

Board Selects Three Hospital Sites

Monday Meeting Brings Ferry Hours' Change

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Ocracoke—Several Ocracoke citizens attended a meeting Monday afternoon at Cape Hatteras high school, Buxton, joining three hundred or more Hatteras Island people, whose spokesman, W. W. Edwards, chairman of the Hatteras Businessmen's Betterment association, protested the inadequate ferry service at Oregon Inlet.

Merrill Evans, new chairman of the North Carolina Highway commission, and W. N. Spruill, first division engineer, of Ahsokie, were present to hear complaints and both spoke to the group assembled about plans for improving the service at Oregon Inlet.

Present from Ocracoke were Jack Willis, president of the Ocracoke Civic club, Mrs. Theodore Rondthaler, vice-president, first division, All Seashore Highway, R. S. Wahab, Charles McWilliams, Thurston Gaskill, and Doward Brugh.

Charles McWilliams spoke briefly on the good service given at Hatteras Inlet, expressing the hope that the Oregon Inlet service might be improved; R. S. Wahab cited the adage, "A Chain is no stronger than its weakest link," pointing out that the ultimate success of the All Seashore Highway depends upon good ferry service at Oregon Inlet, Hatteras Inlet, and from Ocracoke to the mainland on the south.

Chairman Evans agreed to present the various complaints and suggestions to the highway commission at its March 2 meeting. Indications of cooperation were evident the following day when the Oregon Inlet ferries were put on a definite "on the hour schedule" from 5 a. m. to 6 p. m.

The Hatteras Inlet schedule was changed to include an earlier morning (6 a. m. from Hatteras side) and later evening (5 p. m. from Ocracoke side) trip, making six each day. This will serve also to expedite the construction of the 3-mile stretch of highway at the northern end of Ocracoke Island, since workers and materials are brought in by ferry.

The marl for the road arrived at Ocracoke by barge from New Bern on Wednesday and is being transported to the road bed. These three miles, when completed, will give a paved highway the whole length of Ocracoke Island from Hatteras Inlet to the village of Ocracoke.

Rotarians Hear Battleship Talk

The Morehead City Rotary club had mayor George Dill as the guest speaker at their weekly meeting Thursday night. In his talk, mayor Dill described a trip he and Beaufort mayor W. H. (Piggy) Potter made to Wilmington to promote Fort Macon as a permanent site for the battleship North Carolina, which the state plans to enshrine somewhere along the North Carolina coast.

Wilmington and Southport are the two other sites in competition with Fort Macon to obtain the battleship but engineers seemed to feel that it would be impracticable to move the 40,000-ton vessel up the Cape Fear river to Wilmington, according to mayor Dill.

The mayor said that the ship could be berthed at Fort Macon with a minimum amount of dredging and added that a parking area to accommodate 400 cars could be provided by the spoils from the dredging. He urged all members interested in bringing the ship to the Morehead City area to contact Ed Rankin, Raleigh, co-chairman of the battleship committee.

The motion was made and carried that the Rotary club endorse plans to bring the North Carolina here. Making the motion was D. J. Eure.

Curious Folks Asked Not To Call Police Station

"Please don't call the Morehead City police station every time you hear a siren."

That plea was made yesterday by police chief Herbert Griffin. In an emergency, the switchboard operator is busy doing necessary things in connection with the emergency and cannot serve as an information dispenser, too.

Persons are asked not to call "just to find out what's going on." If they have a legitimate reason, such as reporting that they're about to be held up, murdered, or kidnaped, it's all right to call.

County Board Adopts Building Code

County commissioners adopted a hurricane building code Monday morning. It goes into effect immediately. None of the commissioners voted against it.

Gaston Smith, commissioner, was assured that the code could be revised if necessary. M. G. Coyle, chairman of the county planning commission subcommittee, which drafted the code, said that the whole county is in a precarious position, insurance-wise. A beach resident, he said that he was notified Saturday by an insurance firm that all the insurance on his place is cancelled as of March 15.

