

Incumbent, Hopefuls File



Photo by Roy Eubanks

Filing for the office of commissioner in Beaufort town hall Friday afternoon were Dr. David Farrior, incumbent; and hopefuls John G. Jones Jr., Dr. M. T. Lewis, and Warren (Tommy) Willis. Also seeking the office of commissioner are Frank H. Morning, Earl Mades, and incumbent William Roy Hamilton. Mayor W. H. Potter, running for re-election, is unopposed.

Republican Chairman Brands Food Sales Tax 'Unnecessary'

"If the food tax were necessary, we would not be opposed to it," William E. Cobb, state chairman of the Republican party, told 125 Republicans at Harkers Island school Saturday night. He was referring to Governor Sanford's proposed 3 per cent sales tax on food, drugs and other items. He said the state could get the necessary money for education if it stopped squandering it in other places. Mr. Cobb described the Republican party as "the champion of citizens' own freedoms to go about their own affairs without interference from the government." "Our party," he continued, "is for lower expenditures—and that's the only way we get lower taxes." Quoting President John Kennedy, Mr. Cobb said, "The Republican party is strong and vigorous after the 1960 elections." "We lost by only 112,000 votes," the speaker pointed out. "In the

House we elected 44 Republicans and gained 21 seats. We made a gain of 300 seats in the legislatures throughout the country. North Carolina picked up 12 Republican seats in its legislature." The party's biggest problem, in Mr. Cobb's estimation, is trying to out-promise the Democrats on a national level. But he said he felt that would cease to be a problem soon, because people are beginning to realize that promises and money-spending aren't going to solve problems. Defining the party's stand on integration, Mr. Cobb said that the Republican party will do its best to comply with the law "within the customs of this state." He said the party lost, as a whole, the Negro vote in North Carolina, because it couldn't convince the Negroes that it had done more for them than the Democrats. He mentioned that the Negro swing to the Democratic party is

just the opposite of what it was 50 years ago. Mr. Cobb said that the Republicans face a serious situation in that votes are stolen by the opposition party. "If we fail to see that an election is honest in our home precinct, then the election will be stolen!" he declared. "Problems in eastern North Carolina will not be solved by support of the Democratic party which pays no attention to those problems," the speaker observed. "The people can't get what they want unless they switch parties. The party that knows it has your vote in its pocket all the time is not going to worry about doing things for you either in Raleigh or Washington," he said. Quoting from what he termed the Democratic platform, he said the Democratic party says that North Carolina has the best educational

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100 Years Ago Tomorrow

Firing on Fort Opens Civil War

By F. C. SALISBURY

In the early dawn, April 12, 1861, a shot from a mortar at Fort Johnson on James Island, in the harbor of Charleston, S. C., arched over the water like a streaking meteor to burst directly over Fort Sumter, starting a war that went down in the history as the greatest civil strife between people of one nation—the Civil War. South Carolina had seceded from the Union on Dec. 20, 1860. Controversy was engaging the officials of the state with those in Washington over state rights and claims to the several forts in the harbor of Charleston. In the fall of 1860, Maj. Robert Anderson of the 1st US Artillery was sent to Charleston to take over and repair Fort Moultrie, a fort of ancient construction guarding the channel. Finding the fort in such a condition that repairs could not be made for lack of labor and material, he moved his garrison to Fort Sumter, a fort located on a man-made island in the center of the harbor. Fort Sumter had been under construction for several years and was yet uncompleted.

This move was made following the act of secession, during the night and early morning of Dec. 27. When Governor Pickens was awakened in the city by the morning salute coming from Fort Sumter, and learning that it came from that fort instead of Fort Moultrie, he immediately ordered a company of militia to seize the arsenal in the city, take over Fort Moultrie and Castle Pinckney, a small armed fort near the city. The military move on Castle Pinckney was armed aggression, the first overt act of war to come. It was the first Union fortress lost in the war. As the wrangle continued in Washington, Major Anderson and his garrison sat tight in Fort Sumter, refusing all demands from Governor Pickens to vacate. From the fort's parapet could be seen the work of building batteries on James and Morris Islands under the direction of officers of the state militia and from the Citadel. Cut off from supplies in Charleston, Major Anderson made an appeal to Washington for immediate relief, both in provisions and sol-

