

## Highway Commissioner Bell Comments on Bridge Issue

D. G. Bell, Morehead City, state highway commissioner, said yesterday that he was "encouraged" by the top level meeting Wednesday at Raleigh among representatives of agencies involved in the bridge location at Morehead City. "That is something I have been working toward for a long time," Mr. Bell said. He remarked that it was important that the governor, ports officials, the railroad and certain highway authorities "get together so they could look at some facts."

Mr. Bell, who was scheduled to attend the meeting was not able to do so because of business reasons. Present were Merrill Evans, chairman of the State Highway Commission; Bill Babcock, state highway director; Cam Lee, chief highway engineer; James Lacy, division engineer with the US Bureau of Public Roads; representatives of the Army Corps of Engineers and Dr. John Morris, Morehead City.

Dr. Morris, who had originally planned to go to the meeting with commissioner Bell, is a member of the Morehead City ports advisory commission, a municipal agency.

Commissioner Bell and Morehead City municipal officials favor location of the proposed new bridge across Marsh island, "about 1,200 feet north of the location proposed by the state highway department." While governor Sanford expressed the opinion Wednesday that a decision on the bridge could be made "in a week or two," commissioner Bell said that a decision on the bridge is "possible at the highway commission's meeting March 1, but highly improbable."

He said that some studies have to be made by the highway department and facts ascertained that cannot be gotten together in a few days.

"The state port, the state-owned railroad leased by Southern and the development of this area have to be considered in the location of the bridge," commissioner Bell said. "Heretofore, nothing has been considered but the highway angle."

After Wednesday's meeting, governor Sanford said he had requested additional information and additional engineering investigation and is placing "as the primary consideration the long range interest of the state."

The highway commission of the Hodges administration said the bridge should go 80 feet north of the present railroad bridge, which parallels the highway bridge. The highway commission of the Sanford administration voted to reconsider location, but there were indications recently that the bridge would go where the Hodges group said it would.

Eastern Carolina newspaper editors, as well as editors and leaders of the Piedmont section, which is affected by port business, have been outspoken in their support of a bridge that would be located far enough north to provide more berths for ocean ships.

After one more berth is built on the present state ports property, there will be no more space for berths there.

But this is termed by some a minor consideration as compared to the fact that to locate the new bridge in approximately the same location as the present one channels highway traffic through switching yards of Southern railway, thus congesting the port area with both railroad and highway traffic.

## Jaycees Invite Regional Group To Morehead

Morehead City Jaycees have invited the Southeast regional Jaycees to meet in Morehead City March 31 and April 1, and have appointed Charles Grant chairman of the event.

Announcement of the bid for the meeting was made at the Jaycee meeting Monday night at the Blue Ribbon restaurant.

State Jaycee director Russell Outlaw reported that 10 Morehead City Jaycees attended the quarterly board meeting last weekend at Rocky Mount.

In addition to extending the invitation for the Southeast regional meeting, the following was decided at the Rocky Mount meeting:

1. Boys Home will sponsor an All-Star Football Game at East Carolina College for east Carolina high school seniors. Jaycees will sell tickets.

2. March 3, 1963 is Jaycee Day at the state legislature and all Jaycees are invited.

3. The state organization adopted as a project the sale of seat belts. This will be a state project from March 15 to April 15, 1962.

4. The names for the Jaycee directory must be in by March 15, 1962 and the new officers by April 1, 1962. There will be more than 70 contestants for the Miss North Carolina pageant this year.

5. Philco Corporation will help the local Jaycee units sponsor a beauty pageant by making a financial contribution.

6. John McNair and Henry Whitesides announced their candidacy for state Jaycee presidency for 1962-63.

John Wagner, chairman of the citizenship committee, gave a talk on communism. He will give this talk to any civic or school group that would like to hear him.

## Police Report Two Accidents

Morehead City police investigated two accidents this week, one at 24th and Evans and the other at Freeman Wholesale Co.

Willie Clyde Lupton, Elizabeth City, was charged with failing to stop at a stop sign following a collision at 4:45 p.m. Monday. According to Sgt. E. D. O'Neal, who investigated, Lupton was going east on Evans, started to stop at the stop sign, but his foot slipped off the brake.

He collided with a 1956 Nash driven by Don Willis, Harkers Island. Willis was coming off the beach bridge into Morehead City. Damage to Lupton's car was estimated at \$350 and to the Nash \$250.

A Plymouth driven by M. E. Applewhite, Conway, S. C., was pulling away from Freeman Wholesale warehouse at 3:55 p.m. Wednesday when the door of a truck, parked at the warehouse, swung open and hit the right rear door of the car, causing \$15 damage.

The truck was owned by the Freeman firm and driven by Richard P. Joffitt Sr., 402 Macon Ct., Morehead City. Patrolman Bruce A. Conway investigated.

