

Town Board Clears Way To Get Armory

Morehead City town commissioners passed a resolution Thursday night to pay on demand \$16,875 as the town's share for meeting cost of a National Guard armory. The board met in regular session at the Morehead City municipal building.

The remainder of the cost is to come from federal funds. National Guard authorities in the state have been notified that the town is ready to meet its share of the expense. Funds have been authorized but not yet appropriated by Congress.

Referred to the town attorney, George McNeill, was a recommendation that Carolina Queen signs and Anchorage Lodge signs in the vicinity of 28th and Evans streets be removed because they violate the zoning ordinance.

Commissioner D. J. Hall said that one of the signs also obstructs motorists' vision of traffic leaving the beach bridge. The board agreed that the signs should be moved.

Bids on new police cars were opened, but all were rejected when it was learned that the bidders probably misunderstood the specifications.

Police commissioner Dom Femia was authorized to draw new specifications and request new bids.

A letter was read from David Willis, hospital administrator, requesting that town policemen, off duty, be permitted to collect unpaid hospital bills. The board took no action, feeling that the proposition is one that the hospital board must take up with the individual policemen as a private matter between the officer and the hospital officials.

John Lashley, retiring town clerk, suggested that a new rate on sewer fees be set July 1. The town attorney and the mayor were authorized to call on water company officials and request setting of a new rate. (The water company bills homeowners for sewage service provided by the town).

Seven oil companies were asked for bids on fuel oil and gasoline. They are Gulf, Sinclair, Carolina Oil, Texas Co., Shell Oil, Stevens-Willis Oil Co. and Van Horn Oil and Distributing Co.

Commissioner Hall said the town is littered with trash and needs cleaning up. The board decided to tighten enforcement of garbage ordinances. Attorney McNeill suggested that the town have a "sanitary inspector."

A letter was read from a person seeking the position as town supervisor, but no action was taken.

It was agreed that John Lashley, city clerk, shall be retained for several days after the town supervisor is employed to acquaint the new man with the city clerk's duties.

Request for a street light was referred to street commissioner Bud Dixon, who was absent. Mr. Dixon was member of a jury hearing a capital case.

Contract for the 1960-61 audit was awarded to A. M. Pullen and Co., New Bern. D. C. Fillmore, a representative of the company, appeared before the board, as was requested in a recent letter from the board to the firm.

State Requests Bids For Repairing Damage

Bids for repairing erosion damage at Fort Macon state park have been requested by the State Department of Conservation and Development. Details appear in a legal advertisement in today's paper.

Bids are requested for construction of a sea wall, grain repair, roadway repair, and sand fence.

The bids will be opened at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 6 at the education building, Raleigh.

Seven County Girls to Seek Beauty Title in Pageant Saturday Night

Dr. William Fahy Speaks to Lions

Dr. William Fahy, biologist with the Institute of Fisheries Research, was the guest speaker at the Thursday night Lions Club meeting at the Morehead City Lions club. Dr. Fahy talked on sea life.

In club business, Tuesday, June 27, was announced as the date for this year's installation banquet for new officers of the organization. The banquet will be held at the Morehead City Country club. Members of the Havelock and Beaufort Lions clubs will also attend.

Jim Crowe reported to the club on the recent state convention. The Morehead City club was awarded two trophies at the convention for their work with the blind.

They received a trophy for sponsoring the most club activities in blind work and another for raising the most money per member during the White Cane drive.

Elmo Lawrence Starts Life Term for Willis Murder

Pageant Contestants



Carolyn Phelps



Ada Murdoch



Doris Phillips



Emma Lou Parrish



Ann Davis



Catherine Lohr



Marguerite Edwards

Two Cars Collide In Morehead City

Margaret Graham Chadwick, route 2 Newport, and Virginia Rene Kemp, 2912 Evans St., Morehead City, were drivers of cars involved in a traffic accident investigated Friday by the Morehead City police department.

