

# Newport Area Fights Annexation

## 'Zero Hour' for Town Attack Set: 3 P.M. Saturday, Aug. 5

### Merchants Ask For Hearing

- Hearing Would Precede Changes
- Action Follows New 'Blue Law'

A letter from the Morehead City Merchants association will be sent to county commissioners requesting that the commissioners give notice of a public hearing before considering any exemptions to the new North Carolina "blue law."

The new blue law prohibits certain business activities on Sunday including the sale of clothing, furniture, etc. and articles necessary for making repairs and performing services.

But, the law provides that the county may exempt all or any portion of the unincorporated area of the county from the provisions of the law, and the governing body of a city or town may do likewise.

The merchants' association members, meeting Tuesday at Captain Bill's Restaurant, asked secretary Joe DuBois to send the letter.

Members heard a report from Thurlow Wheaton of the Christmas lighting committee.

Mr. Wheaton said the outlook was dim for Christmas lights. He said the campaign for funds for the lights had reached its half-way mark with only \$210 in cash and pledges received, and \$990 to go.

Mr. Wheaton said that actually the committee had received only \$60 in cash of the total \$1,200 needed. "And," he said, "we still owe \$75 from last year."

Mr. Wheaton said the committee has set Labor Day as the deadline for the project and if the money is not pledged by that time the Merchants association will abandon plans for Christmas lights.

### Law Officers Meet at Hotel

Two hundred law enforcement officers and their wives attended the banquet last night ending the two-day meeting of the North Carolina Sheriffs association at the Biltmore hotel, Morehead City.

The guest speaker was Hector MacLean, Lumberton, member of the North Carolina Senate.

Donald E. Roney, of the FBI, Charlotte, spoke to the officers Wednesday afternoon. He said the nation is living "in the greatest era of lawlessness in history."

He remarked that there are 89,000 fugitives from justice at large in the country.

Deterioration of morals and public apathy were blamed by Roney for the great increase in lawbreaking. He told sheriffs they could do much to reduce apathy by constantly informing the public of the seriousness of the crime problem.

Moses Howard, chairman of the Carteret board of commissioners, greeted the sheriffs at the opening session Wednesday morning. Presiding at the meeting was Haywood Allen, Shelby, sheriff of Cleveland county.

### Firemen Put Out Floor Furnace Fire Tuesday

The Beaufort fire department answered a call at 118 Moore St. Tuesday morning at 4:05 to put out an overheated floor furnace in the dwelling of Albar Richey.

Mrs. Richey reported that the furnace came on automatically when the temperature dropped below the point the thermostat was set. The heat ignited a rug which had been put over the furnace grate and burned the rug, a rubber mat beneath it and the floor around the grate.

The rubber mat produced much smoke and the entire furnace was ruined, according to Mrs. Richey. Damage was relatively slight, in view of what could have happened if the smoke had not awakened the family, she said. The fire was out in about 35 minutes.

Mrs. Carl Chadwick Sr., Beaufort, fell at her home early Wednesday morning, hurting her head. She was taken to Morehead City hospital in the Brooks-Mason ambulance.

Re-enactment of the Spanish pirates' invasion of Beaufort—a grander scale than last year—will begin at 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, on the Beaufort waterfront.

Tours of historic points about the town will be operated from 9 a.m. to 3. The day will be capped with a clambake catered by Elmer Willis, the Down East Clam King, and Dance of the Pirates.

Clambake hours will be from 6 p.m. to 7:30 on the waterfront between Queen and Pollock streets. A band will play for the dance from 8 p.m. until midnight.

Tickets for the clambake and dance will be \$2.50 per person and will be on sale soon at stores in Beaufort and Morehead City, according to Mrs. William R. Hamilton, president of the Beaufort Historical association, which is sponsoring the day's events.

There will be no charge to see the invasion. Tours will be 50 cents per person for persons over 12. There will be tours of Ann Street cemetery. Tours of other landmarks will be by private automobile with a guide in charge. (None of Beaufort's historic homes will be open to the public this year.)

The day's events will be a link with Beaufort's tremendously successful 251st anniversary celebration last July when the invasion show was first staged. To stage the celebration was the prime reason for organization of the historical association.

In a special statement released Wednesday, Mrs. Hamilton said: "A word about Beaufort Historical association. No one can ignore a 251st celebration for few towns can claim heir to such a long and enduring link with the beginning of our new country in the early 1700's."

"Out of this proud opportunity this organization was born. We feel that our town did a first in celebrations as we, the board of directors, had the full cooperation of every citizen in our town and all in the surrounding areas."