diers. His demand was met by the sending of the supply ship, the Star of the West. Not only supplies, but 200 soldiers were aboard, sent to strengthen the garrison. This fact had reached the military authorities at Charleston. As the vessel passed the Morris Island batteries, several shots were fired. Also Fort Moultrie fired a few shots without effect. This caused the steamer to change course, steaming back to sea without making a landing. Major Anderson did not return the fire although the Union flag had been fired upon. Firing on this steamer is often said to have been the first shot fired in the war. While it was the fixed purpose of the President to preserve peace, as had been amply proved by the forbearance to use force when the Star of the West was fired on, it was impossible to give assurance that no reinforcements would be sent to the relief of Major Anderson. Although the defensive position in Fort Sumter was a vast im-

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The battery, right, which fired on the Star of the West as she approached the fort, was manned by a company of cadets from the Citadel in Charleston. The several shots failed to damage the vessel. Maj. Robert Anderson, left, was a Kentuckian by birth. He was born in 1805, entered West Point at the age 15, graduating in 1825. He joined the Army with the rank of second lieutenant, serving in the Black Hawk war and at the siege of Vera Cruz. He was 56 years old at the time of battle of Fort Sumter.

Judge Throws Out Tax Levy, Defective Title Arguments in Hospital Suit

No Clear-Cut Decision Made in Friday Hearing

No clear-cut decision on whether the county gets a hospital was forthcoming from Friday morning's hearing at the courthouse, Beaufort.

Judge Albert Cowper ruled that the Beaufort citizens who brought suit had no reason to hold up hospital construction simply because the county does not levy 90 cents for debt service, nor was there basis for alleging that the proposed hospital site has a "defective title."

On those points, Claud Wheatly, attorney for the complainants, gave notice of appeal.

On two other allegations by persons who brought the suit, no decision was made.

One of these was that the county commissioners were purchasing more land than necessary for the site and the other that the land was not worth \$75,000.

Judge Cowper, with concurrence of parties involved, agreed to take testimony by affidavit from witnesses representing both sides. The affidavits are to be in the judge's hands by this Friday. It is expected that the judge will give the testimony immediate consideration.

Luther Hamilton Jr., county attorney, reminded Judge Cowper that delay could jeopardize availability of state and federal hospital funds. The judge said he understood the county's position, inferring that he would make a decision as soon as possible.

Over judge Hamilton's objections, judge Cowper permitted Mr. Wheatly to enter an amendment to the complaint made by the Beaufort group.

The amendments stated that the complainants had appeared before the county board to request that commissioners reconsider hospital matters and the commissioners did not do so; also that the Webb land on the sound is worth only about \$11,000 because it is listed on the tax books for \$5,510.

Luther Hamilton Sr., who joined his son as counsel, conceded that there was basis for the court's inquiring as to whether the Webb land north of highway 24 (hospital site) to be built on south side of highway is necessary for inclusion in purchase. "If it's not needed, there's no use in buying it," judge Hamilton remarked. (The county attorney's father is a former superior court judge and is locally referred to as "judge.")

On the defective title matter, Mr. Wheatly requested that the court order the county to see that a clear title to the land is obtained and get an appraisal of it. To this, judge Hamilton agreed.

Judge Cowper said he thought the title accusation was premature in that the county has not yet purchased the land. Mr. Wheatly disagreed.

Judge Hamilton said that he believed the county commissioners "have enough sense to request an insured title" before they closed the deal on land purchase.

Judge Cowper said he couldn't understand why the title matter

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Seven Cases Continued Last Week in Court

Continued in superior court last week were the cases of Willie Moses Langley, Eddie Lee Collins, Louis Ed and Mary Willis, James Hardesty, Robert Earl Iknier, Thomas Adolph Jones, and Willie J. Phillips.

Langley was charged with assault with a deadly weapon and his bond forfeited.

The Willis couple was arraigned on a morals charge involving under-age children. A \$1,500 deed of trust on their home, posted as bond, was ordered forfeited. It was reported that the two had left the county.

Hardesty was charged with non-support and his bond forfeited.

Iknier was charged with failing to comply with a former court order in connection with non-support. Jones was charged with driving drunk. His case continued until the June term of superior court, upon surrender of his driver's license.

