

1960-61 Audit Gives View Of County Financial Status

• 1962 Will See Bond Debt Paid

A county investment of almost \$100,000 yielded state and federal welfare funds totaling approximately \$375,000 during the 1960-61 fiscal year, according to the county audit recently presented to county commissioners.

For example, in the old age assistance program, total county taxes to this phase of the welfare program yielded \$17,731.96. State and federal matching funds totaled \$121,756.04.

Welfare fund administrative costs totaled \$40,000.27 for the past fiscal year and operating expenses were \$26,251.23. Part of both of these expenses were paid by the state and federal governments.

County library revenue amounted to \$8,810.96. Received through the federal government was \$1,050, the county appropriation was \$2,380, town of Beaufort \$1,000, state funds \$4,134.16 and fines for overdue books amounted to \$246.80. Library expenditures for the year were \$501.59 less than income.

According to the analysis of clerk of court funds, trust fund investments total \$111,005.33 and miscellaneous funds invested, \$11,538.32. Superior and recorder's court costs "apparently uncollected," the auditor reports, are \$16,853.58.

Advance court costs on deposit totaled \$3,791.76 as of June 30, and court costs due others, \$9,987.78. By June 30 of 1961, the county had retired, of its \$3,818,979.19 total bonded debt, \$3,316,121.59. Bonds called, but not turned in by the bondholders as of that date, totaled \$7,312.81.

Bonds outstanding at the end of the 1959-60 fiscal year totaled \$677,412.81; at the end of this past fiscal year, \$466,312.81 and due on a state loan was \$117,455. The state loan was for schools. It dates from 1922 through 1930 and was refinanced in 1937. The loan is payable no later than July 1, 1977.

Special school bonds of 1947 and the loan for building the health center were paid off during the past fiscal year.

Cost of general operation of the county was slightly more than \$1 1/2 million. Revenue exceeded expenses by \$226,473.21, but \$190,000 of that figure has been set aside for construction of the Morehead City school.

Board of education expenses totaled \$489,839.25 or \$39,010.85 less than the amount budgeted.

In the school building sinking fund June 30, 1961 was \$345,000. Taxes collected for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1960 totaled \$672,118.21 and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1961, \$730,089.21, an increase of \$57,951. Ninety-four per cent of the levy for both those years was collected, according to the audit.

The county's total assets (fixed properties) are valued at \$8,730,458.76. School buildings are valued at \$3,949,257 and other county properties at \$3,738,919.69.

The total county valuation (which is 50 per cent of the real value) as of June 30, was \$44,143,500, and the total levy for the past fiscal year was \$739,044.60.

The auditor notes that the 1960 levy for debt retirement was 32 cents per hundred dollars of valuation or 58 cents below that required by the 1937 agreement with the bondholders, but the levy exceeded by \$51,638.55 the \$90,000 annual tax required to be levied for the refunding of bonds.

The 1961 tax rate for debt retirement was increased to 90 cents per hundred dollars of valuation.

This levy will enable the payment of all the county outstanding bonds by June 30, 1962, according to a report to the taxpayers issued with the 1961 tax notices in June. This will leave a county debt of \$117,455 (school note).

It is anticipated that with this debt paid, a large share of the tax dollar can then be set aside for schools, and funds accumulated for the school construction program.

Should the current problem over construction of a county hospital be cleared, money for the county's share of the cost, (\$600,000 for the building) would be obtained, according to present plans, by borrowing.

Fire Destroys Wickizer Car Parked at Range

Destroyed by fire Sunday, Dec. 31, at the Carteret pistol range on the Country club road was a 1957 Pontiac convertible owned by Frank Wickizer, Morehead City.

According to the sheriff's department, Wickizer and a friend, John Braswell, Morehead City, left the pistol range to go to New Bern at about 12:30 p.m. They went in Braswell's car.

When they returned to pick up Wickizer's car about three hours later, they found it burned up. The

Squadron Comes Home



He's glad to see his daddy, and he's doubly fascinated by the contraptions Daddy's wearing.

First lieutenant Ray Hanle Jr., right, Marine flyer, is welcomed at Cherry Point by his little son, Greg, and Mrs. Hanle.

