor Lisk said the clean-up job will take two weeks. The city hall reported that winds had been clocked in excess of 100 mph and that reliable estimates had established gusts up to 125 mph. The mayor also mentioned Civil Defense personnel and weather officials as substantiating the local belief that the hurricane in the Swansboro area was accompanied by tornadoes.

Hurricane Donna, said the mayor, brought tides 9 to 11 feet above normal. He said that there was evidence that residents in the Cedar Point area experienced something like tidal wave activity, where the tide appears to have been the highest for this general area.

When Sunday dawned on Sept. 11 past, few people were expecting the night to witness such devastation. Not since the Great Hurricane of 1752 had the town of Swansboro seen anything equal to Donna. Most residents agree that not even Hazel in 1954 equalled this month's hurricane. Perhaps, if more details were known about the 1752 storm, some comparison could be made with Donna.

This much is known of the Great Hurricane of 1752: it caused the channel of the White Oak River to flow on the opposite side of Jones's Island, cutting across a strip of land that on low tide connected the island with the Onslow bank of the river, allowing one to walk from the bank to the island on dry land when the tide was low. It also washed out the Great Dip, as tradition calls it, a huge trench that dips rather suddenly between Highway 24 and Main Street where the east end of Walnut Street towers above the highway.

At nearby Johnston, at that time the county seat of Onslow county, the county courthouse and the entire town of Johnston were blown away. Tradition says that after the hurricane, some of the county records were found on both sides the sound.

For a while Sunday night it appeared that Swansboro might be blown away, too. Hurricane winds started about 9 p.m. and continued to increase in velocity until the eye of the storm passed over the town about midnight.

Up until 10 p.m. the river had kept to its banks, and then in less than thirty minutes it had engulfed cars on Water Street, wrecked fish houses on Front Street, had washed boats and skiffs astraddle the streets, and inundated not a few homes.

One estimate placed the damage to Casper Marine Service at \$100,000.

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This, believe it or not, is really a street, Water street in Swansboro in front of the Tucker Littleton house, looking east. (Photo by S. F. Milsted.)

Chamber to Circulate Bridge Petition Throughout State

More Pictures Included Today

Although extra copies of last Friday's paper, containing pictures of the storm, were printed, many calls for the paper were met with, "I'm sorry, we're sold out."

Tide Table

Tides at the Carteret Bar		
HIGH		LOW
Friday, Sept. 23		
9:30 a.m.		3:32 a.m.
9:49 p.m.		3:58 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 24		
10:14 a.m.		4:05 a.m.
10:38 p.m.		4:38 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 25		
11:06 a.m.		4:42 a.m.
11:36 p.m.		5:24 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 26		
12:05 a.m.		5:26 a.m.
		6:26 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 27		
12:37 a.m.		6:28 a.m.
1:07 p.m.		7:47 p.m.

While certain Morehead City chamber of commerce officials thought that a county referendum on Morehead City bridge location would be desirable, the chamber board of directors Monday night decided that a petition circulated state-wide would be a preferable move.

The petition, to be sent to Gov. Luther Hodges and the State Highway commission, after signatures have been obtained, asks that the present bridge plans be discarded and the state "proceed with realistic plans for a bridge which will be an all-weather bridge, will insure future growth of the port, allow for expansion of rail facilities to the port, eliminate the 3 1/2-mile traffic bottleneck in Morehead City and justify the large expenditure of state and federal funds."

The directors authorized J. A. DuBois, manager of the chamber, to accept invitations from various chambers of commerce that have asked that the Morehead City chamber meet with their directors to present facts about the bridge.

Mr. DuBois reported on the recent US 70 association convention which he attended in New Mexico. Convention members, he said, are enthusiastic about the 1961 convention being held Sept. 17-19 in Morehead City-Atlantic Beach. Members come from the eight states through which highway 70 passes from coast to coast.

He told of the association's efforts to promote travel on the highway and close cooperation of the association with the federal bureau of public roads.

The board authorized Mr. DuBois to work for a strong Highway 70 association in North Carolina.

Rufus Butner, president, mentioned the pressing need for a code requiring construction of substantial buildings in the county. The board went on record to request the county planning commission to set up a building code similar to the one in effect in Miami, Fla., and that a building inspector be employed by the county to enforce the regulations.

