

Work Begins on Half Million Dollar Motel in Morehead

Clearing of ground for a half million dollar motel and coffee shop began this week at 28th and Arendell streets, Morehead City.

The motel will be two-story, consist of 64 units, coffee shop, lobby, and 50 by 25-foot swimming pool. Jimmy Wallace, Morehead City, manager of the future motel, said that it is hoped that it will be complete by June 15.

The motel is being built by the East Carolina Development Corp., Morehead City, on what is known as the Hicks Corey property, just west of a Gulf station on the north side of Arendell.

Contractor for the new enterprise is Cherry Construction Co., Grifton. The buildings will be fireproof, of brick and block construction, have floor-to-floor carpeting, awning type windows, interior walls of masonry, and music piped to all rooms.

The units will be 12 by 23½ feet, contain furniture of the latest design, free phones and free tv. There will be central heating and cooling, controlled, however, by adjustments which can be made by the occupant of each unit.

The motel is being built on property with a 285-foot front on Arendell and depth of 260 feet. Mr. Wallace said the motel will be set well back from the highway, behind the lobby, registration desk, coffee shop and swimming pool.

Architect for the project is Frank B. Simpson; designer, Eugene Savage, both of Raleigh. Assisting in the enterprise is Cooperative Savings and Loan, Morehead City.

J. A. DuBois, manager of the Morehead City chamber of commerce, on Wednesday termed the new motel "a boon to our convention facilities." He said that at least one hundred additional rooms for overnight guests have been constructed or are under construction now, in addition to the 64 motel units.

The new rooms bring this area's total of rooms available to 989, or a 25 per cent increase over accommodations last year.

227 Expected To Cast Ballots In Beaufort

Two hundred twenty-seven persons who live in the area proposed for annexation, Beaufort, are expected to go to the town hall tomorrow to vote. That is the number who registered.

Voting will begin at 6:30 a.m. and end at 6:30 p.m. Wiley Taylor Jr. and Frank Lewis will be judges.

A simple majority is required to carry the referendum. The area proposed as a part of the town extends from the present eastern limits of the town to the property line between the stick-water plant (Brunswick Navigation) and Sperti property. The northern boundary is the north edge of Lennoxville road and the southern boundary is the high water mark on Taylor's creek.

If the area becomes a part of the town, its residents will be eligible to run for town office next month and will be eligible to vote in the town election May 2.

County Chairman Issues Statement on Hospital

Moses Howard, chairman of the county board of commissioners, commenting on the recent suit filed in regard to the hospital, said yesterday, "The people in the western part of the county rightfully believe that we will stand by our original motion to place the hospital west of Morehead City."

He added that the commissioners would appreciate any statement of confidence or expression from the people affirming their faith in the county board.

Mr. Howard said the commissioners remain "in full accord" on their pledge as to location of the hospital.

Attorney Comments on Hospital Fight

Luther Hamilton Jr., county attorney, yesterday issued a formal statement on the county hospital situation as it now exists. The statement follows:

The citizens of Carteret County, having previously voted in favor of the construction of a County Hospital, I believe it is the opinion of the Board of Commissioners, despite their own private views on the matter, that the hospital should be built since an approximate 2-to-1 majority of the people, in effect, have told them to build it.

The Commissioners are not unaware of the fact that approximately one-third of the people did not want the hospital built, and prob-

Judge Sets Wednesday As Day for Hospital Hearing

Judge Albert Cowper has set to a.m. Wednesday "or as soon thereafter as the court may entertain the matter" for a hearing on the county hospital suit.

The order Judge Cowper signed Monday afternoon specifies that the defendants (the county) should show cause, if any, why an injunction should not be granted.

An injunction would delay, if

not stop, construction of a county hospital.

Voters in November approved borrowing \$1 million to build a hospital. Controversy has arisen as to where the hospital should be built.

Beaufort residents, J. O. Barbour and others, on Monday morning filed a complaint against action taken thus far by the county toward hospital construction.

Sword of Hope to Reach Morehead City Monday

"The Sword of Hope," symbol of the American Cancer society, will be passed to the mayor of Morehead City at 3 p.m. Monday in front of the Morehead City postoffice.

Governor Sanford will start the sword on its journey across the state, at Manteo tomorrow.

Gene Powers, Raleigh, driving a white automobile, will carry the sword—and a scroll—to one hundred cities, concluding the journey at Murphy. In each city, officials receiving the sword will sign the scroll.

Passage of the sword and scroll is expected to require the entire month of April, month of the Cancer Crusade. (In Carteret county, however, the cancer campaign will be conducted officially next November).

