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Record Number Due To Go to Polls Today

Snap Beaufort's Scoreless String

CPA Suggests Reforms; Audit Shows Loss on Court

Audit of Morehead City accounts by Josiah Bailey, CPA, shows that expenses of Morehead City recorder's court for the year 1959-60 exceeded revenue by \$2,091.48. Revenue totaled \$7,138.96 and expenses (salaries, supplies, feeding prisoners, etc.) \$9,230.44.

The audit indicated that 89.31 per cent of the 1959 levy had been collected, as compared with 86.53 per cent of the levy for 1958.

As of June 30, 1960, the town's total cash assets in banks were \$58,291.28.

Balance of taxes due, compared with amount of taxes collected for the year does not verify, Mr. Bailey points out. A shortage of \$786.81, he said, "is the result of weaknesses in the system of handling the tax levy." He told commissioners that he thought the records were at fault and said that the recommendations he makes (see accompanying story) would correct such situations in the future.

Relative to loans to employees, totaling \$113, he said it was impossible to determine, because of the bookkeeping system, the age of the loans. Mrs. Blanda McLohon, treasurer, told the board that the loans had been repaid in full.

The auditor noted that "substantial amounts in late payment penalties were waived" in cases where such waiver was deemed appropriate by the tax collector.

Mr. Bailey pointed out that the town's practice of meeting operating expenses by using money from the debt service fund is in violation of law. (Such operation was authorized by the board in May of this year since it was a saving to use funds in town hands rather than borrow money to meet expenses).

The auditor further states in his report that the town commissioners have no authority to wipe out, by resolution, a debt of \$19,277.17 owed the recreation commission. The action was taken in October 1959 and was agreed to by the recreation commission.

The audit also reports that unpaid called bonds totaling \$959.16 are outstanding. This sum is on deposit in the Hanover bank, New York. It stated that the audit of 1958-60 reported that \$5,959.16 was on deposit in New York when actually \$5,000 of that had been paid and the bonds cancelled.

The treasurer said that there are many bonds and coupons in the office vault. Mr. Bailey said it would be a time-consuming job, but the bonds and coupons should be audited.

Mrs. McLohon said that Gordon Bell, an accountant with the League of Municipalities, "went through all those bonds this summer."

The audit revealed, Mr. Bailey said, that \$24,000 in public improvement bonds listed as outstanding on town records, are not outstanding but were refunded in 1958.

He reported that correction had been made after verification with the Local Government commission.

Due to the debt service fund, hospital fund and recreation fund, as of June 30, 1960, according to the audit, was \$321,579.55 from the general fund. Of that amount, \$298,116 is due the debt service fund, as the result of borrowing from that fund over a period of years.

As of June 30, the town owed, under rental purchase or conditional sales contracts \$9,616.57. Mr. Bailey said that in his estimation, the town had no right to obligate future boards to buy equipment on a rental-purchase plan. He said this was in violation of law.

Mayor George Dill claimed such practices are followed by towns all over the state because few towns can pay in one year for a fire truck, for example. Mr. Bailey said that the only way a board can legally obligate itself for time payments is to get approval by a vote of the people.

Improvements in the 1959-60 operations over the preceding years, were effected, the audit indicated, in the administrative, fire and street departments. A comparison of those two years' expenditures was made.

It points out that general fund revenues were inadequate to meet

Negro, Found Lying on Road, Dies in Hospital

William Sylvester Davis, 37, North River Negro, died in Morehead City hospital a few minutes after he had been placed in the emergency room Saturday night.

Davis was found lying in the middle of the Merrimon road at 10:45 Saturday night. Deputies Marshall Ayscue and Bruce Edwards said he was lying across the center line of the highway about a half mile south of the Laurel road.

Deputy Ayscue called Barrow's ambulance and the highway patrol. Patrolman W. J. Smith and R. H. Brown went to the scene. Patrolman Smith said he doesn't know what caused Davis' death.

It is believed that he may have died from a severe concussion. He had a cut on his chin, and injuries on his back, arms and hands.

Deputy Ayscue said that he believes Davis was struck by a car and run over. Persons living nearby said that about 20 minutes before the officers came upon him, he was seen walking along the road.