It was recommended that the committee on boating safety meet in the near future to form a plan for 1961. Members are D. G. Bell, chairman; Luther Hamilton Jr., Roger Van Buren, S. A. Chalk Jr., and Adam Mayer.

Bob Simpson, fishing publicist, reported on Fabulous Fishermen, and on hurricane damage.

Shelby Freeman suggested that new industries might be established by purchasing government surplus plants, which he said are available, complete, at 10 per cent of their original cost.

Board members arranged to take a trip to Shackleford banks next Wednesday to get a first-hand view of damage to the banks.

Permission was granted the Morehead City Football Boosters club to repair and use the chamber sign at the west entrance to town.

Present at the meeting, in addition to those mentioned, were George McNeill, Garland Scruggs, Dr. Russell Outlaw, S. A. Chalk Jr., Ed Swann and W. B. Chalk.

Outboards Stolen
The county sheriff's department reports that two outboard motors were stolen Monday night. One was a 60 hp Scott-Atwater, stolen at Cedar Point, and the other an 18 hp stolen from the Beaufort-Morehead causeway. Owner of the 60 hp is Captain Bolves; owner of the other is Leland Day.

Coroner's Jury Clears Drivers In Fatal Wreck

A coroner's jury Monday night took only eight minutes to exonerate both Charles Wesley Speight of Belgrade and Roy Franklin Mills of Sanford, drivers of two cars involved in an accident Sept. 4 that claimed the life of Mrs. Mills.

Mrs. Mills, a passenger in her husband's car, was killed instantly when their car crashed into the rear of the Speight auto on highway 24 about 14 miles west of Morehead City. The accident occurred at 2:30 Sunday afternoon, Sept. 4.

Both Mills and Speight, called before the coroner's jury as witnesses, gave substantially the same account of the accident.

Speight told the jury that he was going west on highway 24 in a 1953 Chevrolet. He had slowed and then stopped his car on the highway in order to make a left turn onto a side road. He said that he had to stop because another car was coming out of the side road and the road was wide enough for only one car to pass at a time.

Seconds after he had stopped he said that his car was struck by the Mills' car. He testified that he had put on his left turn signal approximately 100-150 feet before he reached the side road.

Mills told the jury that he, his wife, and three of their five children had been visiting relatives in Beaufort and were returning to their home in Sanford. He said that they had considered buying a lot in Carteret county on which to build a home and were watching for real estate notices posted along the highway.

He said that he saw the Speight auto ahead of him but he assumed the car was moving ahead at a normal rate of speed.

He told the jury that he took his eyes off the road for a minute and then heard his wife cry, "Look out," and realized that he was upon the stopped car.

He said that he applied his brakes but couldn't avoid hitting Speight's car. He said that he had not seen a turn signal or brake light on the car ahead of him.

State highway patrolman W. J. Smith, who investigated the accident, said that there was no indication that either driver had been drinking prior to the accident.

Other witnesses called before the jury included Speight's wife Louise, who was in the car with her husband, and Miss Laura Watson, who was in the car coming out of the side road with Howard Newman.

The jury of six retired at 8:20 and returned at 8:28 with their verdict of unavoidable accident.

The jurors were Jasper Bell, Herbert Griffin, Lester Hall, George Guthrie, Marvin Powers and Mitchel Harris. Griffin, Morehead City police chief, acted as spokesman for the six in returning the verdict.

Balance Needed Must Come from County

Moses Howard, chairman of the county board of commissioners, announced Wednesday that the Medical Care Commission, Raleigh, has allocated funds totaling \$1,040,000 for building "approximately a 100-bed hospital and laundry" to be owned by Carteret county, and to replace "the obsolete Morehead City hospital."

The approval is contingent upon the voters of Carteret approving a bond issue to meet the county's share of the cost of construction.

According to William F. Henderson, executive secretary of the Medical Care Commission, who wrote Mr. Howard this week, the federal share is \$935,000 (55 per cent of the cost), the state will contribute \$105,000 and the county's share would be \$660,000, making a total of \$1,700,000.

To obtain the county funds, voters must approve borrowing when they go to the polls Nov. 8. The legal machinery is set up to borrow \$1 million, but Mr. Howard said it may not be necessary to borrow the full amount.

He added, however, that there may be more county expense than the \$660,000. Since the hospital, if built, will probably be in a rural area, the county will be responsible for getting water to it.