According to police reports, Miss Kemp was pulling away from a parked position on Arendell street near 11th and struck Mrs. Chadwick's car in the right front door. Mrs. Chadwick was traveling west on Arendell.

Police estimated damage to Miss Kemp's car, a 1961 Rambler, at \$35 and that to Mrs. Chadwick's 1958 Ford at \$100. No charges were filed.

Verdict Reached in Short Time; Parole Possible

Elmo Lawrence Jr., 25, Otway, was taken to the state prison in Raleigh yesterday to begin serving the life sentence imposed on him Friday night at three minutes to nine when he was judged guilty of murder in the first degree.

Lawrence was found guilty of the shotgun slaying Dec. 18 of his stepfather, William (Billy) Finley Willis at the family home in Otway.

A sentence of life imprisonment in North Carolina carries a minimum sentence of 40 years with parole possible in 10 years. It is required that the defendant serve one-fourth of the minimum sentence.

In their arguments to the jury, both the defense counsel, Harvey Hamilton Jr., and solicitor Robert D. Rouse agreed that "the truth was not out."

Quite composed throughout the one-and-a-half-day trial, Lawrence wore a long-sleeved white shirt open at the collar, light brown slacks and black shoes.

At times he appeared pale, but he never showed obvious signs of emotion.

Only when the verdict was being read Friday night and he was

standing with raised right hand, upon order of the judge, did he appear nervous and fearful.

Sheriff Hugh Salter was the first person to take the stand Thursday afternoon at 2:15 as the trial began. He testified he was called at 3:15 a.m. Dec. 18 by Lawrence who said he had "accidentally shot Bill (William Finley Willis)."

Sheriff Salter said, "I asked if he had called a doctor. He said he hadn't. He didn't know if the man was dead."

"He told me where he lived," I called deputy sheriff Bruce Edwards. We got there at approximately 4:30 a.m.

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Longshoremen Will Work Foreign Ships



Leroy Guthrie... sells idea, books

Leroy Guthrie, Morehead City, head of the local longshoremen's union, said yesterday that longshoremen here would load and unload ships of foreign flag vessels, as long as the seamen's unions did not set up picket lines.

A strike, which has tied up movement of American flag vessels on the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf coasts, started at midnight Thursday. By yesterday no agreement had been reached in the contract dispute between the men who run the ships and the ships' owners.

In New York, the International Longshoremen's union and the teamsters' union, which covers men who move cargoes off and on the docks, were not loading or unloading American flag vessels.

Mr. Guthrie said that he was informed by telegram from the ILLA that local longshoremen could work ships as long as they crossed no picket line. If a picket line were established, it would be by the striking American seamen's unions. No such union exists in this locality.

Contrary to reports released by the State Ports Authority, that the strike is "not affecting" Morehead City state port, the Santa Catalina, Grace Line (American) ship, scheduled to dock here Friday, did not go so, for fear of being delayed indefinitely at dockside.

The ship was scheduled to take on a cargo of dry milk. She proceeded directly to South America without calling at Morehead City.

A Morehead City shipping agent said yesterday, "Morehead City lost that day the pay longshoremen would have gotten, and other economic benefits that would have accrued to the state and to us locally."

He said that a paper cargo, scheduled to leave Morehead City over the weekend, was lost also because of the forced delay due to the strike. It will now move out of another port when the strike is settled.

Vessels scheduled to come in this week, that as of yesterday would be loaded or unloaded as usual, are the Patella, Oakville, Esso Chaitanooga and the Heidelberg.

The strike has not affected movement of cargo to and from state ports by land. These are shipments that are either bound for storage in port warehouses or are leaving the warehouses for delivery inland. The strike is affecting 85,000 seamen, seven unions and almost a thousand ships.

B&PW Club Sells Seafood Cookbooks at Convention

By WADE LUCAS

A longfelt desire to do something to boost the principal industry in her home area motivated Miss Alida Willis and three of her Morehead City neighbors to operate a flourishing business at Durham during the annual convention of the State Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs over the weekend.