Phillips was charged with speeding, resisting arrest and assault. An order was issued to bring him and Iknier before the court.

Collins, charged with non-support, was originally ordered to prison, but this was later rescinded by the judge on condition that Collins pay \$650. The case was continued until June.

In the case of John Emmerson Thomas, charged with driving drunk, Thomas pleaded not guilty. A mistrial ensued. The state decided not to prosecute on the drunk driving count and Thomas pleaded guilty to careless and reckless driving. Judgment was suspended on payment of \$25 and costs prior to the June term of court.

The state decided not to prosecute Darrell B. Hardison on the charges of abandonment and non-support.

To Appear Today

Edgar Willis, Straits, who posted \$500 bond and was released from the county jail Friday, is scheduled to appear in county court this morning on charges of violating a suspended sentence. Willis also posted \$100 bond for appearance in supreme court to answer to a charge of attempted suicide.

Democrats to Dine

Tickets on Sale Now For Dinner Thursday

Tickets are now on sale for the Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner at 7:30 Thursday night at the Biltmore hotel, Morehead City. The speaker will be H. Cloyd Philpott,

native Virginian, who is now lieutenant governor of North Carolina. Mr. Philpott will be introduced by Ronald Earl Mason, chairman of the county Young Democratic club. The topic of his address will be Opportunities and Challenges Confronting the Democratic Party in 1961.

The speaker was a member of the state House of Representatives 1953 through 1959. He was a member of the Pearsall committee on education, finance director of the Democratic party for the campaign of 1958, chairman of the commission on reorganization of state government in 1958 and was elected lieutenant governor in 1960.

Tickets are \$5 each and may be obtained from the following, according to Joe Beam, publicity chairman:

Ronald Goodwin, Cedar Island; Harry Fulcher and Joe Mason, Atlantic; Dan Hamilton, Stacy.

James Paul Lewis, Davis; Charles Harris Jr. and Fernie Willis, Marshallberg; David Yeomans, Harkers Island.

Billy Golden, Bettie; Nelson Gillikin, Waterfront Esso, Mary Lou Willis, Joyce Fulford, and Ronald Mason, Beaufort.

Roger Jones, Broad Creek; Paul Smith store, Bogue; Edgar Walston, Cedar Point; Larry Howard, Newport.

Tommy Ballou, Hill's Store, and Paul H. Geer Jr., Morehead City.

Port Chalks Up Busy, Busy Week

● Cargo Value Totals Nearly \$6 Million

● \$71,056 Generated Locally by Activity

Business was so brisk at the state port, Morehead City, for the week ending last Monday, April 3, that port officials wished they could have stacked the ships on top of each other.

The value of inbound and outbound cargoes handled for the week March 28-April 3 was \$5,809,200. The port business put into circulation a total of \$71,056 for the week.

This included payments to local businesses (tugs, pilots, agents, medical services, laundry, supplies) \$16,000; cash paid to crews in port \$6,900; cash paid out to stevedores in form of wages, supplies, gas, \$13,200; customs receipts (duties) \$18,000; funds due the state ports authority for wharfage, dockage, fumigation, etc. \$15,321.54; payroll for SPA personnel working in connection with the ships \$2,534.96.

A total of 11 ships called, representing seven nationalities, American, Chinese, Japanese, Norwegian, German, Dutch and British. Eight were dry cargo vessels and three were tankers.

The Shell tanker, Labiosa, had to lie offshore four hours waiting for a berth. Commodities handled were petroleum, asphalt, lumber, logs, nails, fencing, veneer, tobacco and grain.

A total of 176 persons were employed in port activities during the week; 4,200 manhours were spent on the ships and 2,000 manhours in the terminals.

The financial analysis does not include freight charges, truck or rail, to and from Morehead City, nor payroll and manufactured products that are port-connected and handled by Trumbull Asphalt, Fry Roofing, or other concerns.

During the week fifty railroad cars and a hundred trucks rolled in and out of the terminal. Although the week was better than average, port officials report that inbound cargo is steadily increasing, a good sign.

Other fringe benefits of the port include calls here by shippers and other businessmen who come on port business, and frequently spend several days in the area.

