

Seadogs Capture Big Trophy Again

The Beaufort Seadogs, who thrive on greatness and who win state championships like they had a monopoly on them, proved that five players are better than one Saturday night in the finals of the state Class 1-A tournament at Durham as they scored a 62-59 win over Jay Martin and the Boonville Black Knights.

The highly-touted Martin proved to be all that rave notices had said he was, as he threw in 11 field goals and 14 free throws against a stout Seadog defense. But even this spectacular one-man show wasn't enough to wrest the state championship trophy from the firm grip of the Beaufort Seadogs, featuring the balanced and lethal attack of Hassell and Co.

For Beaufort, the tremendous victory gave the Seadogs an unprecedented third straight state championship and extended their winning streak to an amazing 76 consecutive games to make them the winningest high school basketball team in North Carolina history.

Although the Seadogs led throughout most of the game, Martin and the Black Knights made a determined effort to overhaul the state champs in the closing minutes of the game. With only 40 seconds remaining to be played, Martin stepped to the free throw line and sank his 13th and 14th free throws to pull the Black Knights within one point of Beaufort at 60-59.

But the Seadogs weren't finished yet. The green-clad warriors brought the ball down court and Pud Hassell pumped in one of his patented left-handed jump shots that hit nothing but the bottom of the net to give Beaufort a 62-59 margin with three seconds showing on the clock. With their third straight state championship only three seconds away, the Seadogs went into a full-court press that kept Boonville from even completing the third pass inbound before time ran out.

For Beaufort the win was a tremendous uphill struggle as they lined up for the opening tipoff with one starter

hobbling on a badly sprained ankle and another just up from an all-day siege of strep throat. David Jones, who sprained his right ankle on Friday night against Red Oak was limping noticeably when he took the floor against the Black Knights and Ray Hassell had just gotten out of bed minutes earlier after being treated all day for a strep throat which struck Friday night. Ray was given antibiotics all day Saturday to combat the infection.

But if any bug was bothering Ray Saturday night, the Boonville players will tell you it must have been a basketball bug, as the junior play-making wizard turned in a performance that wrought havoc to the Knight's hopes of pulling off the big one.

It was Ray who, time after time, took the ball away from the Boonville cagers and drove the length of the court for layups that kept the Seadogs out in front of their Knight foes. Ray led all scorers for the state champs as he hit on a variety of shots to record 25 big points.

The game opened with Boonville jumping off to a 4-0 lead before Beaufort could score from the floor. Parris Croom, who sank four of five field goal attempts for Beaufort in the first ten minutes of play, hit a jump shot from the side of the court to put the first two points on the scoreboard for the McQuaidmen. Before they could score again though, Boonville had taken a 7-2 edge on a field goal by Rondal Casstevens and a free throw by Martin.

The end of the first quarter found the score knotted at 14-14 but in the second stanza Ray and Pud Hassell went to work for the Big Green to sparkplug a drive that sent the Easterners out front by five, 35-30. Ray hit four field goals in the period and Pud connected on three field goals and a free throw.

In the third quarter, the Seadogs opened up the largest lead of the night by either team when a field goal by Ray

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Proposed Bills Will Lift Double Tax from Fishermen

County Board Considers Tax Valuations

County commissioners, sitting as a board of equalization yesterday heard petitioners in the morning and considered written requests for reconsideration of tax valuations in the afternoon.

Requesting lower valuations yesterday morning were Mrs. G. C. Cooke, Morehead City; Clyde Douglass, Raleigh, represented by Harvey Hamilton Jr. and John L. Crump; Mrs. G. J. Bell, Greenville; Roger Williams, Gloucester; G. E. Bell, Washington, N. C.

Sam Morgan, New Bern; Gerald Mitchell, Morehead City; and John L. Humphrey, Morehead Bluffs.

Other properties considered at the morning session were those of Mrs. Sophie Merwin, Beaufort, and Clifford Tighman, Beaufort. On most of the requests for revaluation, Prentiss Garner, of the tax supervisor's office, was asked to make an investigation of the property.

