

## People Will Vote on Hospital Site

### County Sets Wheels in Motion On Food Give-Away Program

County commissioners adopted Monday the schedule on which families would be eligible to receive surplus food commodities.

If a family of one has an income of less than \$75 a month, he is eligible for the food; if a family of two has an income of less than \$95 a month, it is eligible. The rate increases by \$5 for each additional family member.

If, for example, a family of five has an income of less than \$110 a month, it would be eligible.

Miss Georgie Hughes, welfare superintendent, says that this is the same financial basis as that used to determine who is eligible for welfare funds.

This does not necessarily mean that persons NOT getting welfare funds and who qualify for the food could also qualify for welfare checks.

If a welfare recipient applies for and gets the food, the food is in addition to his usual welfare check. All "public assistance" or welfare recipients are automatically eligible for the food if they apply for it.

The food to be distributed is corn meal, flour, rice, dry beans, dried milk, lard, dried eggs, butter, peanut butter, pork and gravy and rolled oats.

It will be distributed according to a schedule of amounts set up by the state department of agriculture. Giving county commissioners advice on the program Monday afternoon were M. J. Pierce, assistant director of the commodities distribution program, and Clair Taylor, both of the department of agriculture.

Mr. Pierce said that the value of the food to be given is \$8 per person per month or \$5 pounds of food per person per month. According to the schedule set by the state, a family of five would get the following for one month:

Fifteen pounds of cornmeal, 30 pounds of flour, 20 pounds of rice, 20 pounds of dry beans, 9 pounds of dried milk, 27 pounds of lard, 5 No. 2 1/2 cans of dried eggs, 5 pounds butter, 2 2/3 pounds peanut butter, 18 pounds of canned pork and gravy and 6 pounds rolled oats.

The supervisor of commodities distribution is advised to reduce the amounts "if there is any indication that any of the items will not be properly and fully utilized for human consumption."

C. Z. Chappell has been appointed commodities supervisor and has been authorized by the county board to hire two persons to help him. He estimates that at least 65,000 pounds of food a month will be distributed in the county.

It was thought that the food could be given during the second week of each month, but Mr. Pierce said he thought it would take two weeks, serving a hundred families a day.

The food will be distributed from the former C. D. Jones building, Front Street, Beaufort.

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### Maritime Agency Promotes Port

To promote the port bond issue Nov. 7, the Morehead City Maritime association will print a slogan on business envelopes free of charge.

The slogan is on the prow of a ship and says, "Expansion is a Must. Vote for Port Bonds Nov. 7." R. L. Hicks, secretary-treasurer of the Maritime association, says any business people who have No. 10 business envelopes on which they will permit the slogan and picture to be printed, should call Herald Printing Co.

Their envelopes will be picked up, imprinted and returned to them. The drawing of the ship was done by Charles McNeill, well-known artist and assistant port operations manager at Morehead City.

The Maritime association also has picture postcards of the port which has slogan on them urging support of the bond referendum. Persons who have friends upstate to whom they will mail the cards may have them free by contacting Mr. Hicks, PA6-5080.

Firemen to Convene  
The East Carolina Firemen's association will convene at Newport Tuesday night. Supper will be served in the school gym at 7:30 p.m., announces C. A. Gould Jr., Newport fire chief.



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### County Official Comments On Oglesby Site Alternate

Luther Hamilton Jr., county attorney, said Wednesday that county commissioners selected the Thomas J. Oglesby site as an alternate to the Bogue Sound hospital site for several reasons.

He said the land is well-drained, is on a hard-surfaced road, is approved by the Medical Care commission and is more nearly in the general Crab Point area where some people think the hospital ought to be built.

He said folks may think that the Barbour site should have been chosen as the alternate, but the commissioners believe the cost of paving a road to the site would be extremely high. If the county did not bear the cost of paving and the state agreed to do the paving, this would reduce the amount of mileage the state would have to pay through the county.

The county has never exercised the option on the Bogue sound (Webb) site, Mr. Hamilton said. This week the option on the Thomas Oglesby site was renewed.

Mr. Hamilton said the distance from the 20th street-Arendell street intersection to the mid-point of the Oglesby site is 1.4 miles. From that intersection to the Webb site is 6.1 miles.

The Oglesby site has 1,555-foot frontage on the Crab Point road.

While it is believed that there are 82 acres in the Webb site, Mr. Hamilton said a recent survey indicates that there are probably 76; 24 of which are on the south side of highway 24. It is this section on which the board proposed to build the hospital.