The above statistics were furnished by Walter Friederichs, port manager; Charles McNeill, assistant port manager, and Robert Hicks, of Heide & Co., ship's agents.

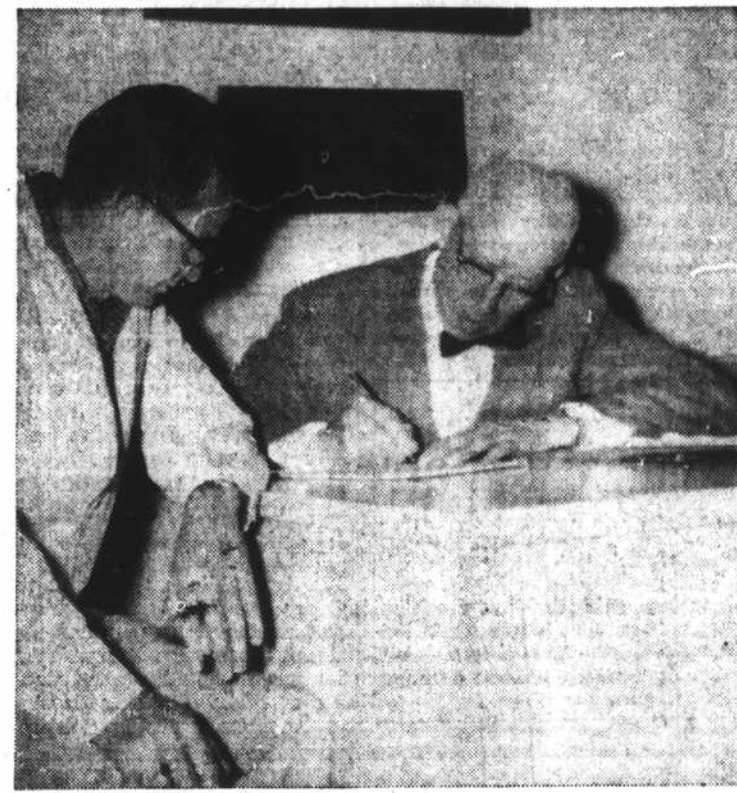
Swansboro Lions Sponsor Industry Meeting Tonight

Citizens of Swansboro and vicinity will meet at 7:30 tonight at the town hall to set up an industrial development steering committee and to make plans for a survey of this area.

With vast water, beach, and sea-food resources, it's believed that for this section has wide possibilities for growth, Swansboro Lions club members, sponsors of the meeting, report.

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People Flock to Register



E. W. Olschner, right, registers David P. Adams Jr., Saturday at Morehead City town hall, during the first day of the town's new registration period. Saturday, April 22, will be the last day.

Opportunity Pounds at Door

Would you like to fiddle with crabs?

Live Bait Transport, Inc., is looking for someone in this area to harvest fiddler crabs, known locally as "sand fiddlers." They are used in large quantities as bait for fishing in the New Haven, Conn., area.

Jerry Juliano, president of Live Bait, wrote the Morehead City chamber of commerce inquiring about the fiddler crab population in this area and the possibility of having crabs shipped from here to Connecticut. He said his company could develop an excellent market for the crabs.

Any crab-roper who would like to tackle the job is invited to contact Live Bait Transport, Inc., at 597 Middletown Ave., in New Haven.

High Winds Hit County Sunday

The wind gauge at the Atlantic Beach weather station clocked gusts up to 80 miles an hour in Sunday night's wind and rain storm. Between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. the winds blew steadily at 30 to 50 miles an hour.

Chief Bill Moore, Atlantic Beach police force, said some signs were damaged and shingles blown off roofs. According to the beach rain gauge, a total of 1.53 inches fell during the storm.

The barometer started falling at 7 a.m. Sunday, went to a low of 29.48, then started rising after 1 a.m. Monday.

Weather observer Stamey Davis, Morehead City, reported temperatures slightly below seasonal normals for the week April 3-9. Strong southwest and northwest winds dominated the weather picture.

