

CD Director Says County's In Bad Shape

● 'Preparedness' Doesn't Exist, He Says

● Bird Nest Shorts Out Alarm in Morehead

"Friday's Operation Alert in this county showed how badly we are in need of being prepared," Harry Williams, county Civil Defense director said after the close of the 20-hour alert at noon Saturday. "Things are about as bad as they can get as far as I'm concerned."

The air raid siren in Beaufort sounded as planned, but he said people three blocks away said they couldn't hear it.

The siren never sounded in Morehead City. The switch was thrown to blow it, a little noise came out, then all the wires burned up. It was discovered a bird had built a nest in the mechanism, causing everything to short out.

The damage was so extensive it was impossible to repair it in time to sound the siren between 4 and 4:30.

Although Atlantic Beach had planned to take part in the alert, Mr. Williams said that Jack Savage, beach Civil Defense director, said he couldn't get everything squared away to take part after the plans had been called off, then re-instated.

Mr. Williams on Tuesday decided not to have sirens sound because announcement of the alert had caused some people to become alarmed. THIS announcement then got other people mad. They felt a test was necessary. So Thursday, it was decided to go through with the siren tests.

That's why page 1 of Friday's NEWS-TIMES said there would be sirens and an editorial said there wouldn't be. The editorial page went to press Wednesday, before the siren tests were re-instated.

Mr. Williams said many people visited the county radio communications center in the basement of the courthouse, Beaufort. Equipment being used belonged to Mr. Williams, Bob Slaters and Tom Kincaid. An appropriation for county equipment has been requested by Mr. Williams for the coming fiscal year.

"We were in contact with Raleigh at all time," the county CD director said. Mr. Slaters and Mr. Williams manned the station Friday night, until early Saturday morning when they were relieved by Mr. Kincaid.

Mr. Williams said he did not know whether sirens sounded in Newport. He said citizens band radio operators who were also taking part in the alert couldn't make contact with Newport from Beaufort.

Opal '61 (Operation Alert) went into effect at 4 p.m. Friday and ended at noon Saturday. It was a nationwide test. All radio and tv stations were off the air for half an hour. People were advised to turn to their Conelrad frequencies, 640 and 1240.

Listed as possible target areas in this state were neighboring Onslow and Craven counties, Wayne county (sites of two Marine bases and an Air Force base), Wilmington, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Asheville and Raleigh.

Referendum Set

Beaufort's next referendum on annexation will be Tuesday, June 13. (See ad in legal section).

Let's Pretend . . .



Like all little girls, Daisy Beck, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Beck, Morehead City, likes to "dress up" like the grown-up ladies and practice being a mother. Mother's Day, you know, is May 14.

News-Times Photo by McComb

Petition Asking Referendum Put Before Beaufort Board

At a public hearing Saturday night in Beaufort town hall, members of the town board were presented a petition requesting a referendum in the town's announced plan of annexation.

The resolution for a referendum was passed but the petition is being held, subject to review. Two people whose signature appears on the list say that they had no knowledge of the petition or their signatures being on it.

Commissioners noticed Saturday night when they received the petition that in several cases signatures appeared to be signed in similar handwriting. Telephone calls were then made to some of

the petitioners to check. Mrs. Hobert Kelly and Mr. R. W. Safrit Jr., whose names appeared on the list, said that they had no knowledge of the petition and added that they had authorized no one to use the names.

Mayor W. H. (Piggie) Potter told attorney Charlie Stevens, representing the petitioners, that he was "disgusted to see something of this nature." He said that were he Stevens, he would go immediately to whomever drew up the petition and demand an explanation.

The mayor told Mr. Stevens that he didn't know who was responsible for the petition but said he felt Raymond Ball was the one behind it.

In a verbal blast against Mr. Ball, the mayor said, "If he doesn't like this community that he's attached himself to . . . and if he doesn't have enough gas in his car to transport himself back to Harlowe, I personally will buy it for him."

In all, 30 names appeared on the petition. Five of the residents listed do not live in the proposed area for annexation which, with the two unauthorized signatures, leaves 23 qualified petitioners.

