

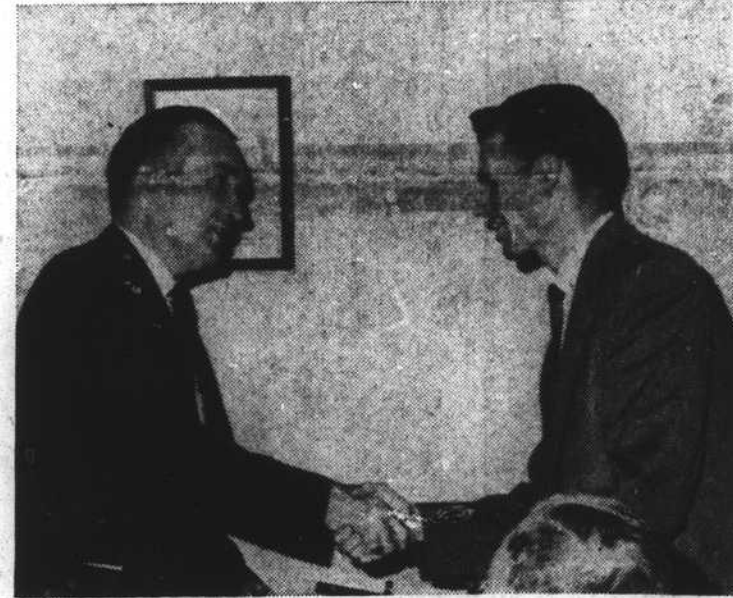
Jaycees Accept Awards



Recipient of the key man award for the second straight year last week was George Murray Thomas, past president of the Beaufort Jaycees. Thomas, right, accepts the award from William Craft.



National director John Kennedy, right, presents the certificate for the outstanding new member in the Beaufort Jaycee organization to Bill Hardy. The presentation was made at the club's awards banquet last week.



William Craft, state vice-president, presents the Beaufort Jaycee sparkplug award to Guy Smith at the club's recent awards banquet.

Property Worth \$101,900 Saved by Newport Firemen

Newport firemen answered 25 fire alarms in 1960, saving property valued at \$101,900, according to the annual fire department report filed by C. A. Gould Jr., chief. Property damaged by fire was valued at \$6,600.

Four alarms were to grass fires in town. The out of town calls included nine grass or woods fires, ten dwelling fires, one military vehicle fire, and one mutual aid call to the Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point.

The department's rescue ambulance made twenty runs. Five were due to highway accidents, one was an assist to the Morehead City rescue squad and fourteen were miscellaneous accidents or emergency illnesses.

Firemen attended the North Carolina fire school at Charlotte, the Carteret county fire school in Morehead City and the fire training school at Kinston.

Monthly drills were held by the department and semi-annual inspections of commercial buildings were conducted by firemen. Fire drills, supervised by department personnel, were held at Newport school. A new fire alarm system was installed in the school buildings.

The fire department transported water from Cherry Point for 24 hours in April, when the town's water system was out of order. The department, in cooperation with merchants, displayed street lights at Christmas, sponsored a visit from Santa to the community Christmas tree, and distributed food to needy families.

Work was begun on the new fire station last year. The foundation was laid and walls built up to floor level. Work stopped because of lack of funds, but the firemen hope to resume work early this year.

The Newport township fire district was established through the efforts of the fire department, the town of Newport, and the Newport rural fire association. Voters, in the November election, approved a taxpayer fire district for Newport township, which will become effective July 1, 1961.

Officers of the fire department are C. A. Gould Jr., chief; G. W. Green, assistant chief; Raymond Edwards, captain; Gordon Cutler, lieutenant; Allen Elliott, secretary; W. D. Heath Jr., treasurer; Ira J. Jones, chaplain.

Car Cracks Up Friday, Driver Disappears

A DeSoto cracked up at 11 p.m. Friday on highway 70 six miles west of Newport. Patrolman J. W. Sykes said that the car was headed west and left the highway at Ray and Earl's service station.

It traveled 350 feet down the left side of the highway, across the ditch and into the woods. The driver had disappeared by the time the patrolman arrived. The car, towed into Newport, is believed to be stolen. Patrolman Sykes said investigation is still under way.

Damage to the car, a 1951 model, is estimated at \$400.

District Meeting
The Medical Auxiliary district meeting will be held in Morehead City tomorrow at 1 p.m. at the fellowship hall of First Methodist church. Wives of doctors in several surrounding counties are expected.

Honest Man Pays Debt

Last Tuesday night Marion Noe, Glendale Park, received a surprise in the mail.

He opened an envelope and out dropped 20-dollar bills. Type-written on a sheet of plain white paper were the words, "Dear Marion, This is a debt owed to your daddy." There was no signature.