Officials taking part in Monday's ceremony at Morehead City will be mayor George Dill, Mrs. James C. Smith, president of the County Cancer society, and Earl Holt, secretary of the Moose lodge. The Moose are official sponsors of the "Manteo to Murphy" sword campaign.

After the Morehead City ceremony, the sword will be taken to Jacksonville. The promotion symbolizes the fact that cancer can be cured.

Persons in this county who want to contribute to the Cancer Crusade this month may do so by mailing checks to Mrs. J. C. Smith, 1803 Evans St., Morehead City.

W. L. Derrickson Assumes Office

W. L. Derrickson, Morehead City, was elected a vice-president of the North Carolina Travel council at the weekend meeting at High Point. Mr. Derrickson represents the coastal area.

J. A. DuBois, Morehead City, is a member of the council's highway committee.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Fox, Atlantic Beach, who manned Carteret's booth at the Ohio Travel show in Cincinnati this month, were presented one of the highly coveted certificates of honor presented by the council to Pioneer Tar Heel Travelers.

The Foxes were highly commended for their work at Cincinnati. Color movies of the exposition were shown. Mr. Fox returned with a bookful of addresses of people who asked to know more about this vacation area.

Mr. DuBois said that attendance at the travel council meeting surpassed attendance at all other sessions. D. G. Bell, Morehead City, was also present.

All three Morehead City representatives won door prizes, Mr. Bell a clock, Mr. Derrickson a table, and Mr. DuBois, stationery.

Cash Stolen

Between \$7 and \$8 in cash was stolen Sunday night from an outdoor drink box at Manley Pollard's service station, Newport, according to Newport police chief Dan Bell.

Offices, Stores List Closing Hours

Easter Monday will be observed as a holiday by banks, town halls and ABC stores in the county, but the postoffices and most merchants will remain open as usual.

Court will be held as usual at Morehead City town hall and at the courthouse in Beaufort, but only offices connected with court will be open at those places. The Beaufort ABC store will be closed on Saturday as well as Monday, because of the annexation election in town Saturday.

There is no school today. School will reopen Wednesday morning.

Candidates For Beaufort Office Should File Now

Next Friday, April 7, will be the last day candidates for office in the town of Beaufort, may register to run. (A legal advertisement in today's section pertains to this fact).

The election will be held Tuesday, May 2, at the town hall. Elected will be a mayor and five commissioners. Judges of the election will be C. Z. Chappell and W. H. Taylor.

Persons who are not now registered to vote may register from 9 a.m. Saturday, April 15, until the following Saturday. That day, April 22, will be challenge day, when anyone may challenge the voting eligibility of those who have registered. U. E. Swann is registrar.

If a new area becomes a part of the town tomorrow, everyone 21 years of age and who otherwise meets eligibility requirements, may vote in the May 2 election. They may also run for office if they file by next Friday's deadline. The filing fee for mayor is \$10 and for commissioner \$5.

Thieves Take Cash From Vendors

Thieves, who apparently are part of a gang that has been working eastern Carolina counties lately, broke into two soft-drink vending machines in Morehead City sometime Sunday night.

Hit were drink machines at the Ideal Barber shop and the Econo-Wash laundromat. Approximately \$15 was taken out of the machine in the barber shop while a haul of close to \$40 was made at the laundry.

According to police chief, Herbert Griffin, the thieves apparently have keys that fit the outside doors of the drink machines. After opening the doors they pry open the coin boxes.

Judge Orders Elmo Lawrence Jr. Held Without Bond on Charge of Murder

Case Will Go to Grand Jury Monday Morning

Elmo Lawrence Jr., charged with the murder of his stepfather, William F. Willis, Otway, was ordered held without bond after a hearing Tuesday in county recorder's court.

Judge Lambert Morris found probable cause. Lawrence's case will go before the grand jury Monday. The 25-year-old defendant has been in the county jail since the day of the shooting, Sunday, Dec. 18.

He sat non-committally through testimony by sheriff Hugh Salter during Tuesday's hearing, but was attentive to the sheriff's words as well as questions by his attorney, Harvey Hamilton Jr.

Sheriff Salter was the only witness. He said that on the morning of Dec. 18 he got a call from Elmo Jr., who said that he had accidentally shot his stepfather at the Willis home, Otway. The sheriff said he got Elmo's call at 3:15 a.m.

Elmo estimated that his stepfather had been shot between midnight and 1 a.m. When the sheriff learned that the youth hadn't called a doctor or anyone, he contacted deputy sheriff Bruce Edwards and coroner David Munden.

When he got to the Willis home, the sheriff said Elmo and his mother, wife of the deceased, were there, and in the northeast bedroom he found Willis's body on the floor, lying face down in a pool of blood.