Before convening as a board of equalization, the board named Mrs. Julian Guthrie as vital statistics registrar for Harkers Island.

The board approved a resolution on hospital bond anticipation notes and refinancing the net school debt of \$42,534.79 and the bonded debt of \$471,088.64 which was incurred for purposes other than schools.

Tuesday, April 4, 10 a.m. at the courthouse was set as the time for public hearing on the proposal to refinance. The Local Government commission has advised refinancing in order to float bonds to pay for the county hospital.

Teacher Hurt In Auto Crash

Mrs. Calvin Jones, Beaufort school teacher, remained at Rex hospital, Raleigh, yesterday, recovering from injuries received in an automobile accident about 15 miles from Raleigh Thursday. She was en route to Durham to attend the basketball tournament.

Mr. Jones said yesterday that he was riding in a car behind his wife, but did not see the accident happen. He said the Buick driven by Mrs. Jones was hit by a bus and turned over, throwing Mrs. Jones out of the automobile.

Mrs. Jones suffered a deep cut on the head and knee, a broken wrist and broken ribs. Miss Peggy Lewis, Beaufort, who was riding with her, was not injured. Mr. Jones said that his wife was doing as well as could be expected, but he didn't know when she could come home.

She is an eighth grade teacher at Beaufort school. Her son, David Ward Jones, is a member of the Beaufort basketball team.

Educators Will Attend NCEA Session, Asheville

Ten educators from the county will attend the annual meeting of the North Carolina Education association at Asheville Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Delegates are H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent; Lenwood Lee, principal of Morehead City school; Stewart Daniels, principal of Smyrna school; Jack Johnson, principal of Atlantic school; E. B. Comer, principal of Newport school.

Fred Lewis and E. C. Jernigan, county supervisors; Mrs. Dorothy McNeal of Newport, Mrs. Hester Mason of Newport and Mrs. Julia Herndon of Morehead City, classroom teachers.

By D. G. BELL
Carteret Assemblyman

Those who pay a tax for registering and licensing boats used in commercial fishing have been subjected to such licensing since 1953. It is felt by Governor Sanford, the Division of Commercial Fisheries and many legislators, that this group should not be subjected to double taxation as required by the North Carolina Motorboat Act of 1959.

Attempts were made during the 1959 session to exempt commercial fishermen from the tax portion of the North Carolina Motorboat Act. It appeared at the time that if such was done, it would prevent the passage of the act and thereby prevent much-needed safety legislation in the motorboat field.

Two bills will be introduced soon in both the House and Senate. It is believed that they will correct the injustice and at the same time not affect the safety aspects of the motorboat act. In fact, it is believed it will make possible a broader coverage of all boats from the safety standpoint.

It is recognized that the passage of this legislation will reduce revenues to the Wildlife Resources commission. At the same time, if desired by that commission, it will remove from their responsibility the inspection of some 6,000 boats. The prime responsibility for the

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Bridge Hearing Set, March 30

Thursday, March 30, has been set as the date for the hearing on the proposed bridge across Newport river at Morehead City.

Mayor George Dill, who consulted with Merrill Evans, head of the highway commission, Thursday at Raleigh, said the hearing would be at Raleigh. The hour has not yet been announced.

