

Governor Pleads for Finer Education

Sea Level Hospital to Have New 38-Bed Children's Wing

Governor Lauds Legislators Who Backed School Program

Gov. Terry Sanford, speaking to the county NCEA unit and at Beaufort school Wednesday night, praised members of the legislature for backing his education program.

He said Sen. Luther Hamilton, Rep. D. G. Bell, both of this county, and Sen. Thomas White, Kinston, ran the risk of putting their "political necks on the chopping block" to push through legislation for better schools.

Governor Sanford never once mentioned the food sales tax, which is financing the state's new school program. The tax, which has been termed unpopular, was levied by the 1961 legislature.

The governor expressed his appreciation to Sen. Luther Hamilton, "who supported our program all the way."

Of representative Bell, the governor observed that Mr. Bell is now a member of the highway commission, but added, "I don't know what his plans are, but I hope he'll be up in Raleigh representing you again."

Mr. Bell said yesterday that he had made no decision as to his future political plans. He added that he may have an announcement next week.

The governor commended senator White, chairman of the senate finance committee, for making the education program possible.

During the NCEA business session, Joseph Owens, Smyrna, president, appointed a nominating committee, E. C. Jernigan, chairman; Mrs. Leon Thomas and Miss Josie Pigott.

He announced that Mrs. Mamie Swain, Beaufort, a teacher at Camp Glenn school, will represent the state NCEA at the national convention at Denver, Colo., in June. The next meeting of the NCEA will be May 10. Officers will be installed. Giving the invocation at Wednesday night's meeting was the Rev. Lamar Moore, member of the Atlantic church.

Dignitaries who accompanied the governor during his speech-making tour Wednesday night were, in addition to those mentioned, mayor George W. Dill, Morehead City; mayor W. H. Potter, Beaufort; mayor Leon Mann, Newport; Moses Howard, chairman of the county board of commissioners.

Robert Saffit, chairman of the county board of education; W. B. Allen and Dr. A. F. Chestnut, county board of education members; H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, who introduced the governor at the Biltmore.

Dr. Raymond Stone, executive secretary of the state citizens' committee for better schools; W. R. Hamilton, Beaufort, chairman of the county committee for better schools.

The invocation at W. S. King school was given by the Rev. E. E. Lewis, Beaufort, and the governor was introduced by mayor Dill. Platform guests were Randolph Johnson, principal of Queen Street school, Beaufort; S. R. McLendon, principal of W. S. King school.

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Mayor George Dill, Morehead City, accompanies Gov. Terry Sanford from the dining room at the Biltmore Motor hotel.

The Sea Level Community hospital will add a 38-bed children's wing this year, according to Bill Heath, manager of the Sea Level inn.

Mr. Heath stated that construction will begin on the wing in late June, according to present plans. Mr. Heath is in charge of the construction of the wing and two other building projects for the Sea Level Development Co.

The wing will be built by the Taylor Foundation, and will be on the side of the hospital toward the Sea Level Inn. The wing will be 285 feet long, and will house infants' and isolation wards, with spaces for examination, records and doctors' offices.

Other projects at Sea Level include a ten-unit addition to the Sea Level inn, now under way, and construction of a number of homes in the area of the hospital and the inn.

The new hospital wing will use present hospital facilities, but will care for children exclusively. Wards will hold two and four beds, with two rooms designated for isolation cases.

The new addition will provide a needed service in the specialized care of children, and will augment the excellent hospital service Sea Level now provides residents of the eastern part of the county, Mr. Heath said.

Duke Students Stop Here On Boat Trip to Georgetown

By ELLEN MASON

"It was a challenge and seemed like a not-too-expensive way to spend spring vacation." That's the reason Gene Atkinson and Chuck Colver give for their trip along the inland waterway in a 14-foot outboard boat. They stayed Tuesday night at Queen's Galley, Atlantic Beach.

Chuck and Gene, both from Durham, are sophomores at Duke university. They left Norfolk, Va., at 1 p.m. Sunday bound for Georgetown, S. C. They hoped to reach their destination by Thursday so they'd have a couple days to "fool around" before hitting the books again on Monday.

The two adventurers started out with 16 gallons of gas, food from home, a pup tent, sleeping bags, life preservers, a fire extinguisher, a rifle and lots of sweatshirts. They got as far as Sandy Point, on the Little Alligator river across Albemarle sound from Elizabeth City, Sunday and camped on the shore Sunday night.

A storm came up and only when it was raining buckets did Chuck and Gene discover something awful—their tent leaked! They rented a cabin Monday morning and were forced to lay over there Monday night because of the weather. They occupied themselves with trying to dry out their gear.