Mr. Howard visited the hospital at Tarboro recently which was built with federal-state-county funds. He added that the old hospital there was sold for \$80,000, which helped meet some of the expense of new construction.

At present there are two hospitals in the county, a privately-owned hospital at Sea Level and the municipally-supported hospital at Morehead City.

Morehead City officials say that they are not empowered to dispose of municipally-owned property, thus there is little prospect of revenue from the present hospital, which would be closed when the new one is built.

Hospital trustees state that the Medical Care commission is now letting the Morehead hospital operate under special dispensation and that the commission will eventually order it closed, whether the county approves a new hospital or not.

County commissioners say that the tax rate will be increased 15 cents to pay off the hospital bonds. This will bring the total rate to \$1.80.

The county in 1959 rejected a bond vote on schools, but James Potter, county auditor, said that the education board does not intend to seek another bond vote on schools. County funds are being set aside yearly to start construction of a new Morehead City high school.

If the county is to benefit from the funds approved this week for a new hospital, the law requires that the local funds (Carteret county's share) be available by Nov. 30. Approval by the voters of the bond issue will be sufficient to meet that.

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Pastor Reports On '60 Migrant Work Program

The Rev. Ralph Fleming Jr., chairman of the migrant ministry committee the past summer, gave his report at the county ministers' meeting Monday at the civic center, Morehead City.

Mr. Fleming reported that the program was bigger and better than ever before and that over 800 migrant workers had been ministered to.

He said that the Rev. John Alexander of Atlanta, Ga., Negro minister who worked with the migrants, did a wonderful piece of work. Mr. Alexander's services were paid for by the National Council of Churches of Christ of North Carolina in cooperation with the county association.

New officers were introduced. They are Mr. Fleming, president; the Rev. Charles Kirby of Morehead City, vice-president; the Rev. John F. Cox of Morehead City, secretary; and the Rev. Sam Wichard of Harkers Island, treasurer.

Three new members were welcomed. They were the Rev. J. Hillary Bryant of Sea Level, the Rev. Lalleon Narron of Morehead City and the Rev. Robert D. Wood of Morehead City.

Five committees were named. They are program committee, Mr. Kirby, chairman, Mr. Wood and the Rev. E. Guthrie Brown; membership, the Rev. Seldon Bullard, chairman, the Rev. John Cline and Mr. Wichard; projects, the Rev. B. L. Davidson, chairman, the Rev. Corbin Cooper, and the Rev. Edward Sharp; radio, Mr. Cline, chairman, the Rev. M. O. Sears, and Mr. Bryant; migrant, the Rev. Alec Thompson, chairman, the Rev. Jack Mansfield, and the Rev. Paul Dingess.

Mr. Brown reported that participation in the radio program had been very good. Several committee chairmen made yearly reports.

Mr. Mansfield conducted the devotions. The program, Minister-Funeral Director Relationships, was given by Mr. Kirby. Thirteen ministers attended.

GOP Operates Beaufort Office

Republican headquarters in the former "Baxter-Stamper" jewelry store, Front Street, Beaufort, are open.

The Republican county committee announces that the office is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Available there is information on voting, how to obtain absentee ballots, campaign literature, posters and bumper stickers.

To be placed in the headquarters next week is a tv set so that the Nixon-Kennedy debates may be watched by anyone who wishes.

Mrs. C. R. Wheatly Jr., Beaufort, is in charge of women volunteers who are on duty at the headquarters.

Elmer Dewey Willis, publicity chairman, reports that several carloads of people from this county attended the Republican rally in Rocky Mount Monday night where Robert Gavin, Republican candidate for governor, spoke. Seventy-five hundred persons attended.

Plans are under way to have Mr. Gavin visit Carteret early next month.

Fifteen attended the campaign meeting Saturday night at the Beaufort headquarters. Meetings are scheduled for 7:30 each Thursday night from now until the election. Anyone interested is invited.

Osborne Davis, of the county Republican committee, said the committee is encouraged by the tremendous response it has received. "People are calling up and volunteering their services and this is the first time, to my knowledge, that has ever happened," Mr. Davis commented.

Final Figure on Farm Loss In County Set at \$671,600

Agriculture officials, in their final report on farm loss from hurricane Donna, set the total at \$671,600.