The elder Mr. Noe died in 1944. He was in the seafood business. At that time money owed him amounted to more than \$50,000. Most of the debts were never paid.

Marion Jr. said that his little girl went to the postoffice with him last Tuesday night, dived for the magazines and other things in the box. The envelope containing the money dropped to the floor. He happened to see it, turned, picked it up and stuffed it in his pocket.

He just happened to remember it after he got home, pulled it out and opened it. Bonanza! He'd like the sender to know that the money—and his honesty, is appreciated.

Committee Lays Plans For Waterways Hearing

Plans for a special waterways hearing were laid at a meeting of the waterways committee of the Greater Morehead City chamber of commerce at Sanitary restaurant Thursday noon.

The hearing will be held Feb. 13 at the Hotel Fort Macon and will begin at 11 a.m. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the problems and projects concerning waterways of interest to Carteret, to find out what is being done about them, what can be done and how to go about doing it.

The committee, of which W. H. Potter of Beaufort is chairman, made a tentative agenda for the hearing and allotted time for each topic. Members of the water resources commission, Army Engineers, the state ports authority, and a representative from the aids of navigation office at Coast Guard headquarters in Norfolk, Va., have been invited, along with persons from this county interested or connected with the waterways.

A dutch lunch, priced at \$1.50, will be served. The agenda, as set up by the committee, is as follows:

- A discussion of the present status of current Carteret county waterways projects.

- Clarification of the pollution abatement program in New River Basin, as related to this county.

- A discussion of navigation aids with a Coast Guard representative and a member of the ports authority.

- A period of time in which representatives of the Corps of Engineers can discuss dredging and other projects.

- Time for Congressman David Henderson's assistant to discuss Carteret waterways projects in relation to the U. S. Congress.

- A period to discuss new ideas for both old and new waterways projects.

Attending the luncheon meeting were Bob Hicks, W. J. Ipoek, David Yeomans, Clayton Fulcher, Roger Van Buren, A. T. Piner Jr., William Davies, Joe DuBois and Norwood Young. Mr. Potter presided.

C. R. Hassell Jr. Named as Finalist

Charles R. (Pud) Hassell Jr., Beaufort, is one of the six District 1 finalists in the Morehead scholarship competition. Names of the finalists were announced at Chapel Hill over the weekend.

In addition to Charles, they are John H. Bryan, LaGrange high; Alan P. Ganderson, Plymouth high; Charles D. Johnston III, Elizabeth City high; Jimmy A. Rogerson, Edenton, and William W. Walker, Farmville.

These six candidates will appear with 36 other finalists before the central scholarship committee Feb. 24 and 25 at Chapel Hill. Survivors of that screening will be interviewed by trustees of the Morehead Foundation March 6-7 for the final awards.

Among the finalists are Carl Pruitt, formerly of Newport, now of Chinquapin.

County Board Hears Building Code Opinions

A handful of persons attended the hearing on the proposed building code for the county yesterday afternoon. Gray Hassell, Beaufort, made some suggestions for change regarding use of masonry block.

O. C. Lawrence, contractor, said the code was desirable for the beach area. Mr. Hassell said that he thought the code was what was necessary for minimum protection and that most of the contractors thought it satisfactory.

No action had been taken on adopting the code, or the two basic state codes on which the hurricane code is predicated, by press-time yesterday afternoon.

At the morning session, commissioners heard a request from George Huntley Jr. and Raymond Ball of the Beaufort school board. They asked that the county finance the pumping up of 10 to 15 acres of land to enlarge the Queen Street school campus. The board said they would consider the matter.

Also deferred for action was a request for \$2,076.55 to set up emergency radio communications throughout the county. The request was made by Harry Williams, Civil Defense director, and Thomas Kincaid.

A letter of resignation from John Valentine, former CD director, was accepted and the board thanked him for his service.

Luther Hamilton, county attorney, reported that the case regarding cattle on Shackelford Banks has been appealed to the state supreme court.

The annual report of the health department was given by Mrs. Leota Hammer, public health nurse.

The board inspected the newly-completed offices of the clerk of superior court and drew a jury for the March term of civil court.

Charles White Slashes Stomach Monday Night

Charles White, Marsh street, Beaufort, was taken to Morehead City hospital Monday night with a 10-inch gash in his stomach. Assistant chief Carlton Garner, who took White to the hospital against White's wishes, said 20 stitches were required to close the wound.

The officer said White slashed himself with a razor blade after he had had an argument with his wife.

Tag Deadline

Beaufort police chief, Guy Springle, reminds motorists that Feb. 15 is the deadline for purchasing city tags. Beaufort residents not displaying the tags after that date will receive citations, according to chief Springle.