Frontage of the Webb property on highway 24 is 1,050 feet. Bogue sound frontage totals 828 feet.

### Story of Lost Trousers, Lost Wallet, Ends Happily

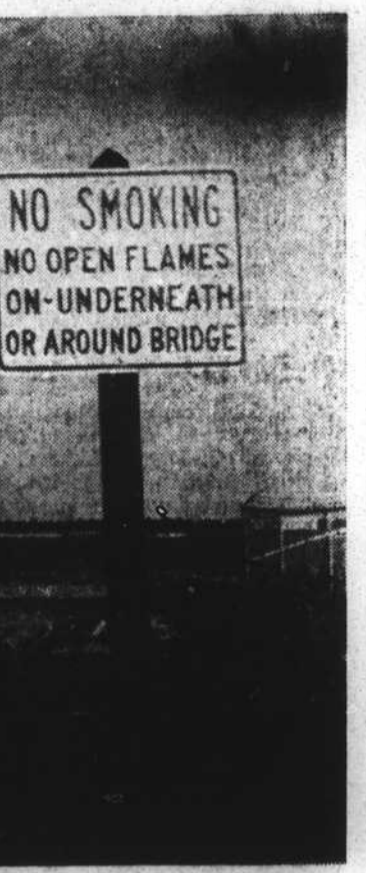
An honest man lives at the Fort Macon apartments on Atlantic Beach. He's the apartments' owner-manager, D. A. Willis.

Clifford R. Hunley of Uniontown, Pa., went bathing on the beach near the apartments Monday, Sept. 25. Having forgotten something, Mr. Hunley returned to his car. The object was under his trousers on the back seat. To expedite matters he placed his trousers on the top of his car.

When he had finished his swim, Mr. Hunley got into his car and drove off. His trousers, however, did not go with him. They slithered off the top of the car.

Mr. Hunley returned to the Spooner's Creek Harbor motel, where he and Mrs. Hunley, sis-

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The board decided to sell the Atlantic tea-charger, which is now occupied only by the principal.

H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools and clerk to the board, was authorized to send three delegates and three alternates to the State School Board association meeting Nov. 8 at Chapel Hill.

Chairman R. W. Safritz Jr. presided. Others present were Theodore Smith, W. B. Allen and George R. Wallace.

Seldon Sherwood, Morehead City police officer, has resigned, according to chief of police Herbert Griffin. He has been replaced by George Smith, former Morehead township constable.

There he discovered his loss which was more than just his trousers. His wallet was in the trousers and in the wallet was \$209 and all his cards, auto license, and credit cards.

Some hours later, Mr. Willis phoned Spooner's Creek Harbor motel and said he had found a pair of trousers with a Spooner's Creek Harbor motel key in them. Papers in the wallet, he said, bore the name of C. R. Hunley of Uniontown, Pa.

Mr. Hunley was supremely happy. He tried to get Mr. Willis to accept a reward. Mr. Willis refused, but finally after much insisting, Mr. Hunley got him to accept \$10.

### Probable Date Of Newport Law Suit Announced

● Town Hopes to Get Sanitarian

● A. D. Fulford Meets With Town Board

Town attorney George Ball told Newport commissioners Tuesday night at their monthly meeting, that he hopes to be able to get the hearing on the annexation lawsuit set for Saturday, Nov. 4, in the town hall at Newport.

Officers present for the meeting were Leon Mann, mayor, commissioners C. H. Lockey, Steve Smith, Raymond Edwards, and John Kelly and Miss Edith Lockey, town clerk.

A. D. Fulford, county sanitarian, was present and told the board that his department would try to aid in any way a sanitarian appointed by the board.

Mayor Mann said the commissioners hope to have a man in this position by next month. Attorney Ball was asked to advise the commissioners whether it would be legal for the sanitarian to be paid on a fee basis, similar to the fees charged for a building permit.

Fulford told the commissioners it would be necessary for the town to adopt a plumbing and sanitation code and offered his help on this matter.

L. W. Howard came before the commissioners requesting them to permit the use of 24-inch tile for drainage on the property owned by Andrew Gray, a retired Navy pharmacist, in preference to his building a home in Newport.

The drainage tile will be laid between his property and that of Ira Jones.

Mrs. Gordon Cutler, wife of the water clerk, reported that the water department now has 279 customers and balance of approximately \$1,500 after bills have been paid. The town recently repaid the water department \$500 that it had borrowed.