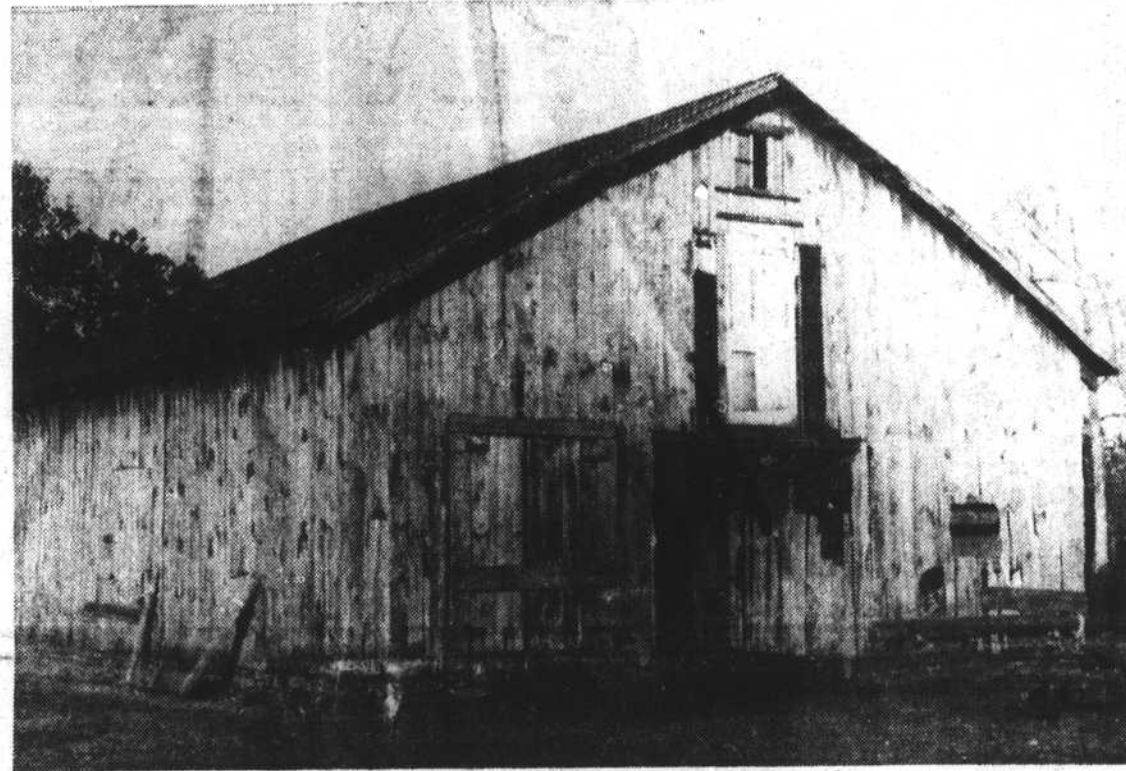
The highway commission also announced it hopes to have the Atlantic-Ocracoke ferry running from Atlantic to Ocracoke by Wednesday, April 5. Gaston Smith, Atlantic, a member of Carteret's board of commissioners, said yesterday that the ferry is to operate from Atlantic until the new landing at Cedar Island is built.

Twin Sons Arrive On St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day was eventful for the Eden C. Barefoots Jr., of Salter Path. Mrs. Barefoot, 20, gave birth to twin sons at Morehead City hospital.

Though Friday was an Irish holiday, the boys weren't named Pat and Mike. Gerald Lee weighed 4 pounds 10 ounces and Harold Dean weighed 5 pounds 4 ounces. Boys and mother are getting along fine.

Report on Cause of Death Received



News-Times Photo by McComb

This is the barn at Straits where the body of Mrs. Agatha Ballou was found by sheriff's deputies Monday morning, Feb. 13.

Coroner David Munden said Friday that he had received the pathologist's report on Mrs. Agatha Ballou, which says "death is considered to have been caused by bronchiopneumonia" with large bruise areas covering the trunk and limbs as a "major contributory factor."

The pathologist is Dr. D. H. Lippitt, New Bern. He examined the body soon after it was found

in a bed in a barn at Straits, where Mrs. Ballou and Edgar Willis made their home.

Willis was taken into custody after he tried to cut his throat and hang himself the morning Mrs. Ballou's body was found. He is now in the county jail, awaiting grand jury action April 3 on a charge of attempted suicide.

Coroner Munden said that Mrs.

Ballou probably died Feb. 12, the day before the body was found. The sheriff's department was asked by neighbors to make an investigation the morning of the 13th.

