

Officials Ask CAB to Keep Flights Coming

● New CAB Ruling Could Stop Air Service
● Chairman, Mayors Seek Review

Letters from the Beaufort-Morehead City Airport commission and the mayors of Beaufort and Morehead City have gone to the Civil Aeronautics board. They plead for CAB's approval of Piedmont Airlines' continuing seasonal service into the Beaufort-Morehead airport.

Piedmont has not stated that it intends to discontinue summer flights, but a new ruling by the CAB would permit Piedmont to discontinue on the basis that there are not at least five passengers boarding the plane here daily.

Whitney Gilliland, chairman of the CAB, explains the situation as follows:

"... the Civil Aeronautics Board, in its overall review of local airline services, has substantially expanded air service to as many persons and communities as possible. These expanded services are a considerable expense to the airlines and to the government in the payment of subsidy.

"Unless adequate use is made of the air service, its cost to the government is not warranted and continuation of the service would not be in the best interests of the public."

Mr. Gilliland explains further that under the board's "use it or lose it" policy, a town must have at least five passengers a day board a plane for at least 12 months following the first six months of operation.

If fewer passengers get on the plane, the board will start a proceeding to determine whether service to that airport should be discontinued for lack of use.

Mr. Gilliland says, "If a city fails to make use of its subsidized services, the airline is free, and is encouraged, to ask for a suspension of service."

According to a report from the CAB, an average of 2.83 passengers

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April May Bring Trawler Decision

Eric Rodgers, chairman of the state commercial fisheries committee, expresses the hope that action will be taken in April on the matter of trawl operation in North Carolina's coastal waters.

As yet, an eight-man committee to study a proposed trawler ban, has not been named.

Four organizations have been asked to submit names of three persons as committee nominees. They are the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, which has submitted its nominees; the North Carolina Fisheries association, commercial fishermen who are not NCFCA members and pier operators.

From the 12, eight will be chosen, two from each list. The choosing will be done by the commercial fisheries committee.

It is hoped that the special committee will start work as soon as possible. Its formation is the outgrowth of a proposal by sports interests that trawlers be banned in Pamlico sound and within three miles of the beach.

After the committee agrees on recommendations, they will be reviewed by the commercial fisheries advisory committee. It is hoped that the final report will be ready to go before the C&D board at Sanford in April.

Beach Adopts Seal



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The Atlantic Beach town board has adopted the above as its official seal. It was designed by Miss Judy Cooper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garth Cooper, Morehead City. The lettering was done by Bob Rich, Morehead City.

Ronald Earl Mason Heads New Young Democrats Club

By a vote of 37 to 33, Ronald Earl Mason, Beaufort, was elected president of the Young Democrats club Tuesday night at the courthouse, Beaufort. His defeated opponent, Garland Scruggs, Morehead City, was named second vice-president.

Mrs. Thelma Pittman, Davis, defeated two opponents, Miss Alida Willis, Morehead City, and Mrs. June Hudgins Grall, Beaufort, for the first vice-presidency.

Nelson Gillikin, Bettie, was elected secretary and Joe Beam, Morehead City, treasurer. Neither had opposition.

George M. Thomas, who with Glenn Willis, was keeping a record of attendance, said 96 were present. Because of the 18 to 40 age limit, those over 40 did not vote.

When competition for the presidency developed, each candidate was asked to comment on his qualifications. Mr. Scruggs stated that he belonged to a Young Democrats club before coming to this county and consistently has worked for the Democratic party.

He termed the prime objective of the club as being "to indoctrinate young people in the Democratic party."

Mr. Mason said that even though the age limit is 40, the club needs honorary members over 40 because of the advice they can give. He listed the following committees as necessary: membership, social functions, speakers, and a committee to organize teenagers, who are known as Teen-Dems.

In reply to a request that each candidate tell what he did during the recent campaign, Mr. Scruggs said that he worked for and supported Sanford, helped organize the Democratic headquarters in Morehead City, got people to the polls, was treasurer of the Sanford committee in the county, and supported congressman David Henderson.