Coroner David Munden made an investigation but could not be reached yesterday for comment.

Office Open Today

Sheriff Hugh Salter announces that his office will be open all day today, even though the other courthouse offices are closed.

Josiah Bailey, CPA, who audited the books of the town of Morehead City, made sweeping recommendations for change in the handling of town funds Thursday night at the municipal building.

Mr. Bailey, with Robert Meadows, who is employed by Mr. Bailey, presented town commissioners with the 1959-60 audit.

The auditor, in a statement preceding the body of the report, said he could not express an opinion as to the "fairness" of the financial statements "due to the municipality having pursued policies during the year under review, as well as in prior years, which are materially contrary to generally accepted accounting principles and to generally inadequate internal controls."

Mr. Bailey commended the commissioners for ending up the 1959-60 fiscal year with a deficit of only \$13,515.18, as compared with a deficit of \$63,851.04 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959.

Among the recommendations made by the auditor were the following:

1. Commissioners should familiarize themselves with laws of the state concerning municipal operations and comply with such laws in the future.
2. Comply with agreements with bondholders.
3. Opinions of the town attorney affecting board actions should be put in writing and kept with minutes of board meetings.
4. Minutes should be written promptly after a meeting and copies distributed to board members.
5. Ordinances should be codified.
6. Duties of employees should be separated in such a manner so that no single individual handles all phases of any transaction.

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To surpass Carteret county's record vote in 1956 when Dwight Eisenhower defeated Adlai Stevenson for the Presidency, more than 7,679 votes will have to be cast today.

Prior to 1956, the voting record was 7,247 ballots cast in the 1952 election. Based on the interest in the current campaign, most feel that it's safe to predict that the 1952 record will be easily broken today.

In November four years ago, Carteret voted for Stevenson by only 71 votes. Stevenson polled 3,875 and Eisenhower 3,804.

This county gave Gov. Luther Hodges 5,287 votes and his opponent, Kyle Hayes, 2,214.

In 1956 it was estimated that 15,000 persons are registered, more than 12,000 as Democrats. But elections officials readily admit that registration books are so fouled up it's difficult to give an actual number of registrants.

In Morehead City precinct No. 1, eligibility of 361 persons to vote in that precinct was challenged Saturday. Challenges were made on the basis that the registrant was either dead, had moved away, or was already registered in one or more precincts.

No challenges were made in Beaufort precinct. The county board of elections reported yesterday that 308 absentee ballots had been issued to civilians and 220 to service or service-connected personnel.

There will be four ballots given each voter in all precincts today: the Presidential ballot, state ballot, county ballot and the ballot on which people will vote for or against a county hospital.

In Morehead township there will be a fifth ballot for justice of the peace and constable. In Newport township (outside town limits), will be a ballot for voting for or against a fire district.

Samples of all except the Newport township fire district ballot appeared in THE NEWS-TIMES last week.

The polls open today at 6:30 a.m. and close at 6:30 p.m.

Closed today are the courthouse, town halls, and ABC stores. Neither beer nor wine will be sold today. This is also a holiday for the banks.

Boy Scouts on the Job



Star Scout Larry Drake of Explorer troop 61, Newport, presents Mrs. Edith Gray with a Go Vote placard. Scouts throughout the county distributed the cards Saturday, Oct. 29.

Board Chairman Says He Favors Hospital Program

"I'm for the hospital and I'm going to vote for it," Moses Howard, chairman of the county board of commissioners, told county board members yesterday.

Because opinion of the board is divided, Mr. Howard got nowhere with a suggestion that the board go on record as to whether they are in favor of or against a county hospital.

Commissioner Gaston Smith said he is not concerned over meeting the cost of building the hospital alone, he is worried about the cost of operation after the hospital is built. He opposes the hospital bond issue and said people in the eastern part of the county are opposed.

Mr. Howard said that he has been berated by one person for announcing a hospital site, but he said in his opinion, announcement of the site has enhanced the possibility of the hospital's getting a favorable vote.

Commissioner Skinner Chalk, whose opposition to the hospital is well known, said, "If the hospital bond issue passes, people are going to demand that we do something about schools."