A chemical analysis made by the FBI laboratory, Washington, D. C., revealed no traces of poison or narcotics in Mrs. Ballou's body. That report by the lab was released by sheriff Hugh Salter last week.

Legislator Comments on Sales Taxes Proposed by Governor

D. G. Bell, Carteret's representative in the House at Raleigh, commented Saturday on the governor's proposed tax program to finance improvement in the education program.

Mr. Bell said that, generally, he is in favor of it, pointing out that unless everyone bears a proportionate share of a better education program, those in the higher income brackets—who bear the burden when it comes to school bond issues—will be less inclined to vote for those bond issues.

"I'm supporting the governor's education program and will support the tax program (3 per cent sales tax on everything), if," the legislator said, "after all proposals are made, it seems the best procedure."

He said that a bill is expected to be introduced this week which would increase from 3 to 4 per cent the sales tax on items presently taxed. Other revenue-producing bills have been introduced and hearings on them are to begin this week.

Under the present sales tax law, many items are exempt. The governor's recommendation, simply, is that most of these exemptions be removed.

He estimates that this will bring in \$83 million during the next biennium. He further recommends that the people vote, this coming November, on whether to continue

a 3 per cent sales tax, across the boards, after July 1, 1963.

Mr. Bell said, "A sales tax, which would include items now exempt, such as food and drugs, is the only tax that reaches all of the people in Carteret county."

"The sales tax was originally levied, in 1933, to save the public school system. The governor's proposal to put the sales tax on everything is, no doubt, very unpopular with many people." The legislator then cited this example: "An average family that has an income of \$1,000 normally owns little or no real estate and the total tax, under the governor's plan, could not amount to more than \$30 for them."

"The three children cost the state approximately \$250 each, or \$750 a year to educate. The difference between what this family pays, \$30 and \$750, must be borne by those more able to pay—and this is done."

"The problem in our county," Mr. Bell said, "is that the proposed education program backed by governor Sanford, will do only half the job. Within the next three or four years, Carteret county will have to spend \$4 or \$5 million on new school construction."

"The only way the county has of raising this money is to tax real

estate and personal property. So the funds to pay for school facilities must be borne by those who own the most property."

Referring directly to the sales tax proposal, which is being opposed by many throughout the state, Mr. Bell said, "If the people in the lower income brackets who are usually those with more children, are not willing to pay SOME tax, it would appear to me very difficult to convince those who are bearing the biggest burden at present, to go to the polls and vote upon themselves higher taxes to float school bonds."

Stated briefly, Mr. Bell feels that unless everybody pays a little bit more tax, the education program may grind to a halt because those most able to pay will balk if more tax must be put on property at the local level.

Part 2

Why It's Better to Live in Town

When people don't want to do something, they can make up all sorts of reasons why they shouldn't do it. Many of the reasons are not valid.

This is the situation in regard to Beaufort's bonded indebtedness. According to the town clerk, Ronald Earl Mason, a schedule has been set up whereby Beaufort will have paid off all of its long-standing debt by the end of 1972—and this can be done without expanding the town to take in tax-producing property.

Mr. Mason says the town is keeping up with its debt retirement schedule, therefore there is no basis for people who don't want to

More than a million dollars is being poured into new construction in the county this spring. Going up are motels, restaurants, service stations, and business buildings, as well as new homes.

Much of the building is centered in the Atlantic Beach-Emerald Isle area, where businessmen and homeowners are preparing for summer. Hurricane damage is still evident, but folks are fast clearing it away in anticipation of a good tourist season.

New motel units are expected to number about 70 when all work is finished. Rommie Willis of Salter Path is building a 20-unit motel, restaurant and service station near Pine Knoll Shores on the Salter Path road. John Powell of Rocky Mount has added several units to his Belaire motel, located at the intersection of the beach road and the old causeway road.