Mr. Mason said that he organized workers, took people to the polls to vote, is secretary of the county Democratic committee and has always been active in the Democratic party.

Prior to the election, Larry Howard, Newport, suggested that balloting be deferred until a later meeting when more persons could be present. But his proposal was rejected. David Yeomans' suggestion was also rejected.

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D. G. Bell Heads C&D Committee

D. G. Bell, Carteret's legislator, was named chairman of one of the most important committees in the House yesterday, Conservation and Development.

House speaker Joe Hunt also appointed Mr. Bell to the committees on state government, wildlife, banks and banking. Mr. Hunt is expected to name other committees today and some Monday.

Legislators usually get 10 or 11 committee appointments. Senate committee appointments were made last week.

1961 Tag Sales Total 8,273

1961 tag sales at the First-Citizens Loan department, Morehead City, totaled 8,273, an increase of 299 over the number sold from Jan. 1 to Feb. 15 last year.

Wednesday was the deadline for getting 1961 tags of any type—boat, car, truck, trailer or town auto tags.

Breakdown on sale of state tags at the Morehead City tag agency this year: cars 6,554, motorcycles 8, private trucks 1,013, farm trucks 139, boat trailers 503, and tractor-trailers 56.

Every category showed an increase in sales over last year, with the exception of private trucks, where there was a drop.

Persons who do not have 1961 tags on their boats or vehicles now are in violation of the law.

Vandals Strike Car Lot, Steal Caps, Break Glass

Champ Lewis, owner of Lewis-Price Buick Inc., reported to Morehead City police Monday that vandals struck his place sometime over the weekend.

Mr. Lewis said glass caps off 10 new cars were stolen as well as one set of wheel covers and one battery. The vandals smashed glasses in eight door frames and two windshields.

County Board Selects Architect For Hospital, Names Committee

Coroner Awaits Official Report On Cause of Death of Mrs. Ballou

No official report has been made as yet on the cause of the death of Mrs. Agatha (Aggie) Ballou, 41, who was found dead Monday morning in a bed in the loft of a barn at Straits.

David Munden, county coroner, said Dr. D. H. Lippitt, New Bern pathologist, completed a post-mortem examination and in his opinion discoloration of the body was due to bruises.

Mr. Munden said cause of death cannot be officially stated until the toxicologist's report is received. This examination is being made by FBI laboratory technicians in Washington, D. C.

John Edwards of the State Bureau of Investigation was called in on the case and was making his investigation this week.

Edgar Willis, 41, who claims he is married to Mrs. Ballou, is in the Morehead City hospital, recovering from a self-inflicted slash in his throat. He was admitted to the hospital Monday morning after officers found him in the barn.

He cut his throat and then attempted to hang himself with a chain from a rafter of the barn, according to deputy sheriff Bobby Bell.

Special officers have been guarding Willis at the hospital to prevent further suicide attempts.

On Dec. 29, 1959, the court ordered Willis to leave this county after he was found guilty of being drunk and disorderly, damaging personal property and trespassing. He was told to stay away for three years unless his mother became seriously ill and then he could visit her "for a short duration."

Willis left, stayed in Norfolk for about six months and then returned to make his home in the barn he owns at Straits.

People in the vicinity reported that on occasion they have, in the past, heard screams of a woman coming from the barn. Later, however, Willis and Mrs. Ballou (or Willis) would be seen walking along the road arm in arm or riding.

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Something New for You!



Looking as happy as if he had just found a penny in the coin cup, postmaster Harold Webb, Morehead City, reminds customers that their change from the stamp vending machine comes out at the bottom.

New, completely electric stamp vending machines have been placed in the Beaufort and Morehead City postoffices. Now you can buy stamps on Sundays and holidays when the postoffices are closed.

Unlike the old-fashioned stamp machines, the new vendors give change. It's always a penny. One nickel buys a 4-cent stamp. A quarter buys six 4-cent stamps and a penny spits out into the coin cup.

