

Beaufort Offers Sites for Hospital

New Hearing Date on Bridge Expected

The State Highway commission plans to conduct another hearing on location of the bridge across Newport river at Morehead City.

Reliable sources said yesterday that the State Highway commission would make announcement of the hearing in the near future. The decision on a hearing was made after Army Engineers in Washington, D. C., said that unless there were intervention from the governor's office in Raleigh by this past weekend, the highway commission's plans for the bridge could be considered approved.

Gov. Terry Sanford did not intervene, choosing instead to start from scratch with another hearing. At present, the highway commission hopes to put the bridge 60 feet north of the present railroad bridge.

Opposition to this plan is expressed by those who say that the state port at Morehead City cannot expand if a bridge blocks use of water areas to the north by ocean-going vessels.

Others oppose the bridge because it would be a fixed span of only 65-foot clearance.

Merrill Evans, head of the state highway commission, was on a tour of the outer banks yesterday and could not be reached for comment on the proposed hearing.

Before a bridge can be built across a federal waterway (the Morehead bridge spans the inland waterway), Army engineers' approval must be given. When opponents of the bridge plan failed to sway the state highway commission, they had hoped the Army engineers' would disapprove the plan.

Court Invokes Suspended Term in Gray Case

George Wilbert Gray was sentenced to one year on the roads Tuesday in county recorder's court for failing to comply with the terms of a suspended sentence. On July 12, 1960 Gray was convicted of careless and reckless driving and given a year in jail, suspended on payment of \$200 and costs and three years' good and sober behavior.

Other court action Tuesday saw three cases against James Carroll dismissed. Carroll had been charged on separate warrants with public drunkenness, being drunk and disorderly and using profane and obscene language in public.

Marshall Lewis, charged with driving drunk and having an expired operator's license, was sentenced to six months in jail suspended on payment of \$100 and costs.

Other defendants, charges and the findings of the court follow: Clinton and Viola Sinclair, failing to comply with a former court order, dismissed.

Henry Fair, using loud and profane language in public, one-half costs.

Bernice Anderson, aiding and abetting in receiving stolen goods, not prosecuted.

Emil Paul Trachuk, having expired license plates, costs.

Lee Wesley Sparks, having no operator's license, costs.

Stell Stephens, assault, costs; public drunkenness, costs.

James Henry Wilson, having no brakes, costs.

Carlton McCay Lewis, having no license plates and no liability insurance, costs.

James Lee Piver, driving on the wrong side of the road and having an improper muffler, costs.

Donald Glenn Baldwin, speeding, \$5 and costs.

Willie M. Harkley, issuing a worthless check, dismissed.

Samuel Lee Johnson, failing to dim lights, costs.

Clyde Douglas Edwards, speeding, costs.

Richard Dennis Hetrick, speeding, costs.

Leonard Leo Wheeler, having expired license plates, costs.

Matthew Arlington Nolan, having expired license plates, costs.

Raymond John Delacqua, having expired license plates, costs.

Henry Terry Vinson, having improper registration and expired license plates, costs.

Paul Herman Gabriel, having expired license plates, one-half costs.

Roy Dalton Russell, speeding, bond forfeited.

Wayne Eugene Sowers, having expired license plates, costs.

George W. Gray, issuing a worthless check, dismissed.

Lillard Willis, manslaughter, acquitted.

Roland Lewis—permitting hogs to root cemetery, dismissed.

Roy Dennis, assault, dismissed.

Symphony Will Play in Beaufort Friday, March 10

The North Carolina Little Symphony will give two concerts at the Beaufort high school Friday, March 10. A children's matinee will be at 2 p.m. and an adult concert at 8 p.m.

Guest soloist will be Kenji Kobayashi, violinist, who was scheduled to appear last year but was unable to do so because of illness.

Under the direction of Benjamin F. Swalin, the symphony is on its 16th annual tour season, traveling around the Tar Heel state. It expects to give a total of 80 concerts this season.

School children will prepare for the concert for several weeks by listening to records in the classroom, creative dance expressing the music they will hear, and making hand percussion instruments to be played with the orchestra in the Percussion Surprise.

Two songs will be learned by the children to be sung with the symphony: Old Joe Clark and All Night, All Day. Featured work by the Symphony will be Mozart's Symphony in E Flat, No. 39.