On the bed the sheriff said there was blood around the pillow, on the sheet, blankets and quilt. There were two holes made by shotgun blasts in Willis's right upper back, close to the spine. He estimated that the holes were about 6 inches apart.

Later, at the undertaker's, another wound was found under Willis's right arm. The victim was wearing a white T shirt and short underwear. The sheriff testified that there were powder burns on the shirt and Willis's body.

Sheriff Salter told the court that Elmo said he was checking the gun in the bedroom where his mother and stepfather were in bed when it accidentally went off. He said he was talking to his stepfather about trouble in firing the gun.

While they were talking, he said, Willis turned over and both barrels of the gun fired. Willis rolled to the floor.

After examination by the coroner, and doctors John Way and L. W. Moore, the sheriff said he again talked to Elmo, who denied knowing anything about a third gunshot wound.

He took the youth to view the body. Afterwards, in the sheriff's office, Elmo said that after the two shots fired, he took the shells out of the gun, went into the bedroom or kitchen of the house and put another shell in the gun.

According to the sheriff, Elmo then went back into the bedroom where Willis was lying. "Junior, Junior" and struggling, so he fired the third shot into his stepfather.

When the sheriff asked Elmo why he shot the man the third time, he said he didn't know, that he must have shot him to get him out of his misery.

The sheriff said he asked Elmo why he didn't call a doctor or ambulance and Elmo said he didn't know. Sheriff Salter said a telephone was on a dresser in the bedroom where the body was found.

Sheriff Salter then continued with relating events as Elmo had told him. Elmo said he and his mother stayed around the house for an hour or hour and half after the shooting, then they put the shotgun in the car and drove to a home of his mother's sister.

While there, Elmo said his mother tried to take the gun out of the car and shoot herself. He said he took it from her and when they went back to the house he put the gun in the bedroom.

He said he threw the third shell away somewhere in the house, but the sheriff said they could not locate it. According to the SBI laboratory, the shells of the first two loads of buckshot were fired by the gun in Elmo's possession.

The shells were .12 gauge, No. 1 buckshot, super X. The sheriff said that in the estimation of doctor.

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Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Friday, March 31	
7:47 a.m.	1:51 a.m.
8:06 p.m.	2:09 p.m.
Saturday, April 1	
8:21 a.m.	2:30 a.m.
8:37 p.m.	2:45 p.m.
Sunday, April 2	
8:55 a.m.	3:06 a.m.
9:08 p.m.	3:18 p.m.
Monday, April 3	
9:30 a.m.	3:43 a.m.
9:43 p.m.	3:48 p.m.

Filing for Town Offices Will Begin Tomorrow

Mayor George Dill To Seek Re-Election

D. J. Hall, O. J. Morrow Will Run

Tomorrow is the first day candidates for office in Morehead City may file. Deadline for filing is 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20. Filing fees may be paid at the clerk's office, in the municipal building on S. 8th Street.

To be elected are a mayor, five commissioners, judge of recorder's court, clerk of recorder's court and two Morehead City hospital trustees.

Mayor George Dill says that he plans to seek re-election. Commissioner Walter Morris said that he also plans to file for re-election. The other commissioners, Ted Garner, S. C. Holloway, Dr. Russell Outlaw, and Bud Dixon could not be reached yesterday for comment.

D. J. Hall, former town commissioner, stated that he plans to run again. "I never intended to because it was good to be free of the responsibility," he said yesterday. "But so many people have approached me, that I believe I'll run again and if elected, I'll do the best I can. If I don't get elected, there'll be no hard feelings."

O. J. Morrow, manager of Morehead City's theatres, stated that he intends to run for commissioner.

Josiah Bailey Jr., said yesterday that he has been considering filing for the office of mayor, but has not definitely made up his mind.

The election will be Tuesday, May 2. Anyone who wants to vote in the election will have to register. A complete new registration of voters in town starts next Saturday, April 8.

Anyone who does not register between April 8 and April 22 will not be permitted to vote.

JC's Campaign For Singleton

Members of Morehead City Jaycees are busy promoting Bill Singleton, former president, as head of district 12. The election will take place at the Jaycee quarterly board meeting at Morehead City in April.

If elected, Mr. Singleton will automatically be a state Jaycee vice-president.

Morehead City Jaycees are visiting other clubs in the district, drumming up votes for their candidate and urging them to come to the meeting in April.

The club will elect its own officers Monday, April 10. Speeches by candidates were made at Monday night's meeting at the Blue Ribbon restaurant.

Rebuilding of bleachers at the football field will begin soon. The club has decided to sell reserved seats, \$10 per person, this coming fall. The seat will be held for the purchaser of the privilege, regardless when he may show up to see the game.