There are no handles to turn or levers to push. You put a coin in, there's a grinding noise and the stamps come rolling out. Postal clerks keep the machine loaded with rolls of stamps. When a roll gives out, a red light

goes on at the front of the machine and also flashes in the back so that a clerk knows a new roll is needed.

Postmaster J. P. Betts, Beaufort, and postmaster Harold Webb, Morehead City, report that the machines were installed Monday afternoon. They're right next to the postoffice windows.

Postmaster Webb says that some folks are walking off and forgetting to pick up their penny change. If they don't pick it up, the next customer will!

The machines are electrically heated, to prevent the rolls of stamps in them from sticking together in humid weather, Mr. Betts says.

The postmasters remind folks that the postoffices will be closed Wednesday, George Washington's birthday.

T. B. Worley Jailed on Two Counts of Carnal Knowledge

Second Still Blown Sky High

Blown up recently at Merrimon within 10 feet of a spot where a still was smashed Jan. 6, was another large still.

Marshall Ayscue, county ABC officer, said 20 sticks of dynamite were used. Assisting him in the work were federal officers and Craven county ABC officers.

Thirty-six hundred gallons of mash were found at the still, which was in readiness to produce a large batch of bootleg whiskey. The still was fired by gas.

All equipment used in the manufacture of the whiskey was destroyed. The still demolished with axes in January, on about the same site, had a mash capacity of 3,000 gallons, officer Ayscue said.

In jail under \$1,000 bond is Theodore B. Worley, Negro of Beaufort RFD, who was arrested Monday afternoon on a charge of carnal knowledge of his niece, a girl 13 years old.

Worley appeared in court Tuesday where probable cause was found on two counts of carnal knowledge. Judge Lambert Morris bound the defendant over to superior court.

Complaint against Worley was filed by his wife, Helen, who notified the welfare department. Deputy sheriff Bruce Edwards arrested Worley, who denied the charges against him.

Deputy Edwards said medical examination reveals that the girl is three months pregnant.

According to the sheriff's department, the child said that on Nov. 9 her uncle took her off in the car and forced her to submit to him. During the second week of December, she said, he asked her to go with him to the pack house near their home and the act was repeated.

Joseph Hedgepath, having an expired operator's license, improper registration and no insurance, dismissed.

Robert W. Taylor, having no operator's license, not prosecuted.

Joe Oxendine, having no operator's license, careless and reckless driving and driving drunk, dismissed.

Henry Hickman, being drunk on the highway, dismissed.

Robert Earl Jones Sr., engaging in an affray, bond forfeited.

Willie Mose Langley, having an expired operator's license and driving on the wrong side of the road, dismissed.

Robert Joseph Sharpe, careless and reckless driving, not prosecuted at this time.

Herman Eugene Massey, speeding, not prosecuted at this time.

Hunter M. Valentine, speeding, not prosecuted, but case left open for future prosecution.

Raymond Gillikin Jr., failing to yield the right of way, not prosecuted.

Gordon Emerson Gray, having an expired operator's license, not prosecuted at this time.

Leslie Toler Morris, having no operator's license, not prosecuted.

John Pickney, assault, not prosecuted at this time.

John S. Frame Jr., having no operator's license, not prosecuted.

Brady Lewis, public drunkenness and disturbing the peace, not prosecuted.

Leroy Collins Erickson, speeding, not prosecuted at this time.

Andrew Jackson Simmons, having no chauffeur's license, not prosecuted.

Douglas Lanue Guthrie, having no chauffeur's license, not prosecuted.

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Action Taken Monday In Special Session

George Watts Carr, Durham architect, was selected by county commissioners Monday night to design the county hospital. The board also named a hospital building committee. The committee is to begin functioning as soon as a site has been acquired.

Members of the committee are Mrs. Nellie Cannon Garner, Newport; Roger Jones, Broad Creek; John L. Crump, William Davies, W. L. Derriekson and Bud Dixon, all of Morehead City.

