

Ralph Thomas to Seek 2nd Primary

Coast Guard to Build Dock For Chilula at Fort Macon

Bids will be received until 2 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, Thursday, June 21, 1962, for a wharf and other facilities at Fort Macon which will cost between \$350,000 and \$400,000.

Completion of the work will mean that the Chilula, now docking at the state port, Morehead City, will be berthed at Fort Macon, a short distance away, with other Coast Guard vessels.

The size of the Chilula has dictated its using a berth other than those provided at the Coast Guard station. Growth of the state port has forced the SPA to eye jealously the space occupied by the Chilula.

Among those instrumental in working out an arrangement whereby the Chilula might continue to berth at Morehead City and the premium docking space made available for commercial vessels were D. G. Bell, commanding officer of the Fort Macon Coast Guard Reserve unit and former general assemblyman from Carteret, and Lt. John Riddell, commanding officer of Fort Macon group, who will be transferred July 1 to Charleston, S. C.

Lieutenant Riddell expressed the hope that contracts for wharf construction and other facilities can be awarded locally. The bids call for a 300-foot concrete wharf, access ramps, and shore-side facilities including a water treatment plant, well, storage house, pump, road and parking space.

Contractors wishing more information should contact lieutenant Riddell. Bids will be submitted to the Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District, 301 Crawford St., Federal Building, Portsmouth, Va.

The Coast Guard will also invest, at Oak Island, \$150,000 in a new bulkhead, pier and dredging, Oak Island, located near Southport, is in the Fort Macon group. "There is a possibility that more funds will be spent at Fort Macon in 1963 in buildings, dredging and new docks.

Not only is Fort Macon important from an active status standpoint, but it is one of the few, if not the only Coast Guard Reserve unit in the country, whose men receive active duty training "at home."

President Calls SOS Chamber Session at Hotel

Coffee Meeting Set For 8 Tomorrow

Boards Accepts DuBois' Resignation

Dr. S. W. Hatcher, president of the greater Morehead City chamber of commerce, has called a coffee meeting for 8 a.m. Wednesday at the Hotel Fort Macon to discuss chamber finances.

It's an SOS meeting, and each chamber member is invited.

J. A. DuBois, manager of the chamber, presented his resignation at a special meeting of the board of directors Thursday night. His resignation becomes effective when a successor is obtained.

It was announced that Mrs. John Jones Jr., chamber secretary, would not be able to work during the summer months. Thursday will be her last day.

Dr. Hatcher commented on the seriousness of the financial condition of the chamber. Since Jan. 1, \$7,122 has been collected in dues, of which \$2,081 was used to pay 1961 bills. The budget for this year is \$30,000.

He said that the chamber's supply of brochures and literature was gone and brochures to answer at least 500 inquiries are needed at once.

William Davies, finance chairman, noted that last year at this time \$11,000 in dues had been collected.

A. B. Cooper said that he could not understand the lack of support at a time when the county is experiencing a record boom in tourist business, most of which is directly traceable to chamber advertising.

Attending the meeting, in addition to those mentioned, were George Phillips, Ben Alford, Frank Cassiano, W. E. Baughman, Garland Scruggs, Elmer Willis, J. C. Sherrill, and W. L. Derriekson.

Beach Board Meets

Friday with S. A. Horton

S. A. Horton, owner and manager of the Atlantic Beach water system, informed the beach board of aldermen at a special meeting Friday morning that he has an opportunity to sell the water system, but wanted to give the town first refusal.

The board considered the proposition and told Mr. Horton that if he has a buyer, he should proceed with the sale.

Earl H. Willis Dies Following Truck Crash

Earl Haywood Willis, 53, route 1 Morehead City, died at 3:35 p.m. Saturday at Morehead City hospital of injuries in an auto accident at 11 a.m. Friday. The accident happened on highway 70 three miles east of Beaufort.