Additional selections will be Dance of the Princesses and other excerpts from the ballet The Firebird by Stravinsky; March of the Toys by Herbert; Schubert's The Bee, Peanut Polka by Farnon; and Clear Track by Strauss.

Symphony Society membership cards will be honored at both evening concerts and all other membership concerts this 1961 season.



Kenji Kobayashi... guest soloist

Battleship Site Committee Visits Fort Macon State Park



News-Times Photo by McComb

Making an inspection of the proposed Fort Macon site for the battleship North Carolina yesterday were mayor George W. Dill, C. S. Adams, engineer; mayor W. H. Potter, Hugh Morton, and Thomas W. Morse. In the background is the plane in which Mr. Adams, Mr. Morse and Mr. Morton traveled.

A committee to investigate sites for the battleship North Carolina, which the state hopes to obtain for a permanent shrine, visited Carteret yesterday.

The committee, composed of state parks commissioner Thomas W. Morse; battleship committee member Hugh Morton and engineer C. S. Adams, who headed an engineering team that placed the battleship Texas in Houston several years ago, were shown around the area just west of Fort Macon state park by Beaufort mayor W. H. (Piggie) Potter and Morehead City mayor George W. Dill.

The committee is studying five different sites that have been proposed as permanent locations for the gigantic 40,000-ton naval vessel. Besides Carteret, the committee will investigate two Wilmington sites on the Cape Fear river and two sites at Southport.

The committee flew in from Wilmington yesterday morning in a

private plane and then were driven to Fort Macon where they were shown the proposed site just west of the state park on the sound side of Bogue Banks.

"Extreme tide conditions that might float the battleship, is the first consideration in selecting a site," said Mr. Adams who added that the battleship Texas has been afloat twice since it was docked at Houston. "If you can combat tides and extreme wind conditions, you won't have any trouble," he said.

Since the North Carolina would be brought in under high-tide conditions and then berthed, Mr. Adams said that it would take a tide of no more than three or four feet to float the ship. High winds, against the battleship's huge superstructure, could also cause much concern, he said.

The committee commented favorably on accessibility to the location, adding that the 34-foot chan-

nel leading into the Morehead City port, the scenic beauty of the site, and its proximity to historic Fort Macon park were all in the county's favor.

Mr. Adams also told the group that since being brought to Houston, the Texas had been self-sustaining. Money made from admissions to the battleship are used to meet maintenance costs. He said that more than two million people, mostly out-of-state visitors, have gone aboard the Texas in the last seven years.

The committee left by private plane from Beaufort-Morehead airport at 10 yesterday morning after spending an hour and a half looking over the Fort Macon site. No definite date has been set for selecting the site. Legislative action on obtaining the battleship has been tabled pending the committee's recommendations.

High Wind Joins Heavy Rainfall As Week Ends

Winds of gale force and driving rain made Saturday a miserable day. Stamey Davis, weather observer, reports that 1.14 inches of rain have fallen since last Monday. Heavy fog enveloped the county Friday and the terrific winds of Saturday diminished Sunday.

Wind blew from the northeast Monday through Wednesday, but changed to the southwest on Thursday, where it remained through Sunday.

The Atlantic Beach weather station recorded wind gusts at 60 miles an hour between 11 and 11:30 Saturday night. Many signs were blown down throughout the county, a roof was damaged east of the beach, and the large tent housing the Rollerhaven roller skating rink, Bridges Street, Morehead City, went down.

High and low temperatures and rainfall, in hundredths of inches,

| | High | Low | Rain |
|-----------|------|-----|------|
| Monday | 60 | 50 | — |
| Tuesday | 50 | 44 | .43 |
| Wednesday | 55 | 46 | .14 |
| Thursday | 60 | 54 | .38 |
| Friday | 59 | 54 | — |
| Saturday | 67 | 55 | .19 |
| Sunday | 67 | 41 | — |

Driver Cited Following Crash

Charged with careless and reckless driving and going 45 in a 35-mile zone Saturday night, Feb. 18, was Dean Chatlos Sr., 410 Evans St., Morehead City.

Patrolman E. D. O'Neal Jr., who investigated, said Chatlos, in a 1952 Buick, was headed east, ran into the rear of a 1955 Chevrolet wrecker, owned by Ray Kennedy, 3211 Arendell St., and knocked it into a 1954 Pontiac, parked ahead of it.