James H. Potter III, Gerald Hill and Leonard Safrit, all of Beaufort; Charles King, Shell Landing (Beaufort RFD); Charles Harris Jr., Marshallberg and Mrs. Clayton Fulcher Jr., Atlantic.

Luther Hamilton Jr., county attorney, has been requested by county commissioners to draw up the list of duties of the hospital committee.

Moses Howard, chairman of the board, said that those appointed will receive a letter notifying them of the first meeting. He said that many people in the county are well qualified to fill the committee positions and the board spent considerable time on the matter before making the appointments official Monday night.

Mr. Howard said the board will continue to consider sites and it hopes to make a final decision "in a few days."

Nine sites are under consideration, according to the county attorney. He said if anyone has land on the outskirts of Morehead City which they think may be suitable as a site, they should contact him immediately. The board prefers at least 100 acres, with elevation no less than 15 feet.

Mr. Hamilton lists the sites as follows:

● M. T. Mills site, 15 acres, Crab Point, available to the county free. Ten adjoining acres are available for purchase.

● Thomas C. Oglesby farm, Crab Point

● John Oglesby and Robert Smith tracts, Crab Point

● Roland Barbour property adjacent to site of the proposed new Morehead City school

● Little Nine Golf Course property, owned by Blaine Baugus and Walter Teich, on highway 70 west of Morehead City

● Dennis Turner farm, highway 70, near Wildwood

● Earle Webb tract, Wildwood; portions front on highway 70 and the McCabe road

● Earle Webb estate on Bogue Sound, fronts on water and runs several hundred yards north of highway 24

● State-owned property at Camp Glenn, formerly known as the section base. (Inquiry is being made as to availability of this site.)

The property offered ranges in acreage from 15 (Mills site) up to 220, the Turner farm.

Architects who appeared before the county board, in special session at the courthouse, were Mr. Carr, W. Hook and Associates, Charlotte; Guy E. Crampton and Associates, William Moore Weber, both of Raleigh.

Fred M. Simmons, Inc., Shelby; Raymond Fuson, New Bern, representing J. N. Pease & Co., Charlotte; Stephens and Cardelli, New Bern; John Valentine, Marshallberg, and Archie R. Davis, Durham.

The board was in session from 7:30 p.m. until midnight.

Night Watchman Shoots Himself Accidentally

Willie Johnson, Norfolk, Va., Negro night watchman aboard a barge at the Beaufort bridge, accidentally shot himself early Monday morning.

Johnson is recovering in the Morehead City hospital. Bobby Bell, deputy sheriff, said Johnson related that he dropped his gun and it went off.

Johnson is employed by the Tidewater Construction Co., which has been engaged in repair work at the bridge.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Friday, Feb. 17	LOW
9:53 a.m.		3:41 a.m.
10:22 p.m.		4:01 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 18		
10:46 a.m.		4:29 a.m.
11:16 p.m.		4:55 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 19		
11:38 a.m.		5:18 a.m.
		5:41 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 20		
12:07 a.m.		6:11 a.m.
12:30 p.m.		6:34 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 21		
12:58 a.m.		7:14 a.m.
1:21 p.m.		7:35 p.m.

Merchants Set Dates for Good Neighbor Days

April 21 and 22, Friday and Saturday, have been proposed by the Beaufort Merchants association as East Carteret Good Neighbor Days. The event was originally planned for September but was washed out by Donna.

A planning meeting has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at the Surfside restaurant. Representatives of eastern Carteret communities will be present.

The April dates were set at a meeting of the merchants association Tuesday night at the town hall. In charge of the event is Leslie Moore, trade promotion chairman.

J. O. Barbour Jr., president, named a new committee, education, Gilbert Potter is chairman with E. W. Downum as committee-man. The committee was requested to send a resolution to the county board of education asking that a woman be placed on the Beaufort school board.