Weather had cleared Tuesday morning so the two left Sandy Point about 6 a.m. They crossed Pamlico sound, where they found the going very rough, and reached Morehead City about 4 p.m. Water in the boat was bailed out with

the thermos bottle cap, which has a one-cup capacity!

During the Sandy Point-Morehead City stretch they went 7½ hours without getting out of the boat!

The next stop after Morehead City, according to Gene, is to be Wilmington. Gene said his mother, Mrs. Sid L. Atkinson, is a school teacher and she got three tickets to board the USS North Carolina at Wilmington. He declared the main objective of the trip was to make use of those tickets!

The travelers have complete charts, a compass and a few other navigational aids and had managed not to get lost between Norfolk and here. They hoped they'd be able to navigate the Cape Fear without any trouble and from then on were sure they'd have smooth sailing.

Chuck and Gene started to make the trip during their Thanksgiving holidays with a third person along but stopped when they got to Elizabeth City. They decided the holiday was too short to go the entire distance.

They are traveling in a plywood boat with a fiberglass bottom. The boat has no cabin for protection, only a windshield. Their motor is a 35 horsepower Evinrude. The rig belongs to Gene's parents. The Atkinsons took the boat to Norfolk on a trailer and will go to Georgetown this weekend to pick up boat and sailors to ferry them back home to Durham.

Both boys were enthusiastic about their reception all along the way and said folks had been very helpful.

Elijah Nelson Receives Grant

Elijah Nelson, associate professor of natural science at Campbell college, Buies Creek, has been awarded a National Science Foundation grant to attend the academic year institute at the University of Colorado.

Nelson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Nelson of Morehead City.



Elijah Nelson receives grant

and is married to the former Paty Miller of Beaufort. They have a daughter, Debra.

The grant, which amounts to about \$5,000 in stipends and tuition, will enable Nelson to spend full time in academic studies in science. He is one of only ten college instructors selected from throughout the United States for this grant.

The Nelson family will leave in August for Boulder, Colo. The professor has been granted a leave of absence from Campbell.

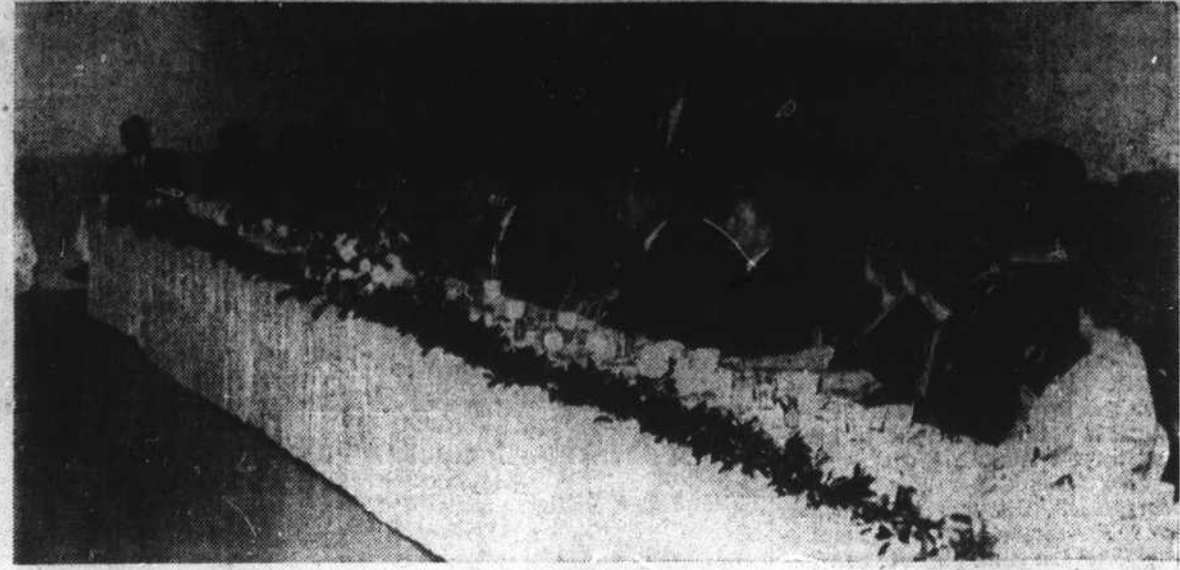
Coast Guard Tows Boat Into Marshallberg

A fishing boat, the Gloria D., broke a shaft Tuesday near Shell Point off Harkers Island and was towed to Marshallberg by the Coast Guard 30-footer from Fort Macon.