The county planning commission drafted the code to protect property and with the hope that insurance companies that now refuse to insure property in this area will start doing so again.

Accompanying Mr. Coyle were W. C. Carlton, secretary of the county planning commission, H. S. Gibbs Jr., W. B. Chalk, and Garland Scruggs.

Mr. Scruggs arrived after the others had left, but added that as

chairman of the county Red Cross, he was in favor of the county's providing funds for an emergency radio set-up. The board assured him that they were all in favor of the radio project, the problem would be finding the money.

Albert Chappell, Beaufort, was named to the hospital committee, replacing Leonard Safrit, who said he could not serve.

Commissioner Skinner Chalk asked that the clerk record as an official part of the minutes a resolution on location of the county hospital, as the resolution was reported in THE NEWS-TIMES of Oct. 21, 1960.

Odell Merrill, clerk, said he "didn't know what happened" to the minutes on the board meeting the night of Oct. 18, 1960 when the resolution was passed.

Commissioner Chalk's request as to making the resolution an official part of the record was unanimously endorsed by other board members.

Present, in addition to those mentioned, were commissioner Harrell Taylor and David Yeomans. Moses Howard, chairman, presided.

Success of Speech Clinics Brings Teacher to County



David Canfield, 14, as he prepared to depart for camp at Camp Sycamore in Umstead Park last summer. Camp Sycamore is the camp sponsored each summer by the Easter Seal society.

The North Carolina Society for Crippled Children and Adults opened a month-long drive for funds Thursday. The drive will close Easter Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Harvell, president of the Carteret chapter of the society, reports that 60 per cent of funds raised here remain in the county and she hopes everyone will contribute generously.

Part of the funds have been used to support speech clinics each summer for about eight years. Fred G. Lewis, county teacher supervisor, has operated the clinic without pay each year and through his tireless efforts a speech therapist has been employed to work in the county schools beginning this fall, Mrs. Harvell said.

Mrs. Margaret Arrington of Beaufort, a qualified and experienced teacher, has been acquired as the speech therapist. She will work closely with children who have a speech or hearing defect.

The county society will pay Mrs. Arrington \$300 each school term as a travel allowance, according to Mrs. Harvell.

Mrs. Harvell said the importance of and need for such a teacher was realized by the successful operation of the summer clinics and she expressed her appreciation to Mr. Lewis for his splendid work.

Other work done by the county society during the past year has included the purchase of a brace for Vicki Quinn of Newport, a trip to camp at Raleigh for David Canfield of Morehead City, transportation of a colored child to Duke hospital, and the providing of medicines for several children at the request of doctors and welfare workers when other funds had been exhausted.

Members of the Morehead City Junior Woman's club are sponsoring the campaign. Mrs. Joe Beam and Mrs. C. R. Freeman are co-chairmen.

Cypress Trees Planted



Workers set out six acres of Arizona cypress trees at Newport. Driving the tractor in the above picture is C. T. Garner who with O. H. Kirsch plan to grow the trees for sale as Christmas trees.

The seedlings are about a year old. According to tree special-

ists, they should be ready to cut in three years, if managed properly.

R. M. Williams, county agriculture agent, said the Arizona cypress is more disease-resistant than red cedar, which has been formerly recommended for growing as Christmas trees in this

area. The Arizona cypress resembles the cedar in appearance, he said.

State nurseries this year sold out of Arizona cypress. Mr. Garner and Mr. Kirsch had to buy their trees from nurseries in another state.

Photo by R. M. Williams

Welfare Superintendent Comments On Food Distribution to Needy

Talk on Social Security Heard

Miss Betty Perkins, New Bern, spoke to the Carteret Business and Professional Women's club Tuesday night at the Jefferson restaurant, Morehead City.

Miss Perkins, field representative of the New Bern office, Social Security administration, spoke on the social security laws and recent changes in the law.

During the business session, the following were elected to the nominating committee: Miss Mary Carlton, Mrs. Retha King, and Mrs. Eva Johnson.