The losses were broken down as follows:

Corn—Five per cent harvested before the storm. Estimated yield was 50 bushels per acre. This was reduced by half by Donna, making a loss estimated at \$100,000 from wind and rain damage. One hundred acres planted in corn were covered by salt water.

Cotton—Twenty per cent was harvested before the storm. Estimated yield was 1 1/2 bales per acre, reduced by 70 per cent because of Donna. The dollar loss was estimated at \$9,240. Twenty-five acres of cotton were covered with salt water.

Soybeans—None had been harvested before the storm. The yield per acre was estimated at 30 bushels. The storm caused a 25 per cent reduction in yield or a dollar loss of \$60,000. Acreage flooded

by salt water was estimated at 400.

Peanuts—None harvested before the storm. Estimated yield was 1,200 pounds per acre, reduced 10 per cent by Donna. Dollar loss was estimated at \$3,960.

Pastures—Condition normal before the storm; damage, 70 per cent, or a dollar loss of \$200,000. Nine hundred acres were flooded with salt water and much acreage was damaged by salt spray.

Hay—Fifty per cent was harvested before Donna; estimated yield per acre was 1 1/2 tons. The storm caused a 40 per cent reduction in yield or a dollar loss of \$30,000. Flooded by salt water were 150 acres and more acres were damaged by salt spray.

Sweet Potatoes—Ten per cent of the crop was harvested before the storm. Estimated yield was 150 bushels per acre, reduced 25 per cent by Donna, or a loss of \$15,000. Approximately 50 acres of sweet potato land were flooded by salt water.

Tobacco—All harvested before the storm; yield was 1,500 pounds per acre. Tobacco damaged in pack houses meant a loss of \$45,000.

The total loss, all crops, was \$460,200.

Livestock losses—50 pigs drowned, valued at \$1,000; 200 hens valued at \$400.

Damage to farm buildings, \$100,000; farm machinery, \$25,000; homes and furniture, \$50,000; loss in family food supply, \$20,000; forestry loss, \$15,000.

Piano Wanted
The Rev. Paul Dingess, pastor of the Church of God, Morehead City, announces that a church is being started in Beaufort a block east of highway 70 on the Lennoxville road. The congregation would like to have a piano, either on a loan basis, or by donation. Persons interested in offering a piano should contact Mr. Dingess, phone PA 6-4500.

Storm Seriously Erodes Ocean Side of Shackleford

Persons who have visited Shackleford banks since Donna report that Shackleford, on the ocean side, has been seriously eroded.

David Yeomans, Harkers Island, says Shackleford has been more seriously damaged than in any previous storm. In some places the dunes have been washed away so that a normal high tide will flow through the banks and into the sound.

High dunes that formerly were on the water's edge have been cut back, leaving a wide swath of flat beach.

Some of the animals on Shackleford were washed to Harkers Island and survived the onslaught of the storm. Others were drowned.

Their carcasses were buried or carried to sea by Harkers Island and Straits residents.

No census has been taken of animals remaining on Shackleford but it is generally agreed that the population is considerably less today than it was before Donna.

Mr. Yeomans said the tremendous volumes of water that flowed across Shackleford simply washed the animals off. He added that those remaining will find little to eat because much of the vegetation was inundated by salt water.

At Cape Lookout the roof blew off the two-story house at the light. Only the T remained of the Coast Guard dock and the Telford Rose and Bennie Brooks camps were blown away.

Norwegian Visitor



Mrs. Hansine Varnaas, stewardess from the Norwegian ship Belgrano, smiles from her bed at the Morehead City hospital.

She entered the hospital last Friday when Dr. B. F. Royal decided she was too ill to continue on the voyage as the Belgrano left Morehead City after delivering lumber.

her visits to Mrs. Varnaas. "In Norway, we call the zither a harteleik," Mrs. Sterlen said. Mine was sent to me from Norway by my brother."

Mrs. Varnaas are natives of the same city in Norway, Drammen, and thus were able to chat about the same places.

Mrs. Varnaas, who was suffering from high blood pressure, expects to be discharged from the hospital next week. She will probably fly home or go by boat, Mrs. Sterlen said, whichever the Norwegian consul in New York recommends.

Florence Peters Out
The tropical storm Florence that was brewing off Cuba Monday went in over Florida and dissipated before reaching the status of a full-fledged storm.