The bill for the town audit, conducted by Josiah Bailey, was discussed with almost all the commissioners expressing their disapproval of the cost of the audit, \$485

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### Dispute to Go Before Voters Tuesday, Nov. 7

### Fish Fry Will Start at 5 P.M. This Wednesday

A gigantic fish fry, with famous cooks of the Morehead City-Sea Level sections presiding in the kitchen, will announce Wednesday the forthcoming Cancer Crusade.

The fish fry will be at the Camp Glenn armory Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale now for \$1 each. All proceeds will go to the cancer society of the county.

Sponsoring the crusade and the fish fry is the Carteret Business and Professional Women's club.

Orders for tickets may be given in Beaufort to Mrs. C. L. Beam, phone PA8-3772, and in Morehead City they may be given to Mrs. Frank Sample, PA6-4151.

Miss Stella Propst, chairman of the fish fry, says the hours have been set so that persons wishing to attend church Wednesday night may have supper at the armory first.

"The whole family is invited. It's for a good cause and the food will be delicious. We'll be looking for you!" Miss Propst declared.

Persons who have been asking for the Conservation and Development seafood cookbooks may get them at the fish fry for 25 cents each. The B&PW club's profit on the books will go to the cancer drive.

### Four to Appear In Beach Court

Scheduled to appear in Atlantic Beach mayor's court Tuesday night are Ralph Taylor, Everett Salter, and Ralph G. Gaskill, all of Sea Level; and Bill Grisham, Havelock.

Bill Moore, chief of police, said court was not held the past two Tuesdays.

Taylor is charged with damaging property at the Idle Hour, interfering with a police officer and resisting arrest. Salter is charged with the same and Gaskill with public drunkenness, fighting and dragging private property.

Grisham is charged with public drunkenness and disturbing the peace.

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### Board Takes Most of County Out of Reach of Blue Law

County commissioners, by resolution Monday, exempted unincorporated places of the county (areas outside towns) from the state blue law.

Action on the blue law was suggested by commissioner Gaston Smith. Unless counties and towns exempt themselves, places of business are banned from selling almost all items of merchandise on Sundays.

Turned over to Luther Hamilton Jr. was a second request from George Watts Carr, hospital architect, for \$19,000 Mr. Carr says is due him. The letter from Mr. Carr, sent by registered mail to Moses Howard, chairman of the county board, said that he wanted the money by Oct. 10, or 6 per cent interest would be charged.

Mr. Hamilton said he had already written Mr. Carr one letter stating that the preliminary plans he had drawn for the hospital had not yet been approved by the local hospital trustees. Mr. Carr claims that the Medical Care commission

has approved the plans and the money is payable to him because of that.

County officials have been informed by W. F. Henderson, MCC secretary, that the Medical Care commission cannot approve the plans until after the local trustees approve them.

The board passed a resolution endorsing the extension of highway 258, from its junction with 24, as highway 258 into Morehead City.

The highway is now numbered 24 from Swansboro to Morehead City. It would cease to become 24 at the present 258 junction. J. A. DuBois, manager of the Morehead City chamber of commerce, said this would place the highway in the same status as highway 70, a primary road.

Another resolution asks that W. E. Marshall, district commercial manager of Carolina Telephone and Telegraph, meet with the board relative to eliminating long distance phone rates between towns in the county.

M. G. Abernathy, New Bern, salesman for a business machine company, appeared before the board to explain the advantages of a new tax billing machine. The cost (rental purchase) would be \$621 a month for 12 months.

The board accepted the proposal and asked that J. D. Potter also investigate a punch card system of operation and enter into a purchase agreement for the better system.

Referred to the county attorney was a proposal that the carnival brought into the county by the American Legion, Beaufort, be required to post bond against any damage it may cause.

Commissioner Skinner Chalk said that damage amounting to \$135 was caused to a county resident's car as a result of a carnival operator's negligence and the carnival man refused to reimburse the car owner for the damages.

Commissioners attending the meeting, in addition to those mentioned were David Yeomans and C. Z. Chappell.

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### Health Office Personnel Ask For Higher Pay

● County Thanks Those Who Helped in Fire

● Board Approves Four Road Petitions

County commissioners, who met Monday at the courthouse, took under consideration a request from Dr. Luther Fulcher, county health officer, and Mrs. Leota Hammer, health nurse, for salary increases in the health department.

Dr. Fulcher and Mrs. Hammer said the salaries in their department were not even comparable to salaries in the welfare department, where increases were granted last month.

Additional funds provided by the state enabled the welfare department to increase pay of its workers. Mrs. Hammer said the state provided additional money for the health department too and the department will still get the money, whether it is used for salaries or not. All pay increases must be approved by the board.