The boat is the property of Carlton Wade. Manning the Coast Guard boat were Howard Jones, BM1, Peter Brunk, BM2, and Jim Goff, FA.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Friday, March 30	
2:33 a.m.	9:43 a.m.
3:23 p.m.	9:58 p.m.
Saturday, March 31	
3:51 a.m.	10:42 a.m.
4:37 p.m.	11:01 p.m.
Sunday, April 1	
5:03 a.m.	11:36 a.m.
5:39 p.m.	11:58 p.m.
Monday, April 2	
6:02 a.m.	12:27 a.m.
6:34 p.m.	
Tuesday, April 3	
6:57 a.m.	12:52 a.m.
7:25 p.m.	1:17 p.m.



Gov. Terry Sanford addresses the county NCEA unit at the Biltmore Motor hotel Wednesday night.

Sanford Makes Three Talks In County Wednesday Night

Potomac Disaster Leads To Court Action

The inevitable suits, as the result of the burning of the tanker Potomac, have led to filing of a petition in federal court, Raleigh, by the US government and Marine Transport Lines, who seek to be cleared of all responsibility in connection with the tanker's destruction. The petition seeks to place the blame for the fire on Aviation Fuel Terminals Inc.

The tanker, carrying jet fuel, was owned by the Navy and was operated by Marine Transport. It burned at the Aviation Fuel Terminal dock, Radio island (between Beaufort and Morehead City), the night of Sept. 26, 1961.

Members of the Potomac crew's family have filed suits for damages totaling \$875,000. More are expected. An order has been signed requiring all claims to be put in one proceeding. Claimants must file by May 28.

Mary Esther Leonard, widow of Clyde V. Leonard, whose body was retrieved from the water during the course of the fire, seeks \$200,000.

The government and Marine Transport, in the petition, state that the "fire was not caused or contributed to in any manner by any fault or irregularity on the part of the ship." The petition asks "exemption and exoneration for liability" from any damage claims resulting from the fire.

The petitioners seek to limit their liability, if they are found liable at all, to the value of the ship as she lies now, a charred steel hulk in Morehead City harbor.

To Sponsor Dance

The Swansboro recreation commission will sponsor a dance Saturday night in the community building at 7:30. The dance is for high school students only. Admission is 25 cents per person. Refreshments will be served.

Gov. Terry Sanford, in a "whistle-stop tour" of the county Wednesday night, appealed to students, teachers and citizens to make public school education in North Carolina "second to none."

The governor dined at the Biltmore Motor hotel, Morehead City, with the county North Carolina Education association, made brief remarks there, and followed them up with two talks, one at W. S. King school, Morehead City, and one at Beaufort school.

He was followed by a retinue of county governmental dignitaries and education officials.

The governor told teachers at the Biltmore that public education "is the most important single task of the state administration." The most important people in that effort, he continued, are the teachers. "What you do in the classroom," he said, "is what pays off in the future."

He said he didn't know how many years it would take to "lift our schools to the best in the nation," but his aim, he declared, "is to put North Carolina in the position of national leadership in schools."

In his talks at W. S. King and Beaufort, the governor explained "why all the sudden emphasis on education."

"A steady pace in education is not enough in this electronic age," governor Sanford said. "In the last 20 years, there has been as much advance in civilization and progress as in all the centuries preceding those 20 years," he declared. "There is so much 'new' to know," he observed.

But progress, while solving problems, also creates them, he noted. "We live so much closer," he told listeners at W. S. King school, "that we have new problems in human understanding." Anything of consequence happening anywhere in the world has immediate impact on each American.

"You must work hard to develop your minds," he told students, "so that you will have the ability to avoid dangers that will come if you do not have human understanding. Scientific advancement must not be used to blow men apart, but to bring them together," the governor advised.

Goals for a better world, he continued, are not achieved by legislatures or by making speeches

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Dom Femia Files For County Seat

Dom Femia, Morehead City, has filed for the office of county commissioner on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Femia, a native of Meriden, Conn., is a member of the Morehead City town board. He was elected in May 1961 and is serving as police commissioner.

A Marine Corps veteran, Mr. Femia served two years overseas and during the second world war was stationed at Lejeune and Cherry Point. He was discharged from



Dom Femia in county race

the Marine Corps in November 1945 and came to Morehead City, where he worked for E. C. Willis & Sons, took over the News and Observer dealership and later opened Dom's Lunch.

He now owns and operates Dom's Lunch in Morehead City and Dom-L's at Atlantic Beach.

Mr. Femia is a director of the Morehead City chamber of commerce, past director of the Morehead City Football Boosters club, and a member of the Morehead City-Beaufort Elks lodge.

He is a member of St. Egbert's church, Morehead City, and the church men's club.