A complete rundown of the temperature ranges and wind directions, as recorded by Mr. Davis, follows:

	High	Low	Wind
Monday	65	43	SW
Tuesday	53	43	WNW
Wednesday	66	38	SW
Thursday	72	57	WNW
Friday	67	49	NW
Saturday	60	40	NW
Sunday	64	51	SE

Firemen Called

Three hot stove fire alarms, two on Saturday night and one Wednesday night, were answered by Morehead City firemen. On Wednesday, the firemen were called to 105 N. 24th St. and on Saturday alarms were answered at Macon Court and 2207 Bridges St. No damage was reported in any of the fires.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar

HIGH	Tuesday, April 11	LOW
4:52 a.m.		11:21 a.m.
5:28 p.m.		11:46 p.m.
Wednesday, April 12		
5:51 a.m.		12:12 p.m.
6:22 p.m.		
Thursday, April 13		
6:45 a.m.		12:39 a.m.
7:11 p.m.		1:01 p.m.
Friday, April 14		
7:34 a.m.		1:30 a.m.
7:56 p.m.		1:49 p.m.

Total registration by noon yesterday in Morehead City's new listing of voters was 312. Three of the registrants were born abroad, one in Austria and two in Norway, according to E. W. Olschner, registrar.

The rush of people wanting to register was so heavy Saturday morning that Mrs. A. N. Willis was employed as assistant to Mr. Olschner so that people wouldn't have to wait in line.

To register, one must be 21 years old, have lived in North Carolina a year and in Morehead City one month. People who do not register between now and April 22 will not be permitted to vote May 2.

Wayne Willis Wins Contest

Dewey Wayne Willis, Smyrna, has been named county winner in the Civitan essay contest. Theme of the contest was ways in which persons could prepare for a more effective citizenship.

Mr. Willis and individual high score winners will be honored at an awards night dinner Wednesday, April 19, at the Blue Ribbon restaurant. Winner at Newport school was Betty F. Gould and at Morehead City school, Susan E. Dill.

The county winner will receive an expense-paid one-week trip to Wildacres, a camp in the western part of the state. His essay will also be entered in the district contest.

Willis will read the essay at the Blue Ribbon dinner, which will begin at 7 p.m. Guests will be principals and their wives, English teachers from the schools that participated in the contest, and the contest judges. The judges were Dr. A. F. Chestnut, director of the Institute of Fisheries Research; Joe Higham, staff member of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, and Miss Ruth Peeling, editor of THE NEWS-TIMES.

The contest winner was named at the Civitan meeting Friday at Mrs. Russell Willis's restaurant. A movie, released by US Steel, was shown.

Two Cars Crash At Intersection

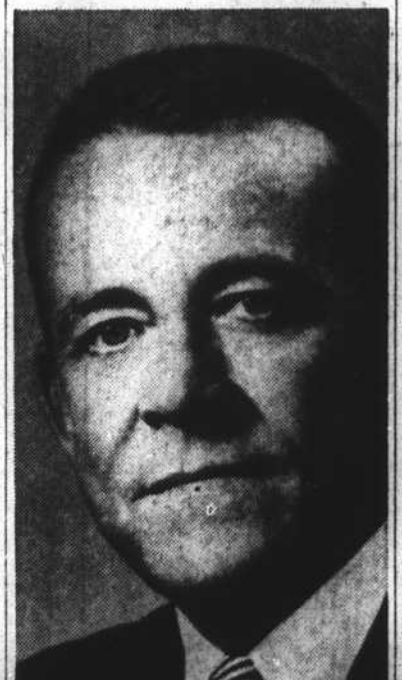
Two persons were injured slightly and a driver, Linwood E. Swinson, was charged with failing to yield the right of way in a traffic accident investigated Saturday afternoon by Morehead City police.

According to police, Swinson, of 2717 1/2 Park Dr., Morehead City, was the driver of a car that pulled onto Bridges street from 7th street and collided with a car being driven by Leary Thomas Horton, 509 N. 10th St.

Swinson told the investigating officer, Sgt. William Condie, that he had stopped for the stop sign on 7th and failed to see Horton's car which was approaching from the west.

Horton received a cut lip and Baxter Powell, Raleigh, a passenger in Swinson's car got a cut over the right eye.

Police estimated damage to Swinson's 1958 Ford at \$800 and that to Horton's 1955 Chevrolet at \$700.



Lt. Gov. H. C. Philpott ... to speak here