How Boy Scouts Learn



Boy Scouts do more than camp. Here, members of Newport troop 61 have a course in table manners. "Miss" Kenny Mann, seated left, and Richard Reim have a restaurant meal. Serving them, right, is David Parker, waitress. This is Boy Scout Week.

County to Refinance Present Debt; New Hospital Discussed

By a vote of 4 to 1, county commissioners yesterday authorized refinancing July 1, 1961 the county's present \$500,000 debt so that further steps may be taken toward building the county hospital.

Skinner Chalk, commissioner, voted against the proposal, explaining that he felt money could be saved and lower interest, if the refinancing is not done until July 1, 1962.

It was suggested at the January meeting that the commissioners authorize refinancing, but no action was taken. Commissioner Harrell Taylor made the motion to refinance, commenting, "It's our obligation to go ahead and build the hospital."

Luther Hamilton Jr., county attorney, stated that the hospital must be under construction by April 1962 if the county is to receive state and federal funds. The Medical Care commission has stated that from the time an architect is employed, eight to nine months will lapse. Obtaining bids will also require another lapse of time.

Refinancing the county's present debt in July 1961 is recommended by the Local Government commission, according to J. D. Potter, auditor. He said that the refunded bonds would be serial bonds, not callable bonds. Their interest and principal will fall due on specific dates.

Mr. Potter said that it is entirely possible that the refunded bonds will be retired prior to floating bonds for the hospital. He said the refunded bonds may be short-term.

Mr. Chalk said that to delay refinancing would necessitate raising the tax rate, but he felt it would save money in the long run. Mr. Chalk also suggested that contracts for the hospital be written in such a way that the county will not be obligated to pay anything if the state and federal funds are not forthcoming.

Mr. Hamilton said that nothing can be obtained in writing guaranteeing those funds, but the Medical Care commission said the money is earmarked for Carteret county and is available.

He added that the contract is written by the Medical Care commission and is a standard form.

In answer to a query, Mr. Hamilton said that the hospital could be set up as a corporation. Mr. Chalk prefers this plan, stating that it gives the county board more direct control of the board of trustees and also limits the county's liability.

Moses Howard, chairman, suggested that the board of trustees be appointed now to work along with the county board on selecting a site and an architect.

Mr. Chalk said that legally the only way the board can appoint trustees is to do it under present statutes and he believes the corporation plan is preferable.

No action was taken at the morning session on the appointing of trustees.

The board set 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, for consultation with hospital architects at the courthouse, Beaufort. Odell Merrill, clerk to the board, was asked to notify architects of the meeting.

Roland Barbour, Morehead City, appeared to offer the board 100 acres of land adjoining the site of the Proposed Morehead City school as a hospital site.

The board asked the attorney to contact the state to determine whether land at the section base (Camp Glenn) is available. Mr. Howard said that he has in hand a letter and map on the Earle Webb property. Mr. Hamilton said that options are also held on other properties.

Manager Says New Post Cards to be Here Soon

Carteret will soon have an entirely new series of postal cards to offer tourists, announces Joe DuBois, manager of the chamber of commerce.

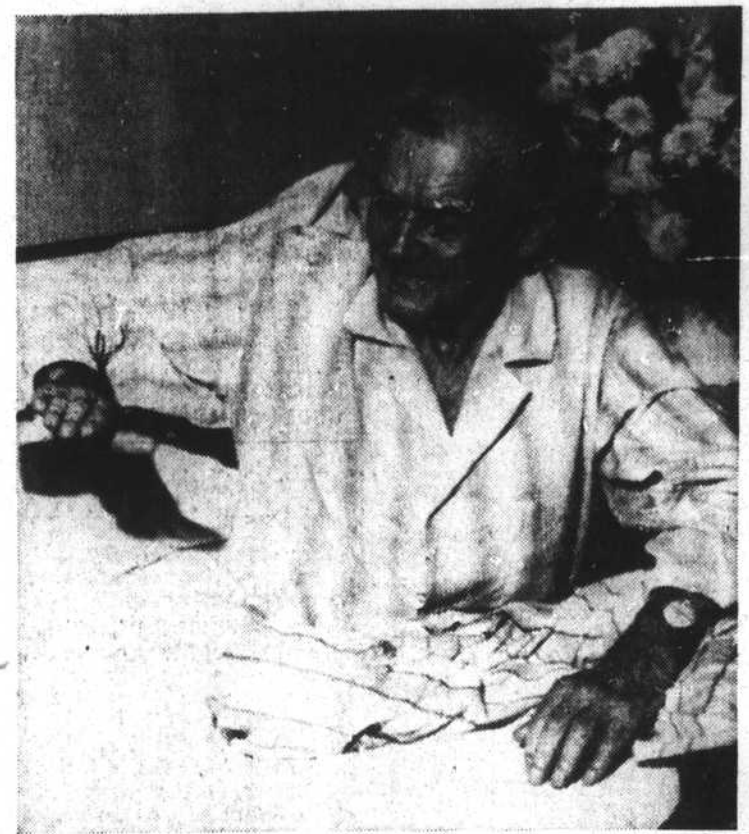
The chamber is working with Kurt Teich of Chicago, Ill., on the new series, which will be in color and will depict scenes from this area. Mr. DuBois suggests that anyone wanting to place a large order for the cards contact him at the chamber office.