State trooper R. H. Brown, who investigated, said Willis was driving a 1962 Chevrolet ton-and-a-half truck owned by the Carteret county board of education. He was headed west on highway 70 towards Beaufort.

Trooper Brown said Willis was rounding a curve that bore to his left and the two right wheels left the pavement just as he entered the curve. The truck skidded along the shoulder of the road, then abruptly shot into the opposite lane of traffic.

Jack Nicholson O'Neal, route 2 Beaufort, was going east in a 1955 Chevrolet pickup and struck the right front of Willis's truck broadside. O'Neal saw the trucks would hit and fell over in the seat.

The trooper said Willis was flung through the left door and onto the pavement, landing on his head. He suffered a skull fracture and died without regaining consciousness.

"In my 14 years of investigating accidents I have never seen an accident that pointed out more clearly the fact that seat belts save lives," the trooper commented.

Commander Picks Up Awards

Lt. John Riddell, USCG, commanding officer of Fort Macon group, Morehead City, returned Wednesday from a conference at Fifth Coast Guard headquarters, Portsmouth, with three safety awards.

One award was for the best improvement in the "average accident frequency rate" in 1961 among Coast Guard personnel; the second was for the best improvement in "average accident frequency rate" among civilian personnel employed at Fort Macon, and the third was for an accident-free record among civilian personnel for the year 1961.

The awards were in the form of certificates.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Leah Gaskins Willis; one son, Lt. Raymond Earl Willis, USA, Fort Campbell, Ky.; one daughter, Betty Rufin Willis of the home, and one sister, Mrs. Walter Smith, Morehead City.

Elks Get Trophy At High Point

L. G. Dunn Wins District Office

State Elks to Meet At Morehead Nov. 8

Morehead City-Beaufort Lodge No. 1710 was honored by a trophy given by the State Elks association at its spring meeting in High Point Thursday for "the greatest participation in the Elks National Foundation for the past year."

Donations to the foundation are used for philanthropic and charitable causes, such as medical research and scholarships. North Carolina lodges have contributed more than \$125,000 the foundation since its inception in 1928.

The Foundation now has over ten million dollars and the income only is used in its work, which comes to over one-half million dollars a year.

Elected to the post of vice-president for the eastern district of North Carolina was L. G. Dunn, past exalted ruler of Morehead City-Beaufort lodge. Mr. Dunn will be responsible for the operation of 11 lodges located in the eastern part of the state.

The state association is comprised of 41 lodges. During the past year, under Mr. Dunn's administration, the local lodge built a new building and increased its membership by 70 per cent.

Also confirmed at the meeting was the choice of Morehead City for the state meeting Nov. 8, 1962. Approximately 300 Elks are expected to attend.

C. L. Kessler Will Speak To Legionnaires

Navy Capt. Charles L. Kessler, director of Virginia's selective service system and a former polar explorer, will be the guest speaker when American Legion post 46 of Morehead City installs its officers Friday night. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the legion hut west of Morehead City.

Captain Kessler enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1922 and served