Mrs. Johnson, treasurer, reported that profit on a recent pecan sale was \$57.43. The president, Mrs. Martha Loftin, thanked Miss Stella Propst, club member, for initiating the project. Miss Carlton, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting.

The club voted to co-sponsor in May, with the Carteret Community theatre, a play for children, Cinderella, to be given by the Theatre of Woman's College, Greensboro. The play will be on tour May 3-7.

Expenditure of funds, to send two girls to Girls State, was approved. Action on requesting civic clubs to cooperate in a request for a new registration throughout the county was deferred.

Miss Shawnee Spears suggested that the club study communism. Miss Spears and Miss Ruby Parker were appointed to investigate the possibilities of such a program.

The white elephant gift, a cake-box, was won by Mrs. Loftin. Guests were Miss Pauline Woodard, W. I. Loftin, and Mrs. John Price.

Club yearbooks were distributed by the president. Hostesses for the meeting were Miss Alida Willis and Miss Carlton.

Nine Register

Ronald Earl Mason, Beaufort town clerk, reported that nine persons registered Saturday for the annexation vote April 1.

quarters of an hour. Those found eligible must also be re-certified every three months.

At present, she continued, her department has been trying to figure out how many families in the county may be eligible. She said a conservative estimate is 900 to a thousand families.

"We've been spending beyond our budget in this fiscal year to meet requests for assistance," she said. "Our requests this year are more than in recent years."

In her opinion this is probably due to the cutback in operation of the menhaden industry in the winter. There were fewer boats operating and therefore fewer fishermen employed.

When asked if she thought conditions might change with the coming of summer, Miss Hughes said such was probable.

Mayor Seeks Battleship Resolution from Board

Mayor W. H. Potter, Beaufort, at Wednesday's meeting of the county board of commissioners, asked that the board pass a resolution inviting the battleship North Carolina to be located in Carteret county.

Mayor Potter also reported that he intended to confer Thursday with David Henderson, congressman of this district, relative to a flood control project on North River.

Board Offers Cooperation On Registration of Voters

Easter Seal Society Gets \$384 Sunday

Three hundred and eighty dollars was collected Sunday afternoon for the Society for Crippled Children and Adults by members of the Morehead City Junior Woman's club, who conducted roadblocks. The roadblocks were located at Mansfield park and on the Beaufort-Morehead City causeway.

Mrs. Fred Bartholomew was chairman. Assisting her were Mrs. Robert McLean, Mrs. Mack Pittman, Mrs. Charles Freeman, Mrs. Lily Wilson, Mrs. Champ Lewis, Mrs. Rock Hardison, Mrs. Roy Denkins, Mrs. Joe Beam and Mrs. Fred Peterson.

Four majorettes from Morehead City high school also helped. They were Lorraine Hatcher, Mattie Phillips, Linda Mitchell and Peggy Willis. Posters displayed at the roadblocks were made by Duncan Lewis.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Tuesday, March 7	LOW
11:10 a.m.	5:04 a.m.	
11:37 p.m.	5:09 p.m.	
Wednesday, March 8		
12:01 a.m.	5:47 a.m.	
	5:51 p.m.	
Thursday, March 9		
12:32 a.m.	6:55 a.m.	
12:59 p.m.	6:53 p.m.	

County commissioners yesterday assured E. D. Willis, president of the County Republican club, that they would "go along with" any recommendations made to them by C. Z. Chappell, relative to a new county voter registration.

Mr. Willis presented to the board a resolution passed by the Republican club at its February meeting.

The resolution suggests that the county undertake a new registration, install if possible, the loose-leaf, system of voter registration, and furnish maps in each precinct of precinct boundaries.

County attorney Luther Hamilton said he thought the county board of elections should initiate the project and request the county board of commissioners for the funds to do so.

He said that confusion exists as to precinct boundaries. Commissioner David Yeomans asked if the problems cited in the resolution actually exist. Mr. Willis said that he could back up anything alleged in the resolution.

He told the board that the request for getting things straightened out in regard to registration and precinct lines is a citizens' approach, and not political.