John Jones Jr., chairman of the liaison committee, reported that congressman Henderson and senator Jordan have been contacted.

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Mayors Go After Battleship Today

The mayors of Beaufort and Morehead City will appear this morning in Wilmington, before a subcommittee, to seek placement of the battleship USS North Carolina at Fort Macon state park.

Mayor W. H. Potter said that the sound side of Fort Macon park would be the best site for the battleship because many people already come to the park, the state owns the land, and not much of a channel would have to be dug to bring in the 29-foot draft vessel.

A move is afoot to bring the battleship, declared surplus by the government, to this state as a tourist attraction. Although no concrete plan has been advanced, it is assumed that funds for moving the mammoth ship and maintaining it may come from the state, locally-raised money, and fees paid by tourists who go aboard it.

Wilmington and other coastal cities are also interested in obtaining the ship.

Hearing proposals as to the site will be a subcommittee headed by Ed Rankin, Raleigh. The hearing will begin at 10 a.m. in the community club room of the Building and Loan association building, Wilmington.

Expected to be present, in addition to the subcommittee, are Thomas Morse, superintendent of state parks; Lynn Nisbet, president of the North Carolina Travel council; Ed Pickard, executive vice president of the Carolina Motor club, and Voit Gilmore, member of the advisory committee of the State Board of Conservation and Development.

Jaycee District Will Meet Here

President Cliff Lynch of the Morehead City Jaycees announced Monday night that Morehead City has been chosen as the site of a district Jaycee meeting April 29. L. E. Kelly was appointed chairman of a committee to make arrangements for the meeting.

It was also announced that Bill Singleton, past president of Morehead City Jaycees, has announced his candidacy for the office of vice-president of the 13th district. The election of district officers will be held at the April meeting.

President Lynch also appointed a committee of four to explore the possibilities of the club building, leasing or buying a building to be used as a meeting hall by the Jaycees. Besides Mr. Lynch, on the committee are Rock Hardison, L. E. Kelly and Joe Beam.

The club will hold a facial tissue sale Monday night to raise funds for a community betterment project. Jaycees will sell the tissues house to house beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Group Appraises Waterways Projects

Representatives of state and local agencies, the United States Coast Guard, and Carteret citizens interested in waterways projects met at the Hotel Fort Macon Monday for a discussion of projects affecting Carteret, what can be done about them, what is being done about them and how it is being done. About 50 persons attended.

The meeting was instituted by the waterways committee of the chamber of commerce, of which W. H. Potter, Beaufort, is chairman. S. A. Chalk Jr., chamber president, opened the meeting and introduced the guests.

Gen. J. R. Townsend, chairman of the state board of water resources, was the first speaker. He defined the purposes of the board. It is designed to coordinate water resources activity and to get the most beneficial use of the waters in the state.

Col. Harry E. Brown, director of the state department of water resources, explained the organization of the department and listed

the function of each separate group. He remarked that the ground water and navigable waterways groups are new in the organization.

Civil works projects of interest to Carteret were enumerated by Gen. Henry Wolfe of the department of water resources. He said that during the fiscal year 1961, North Carolina received \$7,313,000 in federal funds, a substantial increase over the year before.

Work in the Morehead City harbor, costing \$1,058,000, has been completed, he pointed out. Other projects on tap for this area are the deepening and widening of Ocracoke inlet, restoring the 7-foot channel through Pamlico Sound to Beaufort harbor, maintaining Morehead City harbor, restoring the depth in Wallace channel, several sand erosion and hurricane damage projects, construction of sand fences from Drum Inlet to Portsmouth and a study of restoration.

Among the officials attending the waterways meeting at Hotel Fort Macon Monday were, left to right, Charles Whitley, assistant to congressman David Henderson; Earl Hubbard of the state stream sanitation committee; Gen. J. R. Townsend, chairman of the state board of water resources; Col. R. P. Davidson, district Army engineer; and Col. Harry Brown, director of the state department of water resources.

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