## Chairman Says Convention Open to All Who Will Go

As many as wish, not only delegates, may attend the Republican district convention at Kenansville Wednesday, Feb. 28, according to I. D. Gillikin, chairman of the county Republican executive committee.

Delegates nominated to the district and state convention Saturday night include Neal Cagle, Broad Creek, and Neal Campen, Beaufort RFD, as reported Tuesday. Mr. Campen says he's been a Democrat all his life. He's also one of the Democrat representatives on the county elections board.

Other delegates: Osborne Davis, Clifford Tilghman, John Miller, Mr. Gillikin, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hardesty, Mrs. Clifford Tilghman and Mrs. C. R. Wheatly, all of Beaufort.

John Wagner, Ashton Willis Sr., Thomas Bennett, Josiah Baiky, Jimmy Howland, all of Morehead City; Mrs. Maurice Richardson and Gerald Marshall, Wildwood; Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hatcher, Beaufort.

Jesse Piner, Elmo Wade, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dewey Willis, Williston; Bob Reed and Shelby Freeman, Atlantic Beach; and Luther Smith, Atlantic.

"What is good for this county is good for you and your business," remarked F. W. Hatcher, president of the chamber. He urged chamber members to bring friends to the meeting.

"Better planning will bring more new business, new industry, new vacationers and retired families in 1962," Dr. Hatcher said.

## 50-Foot Whale Stranded On Shoal at Cape Lookout

A 50-foot whale has run aground at Cape Lookout and marine scientists of this area went to look at it yesterday afternoon to see whether it could be returned to deep water.

The whale, according to chief Reginald Lewis of Cape Lookout lifeboat station, apparently got stranded on a shoal known locally as Catfish Point. It's about 150 yards north of the Coast Guard docks in the bight.

The chief said Catfish Point is sometimes under water and sometimes above.

The whale was spotted by the station's boat crew who were making the daily trip to Harkers Island yesterday morning. The Coast Guard has made no attempt to get the whale back in the water. That's a civilian job, chief Lewis said, but the Coast Guard would give any help it could, if requested.

He said the whale has tried to get back in the water and was still thrashing around quite a bit yesterday morning. The chief said he was unable to tell what species of whale it is.

## Mrs. Salter Announces Fund Drive Chairmen

Mrs. Hugh Salter, community leader for the Heart fund drive in Beaufort, has announced the committee chairmen who will serve with her during the drive this month.

Mrs. Tommy Stanley is chairman of advance giving. Mrs. George Snooks and Mrs. Edmond Nelson will supervise businesses. Mrs. Annie Dixon is heart Sunday chairman and Mrs. T. H. Potter and Mrs. Sammy Merrill are in charge of special events.

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## A. P. McKnight Dies Wednesday

• Suffers Heart Attack While Hunting  
• Funeral Set for 3 Saturday Afternoon

Andrew Patrick McKnight, Morehead City, was dead on arrival at Morehead City hospital Wednesday morning after suffering a heart attack while hunting. Mr. McKnight, 59, was with Dr. Berl Lewis and J. C. Sherrill in the woods a short distance from highway 70-A at Camp Glenn.

When he became ill, one of his companions remained with him while the other went to a telephone and called an ambulance. He was given oxygen en route to the hospital but died on the way.

The funeral service will be conducted at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Bell-Munden funeral chapel, Morehead City. The Rev. Corbin Cooper, pastor of the First Baptist church, will officiate. Burial will be in Bayview cemetery, with Masonic rites.

Mr. McKnight was a member of First Baptist church, Sudan Temple in New Bern, Morehead City Masonic lodge and Woodmen of the World. He retired from military service in 1939 and from his civil service job in 1958, because of physical disability.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Wade McKnight; four daughters, Mrs. J. D. Springle, Germany; Mrs. W. R. Sammons, Westover, Mass.; Mrs. Johnny McBride, Wake Forest, and Polly Ann, Lake Worth, Fla.

Three sisters, Mrs. Bessie Cheeks and Mrs. C. A. Netherland, Augusta, Ga.; Mrs. A. W. Adams, Norfolk, Va.; three brothers, Raymond R., California, B. F., Augusta, and T. R., Charleston, S. C., and 18 grandchildren.

## Neal Campen Plants Potatoes

By R. M. WILLIAMS  
County Agricultural Agent

Neal Campen, north of Beaufort, began planting Irish potatoes Monday. So far as our records show, these are the first Irish potatoes to be planted here for this year's spring crop.

North Carolina, the third largest late spring potato producing state, reports intentions of planting 15,300 acres of potatoes. This is 12 per cent below last year's acreage of 17,300.