I. D. Gillikin, chairman of the county Republican committee, affirmed Mr. Willis's remarks, stating that people in various precincts have no idea where they should vote and that the board of elections itself does not know where precinct boundaries are.

He added that people are listed as voters who have been dead for years.

Subsoil Tests to Precede Final Site Location

Subsoil tests are scheduled to be made this week on three sites selected by county commissioners for the proposed county hospital.

The sites selected yesterday, in order of preference, according to a motion by commissioner David Yeomans:

1. Webb site No. 2 (this will be referred to as the Webb waterfront site in paragraphs that follow)

2. Webb site No. 1 (this will be referred to as the Webb Wildwood site)

3. Gibbs site
The Webb sites are located west of Morehead City and the Gibbs site east of Beaufort.

According to county attorney Luther Hamilton, the Webb waterfront site with a portion of the tract on the sound is available for \$75,000 for 82 acres (less may be purchased if the county desires) or \$914 an acre.

The Webb Wildwood site is 160 acres, wooded, available for \$45,000 or approximately \$281 per acre.

Mr. Hamilton said that he did not handle the option on the Gibbs site, but he was told that it consisted of 34 acres at a price of \$1,000 an acre.

Approximately 40 persons, in addition to the county commissioners, attended the county board meeting yesterday at the courthouse, Beaufort.

Odell Merrill, clerk to the board, read a letter from William F. Henderson, executive secretary of the Medical Care commission. The letter listed sites Mr. Henderson visited Wednesday. These are listed at the end of this news story, along with other comments made by Mr. Henderson.

Argument and comment followed an invitation to spectators by Moses Howard, chairman of the board.

J. O. Barbour Jr., president of the Beaufort Merchants association, pointed out that Beaufort is the geographic center of the county. Mayor W. H. Potter, Beaufort, said that action of the board, prior to the bond referendum for the hospital (board said the hospital should be located west of Morehead City) "was not official."

Mr. Howard said that in his opinion the specification on location of the hospital was official. Commissioner Gaston Smith confirmed Mr. Howard's statement. "We made that resolution," he said.

Commissioner David Yeomans said, "There may be no record of it, but we agreed on it unanimously. We discussed it three or four hours before we made a decision."

Commissioner Skinner Chalk said that he made the motion to place the hospital west of Morehead City. Mr. Barbour contended that the board "reopened the site question" when it agreed to listen to Beaufort's presentation of sites last Wednesday. Commissioner Chalk said the reopening of the matter was against his wishes.

He added, "It's a mistake to build this hospital, but if it's going to be built, it should be west of Morehead City. We said that no sites would be considered unless they were filed with the county attorney."

Plugging for the Gibbs' site, mayor Potter said that a hospital there "would be within a stone's throw" of Beaufort's sewage disposal plant planned to be built by 1965. (A stone's throw has been estimated at as much as 250 feet.)

Mayor George Dill, Morehead City, later said he didn't think it would be a good idea to put a county hospital and a sewage disposal plant on the same site. Mayor Potter then said that he said the sewage disposal plant would be "near" the hospital.

Commissioner Chalk said that it was generally known, before the referendum, that the hospital would be west of Morehead City. He moved that the board consider no site east of Newport river, but the motion died for lack of a second.

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Cars Crash; Driver Cited

A 1961 Renault was smashed beyond repair and an estimated thousand dollars damage caused to a 1960 Opel station wagon at 6:02 p. m. Saturday on Arendell street, Morehead City.

Ronald Bouck, Cherry Point, driver of the Renault, suffered lacerations about the head and was charged with driving drunk, according to patrolman J. C. Steele, Morehead City officer who investigated.

Driver of the station wagon was Dwight L. Johnson, who was returning the wagon to the owner, Mrs. Marie Cunningham, after it had been to the service station. The Cunninghams operate the Do-Nut House, west of Morehead City.

Patrolman Steele said the accident happened between 27th and 28th streets. Both cars were headed west. He said it appeared that the Renault cut in on the Opel, the impact causing the Renault to flip over.