Lieutenant Hanle, with Marine attack squadron VMA-533, return-

ed from Puerto Rico just prior to New Year's day. The squadron had been in Puerto Rico since Nov. 27, 1961.

Maj. Gen. Richard C. Mangrum, commanding general Second Marine Air Wing, headed a group of friends and relatives who officially welcomed the squadron back to Cherry Point.

Winds of Gale Force, Hard Rains Hit County Saturday

Trooper Cites Two Motorists

Two drivers were cited by state trooper R. H. Brown at 11 a.m. Sunday, following an auto accident on highway 101 two and a half miles north of Beaufort.

The trooper said Mrs. Mary Godwin Culppepper, route 1 Beaufort, was headed north and slowed her 1959 Rambler to make a left turn. Emmitt Simmons, Beaufort, driving a 1958 Ford, came up behind Mrs. Culppepper and cut sharply to the right to avoid hitting her, the officer said.

His car ran off the road on the right, skidded on the shoulder, jumped a ditch and ran through a yard.

About \$100 damage was done to the steering mechanism of the Ford. The Rambler was not damaged.

Mrs. Culppepper was charged with failure to give a proper signal before making a left turn. Simmons was charged with reckless driving.

	High	Low	Wind
Thursday	56	44	SW
Friday	68	41	Calm
Saturday	67	53	SE
Sunday	63	45	SW

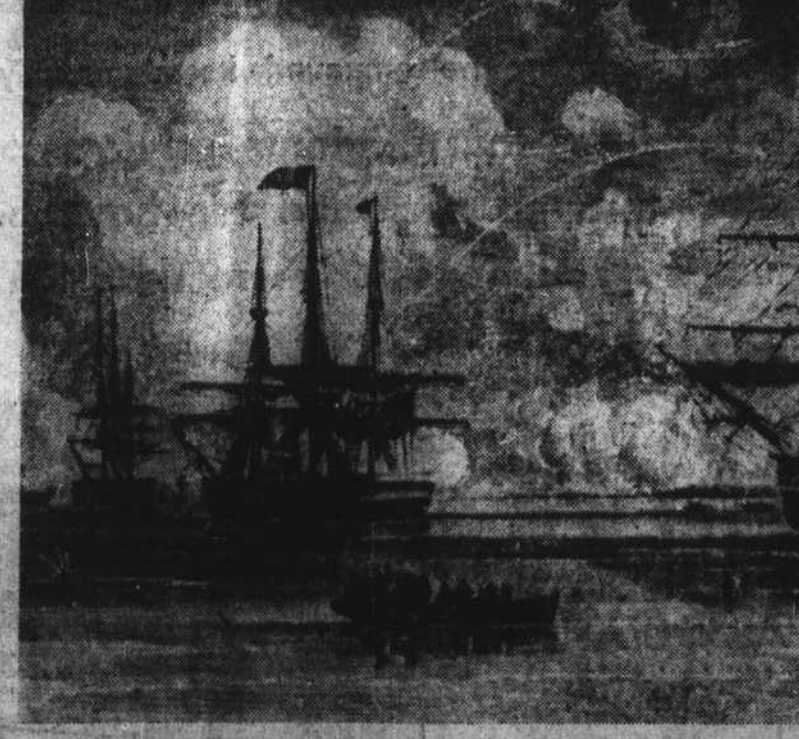
Confederate Forts at Hatteras Fell Under Naval Bombardment in 1861

By F. C. SALISBURY

Sea power, which played such a decisive role in the Civil War, had its first tryout along the coast of North Carolina when the Federal naval flotilla under the command of flag officer Stringham, made the attack from the sea upon Forts Hatteras and Clark Aug. 28, 1861.

Under protective bombardment of the Union war ships, Marines and troops were landed from surf boats. The ship's heavy cannonade forced the Confederates to evacuate Fort Clark.

With the unconditional surrender of the two forts, Hatteras Inlet was secured. The Union triumph sealed off commerce-raiding and blockade-running from Pamlico Sound.