Miss Willis, who recently underwent a serious throat operation and can barely talk above a whisper, had an idea several weeks ago that she and other members of the Carteret County Business and Professional Women's club could give a boost to the seafood industry at the Durham convention of the State BFWCs.

She contacted the Department of Conservation and Development in Raleigh and wanted to know if the Carteret BFWC could sell a new seafood cookbook, "Seafood Cookery in North Carolina" that the department and the agricultural extension service at State College published some months ago.

The C&D Department told Miss Willis that she could take as many copies of the seafood cookbook to Durham, on a consignment basis, that she wanted.

She stopped by the C&D Department Friday and picked up 500 copies of the booklet, which sell for 25 cents per copy and which is sent postpaid for that price through the department's public information office.

With Mrs. Clem Johnson, Mrs. M. M. Ayscue and Mrs. Frank Sample, other delegates to the convention from Morehead City, Miss Willis set up an attractive booth in the Jack Tar Hotel, Durham, and went into business.

And business was good. Some 400 women attending the convention bought the books like proverbial hot cakes.

Appraised at its April meeting in Sanford of Miss Willis's desire to

Four Youths Hurt in Crash

Four Otway youths were injured at 5:30 p.m. Friday on highway 70, near the junction with the Harkers Island road, when their car hit a utility pole, broke that and then went into a tree.

Driving the car, according to patrolman W. E. Pickard, was Malcolm Lawrence, 30. With him were Sammy, 23; Billy, 19, and Lundy Gillikin, 30.

Lawrence suffered head injuries, bruises and cuts. All four were still in Morehead City hospital yesterday morning.

Lawrence was driving a 1956 Oldsmobile. It was headed west and failed to make a curve. The driver lost control. The Olds went off the right side, careened to the left and after hitting the pole and tree ended up on its wheels. The patrolman said it was demolished.

headed for the hospital, one point raised by the complainants. He stated that there will have to be a hearing as to the facts in the case and not merely as to what the complainants claim are facts. This hearing would probably be before the resident superior court judge of this district.

He believes the court lent no weight to complainants' arguments as to distance, location of the site or alleged "noise" of boats passing up and down the inland waterway by the site.

Johnnie E. Waters Given 10 Years for Manslaughter

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The suspended sentence, with which he failed to comply involved staying out of the county, otherwise he would be required to serve time.

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Emerald Isle Ferry Will Not Run This Season

Highway Chairman Writes Chamber
Higher Bridge Matter To be Considered

Merrill Evans, chairman of the State Highway commission, has written J. A. DuBois, manager of the chamber of commerce, relative to the Emerald Isle ferry and erection of higher bridges over navigable streams.

The letters are in reply to information given Mr. Evans on action taken by the transportation committee of the chamber at a recent meeting.

The committee asked that ferry service start immediately between Emerald Isle and the Carteret mainland. It also asked that in the future, bridges over small streams or inlets in the county have a minimum clearance of 12 feet above the high water mark.

Relative to the ferry, Mr. Evans said, "This matter of an Emerald Isle ferry has been before us constantly for the past several weeks."

"We reached the decision some weeks ago that time would not permit us to get a ferry operation under way this summer."

"My personal opinion is that this will be one of the first ferry operations the new Highway Commission will have to read a decision on."

The other letter, regarding higher bridges over small streams, said that the matter has been turned over to the planning department.

The chamber transportation committee points out that higher bridges would permit small pleasure craft to use the streams, bays and inlets now barred to them because of bridges.

A one-week term of civil court began yesterday in Beaufort. Divorce cases were heard yesterday.

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from a county or a state.

Cases continued were Henry Bell, charged with non-support; Herman Montford, speeding; Billy Gillikin, giving a worthless check; James Carroll, being drunk and disorderly; Willie Robinson, public drunkenness, Curtis T. Guthrie, no license and making an improper turn.