"With a budget of \$10,000, the people put on a \$25,000 celebration with everything paid and \$454 left in the treasury at the end of the year. This is a tribute to our people of Beaufort and shows that we are a proud people who will go all the way."

"The organization, boosted by this wonderful spirit, held together throughout the year and till now, to explore the possibilities of the unusually quiet town and to insure the future citizens of Beaufort that its treasure of antiquity would still be theirs centuries from now."

"When you have something to be proud of, such as ours, you want the world to share it. Because of this, it has to be promoted. This program was planned with this in mind. This organization wants to grow in membership."

"It wishes to appeal to those people who have fresh ideas, love of history and the wish to share what we have with others. This is a tourist area and Beaufort has something to share with tourists. Our future planning includes opening of the Old Jail, the oldest in the state, probable restoration of an old farm village, acquiring properties, historic signs and incorporating any and all of the ideas of our new membership."

"This is the basic function of this organization. All who love this romantic history will want to be a part of it."

### Bud Dixon Leaves Morehead Board

Edward (Bud) Dixon yesterday submitted to mayor George W. Dill his resignation as town commissioner.

Mr. Dixon said that he has been advised by the town attorney, George McNeill, that he could not serve as town commissioner and also hold the office of chairman of the board of trustees of the Carteret Memorial hospital.

The resignation became effective yesterday. Mr. Dixon said that he has appreciated the opportunity to serve the town as commissioner. He was re-elected to his second term as commissioner in May.

### C. Z. Chappell Named to Board

C. Z. Chappell, Beaufort, has been named to the county board of commissioners, succeeding Harrell Taylor, Sea Level, who resigned July 3 to take the job of county building inspector.

Mr. Chappell is a former county commissioner and at present is serving as chairman of the county board of elections.

His appointment to the board was announced yesterday by A. H. James, clerk of superior court, who is empowered by law to fill vacancies as they occur. Mr. James will swear in Mr. Chappell at a special meeting of the county board Monday morning at the courthouse.

At that time, the board will also draw names of jurors for the August term of superior court.

It is not known at present who will be recommended to the state elections chairman as chairman of the county board of elections.

### Car Overturns At Davis Saturday

A 1953 Oldsmobile driven by Robert Hunnings, Stacy, upset at 5:20 p.m. Saturday in a downpour at Davis.

Both Hunnings and a passenger, Robert W. Styron, Stacy, were unhurt. The accident happened in front of the Elihue Davis home.

According to patrolman J. W. Sykes, who investigated, the car hit a puddle of water, skidded to the left and turned over, bottom up, in a ditch. The car was termed beyond repair.

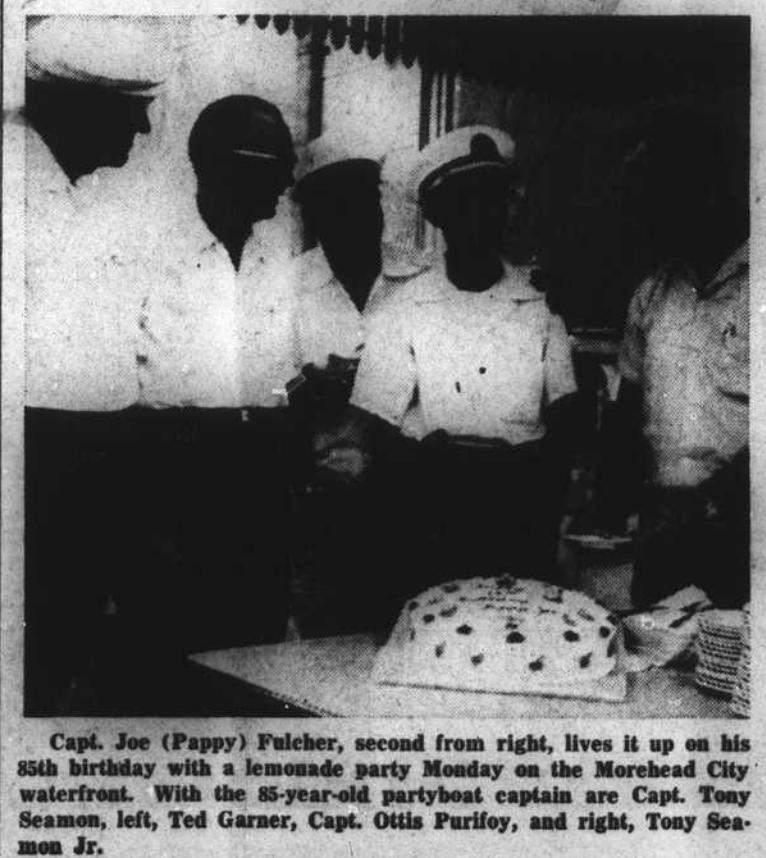
Hunnings has been charged with driving too fast for road conditions.