Ten units and an office have been added to the Seashore motel by Moses Brown, doubling the motel's capacity. The motel's new swimming pool is complete except for painting. The Oceanana motel is adding 20 units and a lounge.

The John A. Bakers recently completed repairs to their home at Sound View Isles where M. T. Mills of Morehead City is building a new home.

A number of new cottages are being erected by upstate property owners and scores of vacationers are making repairs or renovations at their cottages.

Extensive work is being done in the recreation area of the beach, where storm damage was heavy. Most businessmen plan to be open in time for the first tourists in May.

Building is getting a big boost at Salter Path, where a new restaurant has been built by Edwin Guthrie. Charlie Smith is working on a new service station, located near the old ball park. New homes are being constructed by Norman Salter, Stanley Smith and Romaine Willis.

One hundred feet are being added to Thompson's pier at Emerald Isle and a new fishing pier is being built several miles west of there by W. C. McLean. The new pier will be near the ferry landing.

In Morehead City, the Colonial store is adding enough floor space to double the store's size, according to E. B. Thompson, manager. Plans are to have the addition completed by mid-May.

An addition to the Medical Arts building, Arendell street, will house the offices of a new dentist, Dr. David Freshwater, who plans to begin practice here this summer. Dr. John Gainey reports that a new laboratory has been built behind the Medical Arts building for use by the doctors who have offices in the building.

Miller Harrell, realtor, plans to construct twelve homes in Calico Colony, Morehead City. They are valued from \$11,300 to \$12,000 each. He has also erected a new home in the country club section valued at \$15,000.

Morehead Builders Supply Co.,

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Rhubarb Over Hospital Site Not Over Yet

By a vote of 3 to 1, the county board of commissioners agreed yesterday morning to hear Beaufort and Morehead City doctors, regarding the hospital site, at 3:30 p.m. The hearing convened as THE NEWS-TIMES was going to press.

Also present were representatives of the Beaufort Merchants association.

Commissioner Gaston Smith, after the motion to hear them had passed, with commissioner Skinner Chalk voting no, said, "We're not reopening the site question. We want that understood." Mayor W. H. Potter was present when the vote was taken.

Commissioner Smith and commissioner Harrell Taylor agreed that it was a "waste of time" to hear the doctors or anyone but they agreed to hear them after Moses Howard, chairman, explained that he had told Dr. John Gainey, head of the Morehead City hospital staff, that the board might hear them yesterday.

Commissioner Chalk said he was in favor of hearing them only if they "allege an emergency situation exists."

Mayor Potter told the board that he understood that mayor George Dill, Morehead City, was to appear before the board with a letter asking that the board consider a Crab Point site for the hospital. He said the letter was "signed by eight or ten doctors," had his signature and mayor Dill's.

The board wanted to know what the Beaufort Merchants association wanted. (A delegation was waiting in the hall.) Odell Merrill, clerk to the board, said that they felt if the board considered the doctors' request to change their minds about a hospital site, then the merchants' association wanted their site, the Gibbs farm, considered, too.

The county board on March 9 chose property on Bogue Sound, west of Morehead City as the hospital site.

Period of Grace Ends

Ending today is the 90-day period of grace in which Beaufort fire trucks were allowed to answer calls in the fringe areas of Beaufort. The town board on Dec. 21, as a good-will gesture, agreed to allow town equipment to make calls immediately outside of town until March 21.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar			
HIGH	Tuesday, March 21	LOW	
12:02 a.m.	5:42 a.m.	5:53 p.m.	
Wednesday, March 22			
12:24 a.m.	6:36 a.m.	6:50 p.m.	
12:52 p.m.	6:50 p.m.		
Thursday, March 23			
1:13 a.m.	7:42 a.m.		
1:44 p.m.	7:48 p.m.		

Filing Dates Set

Friday, April 7, will be the deadline for filing for Beaufort municipal officers, Ronald Earl Mason, town clerk, reported yesterday. Filing fee for commissioner is \$5 and for mayor \$10.