The battle opened with the Federal fleet sweeping the beach in front of Fort Hatteras, preparing the way for a landing force. Heavy firing from the gun-boats soon reduced the battery of sand and log.

Negotiations Final on Sale Of Jefferson

Negotiations have been completed for the sale of the Jefferson hotel in Morehead City.

A reliable source said yesterday that complete details on the transaction are expected to be available the first of February.

The hotel was built in 1947 by Jefferson D. Gibson and John F. Lyon, contractor, who at that time was president of the Southern Housing Corp. Mr. Lyon was also secretary-treasurer of the Jefferson Hotel Corp., Durham, which was formed prior to the construction of the hotel. Mr. Gibson, now deceased, was president.

The Jefferson Hotel corporation has been dissolved in preparation for sale of the property. Date of dissolution was Nov. 10, 1961, with Drusilla W. Gibson, widow of Jefferson Gibson, Irma Williams McMeans, and Charles Wells, present hotel manager, as trustees in liquidation.

The hotel, located at 4th and Arendell streets, on the site of the famous old Atlantic hotel, opened the weekend of June 28, 1947. It's a three-story brick structure of colonial design with a separate restaurant on 4th street.

Cost of the 64-room hotel, and furnishings, was reported by its owners at \$150,000 when it was built.

Ed Wallnau, former assistant manager of the Hotel Piccadilly, New York, was the hotel's first manager. Manager for nine years, from 1947 until May 1956 was E. M. (Al) Dewey, now manager of the Inlet Inn, Beaufort.

Unconfirmed reports state that one of the new owners is a resident of Greensboro, and one a resident of Morehead City.

Officer Seeks Control of Dogs

A. D. Fulford, county sanitarian, requests the assistance of the public in control of rabies.

"Control of the stray dog is one of the best assurances that rabies will not become a public health program," Mr. Fulford observes.

He asks county residents to do the following:

● Report strays to the county rabies inspector (phone PA8-4557 or PA8-3121).

● Be sure that your dog is inoculated for rabies and is properly tagged.

● List your dog for county taxes. These tax funds are used for the control of stray dogs.

Mr. Fulford reports that during the several months the part time rabies inspector has been employed, 238 stray dogs have been exterminated, 16 dogs have been quarantined and three specimens sent to the state laboratory of hygiene for rabies analysis.

"Controlling the stray dog will protect our health, livestock and wildlife," Mr. Fulford remarked.

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75 Attend Dedication of New Elks Home in Morehead City

Port Calendar Morehead City State Port

Rita Maersk — Due Jan. 14 to load tobacco for the Far East.

President Van Buren — Due Jan. 16 with cargo of import tapioca and to load milk for the Middle East.

Soudytk — Due Jan. 16 to load tobacco and general cargo for Europe and to deposit general import cargo.

Express — Due Jan. 16 to load cargo of milk for the Middle East.