### Cape Lookout Coast Guard Tows Outboard

The Coast Guard 30-footer from Cape Lookout, going through Barden's inlet, Tuesday morning, spotted an outboard motor boat with engine failure in the inlet.

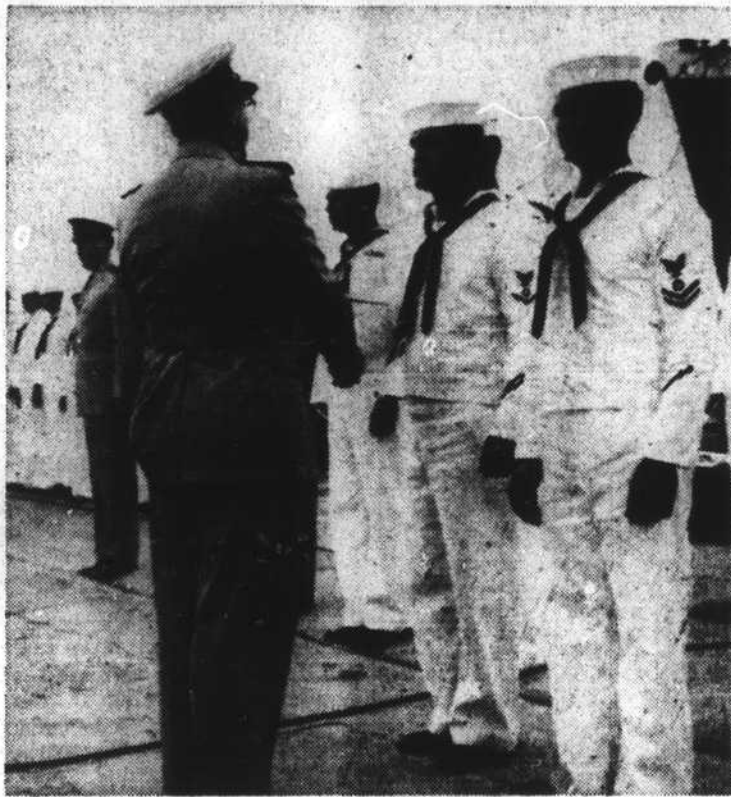
The 30-footer took the outboard in tow and moored it at Lill's marina, Harkers Island, at 7:10 a.m. It is not known who owned the boat. Making the assist were Robert W. Hancock, BM2, and Ted H. Conway, FN.

### 85 and Going Strong



Capt. Joe (Pappy) Fulcher, second from right, lives it up on his 85th birthday with a lemonade party Monday on the Morehead City waterfront. With the 85-year-old partyboat captain are Capt. Tony Seamon, left, Ted Garner, Capt. Otis Purifoy, and right, Tony Seamon Jr.

### Coast Guardsmen Honored



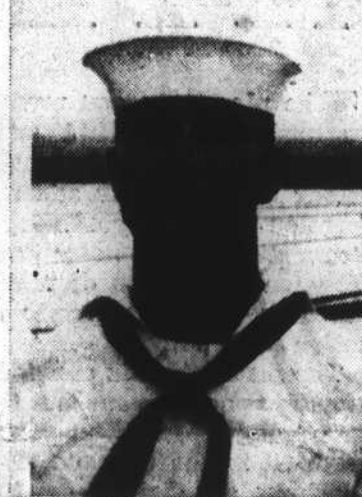
Radm. Henry Jacob Wuensch, commandant of the Fifth Coast Guard district, congratulates Ronald Savage, Wilmington, for heroic action. At right is Sanford White, Beaufort, who received the Coast Guard medal.



Sanford White ... averted fire

For averting a serious fire in the engine room of the Coast Guard cutter Chilula Dec. 29, 1960, Sanford White, Beaufort, received the Coast Guard medal in ceremonies Wednesday aboard the Chilula.

Ronald Savage, Coast Guardsmen from Wilmington, received a letter of commendation for helping White from the engine room. Both suffered burns.



Ronald Savage ... aided White

After the ceremony Wednesday, White said of Savage and his assistance in the engine room, "I was glad to see him when he got down there!"

Savage commented that White is deserving of the honor bestowed upon him. The Chilula was in danger of serious damage when a cylinder exploded. The cutter was under way at the time.

### Resident of Hancock Park Inquires About Annexation

George Herbert, representing people on the sewerage system in Hancock Park, appeared before the Beaufort town board Monday night to discover what action if any had been taken towards annexation of Hancock Park.