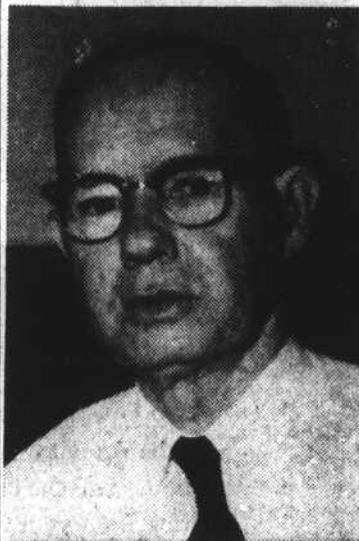
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Clerk Candidate Objects To Friday Statement

Vernon Paul, candidate for the position of clerk of court, Morehead City, said he felt the statements by John Lashley, clerk of court who has withdrawn, were not fair to him. Mr. Lashley's comments appeared in Friday's paper.

He said the statements inferred that Mrs. Mary Hughes, also seeking office of clerk of court, is the only one qualified to handle the clerk's duties.

Runs for Office



A veteran of municipal service, S. C. (Sam) Holloway is seeking re-election to Morehead City town board for his 15th consecutive term.

It isn't exactly correct to state that Mr. Holloway is "seeking" office. Modest and retiring, he says that he would rather not run, but feels he has a responsibility to offer himself for re-election, since he is well-acquainted with the town's municipal affairs and finances.

Mr. Holloway was born on a farm in Craven county near Vanceboro. His family then moved to Swansboro where he attended private school. He worked in New Bern before coming to Morehead City in 1918 and is now affiliated with the firm of Chalk and Gibbs.

By oversight, Mr. Holloway's picture was omitted from candidates' pictures which appeared Friday.

Patrolman Reports Wrecks Tuesday

Highway patrolman J. W. Sykes investigated two accidents in the county Tuesday.

At 3:30 a.m. a 1957 Chevrolet driven by Francis Fishon, Camp Lejeune, upset on the Nine-Foot road a mile from highway 24. Fishon was charged with reckless driving. Two passengers, Richard Paine and Dallas J. Terrebonne, suffered cuts.

At 8:30 p.m. a 1955 Ford driven by John A. Sewell, Morehead City, collided with a 1961 Dodge driven by A. F. Fleming, Atlantic Beach.

The patrolman said Fleming, an elderly man, came out from Fleming's restaurant and collided with Sewell's car, which was headed toward the beach. Damage to each of the cars was about \$100.

County Seeks Early Decision On Pending Hospital Case

Defendant Asks For Jury Trial In County Court

Rufus Tracy Jordan, in county court Tuesday, requested a jury trial on drunk driving charges against him. His case was transferred to the next term of superior court and judge Lambert R. Morris set Jordan's bond at \$200.

In other cases Tuesday, Edgar Willis forfeited bond on a drunk driving charge and Robert Larry Best was fined \$25 and costs for speeding.

Other defendants, their charges and the findings of the court were as follows:

Charlie C. Jones, failing to comply with a court order, dismissed.

Clarence Eugen Carson, driving with a suspended license and failing to dim lights, dismissed.

Donald Guthrie, abandonment and non-support, not prosecuted.

Noah Lawrence, having no operator's license, not prosecuted.

Raymond Marshburn, failing to yield the right of way, dismissed.

Robert C. Stokoe, careless and reckless driving, dismissed.

Herbert Koepf Baker, failing to stop for a stop sign, not prosecuted.

Eugene Maurice Wheelock, failing to comply with restriction of driver's license, not prosecuted.

Jack Murray, issuing a bad check, not prosecuted.

Starkley Mobley, taking oysters from a polluted area, bond forfeited.

Jarvis Guthrie, failing to comply with a former court order, not prosecuted.

James Earven Nolon, having improper lights, improper registration and no insurance, dismissed.

Bennie Noc, assault, not prosecuted.

William A. Norris, forgery, not prosecuted.

Charles Roderick Parkin, careless and reckless driving, not prosecuted.

Willie Stewart, public drunkenness, not prosecuted.

Richard Barrett and Lillie B. Goodwin, co-habiting, dismissed.

Robert Earl Jones, failing to comply with court order of non-support, dismissed.

John W. Frost, larceny, not prosecuted.

Herbert Walker, abandonment and non-support, not prosecuted.

Thomas and Ann Jones, neglect, abandonment and assault of their five minor children, not prosecuted.

R. K. Brooks, issuing a bad check, not prosecuted.

Willie Murray, assault with a deadly weapon, not prosecuted.

Raymond Ray Bryant, careless and reckless driving, not prosecuted.

Will Your Mother Be Mother-of-'61?