After the meeting, the club went bowling. When the miniature golf season opens, the Jaycees switch to golf as their after meeting recreation.

Beaufort Rotarians See Oil Industry Film

A film on the oil industry was shown members of the Beaufort Rotary club at their Tuesday night meeting. Dr. David Farrier showed the film.

The club voted to have members of the Beaufort basketball team as their guests at next week's meeting.

Visitors were Jack Roberts, Fred Lewis and George McNeill, Morehead City Rotarians.

'It Isn't Raining Rain, You Know...'



News-Times Photo by McComb

"It's raining violets..." Strains of the song, April Showers, made popular by Al Jolson, run through the mind of Beverly Willis, Beaufort high school junior and FHA member, who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Willis. Tomorrow, you know, is the first day of April!

Edgar Willis Requests Jury Trial During Tuesday Court

Edgar Willis, Straits, who slashed his throat and tried to hang himself while officers were trying to reach him to question him as to the whereabouts of Agatha Ballou, requested a jury trial in county court Tuesday.

Willis has been held in jail since his release from the hospital. The body of Mrs. Ballou was found in the barnloft home of Willis. Willis's case is now bound over to Superior Court and is docketed for next week's term of court. He is charged with attempted suicide and violation of conditions of a suspended sentence.

Ralph Lewis appeared in court Tuesday to answer charges of brandishing a gun without a permit. Judgment of the court was that he serve three months on the road, suspended on the condition that he leave the county and not return for a period of five years.

A multitude of speeding violators, 27 in all, were tried. Twelve of them were ordered to pay court costs. They were Tilden Steve Lawrence, Cary Grey Temple, Frances Bell, Halsey Scott Chandler Jr., Edwin Gray Piner, Edward Cannon Buck, Pjram Russell Jr., Joel Oliver Cannon, John L. Arence Hafer, Hazel Bratcher Small, Larry Martin Stover and Minnie Piner Pittman.

Fines of \$5 and court costs were levied against seven speeders and five others paid \$10 and costs. Paying \$5 and costs were Charles

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Judge Imposes Penalties On Men Engaged in Riot

Three Cherry Point Marines and a Morehead City man were found guilty Monday in Morehead City recorder's court of taking part in a brawl at Dom's Lunch, Morehead City, the night of March 20. More than four hours of testimony were heard in the case that involved a total of seven defendants and some 17 different warrants. Charges against three of the defendants were dismissed.

According to testimony, the ruckus started when Sanford Jones, an employee of Dom's, told Pvt. William Holden, USMC, to pay his bill and leave. Holden allegedly refused and Jones slapped him. Two other Marines who were with Holden, Cpl. Claude Campos and Pvt. Frank Stucks, then came to Holden's aid and the free-for-all resulted.

Jones testified that another defendant, William Griffin, had been escorted out of Dom's by police earlier and added that Griffin returned about 10 minutes later, just after the Marines came in. He said that Griffin and Holden became involved in what was apparently an argument. That was when he told Holden to leave. Sanford said that Holden refused to go so he (Jones) went into the kitchen to call the police. He said that when he returned Holden "flew up in his face" and that was when he slapped him.

Holden, Stucks and Campos all testified that Jones was brandishing a butcher knife in one hand when he struck Holden. Jones said that he had the knife in his hand when he told Holden to leave but testified that he left it in the kitchen when he went to call the police.

Two waitresses on duty at the restaurant at the time of the incident, Patricia Gillikin and Evelyn Brown, said that Jones did not have a knife in his hand when he struck Holden.

Corporal Campos testified that he stepped between Jones and Holden when he saw Jones strike Holden. Stucks said that he saw Jones shove Campos aside and go after Holden with the knife and

plaintiffs in the suit, as well as other taxpayers of the County, possibly a substantial amount of money in taxes brought about by increased interest on the bonds proposed to be sold since the purchasers of bonds would bid at a lower rate of interest if the County were not harassed by lawsuits.

Then a lot has been said about deadlines for building the hospital, and it is true that the building only has to be under contract by April 30, 1962. However, in order to obtain the Federal funds (approximately one-half of total cost), it is necessary for the North Carolina Medical Care Commission to

be bids on the note for \$100,000 advertised for sale last Tuesday morning.)

No one would deny that the financial reputation of an individual or a private corporation is affected when that individual or the directors of the corporation are being sued, especially where the suit itself attacks the competency and integrity of the individual or the board of directors of the private corporation, and that is true of county financing, as the county is a public corporation whose Board of Commissioners constitutes its board of directors.

So the overall effect of the suit which has been filed, and there may be others, is to penalize the

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