He was informed by C. R. Wheatly Jr., town attorney, that no action had been taken nor could it be taken since an appeal made in the name of the people of Hancock Park had been filed in court by attorney Gene Smith.

He stated that as long as the case is in litigation, the town's hands are tied.

Mr. Herbert said, "A lot of dreamed-up laws are being scattered around, and we're concerned." He added that Hancock Park was ready for annexation if Beaufort is interested.

He stated he was under the impression that the appeal was made solely in the name of the people living on Belle Air street.

Mr. Herbert produced a petition which he said was signed by Hancock Park residents stating they wanted to come in town. He said this petition was signed after some of the residents had signed a petition favoring court action to block annexation.

Mr. Wheatly said that the town could not act on the petition seeking annexation unless the lawsuit, now in progress, is cleared up.

Commissioner David Farrior asked that a committee be appointed to meet with the rescue squad.

Mayor Potter appointed commissioners William Roy Hamilton, Farrior and town clerk, Ronald Earl Mason to the committee.

The board hired Mrs. Hazel J. McCarthy as town hall secretary for a thirty-day trial period, at \$45 a week, to fill the vacancy created by Mrs. George Cottingham. Mrs. McCarthy began work Tuesday.

Mack Wade, former Beaufort police officer on a leave of absence because of his health, was assigned to work with the street department.

The board agreed to invite Governor Sanford for the Beaufort Historical association's re-enactment of the Spanish invasion Aug. 5. They also decided to have

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#### Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar

HIGH	Friday, July 14	LOW
9:27 a.m.		3:24 a.m.
9:30 p.m.		3:26 p.m.
	Saturday, July 15	
10:09 a.m.		4:01 a.m.
10:06 p.m.		4:02 p.m.
	Sunday, July 16	
10:51 a.m.		4:34 a.m.
10:42 p.m.		4:34 p.m.
	Monday, July 17	
11:31 a.m.		5:05 a.m.
11:16 p.m.		5:04 p.m.

### Group Asks Judge to Look Over Town's Proposals

Residents in the area proposed for annexation by the town of Newport have filed with the clerk of superior court, A. H. James, a petition asking the presiding judge to review the town's procedure in relation to the proposal.

The petition was filed Thursday by their attorney, Frank Wooten of Greenville.

The petitioners claim that the town hasn't sufficient funds to provide the area with the same police protection, fire protection, garbage collection and street maintenance as they do the town.

### Newport Says OK On Bond Issues

Newport voters approved two bond issues in a special bond election Tuesday. \$20,000 in bonds to build a town hall and fire house and \$15,000 to extend water lines to an area proposed for annexation.

A total of 333 were registered and 128 voted, not quite half.

On the town hall question 109 voted for and 19 against. The water line question received 108 votes for and 20 against.

Mayor Leon Mann Jr., asked to comment on the outcome, said, "We're elated! I appreciate the fine cooperation of the commissioners, firemen, other helpers and especially the voters in carrying on this election."

### Mother, Son Hurt in Crash

Mrs. Thomas Lilly and son, Glenn, 11, of Durham, were admitted to Morehead City hospital Wednesday following an accident at 4:45 p.m. at the Coral Bay club on the Salter Path road.

Mrs. Lilly and her son were in a 1954 Chevrolet station wagon driven by Mr. Lilly.

According to patrolman W. E. Pickard, a 1960 Corvette, driven by John C. Gaskill, Beaufort, went out of control on the curve, skidded to the left and hit the Lilly car. The Lillys were headed east and Gaskill west.

The impact turned the Chevrolet station wagon over. Gaskill, who was not injured, has been charged with driving drunk. Damage to his car was estimated at \$700. The station wagon is not worth repairing, according to the patrolman.

The Lillys were taken to the Morehead City hospital in the Dill ambulance. The boy suffered a concussion. Both were reported to be recovering satisfactorily yesterday.

Gaskill was driver of a Corvette which was demolished May 21 on the Merrimon road. Injured in the accident were Jackie Simpson, Beaufort, and Andrew Reels, Merrimon. Gaskill was not hurt.

### Chamber Board Acts on Surplus Food Matter

Directors of the Greater Morehead City chamber of commerce have requested that surplus commodities, if distributed in this county, be given only to those who would be eligible for other benefits through the welfare department.

A letter was sent Wednesday to Mrs. C. G. Holland, chairman of the welfare board, informing her of the directors' action.

The board felt that some restriction should be imposed to "avoid a massive expansion of welfare costs."

Directors met Monday night because there was no quorum on their regular meeting night, July 3.