Relative to a discussion on the services a government should provide for citizens, Mr. Chalk said, "If we do what people demand, taxes will go higher and I'm willing to levy as much as the people want."

Mr. Howard mentioned that the Medical Care commission had before it 21 applications for new hospitals when Carteret made its request. He said he couldn't understand how Carteret's was approved so quickly, unless it was because of the need.

Commissioner Smith said he believed it was approved partially because of the county's excellent record in paying off its current indebtedness.

Mr. Howard said, "I think building a hospital will encourage people."

Tide Table

| Tides at the Beaufort Bar | | |
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| HIGH | Tuesday, Nov. 8 | LOW |
| 11:26 a.m. | 4:56 a.m. | 5:42 p.m. |
| Wednesday, Nov. 9 | | |
| 12:06 a.m. | 5:33 a.m. | 6:33 p.m. |
| 12:10 p.m. | 6:33 p.m. | |
| Thursday, Nov. 10 | | |
| 12:53 a.m. | 6:23 a.m. | 7:38 p.m. |
| 12:54 p.m. | 7:38 p.m. | |
| Friday, Nov. 11 | | |
| 1:42 a.m. | 7:51 a.m. | 8:41 p.m. |
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F. C. Salisbury Serves On State Committees

F. C. Salisbury, Morehead City, has been appointed to the sites and markers committee of the North Carolina Confederate Centennial commission. The state and nation will begin a four-year commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of the civil war Jan. 8, 1961.

Mr. Salisbury is also a member of the commemorative events committee of the Carolina Charter Tercentenary commission. Co-chairman of the committee are Mrs. Inglis Fletcher, Edenton, and Mrs. Harry McMullan, Washington.

Mr. Salisbury is a former newspaper editor, is president of the Carteret County Historical society and columnist and feature writer for THE NEWS-TIMES.

Three Grass Fires

Beaufort firemen extinguished grass fires behind Queen Street school and near Ivey Eubanks' service station Friday and one on the Copeland road Sunday. Firemen report no damage.

Garment Plant Announces Party

Friends of the Morehead City Garment Co. will be entertained at a buffet supper at the new plant at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19. Following the supper, there will be orchestra music for dancing.

After that weekend, machines, cutting tables and other equipment will be moved into the plant.

It is located on Bridges Street, Morehead City, just west of the present plant. Construction started in early summer. The new building, partially financed by local funds, contains over 32,000 square feet of floor space, a sprinkler system and is air-conditioned.

Jasper Bell Speaks At Recent JC Meeting

Jasper Bell was the guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Morehead City Jaycees. Mr. Bell, speaking in favor of the proposed hospital bond issue, urged the club to support the proposal that would bring a county hospital to Carteret.

Members also heard a report from Horace Willis on the recent district meeting in New Bern. Willis reported that nine Morehead City Jaycees attended.

Paul Geer Jr. and Paul Cordova reported on a meeting with the welfare department pertaining to a Christmas party for needy children. The pair reported that the welfare department advised the club to consolidate with the fire department and local civic clubs for the party.

Visitors Flood Fort Macon Park

October's bright blue weather helped set a record in attendance at Fort Macon State park.

If the attendance holds up during November, 1960 will be the park's best year, Ray Pardue, superintendent, reports.

Even though the ocean-side park was closed a full week after Donna, attendance for the first 10 months of this year is slightly higher than the first ten months of 1959. As of Oct. 31, the figure was 403,132, compared with 402,991 at the end of October last year.

Attendance last month was almost 10,000 better than October 1959. "Some of the piers were closed and the fishing has been very good," Mr. Pardue said in explanation of the high attendance.

Visiting the park last month were 32,459. Visitors in October 1959 totaled 22,742. The number of people fishing, 11,545, was about double the number who fished in October last year.

Visitors to the fort last month numbered 24,886.

Since Donna, Mr. Pardue has been engaged mainly in clean-up and salvage work. He said repairs will begin as soon as money is made available.

Governor Asks Why Cattle Still on Banks

County commissioners, in session at the courthouse yesterday afternoon, discussed the removal of cattle from Shackleford Banks. The discussion came after a telegram from Gov. Luther Hodges was read by Moses Howard, chairman.