Bouck was taken to Morehead City hospital and later removed by ambulance to the Cherry Point hospital. The Renault was owned by Karl Fretcher, Cherry Point.

State TB Unit Will Meet Here

The North Carolina Tuberculosis association will meet Thursday and Friday, April 27 and 28, at the Biltmore hotel, Morehead City.

Scott Venable, executive director of the association, and Bob Smith, his assistant, were in Morehead City Thursday arranging for the meeting.

Among the speakers will be Herbert C. De Young, Chicago, president of the National Tuberculosis association, and Dr. Julie Wilson, New York, medical director of the national association.

Mr. Venable invites everyone in this area. He said there is no registration fee. While here, Mr. Venable and Mr. Smith conferred with Grover Munden, Morehead City, chairman of the county TB society.

Two Marines Hurt In Sunday Crash

Two Camp Lejeune Marines were injured at 6:15 p. m. Sunday when their 1956 Chevrolet upset on a curve west of Broad Creek on highway 24.

The injured are Donald E. Bles, passenger, and Robert C. Soulsby, who was driving. Patrolman W. E. Pickard, who investigated, said the car was headed east. Soulsby lost control on a curve.

The car was termed a total loss. Patrolman Pickard said he doesn't know what might have caused the accident. The Marines were taken to Morehead City hospital and later moved by ambulance to Lejeune.

Remains in Hospital

Edgar Willis, Straits, is still in the Morehead City hospital. He has been under 24-hour guard since he tried to commit suicide Feb. 13 when officers found the body of Mrs. Aggie Ballou in the barn where she and Willis were living.

Future Home Builders to Get Tips On 'How To' at Three Building Forums

Carolina Power and Light Co. and Cooperative Savings and Loan will sponsor a Building Forum in Morehead City. Purpose of the forum will be to inform prospective home builders of the free services available to them in planning through the power company and the loan agency.

In conjunction with the project THE NEWS-TIMES will publish Tuesday, March 21, a tabloid section, Your Home, 1961.

The Building Forum will consist of three nightly programs, March 14, 14, and March 28, at 7:30 p. m. at the civic center, Morehead City. The center is located at 9th and Evans streets.

Chalk, Morehead City realtor, will speak on Choosing a Building Site; Theodore Peters, Jacksonville architect, will speak on Pick a Plan and Select a Contractor; and Mrs. Bill Cherry, Morehead City, home economist with CP&L, will speak on Decorating Your Home with Light.

On March 21, Robert Carr, Morehead City, retired furniture manufacturer, will speak on Planning the Inside of the House, and Morley Williams, New Bern, will speak on Outside Decoration (landscaping).

Theme of the meeting March 28 will be What Makes the House Go. Mrs. Cherry will speak on Kitchen Planning. E. V. Breeden Jr., Wilmington, will speak on Heating.

Insulation and Wiring, and Fredrick Willetts, Wilmington, president of Cooperative Savings and Loan, will speak on borrowing money for home construction.

Time allotted to each speaker will be limited so that there will be a period for questions, Mrs. Cherry announces. The above program is tentative and slight changes may be made, she added.

There is no fee connected with the forum. Mrs. Cherry commented that so many folks decide to build a house and haven't the faintest notion of how to go about it. The forum is designed to give some basic instructions so that future homeowners may know how they can get the most in quality and comfort for their building dollar.

Violinist to Appear As Soloist with Symphony

Kenji Kobayashi will appear as guest soloist with the North Carolina Little Symphony in concert here Friday at the Beaufort high school at 8 p. m.

Returning for his third season with the symphony in guest appearances, Mr. Kobayashi is a brilliant young violinist from Japan. Making his debut in Tokyo at the age of 16, he came to the United States later to study at the Juilliard School of Music in New York.

He played at a reception for Crown Prince Akihito of Japan, gave a recital at Mandel hall in Chicago, and has appeared with the Juilliard orchestra here and abroad.

Mr. Kobayashi will play Concerto for Violin and String Orchestra No. II in E major by Beethoven and Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso by Saint-Saens Friday night.