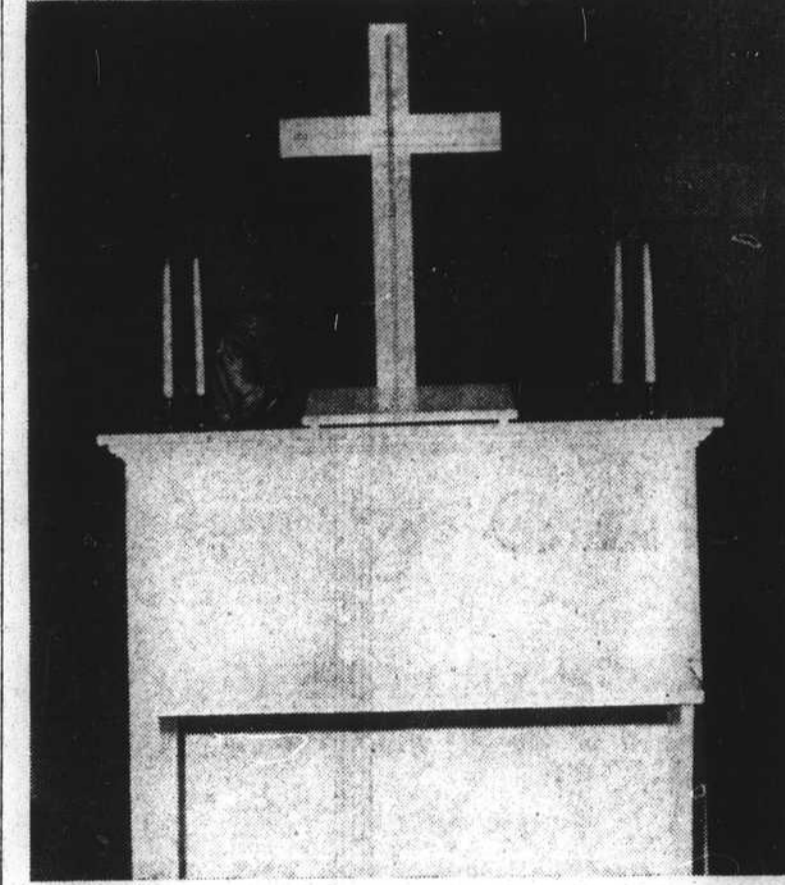
Three Pastors Participate In Dedication

Three ministers participated Sunday afternoon in the dedication of the Chapel of the Big Fisherman, at Spooner's Creek Harbor, west of Morehead City.

The Rev. Charles L. Kirby, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Morehead City, presided. Scripture readings were by the Rev. Corbin Cooper, pastor of the First Baptist church, Morehead City, and prayer of thanksgiving by the Rev. B. L. Davidson, pastor of the First Methodist church, Morehead City.

The chapel is located to the left of the entrance to the Spooner's Creek clubhouse. Mr. Kirby announced that it would be open 24 hours a day, to be used by persons who visit Spooner's Creek by land or by water.

Fifty persons attended the dedication. The chapel was designed by George Vickroy, who with Sherman Rock, has developed Spooner's Creek harbor, a marina on the inland waterway.



This is the altar in the Chapel of the Big Fisherman. The arm rest above the kneeling bench is seen in front of the altar in this photo. For the dedication Sunday, an open Bible was in front of the cross and flowers were on the altar.

G. W. Collins Wins Honor

George W. Collins, native of Wildwood, and a former student at Newport school, has been chosen Sailor of the Week at the Harbor Defense unit, Little Creek Amphibious base, Norfolk.

Mr. Collins is a commissaryman chief (senior), is married to the former Kathryn Dankel of New Jersey, and has three children: Irene 11, Russell 8, and Jack 7.

Chief Collins enlisted in the Navy at Raleigh Jan. 10, 1941. He holds the good conduct medal, the American defense medal, the Asiatic Pacific campaign medal, European occupation medal.

Korean service medal, China service medal, Japanese occupation medal, United Nations medal and World War II victory medal.

Chief Collins recalls that among his many Navy experiences, a view of Hiroshima at the end of the second world war was the most impressive.

"I was aboard the USS Cape Gloucester (CVE-109) at the end of the war with Japan," he recalls. "I had the opportunity to see Hiroshima immediately after the atomic bombing. We were ferrying American prisoners of war back to the Naval base at Pearl

Small Boating Course to Be Offered Again

Instruction covering small boat handling, seamanship and navigation will be offered to the public in classes to be conducted at Camp Glenn School, Morehead City, by members of the Cape Lookout Power Squadron.

Enrollment will begin at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15, and classes will be held each following Monday night until final examination night, April 9, 1962. The course, and the examination given at its conclusion, are both free.

Instructional material to be used is prepared by the United States Power Squadrons, an educational organization dedicated, through its local units, to teaching how to be better and safer boatmen.

Billy R. Corey, Morehead City, chairman of the course, says the course is given to over 50,000 men and women annually.

You need not own a boat to take the course. It is designed to be of equal value to all boatmen, from the fisherman who rents an outboard for the day to the operator of a powerful cruiser or large sailing craft, Mr. Corey said.

More than 60 men and women successfully completed in April 1961 the course given last winter at Morehead City. Instructors this year will be graduates of the 1961 class.

Tags Sold

Beaufort town clerk Ronald Earl Mason reported 88 town auto tags for 1962 had been sold by 10 a.m. Saturday. The tags were available at the town hall.