The governor inquired what had been done to remove cattle from the banks in compliance with the law and said he was shocked to learn that some were still on the banks.

Sheriff Hugh Salter told the board that 17 head of cattle had been removed so far. Commissioner David Yeomans estimated that 25 head remain. The sheriff commented that the pen erected to confine the cattle until removal had been blown down and washed away during Donna, but that it was his understanding the pen was being rebuilt.

Clerk Odell Merrill was instructed to write the governor explaining this and telling him that the sheriff hopes to have the cattle off in the near future.

The clerk was instructed to look up in prior board minutes all action taken in regard to county fairs, circuses and carnivals. He will report at the next meeting, when the board plans a discussion of activities at the recent county fair.

Report Given

The Local Government commission reports that principal and estimated interest on proposed hospital bonds and the refinanced current debt will total \$1,927,125. This is based on a 20-year retirement schedule. The county proposes to pay the debt, if incurred, over 25 years.

Two Men Hit On Beach Road

Two Swedish crewmen from a ship in Morehead City port were hit by a car Saturday night at the south end of the Atlantic Beach drawbridge.

Chief of police Bill Moore, Atlantic Beach, said they were taken to the Morehead City hospital by ambulance and did not seem seriously hurt.

Patrolman R. H. Brown, who investigated, could not be reached by press-time yesterday. Chief Moore said that the car that hit the men was driven by a man by the name of Tarver.

He said that two cars were approaching him on the three-lane highway, he was blinded by their headlights and didn't see the pedestrians until he hit them.

Three men were walking. The third was not hurt.

Funds Approved for White Oak School

County commissioners yesterday morning voted \$125,000 for construction of an elementary school at White Oak, to replace the school which burned there almost 10 years ago.

The action was taken after H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, presented a letter from the board of education. The board of education requested that the building be ready for occupancy by September 1961.

Moses Howard, chairman of the county board, termed the need for a school at White Oak an emergency situation.

Onslow county this year sent an ultimatum to Carteret, stating that either Carteret had to pay for sending its children into Onslow schools, or the children would not be accepted in the fall of this year.

When an agreement was finally reached that Carteret children would be accepted this year, the Onslow board of education stipulated that the agreement was for this year only.

Mr. Joslyn estimates that approximately 225 Carteret children are going to Onslow schools. A fraction of them are in high school. The larger portion are in elementary grades and would attend the

proposed new White Oak school. Mr. Joslyn said it is anticipated that the school would be similar to the one at Harkers Island, contain eight rooms and 10 if possible. It would be built on the site of the old White Oak school, near the intersection of highways 24 and 58.

Mr. Joslyn also reported that the board of education, in session yesterday, accepted the recommendation from the Morehead City

school committee, that Stephens and Cardelli be named as architects for the new Morehead City high school.

He added that it is hoped that work on the new school can begin this year on a unit by unit construction plan. The Morehead City school costs are to be met with tax funds that have been set aside last year and this year for school construction.

Fire Chief Makes Requests To Town Board

Fire chief Lindsey Guthrie appeared before the Morehead City town board Thursday night with six requests.

The first was a request for donation of one week of parking meter funds to the fire department for its Christmas welfare program.

The board said that there were no funds available for welfare work, even if such were legal. The decision was made after chief Guthrie had presented all his requests.

Referred to commissioner Russell Outlaw was a request that the eaves and windows of the West End fire station be painted. Chief Guthrie was also told that firemen at the west end station have the authority to keep the drive clear today during election. Voters' cars may not block the drive.

The board told the chief, in answer to a request, that the paid firemen at the station may be near the voting booths so that they can answer the phone if necessary. The chief said that they had been told they should stay in the back part of the station all day today.

The chief said that Charles Webb Willis, who ties a partyboat at the end of 6th street, claimed that he couldn't get his boat in and out because of a shed boat that blocks him.

The board said that the problem isn't one for the town board to consider. They said that was a problem for the harbor master but the harbor master doesn't function.

The fire chief reminded the board that one of the town fire trucks is 35 years old and they need a new one.

Commissioner Bud Dixon was requested to check on the backing up of water at the south end of 10th street by the Gillikin home. Leston Gillikin appeared and told the board that the water and sew-

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