Commissioner Skinner Chalk commented that personnel in the health department work hard and he hated not to see their salaries raised, but he couldn't go along with any increases at this time.

He said he was not in favor of the welfare increases last month, so he couldn't be in favor of the health department raises.

Board chairman Moses Howard said he knew last month's action would create ill feeling among other county employees.

The board expressed its appreciation to everyone who helped in any way with the fire aboard the tanker Potomac. Odell Merrill, clerk to the board, was instructed to write letters of thanks to commanders at the military bases, towns who sent fire equipment, port officials, civil defense, Red Cross and others.

In connection with the fire, Mr. Merrill read a copy of a letter sent by Dr. John W. Gainey, chief of staff at Morehead City hospital, to the hospital personnel thanking them for their quick response to the emergency call.

Robert Garner, county electrical inspector, appeared and asked that the board write a letter to Harkers Island REA. Mr. Garner said the REA had been making electric connections to places which had not been inspected and therefore did not have a permit.

Mr. Garner said this was in violation of the law and he asked that the board inform the cooperative of this fact. The board asked its attorney, Luther Hamilton Jr., to study the law and notify the cooperative if it had been violating the law.

The board approved four petitions requesting that roads be added to the state system. Chairman Howard presented a petition from residents in Jones village, Beaufort.

K. S. Swinson, Mansfield, said a road on his property is used as a shortcut between highway 70 and the country club road and, although there are only a few houses on it, there is much traffic.

W. D. Roberts asked that the state take over part of the Koonce road on Bogue Sound. The state maintains the road from highway 24 to the shore, but Mr. Roberts said residents along that portion of the road that parallels the sound would like it maintained.

Robert Creech, Wildwood, asked the board if the road on which he lives could be paved. He said that 10 families live on the road, it leads to the only public river landing between Crab Point and Newport.

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### Potomac Fire Probe Begins Tuesday

Formal investigation into the fire-explosion tragedy that struck the tanker Potomac in Morehead City harbor Sept. 26 got under way at Fort Macon Tuesday with day-long interrogation of six of the ship's crewmen and three others who witnessed the tragedy.

Handling the investigation, which is expected to last for days, is a three-man Coast Guard board headed by Capt. Joseph A. Bresnan, chief of staff for the Fifth Coast Guard district. On the board with Bresnan are Lt. Cdr. Lloyd W. Goddu, OIC, Marine Inspection, Wilmington and Lt. Cdr. Harry J. Gardner, senior investigating officer, Marine Inspection service, Fifth Coast Guard district.

The first witness called before the board was Norris E. Nations, of Houston, Texas, chief engineer aboard the Potomac. Nations told the board that he had just left the Potomac when he noticed fire in the vicinity of the Morehead City drawbridge. He said he returned to the ship and assisted in trying to get the Potomac away from the dock at the Aviation Fuel terminal.

Nations told the board that the Potomac's engines were doing full astern in less than 30 seconds after the order was received. In answer to a question by commander Gardner, Nations told the board that he saw no acts of disobedience whatsoever on the part of any crew member either prior to or

immediately following the explosion.

He said that, in his opinion, acts of bravery on the part of the captain and mate in getting the men off the ship were commendable.

Night relief mate, Richard W. Cantwell of Burgaw was the next witness called before the board. Cantwell testified he was not aboard the Potomac when it was docked but came aboard at 5:20 p.m.

Cantwell said that the Potomac was discharging aviation fuel from No. 5 tank when he came aboard and added that No. 2 wing and 3 and 4 across started pumping JP-5 at 6:40 p.m. He also asserted that he noticed no unusual fuel or petroleum odor at any time during pumping operations.

When asked if any of the lines ashore, through which fuel was being discharged, had bleeder valves, Cantwell said that they did and added that he had checked the bleeder valve on the Aviation Fuel line when he came aboard. He testified that one of the workmen at the terminal had opened the bleeder and he saw that fuel was going through the line.

Cantwell then testified that he went to the stern of the ship for a few minutes and was watching the Shell tanker Pallium being berthed when one of the ship's crew came back and informed him that they were ready to start dis-

charging JP-5.

Cantwell told the board that the jet fuel lines aboard the ship were in good order when pumping started and added that he noticed no leaks anywhere in the lines or in the connections. While the jet fuel cargo was being discharged, Cantwell said he went to the mid-ship house for a cup of coffee and was standing near the house on the starboard side of the tanker when he first noticed the fire. He said that he and the mate then closed both manifolds on the tank-

er. He reported that he went over the stern of the ship after the first

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