"These cards will be the best we've ever had," Mr. DuBois exclaimed.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar		
HIGH		LOW
Tuesday, Feb. 7		
12:08 a.m.		6:01 a.m.
12:20 p.m.		6:18 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 8		
12:58 a.m.		7:16 a.m.
1:13 p.m.		7:24 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 9		
1:54 a.m.		8:55 a.m.
2:15 p.m.		9:00 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 10		
3:02 a.m.		10:05 a.m.
3:33 p.m.		10:11 p.m.

He Saw It Happen



Ray Beasley describes the first flight of the Wright brothers from his bed at the Morehead City hospital where he is recovering from an illness.

The last living person to witness the historic first flight of the Wright Brothers on Dec. 17, 1903 at Kitty Hawk, N. C., Ray McCleave Beasley, is a patient in the Morehead City hospital.

Beasley, now 67 years old, holds a clear recollection of man's first successful powered flight 57 years ago. Although he was only a boy at the time, he can vividly relate the happenings of that December morning when the one-cylinder aircraft built by the fathers of modern aviation took off from a narrow track at Kitty Hawk and flew briefly over the spot that is now enshrined by a national monument.

Beasley, who says he acted as an errand boy for Orville and Wilbur Wright while the plane was being built, recalls that six people wit-

nessed man's first flight. Besides himself and the Wright brothers, Beasley said there was a man there named Drinkwater from Manteo; a J. T. Moore from Nags Head and a Coast Guardsman whose name he can't remember.

Beasley said that the plane was mounted on a narrow track for the takeoff and the four men and himself pushed it down the track to get up enough speed to leave the ground. He said the plane, "lifted right off the ground," when it reached the end of the track and gained an altitude of maybe 150 feet.

Beasley now makes his home in Virginia Beach and was hospitalized here while visiting his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Beasley of Cherry Point.

Director Names Cast For Portrait in Black

Miss Hortense Boomer, director of the Carteret Community theatre's next production, Portrait in Black, has announced the cast.

Tanis Talbot, widow of Matthew Talbot, shipping magnate, will be played by Renee Kemp; Winifred Talbot, daughter of Matthew, who is in love with Blake Ritchie, a labor union representative, is played by Gail Strickland.

Ritchie is portrayed by a newcomer to the stage, Mike Reeves. Dr. Philip Graham, who is in love with Tanis, is played by Bill Lockard. Rupert Marlowe, attorney for the Talbot firm, and also in love with Tanis, is portrayed by Guy Smith Jr.

The Talbot chauffeur, Cob O'Brien, is played by Charles Grant, and the maid, Gracie McPhee, by Gunhilde Gunnerson. Peter Talbot, young son of Tanis, is portrayed by Ben Horton.

Miss Kemp is a member of the Morehead City high school faculty, majored in drama in college, and is appearing in her first Carteret Community theatre play. Mr. Lockard, who plays opposite her, teaches English at Beaufort school and has appeared in other little

CD Meeting Set For 7:30 Feb. 15

Harry G. Williams, Civil Defense director for Carteret county, announces a meeting for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, in the court room at the courthouse, Beaufort. This will be a county-wide meeting. It will deal with shelters, evacuation, communications, and other Civil Defense matters, Mr. Williams said.

"North Carolina Council of Civil Defense, announces that Carteret, Craven, and Onslow counties are possible military target areas, Mr. Williams says. "It is the responsibility of each Citizen to be prepared for any emergency — with help from the federal, state and county Civil Defense agencies."

Mrs. B. O. Kerner is county chairman of women's organizations for home preparedness. Persons may call PA6-4913 for further information and literature.

"Let's all support our local Civil Defense activities," Mr. Williams urges.

He succeeds John Valentine, county Civil Defense director, whose resignation became effective yesterday.

Moose Present Check



Clifton Lynch, right, receives a check of \$525.72 from Earl Holt of the Morehead City Moose lodge. Mr. Lynch is chairman of the county March of Dimes. The money was raised by the Moose recently.