THE NEWS-TIMES, in cooperation with ten leading businesses of Morehead City is sponsoring again this year a Mother-of-the-Year contest.

The winning mother will receive ten marvelous gifts, one each from the sponsoring businesses. For information on how you can put your mother in competition for one of the year's most coveted honors and valuable prizes too, see page 4 section 2 of this paper.

Car Smashed At Intersection

Morehead City police investigated an accident Friday morning that completely demolished one car and did extensive damage to another.

The accident occurred at 20th and Bridges streets and involved cars driven by Hubert Carawon, New Bern, and Tempie Sawyer Hatcher, Bayboro.

According to police, Carawon was going east on Bridges street when his car, a 1957 Chevrolet, was hit by the Hatcher woman, going north on Bridges in a 1956 Buick. Mrs. Hatcher told police that she tried to stop as she approached Bridges street but her brakes failed.

The force of the impact turned Carawon's car completely over. Carawon received cuts and bruises and was taken to the Morehead City hospital. His car was termed a total loss by police. Damages to the Hatcher vehicle were set at \$600.

Summer Will Pop In Overnight, Are You Ready?

Spring Clean-Up time is here. In communities across the nation, civic-minded citizens are out to clean and brighten up their homes.

The National Board of Fire Underwriters suggests that Spring Clean-Up time can be given double meaning and double value by checking the home at the same time for fire hazards.

Here's one procedure you may follow: Begin in the attic. Are there piles of old newspapers, magazines, broken furniture, old clothing, and other combustible items which you no longer need?

You can take a Spring Clean-Up step and at the same time eliminate potential fire hazards by throwing out these combustibles.

The same goes for the cellar, if you have one, utility closets, carport storage areas. Remember

Motion to Go Before Supreme Court Tomorrow

The county will put a motion before the state supreme court tomorrow asking that the court hear, at its May term, the suit on appeal regarding the proposed county hospital.

Luther Hamilton Jr., county attorney, cites "general public interest" as the reason for hearing the case prior to the time it normally would be docketed.

His motion points out that starting of the suit has prevented sale of a \$100,000 anticipation note. Funds realized from the sale would have been used for purchase of land for the hospital and to pay the architect, George Watts Carr, for work requested prior to the time the suit was filed.

Even though superior court judge Albert Cowper found no basis for action and threw out the hospital suit, brought by J. O. Barbour Jr. and others of Beaufort, the fact that the hospital is in litigation prevented sale of the note.

The attorney general of the state has joined the county in requesting the supreme court to hear the appeal this month.

County commissioners were informed of the above at their meeting in the courthouse yesterday.

J. D. Potter, county auditor, said that it will be impossible to re-finance the county debt July 1 as originally planned. Refinancing had been approved in order that funds might be borrowed to meet the county's share in the cost of building the hospital.

To do the necessary advertising and carry out other phases of re-financing, the court suit would have to be concluded by May 15. It is doubtful, Mr. Potter said, if

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Ferry Starts Runs Across Pamlico Sound

With the start of operation of the Atlantic-Ocracoke ferry yesterday, the State Highway commission enters the toll ferry business for the first time.

This is the second season for the ferry. Its life looked short this past winter when the state first refused to buy it and operate it. Then the state highway commission reconsidered, acquired it from Dan Taylor and his brothers, and decided to operate it not as a free ferry, but to charge tolls.

One-way fare for a passenger car and driver is \$6.75, adult passenger \$2.75, children under 12, \$1.40. These fares include federal transportation tax and are the same as when the ferry was operated last summer by the Taylor brothers.

The ferry will operate from Atlantic until a new terminal on Cedar Island is ready. The state hopes to have this ready by mid-summer.

When the ferry uses Cedar Island, the run to and from Ocracoke will be reduced to 2½ hours one way. At present, the run requires four hours.

The ferry will leave Atlantic daily at 8 a.m., arrive at Ocracoke at 11:45 a.m. She will leave Ocracoke at 2 and arrive at Atlantic at 5:45. The ferry is named the Sea Level, after the native Carteret community of the Taylor brothers.

Further information on the ferry is available at the chamber of commerce office, Hotel Fort Macon, Morehead City, at D. Mason's store, Atlantic, the Sea Level Inn and most lodging places and restaurants in this area.

Polls to Open At 6:30 Today

Polls in the town elections will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. today.

Voters are reminded to mark their ballots carefully. Read instructions on the ballot before voting.