Chatlos told police he had dropped a cigarette and was looking for it when the accident happened.

His car was termed a total wreck; damage to the wrecker was estimated at \$250 and to the Pontiac \$200. The Pontiac was owned by Soud Chevrolet Co. and had been parked by Charles Earl Kennedy, route 1 Morehead City. The accident happened at 8:45 p.m.

Items for Travel Show Must be in by 5 Today

Any items to go to the Ohio Valley Travel show must be in the Morehead City chamber of commerce office by 5 p.m. today, announces J. A. DuBois, manager of the chamber.

Needed are things to give away at the show. He said the county's exhibit at the sportsmen's show in Charlotte last week was a huge success. Those who manned the exhibit said they could have sold real estate if they'd had the necessary information!

Light Go Out

Some of the street lights in Morehead City and Beaufort were not burning Sunday night because high winds caused them to short out. Repairs were being made yesterday and it was expected to have the lights back in working order last night.

Library Has Report on Aging

Recently received at the county library is a copy of North Carolina's Older Population: Opportunities and Challenges. This report on aging, prepared by the North Carolina Governor's Coordinating committee, was made to the White House Conference on Aging, Jan. 9-12, 1961.

It includes the summaries and recommendations made by statewide study committees, county conferences, and the statewide conference on aging.

Also available at the library are three booklets about children with special needs. They are: The Emotionally Disturbed Child, Rehabilitation of The Physically Disabled, and The Academically Talented. These are all edited by Dr. William P. Richardson of the UNC School of Medicine, and are provided through the courtesy of the North Carolina Health Council.

They are the proceedings of the fourth, fifth and sixth Annual Conferences on Handicapped Children.

Perhaps Tomorrow

Sheriff Hugh Salter continues to recover from the back operation he underwent Thursday at Wats hospital, Durham, and it is expected that he will be able to come home tomorrow.

Tide Table

| Tides at the Beaufort Bar | | |
|---------------------------|--|------------|
| HIGH | | LOW |
| Tuesday, Feb. 28 | | |
| 7:03 a.m. | | 12:55 a.m. |
| 7:29 p.m. | | 1:26 p.m. |
| Wednesday, March 1 | | |
| 7:41 a.m. | | 1:37 a.m. |
| 8:05 p.m. | | 2:06 p.m. |
| Thursday, March 2 | | |
| 8:17 a.m. | | 2:17 a.m. |
| 8:39 p.m. | | 2:44 p.m. |
| Friday, March 3 | | |
| 8:49 a.m. | | 2:53 a.m. |
| 9:11 p.m. | | 3:18 p.m. |

County Commissioners Will Meet Tomorrow

Six hospital sites in the vicinity of Beaufort will be offered for consideration of the county commissioners at 9:30 Wednesday morning at the courthouse, Beaufort.

The meeting has been called at the request of a special committee of the Beaufort Merchants association, headed by William Roy Hamilton.

At 10 o'clock the county board will meet with William F. Henderson, executive secretary of the Medical Care commission; George Watts Carr, hospital architect, and an engineer, Mr. Brown, who will accompany Mr. Henderson.

The county board and the officials from Raleigh plan to discuss the sites with a view to making a decision as to the location of the county hospital. Voters in November approved a bond issue which

Luther Hamilton Jr., county attorney, said anyone who has any sites to offer for the hospital should get in touch with him in Morehead City immediately.

they would build a \$1,700,000 hospital, using state, federal and county funds.

As of yesterday, hospital sites being proposed numbered 18, including the six in the Beaufort area, which are the following:

● Gibbs Brothers farm, highway 70 east of Beaufort

● H. T. Carraway farm, highway 101 north of Beaufort

● Mrs. Leo Mathis Sr. farm, highway 70 east of Beaufort

● Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Merrill tract, highway 101, North of Beaufort

● Fred McDaniels farm, highway 101 north of Beaufort

● D. R. Arnold farm, highway 101 north of Beaufort

Mr. Hamilton said that all of the sites meet the acreage requirements specified by the Medical Care commission. The Merrill site has been offered free of charge.

Four additional sites have been added to those in the vicinity of Morehead City:

● K. S. Swinson, 43.6 acres on the south side of the Country Club road

● Thelma Laughton property, 25.64 acres on the west side of the Crab Point road.