Of this acreage, eight northeastern counties, Carteret, Pamlico, Beaufort, Hyde, Tyrrell, Pasquotank, Camden, and Currituck are planting 11,900 acres as compared with 13,500 last year. The other 3,400 acres are being planted throughout the other coastal counties.

The reduced acreage is governed by the acreage planted in the early-producing states farther south and the carry-over of potatoes from last year's crop.

## Coast Guard Tows Trawler to Beaufort

The trawler, Novelda, owned by Clayton Fulcher Jr., Atlantic, was towed to Beaufort Monday by Fort Macon Coast Guardsmen after it experienced engine trouble 20 miles south of the sea buoy at Beaufort inlet.

Captain of the trawler was Rudolph M. Salter. Aboard the 40-footer making the assist were Ernest L. Styrton, BMI; William O. Grainger, BMI; Frederick Hurst, EN2, and Lenton Lewis, seaman.

## Five Participate in Contest

Taking part in the American Legion oratorical contest at Morehead City school Tuesday were John Mark Lee, left, Borden Wallace, both freshmen; Anne Marie Lewis, Ben Webb and Bill Faby, all juniors.

Anne Marie Lewis, a junior, placed second and winning \$10. John Mark Lee, who won first place, placed third.

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## Scouts Advance In Rank Sunday At Honor Court

Gordy Eure, troop 130, Morehead City, achieved the rank of Life Scout Sunday at the Boy Scout court of honor in the Faith Free Will Baptist church, Morehead City. The award was presented by Ethan Davis Jr.

To Joseph A. Triglath, troop 446, sponsored by the Methodist church, Bogue, went the rank of Star Scout. The presentation was made by Dr. S. W. Hatcher.

Edmond T. Nelson presented first class Scout ratings to the following: Paul Culliford, Gary Mann, troop 61 Newport; Tommy Guiton, troop 283, Morehead City; Bruce Free, troop 334, Morehead City; Charles Adams, troop 446; Kenney Lewis, troop 449, Smyrna.

Second class scouts: Bill Lewis, Ronnie Smith, Craig Talbot, Ronald Mason, Edmond T. Nelson, Hudson Guthrie, David Springler, troop 51, Beaufort.

Steven Jones, Charles Lawrence, George Nelson, David Lawrence, Nicky Lewis, Jonathan W. Willis, troop 75, Harkers Island.

Mike Salter, troop 130; Thomas Hill, troop 228, Marshallburg; Freddie Beaver, troop 283; Joe Rose, Glenn Shivar, Bruce Free, troop 334.

William H. Triglath, Richard D. Stewart, Kenneth Dawson, Michael W. LaCroix, troop 446, and Gerald Hunnycut, Gary Brock, troop 449.

Second class awards were presented by C. W. Renfrow.

Gordon C. Willis presented merit badges to the following: Hudson Guthrie, troop 51; Richard C. Reim, Kenneth Mann, Lewis E. Cutler, Paul Culliford, Tony Childers, troop 61.

W. B. Chalk Jr., Gordy Eure, troop 130; Tommy Guiton, Eure, Talton, troop 283.

Joseph A. Triglath, Lynnel Triglath, Walter Triglath, troop 446, and James Simpson, troop 472.

## 22 Ships Call During Month

Twenty-two ships called during January at the state port at Morehead City.

According to the monthly report on port activity by the greater Morehead City chamber of commerce, January shipments were a little slow in some categories, but bulk liquid commodities somewhat filled the gap, bringing total tonnage up to par.

Normal first-of-the-year "getting back to work" delays show especially in tobacco. February shipments could easily balance this commodity with large shipments moving to the Mediterranean.

Small shipments of tea, kapok (import) and lithium (export) were among the "unusual" items for January. Military tonnage amounted to 14,711 tons, totaling 11 ships.

Payrolls generated through your port, the chamber reveals, came to \$141,801, not including military tonnages.

Funds Requested  
The Department of Defense has asked Congress to appropriate \$562,000 for Cherry Point Marine air base for the year starting July 1. The funds would be used for training, maintenance, administrative facilities and troop housing.

## David Freshwater Named Lieutenant In National Guard

The appointment of David Hales Freshwater as a first lieutenant in the North Carolina Army National Guard, has been announced by governor Sanford.

Lieutenant Freshwater was born in Morehead City where he presently lives with his wife and daughter at 2008 Shepard St.

Lieutenant Freshwater graduated from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill in 1956 and received his doctor of dental surgery degree from that university in 1960.

Lieutenant Freshwater's assignment in the North Carolina Army National Guard is with the 205th Medical Detachment, Raleigh.

Firemen Called  
Morehead City firemen were called about 3 p.m. Wednesday to put out a fire at the Country Club road between the F. C. Bass and Elvin Franks homes. No damage was reported to either residence.