Dora Mann, charged with forgery; Walter D. Moeller, charged with careless and reckless driving; Wesley Civils, giving worthless checks; James L. Graham, driving drunk; Rufus T. Jordan, driving drunk; Everett Merrill, assault.

Cases against James Hardisty and Robert E. Ikner, charged with failure to comply with a former court order, were continued.

Willie J. Phillips, charged with speeding and resisting an officer, entered a plea of speeding in excess of 55 mph, which was accepted. Judgment was suspended upon payment of \$20 and court costs.

Charged with violating shrinking laws were Jasper Dail, Elbert Mann and Dewitt Salter. The state decided not to prosecute them at present.

Remanded to recorder's court were the cases of Horace Baker, charged with false pretense and E. M. Taylor, charged with driving without a license. Lawrence Rowe pleaded guilty to public drunkenness.

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Group Requests Cleaner County

A Keep Carteret Beautiful committee met Thursday afternoon at the Hotel Fort Macon with chairman Joe Beam, Morehead City. The committee has been organized by the Greater Morehead City chamber of commerce.

The group discussed ways of cleaning up the littered county and keeping clean the highways, byways, streets, alleys and water-ways.

The committee made no specific plans other than to appeal publicly for cleanliness. The committee plans to observe residents' reaction and will later decide whether any further steps should be taken.

Mr. Beam said, "We urge you to participate in this campaign and let's make and keep Carteret beautiful."

Members of the committee are Mrs. James Webb, Mrs. Gus Davis, Mrs. James Morrill, Miller Harrell, Morehead City; M. G. Coyle, Atlantic Beach; Larry Howard, Newport, Mrs. Gaston Smith, Atlantic, and Jack Barnes, Beaufort.

Veterans of World War I To Convene Here in 1962

Veterans of World War I will hold their convention in Morehead City in June 1962, announces P. R. Dietzel, who has returned from the 1961 convention in Raleigh.

Mr. Dietzel estimated that over 800 people will attend next year's convention. Also attending the convention in Raleigh were Mrs. Dietzel and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Mann.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar

| HIGH | Tuesday, June 20 | LOW |
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| 12:38 a.m. | 7:12 a.m. | |
| 1:33 p.m. | 7:40 p.m. | |
| Wednesday, June 21 | | |
| 1:18 a.m. | 8:11 a.m. | |
| 2:16 p.m. | 8:52 p.m. | |
| Thursday, June 22 | | |
| 2:04 a.m. | 9:06 a.m. | |
| 3:03 p.m. | 9:50 p.m. | |

W. H. Potter Jr. Will Represent District

William H. Potter Jr., Beaufort, has been named official delegate of the New Bern Methodist district to a conference at Lake Junaluska.

The conference is on youth and missions and will be held July 21-27. William, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Potter, is a member of Ann Street Methodist church.

The state supreme court Friday reversed a lower court decision which upheld the county in its efforts to build a county hospital. The decision came 24 days after the court heard the arguments.

Luther Hamilton Jr., county attorney, said yesterday, "This doesn't mean we can't build a hospital." He said that before he could go into the supreme court's decision in detail, he would have to analyze the decision.

The decision must also be placed on file in this county which may

not happen for a week or more, Mr. Hamilton commented.

The suit regarding the hospital was brought by J. O. Barbour Jr. and others of Beaufort, against the county commissioners. The county had proceeded with plans to build a hospital after a vote in November by county residents authorized borrowing funds for construction.

Mr. Hamilton stated that the case, argued before the supreme court in May, was heard particularly on what the Beaufort complainants alleged as being fact, not

on what the facts are. He said the supreme court did not base its decision on the merits of the case, "because the case has no merits."

Mr. Hamilton said that in his opinion the court based its decision on the question of refinancing the present county debt before issuing hospital bonds, but he emphasized that he could not state this definitely since he has yet to read the court's decision.

In his opinion the supreme court may have partially based its decision on the value of the land pro-

Supreme Court Reverses Hospital Decision