Seventy-five persons attended dedication ceremonies Sunday at the new home of the Morehead City-Beaufort lodge No. 1710 at 2904 Arendell St., Morehead City.

Presiding at the ceremony was L. D. Gore, past exalted ruler of the lodge during 1953, and other past exalted rulers. Arrangements for the event were made by past exalted ruler A. H. James.

Representing the Grand Lodge of the order was H. L. McPherson, district deputy, from Wilmington, who complimented the lodge "for the dedication of the building to the civic, patriotic, and fraternal principles for which it stands."

Acknowledgement of the benefit to community life was noted by mayor George W. Dill Jr., Morehead City and mayor A. B. Cooper, Atlantic Beach, both members of the order.

Following the official program, the building was opened to the public, with a tea and coffee hour. Guests were served and shown the facilities of the building which include the lodge room, kitchen, large lounge, entertainment rooms, and office space.

Assisting Mrs. L. G. Dunn at the buffet were Mrs. G. C. Dunn and Mrs. Odell Merrill.

Prior to the dedication ceremonies, exalted ruler L. G. Dunn presided at the ceremony of the cornerstone laying. He noted that the four cardinal principles of the order — Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity were "nobly represented in the building and that the broadest expression of Elldom would be found in the practice of these virtues, by its members, through the building."

Other past exalted rulers of the lodge, in addition to Mr. James and Mr. Gore, are H. P. Scripture, E. L. Nelson, Warren Grant, James O. Baxter Jr., H. S. Gibbs Jr., C. G. Holland, Paul S. Jones, George J. Brooks, Harvey Hamilton Jr., W. H. Forbes Jr., John A. Baker, James D. Potter, and Jerry J. Willis.

Present officers are L. G. Dunn, exalted ruler; Thomas E. Kelly, leading knight; Odell Merrill, royal knight; Thomas S. Bennett, lecturing knight; George B. Stovall, treasurer.

J. R. Sanders, secretary, L. E. Kelly, esquire, Clifton A. Lynch, chaplain, Clarence E. Styron, inner guard, Carl M. Blomberg, tiler, and trustees A. H. James, Paul S. Jones, and J. A. DuBois.

Sunday's activities climaxed a week of activity in the new building. Thursday night the lodge initiated 39 new members and recognized 11 old members who were reinstated. Visiting Elks, from Juneau, Alaska to New Jersey, attended the meeting to witness the members of New Bern lodge 764 initiate the new members, under the direction of Troy C. Tucker, exalted ruler.

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Troopers Check Two Accidents

State highway troopers investigated two accidents in the county Saturday.

At 1:20 p.m. an automobile collided with a pickup truck in the vicinity of Huntley's corner, Beaufort. According to trooper W. J. Smith Jr., Mrs. Linda E. Cannon, Merrimon, in a 1952 Ford, backed on to highway 70 and collided with a pickup driven by Luther R. Salter, route 2 Beaufort.

According to the officer, Salter was headed east in a 1953 Chevrolet pickup. Mrs. Cannon was driving a 1952 Ford. She was charged with failing to see that her maneuver could be made in safety.

Damage to the car was estimated at \$200 and to the pickup \$100.

A 1957 Ford driven by Willie Johnson of the Merrimon road went into a ditch on the Merrimon road at 11:30 p.m. State trooper W. E. Pickard said that Johnson was headed west in a 1957 Ford.

The car had a blowout on a curve. Johnson was not hurt. Damage to the car was estimated at \$300. No charges were filed.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar

HIGH	Tuesday, Jan. 9	4:05 a.m.	4:48 p.m.
LOW <td>11:03 p.m.<td>4:43 p.m.<td>5:37 p.m.</td></td></td>	11:03 p.m. <td>4:43 p.m.<td>5:37 p.m.</td></td>	4:43 p.m. <td>5:37 p.m.</td>	5:37 p.m.
HIGH	Wednesday, Jan. 10 <td>4:57 a.m.<td>5:37 p.m.</td></td>	4:57 a.m. <td>5:37 p.m.</td>	5:37 p.m.
LOW <td>11:22 a.m.<td>5:53 a.m.<td>6:34 p.m.</td></td></td>	11:22 a.m. <td>5:53 a.m.<td>6:34 p.m.</td></td>	5:53 a.m. <td>6:34 p.m.</td>	6:34 p.m.
HIGH	Thursday, Jan. 11 <td>5:53 a.m.<td>6:34 p.m.</td></td>	5:53 a.m. <td>6:34 p.m.</td>	6:34 p.m.
LOW <td>12:01 a.m.<td>7:02 a.m.<td>7:39 p.m.</td></td></td>	12:01 a.m. <td>7:02 a.m.<td>7:39 p.m.</td></td>	7:02 a.m. <td>7:39 p.m.</td>	7:39 p.m.
HIGH	Friday, Jan. 12 <td>7:02 a.m.<td>7:39 p.m.</td></td>	7:02 a.m. <td>7:39 p.m.</td>	7:39 p.m.
LOW <td>12:14 p.m.<td>7:39 p.m.<td></td></td></td>	12:14 p.m. <td>7:39 p.m.<td></td></td>	7:39 p.m. <td></td>	

Conventions Booked at Hotel For '62 Listed

Conventions booked for the Biltmore Motor Hotel, Morehead City, thus far this year are the following (the convention is named, followed by the number of delegates and the dates):

US Fisheries institute, 100, April 11-15; North Carolina Garden clubs, 500, April 24-27; North Carolina Automotive Wholesalers, 300, May 2-3; Camp Farthest Out, May 4-10.

North Carolina Toastmasters, 200, May 25-27; Southern Pulpmulwood association, 110, May 28-31; National Association of Bankers and Accountants, 150, June 1-3.

North Carolina LP Gas association, 150, June 4-6; North Carolina Letter Carriers association, 300, June 7-10; Production Credit Corp., 200, June 11-13; North Carolina Architects, 200, June 14-17.

North Carolina County Commissioners association, 575, June 17-19; Veterans of World War I, 500, June 22-24; North Carolina Wine Control association, 100, June 28-July 1.

Superior Court Clerks association, 200, July 4-7; North Carolina Press association, 350, July 12-14; Duke Medical Post Graduate course, 100, July 15-21; Daughters of America and United American Mechanics, 300, Aug. 9-11.

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, 150, Aug. 12-17; North Carolina Hairdresser's association, 300, Aug. 18-21; North Carolina Trade and Industrial association, 200, Aug. 22-25; North Carolina Elks association, 300, Nov. 1-3; North Carolina Pollution Control association, 300, Nov. 11-14.

More conventions are expected to be booked at the Biltmore and beach hotels. J. A. DuBois, manager of the greater Morehead City chamber of commerce, predicts that this year will see more conventions in the county than ever before.

Farm Hiring Days Announced

Annual Farm Employment days for Carteret and Onslow counties were announced yesterday by Mrs. Julia Tenney, manager of the Employment Security Commission office, Morehead City.

Carteret's day will be Thursday, Jan. 18, at the farm labor office, the trailer on Live Oak street across from the school in Beaufort. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 4.

At that time all farmers wanting tenants or day laborers may make their wants known, as well as farm workers seeking jobs. The office phone number is PA8-4941.

Farm Employment day in Onslow county will be Tuesday, Jan. 16, at the employment office in Jacksonville.

State Expands Scalloping Time

Starting yesterday, the scallop season was opened to five days a week, upon order of Hargrove Bowles Jr., director of the department of conservation and development.

C. G. Holland, commercial fisheries commissioner, in making the announcement yesterday, said that up to now the season has been Monday, Wednesday and Friday only.

Commissioner Holland said the change has been made because winter weather is so variable that frequently scallopers can't work on the three legal days. The scallop season will close May 1, but scalloping usually ends prior to that time, the commissioner noted.

Scallopers are getting a fair price, \$3.50 to \$4 per gallon for scallop meats. Friday was a good day in Core sound. The weather was warm and the day calm, permitting scallopers to see bottom.

Scallops are taken usually with scoops and rakes, sometimes by hand. Dredging in inside waters is illegal, commissioner Holland commented.