● Henry White, 45 acres across from Oaksmith acres on the Country Club road; 15 of these acres will be given free of cost.

● Blair farm, about 88 acres, Crab Point

Other sites in the Morehead area: M. T. Mills, 42.99 acres; T. C. Oglesby, 81.4 acres; John Oglesby and Robert Smith, 56.66 acres; Roland Barbour, up to 50 acres; Blaine Baugus and Walter Teich, 37 acres; Dennis Turner 220; Earle Webb tract at Wildwood, 160 acres; Earle Webb tract, Bogue Sound, 82.7 acres.

Luther Hamilton Jr., county attorney, said yesterday that any or all of the tracts are available. Option arrangements vary.

He also said that the section base property, owned by the state, at Camp Glenn is not available. The property had been mentioned as a possible hospital site. At least seven different agencies have leases on the property.

It is doubtful whether a decision on location can be made this week. Mr. Henderson told county officials that he is prepared to stay here two days, if necessary, to look over locations.

According to the Medical Care commission, their approval of a site is necessary before the state

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Newport FFA Team Wins First Place Thursday

The Newport school vocational agriculture Ritual and Parliamentary Procedure team won first place in the Seashore FFA Federation contest at New Bern, Thursday. The contest was in the Scottish Rite temple.

Newport earned the title of federation champions in Parliamentary Procedure and a blue and gold banner appropriately lettered. Smyrna's team was second. Other schools with membership in the federation are Pamlico, Vanceboro, Jasper, and Dover, all in Craven county.

The Newport team consisted of the following boys: Lewis Forrest, president, who was also elected president of the federation Thursday; Allen Kelly, vice-president; Joe Parks, secretary; Donnie Aycock, treasurer; Everette Clark, reporter; Gordon Slaughter, sentinel, and Leon Youngblood Jr., acting for the advisor.

The Newport team will compete in the district contest to be held in May at a place and date to be announced. Eight teams will participate at that time to determine who will represent District I in the statewide contest to be held in Raleigh during the State FFA Convention in late June.

Judges were agricultural teachers from other counties. They were John R. Pollock, Trenton; F. G. Lewis, Aurora, and P. E. Shaulers, Southwood School, Kinston. V. B. Hairy, district supervisor of vocational agriculture, Raleigh, also attended and reviewed the contest.

Forrest's term of office as head of the Seashore federation will be for one year. He is a member of the Newport vocational agriculture class and plans to enter State college next fall to major in agricultural engineering.

Two Cars Crash Sunday at Otway

A 1960 Thunderbird and a 1957 Ford collided in front of the Otway grocery at 2:15 p.m. Sunday nine miles east of Beaufort on highway 70.

Jasper Golden, route 2 Beaufort, driving the Ford, was charged with driving on the wrong side of the road.

According to patrolman J. W. Sykes, Lytle Smith, Rocky Mount, formerly of Beaufort, was headed west in the Thunderbird when Golden, who was headed east, made a left turn in front of him.

Suffering from shock was Miss Patricia A. Tyson, Raleigh, a passenger in the Thunderbird. The Ford was termed beyond repair. Damage to the other car was estimated at \$400.

Former Pastor To Address Men

The Men's Club of St. James Methodist church, Newport, will observe its seventh anniversary reunion at the meeting Thursday night at 8:30.

The Rev. J. H. Waldrop Jr. of Fremont will be guest speaker. Mr. Waldrop was pastor of St. James church for four years and was instrumental in the organization of the Men's Club in 1954. Since leaving Newport in 1956, he served churches in High Point and Clinton before moving to Fremont this year.

Other special guests will include Cecil Hodges, New Bern District Men's Club president, and all charter members of the club. The dinner will be served by the WSCS in the church educational building.

Stove Overheats

Morehead City firemen answered a call to 1111 Evans St. at 12:40 p.m. Sunday where a stove had overheated. Chief Lindsey Guthrie said there was no damage.

Champs Accept Trophy



Pud Hassell of the Beaufort Seadogs accepts the big one from Mr. Joslyn, the county championship trophy. The Seadogs earned the trophy and a trip to the district playoffs Saturday night by downing Smyrna 47-37. (See more tournament pictures page 2).