If you write in the name of a person for office, the block in front of the name must also be checked. Just writing in the name is not enough.

If a write-in candidate gets a majority of the votes, he is the winning candidate and legally is entitled to hold the position to which he is elected.

Those successful in the Morehead City election today will meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow at the city hall to be sworn in. Beaufort's new officials will take the oath of office next Monday night at 7:30 at the town hall.

No information was available on the swearing in of Newport officials.

Lightning Hits

Beaufort firemen report that lightning struck an electric motor in back of the Wade Bros. fish house during Friday night's thunderstorms. There was no damage to the building although the motor was destroyed.

Radio Operators on the Job



County Civil Defense radio operators joined thousands of other CD radio stations Friday in a nationwide test alert. Shown in the county radio communications room in the courthouse, Beaufort, are Johnny Threwer, Tom Kincaid, and Joe Garner (seated), all of Newport and Neal Willis, standing, Beaufort.

Chamber President Thanks 'Battleship' Chairman

S. A. Chalk Jr., president of the greater Morehead City chamber of commerce, has commended W. H. Potter, Beaufort, chairman of the chamber committee on the USS battleship North Carolina.

Mr. Potter headed a chamber committee which sought to have the battleship located in this county. The site committee has recommended that the ship be placed at Wilmington.

Mr. Chalk, in a letter to Mr. Potter, said in part, "The Greater Morehead City Chamber of Commerce has been working for two years on this project and former president Mr. Rufus E. Butler and the general manager Mr. Joe DuBois along with others had done work on this."

"No formal hearings had been held on the question of location and realizing it was important to have advantages of this area presented properly I nominated you as chairman of the committee to the board of directors of the Greater Morehead City Chamber of Commerce

without prior consultation with you and your appointment was unanimously approved.

"You went to work immediately and at great trouble and expense proceeded with Mayor George W. Dill, Mr. Rufus E. Butler, and others to prepare proposals, and did submit them to the commission. You made trips to Wilmington and Raleigh in behalf of this, along with the others named and our Senator and Representative.

There was nothing left undone that should have been done.

"You have done an excellent job and I thank you."

Realtors Honor W. B. Chalk

W. B. Chalk, Morehead City, has been honored by the Morehead City-Beaufort board of Realtors as Realtor-of-the-Year. Garland Scruggs, past president of the board, presented a plaque to Mr. Chalk at a recent luncheon meeting at the Rex restaurant.

Speaker at the meeting was Joseph F. Schneider, secretary-treasurer of the state real estate licensing board. Mr. Schneider spoke on Rules and Regulations of Real Estate.

He dealt with the obtaining of salesman and broker licenses, laws governing real estate salesmen and brokers, and distributed exams on salesmen and broker licenses.

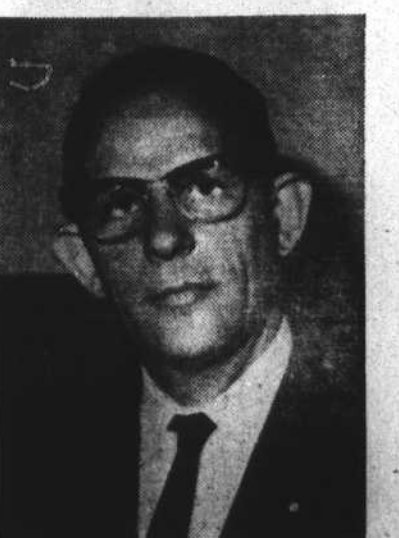
At the conclusion of the talk, he answered questions from his listeners. Gifts of appreciation to him and Kenneth R. Smith, chairman of the state licensing board, were presented. The gifts were shirts do-

nated by Carteret Industries, Newport.

Mayor George Dill, Morehead City, greeted the group. Gordon C. Willis, president, presided; the invocation was given by Bill Corey. Minutes were read by Mrs. George McNeill, secretary.

The table was centered with talisman roses. Each woman present was given a corsage of talisman roses and lilies of the valley, donated by Mrs. Gordon C. Willis.

Present, in addition to those mentioned, were Charles L. Stanley, Joe Beam, Mrs. Joyce Harmon, W. R. Wrightenberry, Jerry J. Willis, Mrs. Gordon Willis. Mrs. Bill McDonald, George McNeill, J. P. Harris Jr., Miller W. Harrell, Mrs. Audrey Nance, Louis C. Forrest.



W. B. Chalk . . . given plaque