Mr. Femia's wife is the former Edith G. Worthington of Newport. They have five children, Joyce 15, Ann 13, John 10, Dolores 6, and Mike 2.

Mr. Femia said he is seeking office because he is very much interested in schools and in the betterment of the county.

Ten to Go to Democrats' Dinner at State Capital

At least ten Democrats will represent the county at the annual Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner in Raleigh tomorrow night, according to county Democratic chairman A. H. James. The county quota of \$500 has been sent to headquarters for the \$50 per plate fund-raising dinner.

Mayor Robert F. Wagner of New York City will make the principal address. Those who will attend from this county include Mr. and Mrs. Garland Scruggs, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Chalk Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Gene Smith and Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Piner.

Announcement Tonight

Winners of a VFW Auxiliary essay contest will be announced at a meeting at 7 tonight at the VFW home, Beaufort.

Two Crusader Jets Collide Near Oriental

● Both Pilots Alive; One Ejected from Plane

● One Aircraft Lands; Jet Wreckage Sought

Pilots of two Crusader jet planes, Cherry Point, miraculously escaped with their lives at 9:10 p.m. Wednesday when their planes collided in mid-air two miles south of Oriental over the Neuse river. Capt. Robert W. Tucker Jr., 36, ejected safely and was picked up in a 15-foot skiff by Hugh Midyette, Ed. Thompson and Thompson's daughter, Cheryl, 13, all of Oriental. Maj. Walter E. Domina, 41, was able to land his plane safely at Cherry Point.

The wreckage of Tucker's plane had not been found by noon yesterday.

E. M. Foreman, Carteret forest ranger, and members of the sheriff's department were notified of the crash Wednesday night. Mr. Foreman said a search Wednesday night revealed nothing. Authorities at Cherry Point say they don't know whether the plane crashed in the water or on land.

After being rescued, captain Tucker was taken to Cherry Point by helicopter and was treated for minor injuries at the Cherry Point dispensary. Major Domina was not injured.

Captain Tucker is a native of Helena, Ala., and major Domina of Keene, N. H.

The men were on a routine training flight and are attached to Marine Photographic Reconnaissance squadron 2, Second Marine Air Wing.

Two Coast Guard rescue craft were sent from Fort Macon in search of captain Tucker. Manning the 30-footer were Howard Jones, BM1; Joseph Hester, RM2; Robert Willis, FN. Manning the 40-footer were Peter Brunk, BM2; Reece Johnson, EN1, and Neuman Cantrell, SN.

In a mid-air night-time collision Nov. 29, 1961, at Crab Point in this county, a pilot, Lt. C. A. Brunt, was killed. The other pilot was rescued.

Newport Junior Speaks to Club

Miss Becky Robinson, winner of a county public speaking contest, gave the program at the Newport Rotary club meeting Monday night.

Miss Robinson, a junior at the Newport school, spoke on Why I Want to Go to College. This particular talk was the winning talk at Newport school and in the county finals at Morehead City.

The contest was sponsored by the Carteret County PTA. Miss Robinson's prize was a \$50 savings bond.

Guests at the meeting were David Murray and Earl Lewis of the Morehead City Rotary club and Sgt. Ernest Robinson, father of Miss Robinson. Sergeant Robinson was the guest of Bob Montague, Rotary program chairman for the evening.

The members were served a charcoal steak supper by the Newport Eastern Star.

Beaufort Mail Changes Listed

To get mail to people earlier, changes have been made in mail dispatch schedules at the Beaufort postoffice, announces postmaster J. P. Betts. They become effective Saturday, March 31 (tomorrow). Mail going east that used to leave the postoffice at 9 a.m. will leave at 7:30 a.m. Mail going out on that dispatch will have to be in the postoffice by 7 a.m., Mr. Betts reports. That is the only mail going east daily.

Mail from the north, west and south, which used to come in at 8:10 a.m. will arrive at 7:25 a.m. This consists of first, second and fourth class mail.

Mail coming into Beaufort from the east arrives about 6:30, in time to make the 6:30 dispatch from Beaufort postoffice for points north, west and south. Mail also leaves the postoffice for those points at 4:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.



Gene Atkinson, left, and Chuck Colver, both of Durham, are shown in the 14-foot outboard boat which carried them from Norfolk, Va., to Georgetown, S. C., this week. The inland waterway adventurers stopped overnight at Atlantic Beach Tuesday.



Mayor W. H. Potter signs the proclamation that officially institutes Future Homemakers Week in Beaufort April 1-7. Mrs. David Beveridge, left, teacher-sponsor at Beaufort high school and Julia Piner, Future Homemaker, observe the signing.