They authorized employment of a part time membership representative who would contact potential members and call on those whose 1961 dues have not been paid. Still to be collected in 1961 dues is \$13,000.

Dues collected from Jan. 1 to July 1 total \$13,902, according to Bill Davies, chairman of the chamber finance committee. George Vickroy, chairman of the advertising committee, reported that the area has had wide coverage this year.

Dr. S. W. Hatcher stated that the chamber's float for parade and special events was near completion. He said it could be displayed soon and would be used in the crab derby parade.

The board passed a resolution to be sent to the highway commission requesting that ferry service from the mainland to Emerald Isle be started after Labor Day by putting into use a ferry now in operation at another point along the coast.

President Skinner Chalk presided. Present, in addition to those mentioned, were W. L. Derrickson, J. R. Sanders, W. E. Baughman, George Huntley Jr., E. H. Swann, George McNeill, Rufus Butner and J. A. DuBols, manager.

### Float to be Ready For Display Soon

### Emerald Isle Ferry Sought for Fall

The petitioners ask the judge to review the town's procedure and determine if residents in the area will be injured by becoming a part of the town. They ask that the report be sent to the town commissioners for amendment of the plans for providing services.

Should the court determine that the town is financially unable to satisfy the provisions of the statutes under which they are moving, the petitioners ask that the court declare the annexation ordinance null and void.

Signing the petition were A. R. Craig, N. W. Garner, S. L. Pollard, Christine G. Carroll and Charles T. Dudley.

### President Installed



Thomas H. Potter was installed as president of the Beaufort Rotary club Tuesday night at the Dora Dinette.

Presiding at the installation was W. C. Carlton, Morehead City. Holden Ballou, retiring president, is now vice-president. Secretary-treasurer is Dr. David Farrior. New directors are Halsey Paul and Thomas E. Rure.

Guests were the Rev. Billy Mobley, pastor of the First Baptist church, Beaufort, and the Rev. D. L. Fouts, pastor of Ann Street Methodist church, Beaufort.

Frank Cassiano, Morehead City Rotarian, was a visitor.

Specialist Visits

George Spain, soybean specialist with the agriculture extension service, was in the county yesterday. He applied minor fertilizer elements to soybeans on the farms of J. T. Oglesby, Milton Truckner and John Young.

### Brunswick Will Enter Crab Race

Brunswick county will have an entry in the North Carolina Crab derby to be staged here Aug. 25-26 by the Greater Morehead City chamber of commerce in cooperation with the Department of Conservation and Development and Institute of Fisheries Research.

Dan Walker, city manager of Long Beach in Brunswick county, was here Thursday and said Brunswick will have "the fastest, meanest" crab in the derby, which is being run for the first time anywhere in the state to focus attention on the fast-growing hard crab industry along the North Carolina coast.

Plans for the derby were discussed here Thursday at a meeting of representatives of the chamber of commerce and Wade Lucas, public information officer of the C&D Department, who has been designated by C&D Director Hargrove Bowles Jr. to represent the department in promoting the derby.

### Coast Guard Takes Boat Under Tow Yesterday

Fort Macon Coast Guard took under tow at 11 a.m. yesterday a 13-foot outboard which had engine failure at Shackleford Banks. Aboard was the owner, J. E. Nelson, High Point.

Aboard the 40-footer which made the assist were James Pittman, BM1, William Vinson, BM2, and H. D. Paul, SN.

## Mayor Proposes Waterfront Changes

Mayor W. H. Potter proposed a revolutionary face-lifting for four blocks of Beaufort's waterfront at Monday night's meeting of the town board.

He also suggested that the town buy the present water system owned by Carolina Water Co. and extend a water district a mile beyond the present town limits.

He further recommended that the town not approve proposals for subdivision regulation by the county.

The mayor proposed that cost of this better "utilization of the valuable harbor facilities of the town" be met with urban renewal funds. These funds, he said, are now available to towns of 500 population and over under a new law passed this year.

In written recommendations to the board, mayor Potter suggested that the town acquire—by condemnation if necessary—all property on the south side of Front street, between Live Oak and Queen, as well as property between Queen and Craven on the water side.

He suggested that the Live Oak to Queen area be developed for harbor use, breakwaters erected, land filled in and docking facilities built.

The mayor mentioned that the redevelopment could include construction of parking lots.

Termining his proposals "opportunities," mayor Potter said, "These opportunities have too long been neglected. It is the duty of the town administration to develop and maintain the resources of the area."

The board approved the mayor's suggestions and authorized Gray Hassell, town engineer, to draw up the necessary plans to meet requirements of the Urban Renewal administration, which would provide funds.