## Newport Democrat Is First in Race

Edgar Hibbs, Newport, filed Tuesday for the office of sheriff. Mr. Hibbs thus became the first to file for any county office this year. He is a Democrat.

Candidates for the November election will be selected at primaries in May. Deadline for filing is Friday, April 13, announces Charles C. Willis, chairman of the county board of elections.

Mr. Hibbs announced some time ago that he intended to run for sheriff.

A native of Newport, he was graduated from Newport high school in 1939. He joined the Army Air Force in July 1942 and was discharged with the rating of technical sergeant in April 1946.

He opened Hibbs Soda shop when he returned to civilian life, and in 1952 expanded into the furniture business at Newport.

Mr. Hibbs married the former Betty Garner April 11, 1942. They have a son, Rocky, 7.

The office-seeker served one term as Newport town commissioner and one term as mayor.

He is a member of St. James Methodist church, Newport Masonic lodge and York Rite, New Bern; charter member of the Newport Rotary club, a past president and past secretary of the club, and member of the Newport American Legion post.

## Forest Ranger Puts Out Fires

Two fires were brought under control by the county forest ranger, E. M. Foreman, Wednesday afternoon.

Sixty acres of marshland caught fire from a blaze started by someone burning trash. The fire occurred in the North River section.

Three acres of marketable timber burned in the Core Creek section. The timber was owned by the International Paper Co. That fire spread from a person burning off grass in a garden plot, Mr. Foreman said.

He reminds people that those who intend to burn off fields must have permits to do so, unless they do the burning between 4 p.m. and midnight.

## Blanks Ready For Candidates

Candidates who wish to run for nomination in the primaries Saturday, May 26, may get filing blanks from Charles C. Willis, Morehead City, chairman of the county board of elections.

A filing fee must be paid at the time an office-seeker files. Filing fee for county commissioner is \$10; for sheriff, clerk of court and register of deeds, \$40 plus 1 per cent of the office income over \$4,000; for general assembly \$18; for township constable or any justice of the peace office, \$10 plus 1 per cent of the office income over \$1,000.

For county offices (other than those mentioned) that may be in whole or part supported by fees, the filing fee is \$20 plus 1 per cent of the income above \$2,000.

For further information on filing or fees, prospective candidates may check with Mr. Willis at Hill's men's store, Morehead City, or refer to general statute 163-120.

## Choral Club Concert Will Begin at 8 P.M. Monday

By ANNE CLYDE HAMILTON

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## Salvors Check Potomac's Hull

Salvors of the tanker Potomac and Cdr. T. R. Bachefer, of the Bureau of Ships, USN, were in town this week to confer on the procedure of salvaging the Potomac.

Merritt Chapman and Scott have received the contract for getting the T-5 tanker, a charred steel hull, out of Morehead City harbor. The tanker burned Sept. 26, 1961.

The salvage tug, Cable, left Morehead City Wednesday and Capt. T. F. Peterson, who will be supervising salvage operations, left yesterday with commander Bachefer.

Captain Peterson said that the Potomac will be raised and taken out but he wouldn't know when the work would begin until after he conferred with his office in New York Monday.

The underwater portion of the Potomac was surveyed by closed circuit television Tuesday, a diver using an underwater camera and the picture being televised to captain Peterson and commander Bachefer on a ship above.

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## County Will Be Represented At 70 Meeting

Mrs. Clayton Fulcher Jr., Atlantic, acting president of the North Carolina US Highway 70 association, will be among the speakers this weekend at the association's meeting in Durham.

The session opens this afternoon at the Jack Tar hotel. Attending the meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Fulcher will be Mr. and Mrs. J. A. DuBois, Morehead City.

Mr. DuBois will give a report from the by-laws and constitution committee at the Saturday morning session.

Anyone who operates a business establishment along highway 70 is invited to the meeting.

Present will be Fred Patton, Santa Fe, N. M., who has been named head of promotion for the Highway 70 association; Jack DiPaolo, Ruidoso, N. M., president of the association; Lynn Nisbet, president of the North Carolina Travel council; Duck Lewis, former vice-president of the North Carolina Motel association, and Harvey Rape, president of the North Carolina Restaurant association.

Election of officers and directors, adoption of highway 70 maps, and reports on national advertising will be among the business items to be handled.

## Thomas Respass Heads Community Theatre Group

Thomas Respass was elected president of the Carteret Community theatre at the meeting Wednesday night at the Webb civic center, Morehead City.

Other officers are Jean Holt, vice-president; Julia Herndon, secretary; Lillian F. Giddens, treasurer; Ruth Peeling, business manager, and Tessa Vickers, assistant business manager.

The new officers will take over the first of March. Mr. Respass succeeds Mrs. Vickers as president.

The club decided to present best actor, actress, director and service awards at the annual banquet, the date yet to be set. Mr. Respass presided in the absence of the president.



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