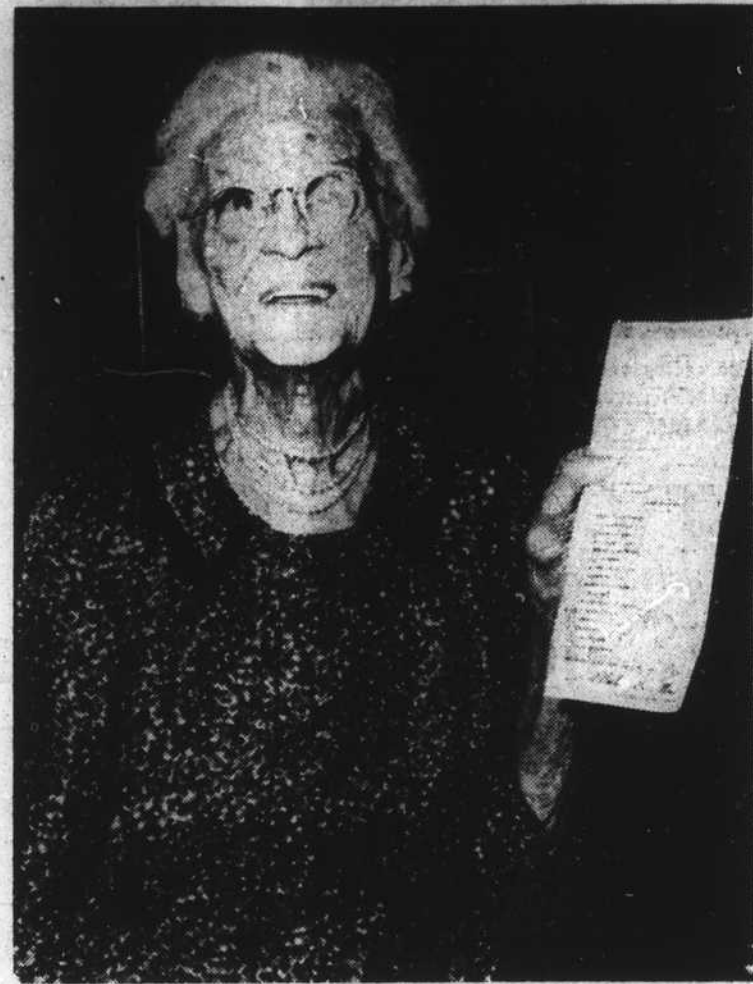
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until 1928. He returned to active duty in world war II as a Navy lieutenant and became director of Virginia's selective service system in 1960. He represented the Marine Corps on RAdm Richard E. Byrd's North Pole expedition in 1926 and was with Admiral Byrd on his first South Pole expedition in 1928-30, when Little America was found.

Leslie C. Watson of New Bern, sixth district commander, will be the installing officer. Officers to be installed are Robert Reed, commander; Joe DuBois, vice-commander; William E. Wade, second vice-commander; Walton Fulcher, finance officer; Luther Hamilton Jr., service officer; Josiah Bailey, historian; George W. Ball, chaplain. Appointed adjutant is Walton Fulcher and as sergeant-at-arms, Lester Hall.

Miss Anne Marie Lewis, oratorical contest winner, will be present.

'Ma' Voted — Did You?



Mrs. N. W. (Ma) Taylor, Beaufort, was taken to the polls at the courthouse Saturday morning by her granddaughter, Mrs. Clifford Fleet whose home is in Richmond, Va. Mrs. Fleet, has been staying with Ma for some weeks.

C. Z. Chappell, with Mrs. Fleet's help, escorted Ma, who will be 102 years of age in November, up the courthouse steps.

Law did not permit her to vote in her car. In the courthouse she was given a place at the big table where the pollholders were working.

Mrs. Fleet went over the ballot with her. The names of the various candidates were pointed out to her. Ma can see and read well, but the long list of names on the ballot momentarily confused her.

Ma voted only for those people she knew. She didn't personally know. And that was quite a problem because Ma knows EVERYBODY at least a little bit!

Election Officials Make Correction on Vote Tally

Quite a rushing-about took place Sunday to get straightened out some alleged errors in the reporting of returns from Morehead precinct No. 1.

The errors involved 666 votes reported for sheriff Robert Bell as opposed to an authenticated 606 votes; and several changes in votes on commissioners, including Gaston Smith, Edwin Salter and Dom Femia.

According to Osborne Davis, Beaufort, a member of the county board of elections, the final vote reported by phone from Morehead No. 1 was 606 for Bell and 93 for Thomas. Later the registrar, Stamey Davis, phoned about midnight, Mr. Davis said, and reported that there was an error on the Bell vote. It was 666.

This disturbed supporters of Mr. Thomas, Jimmy Howland, Republican judge at Morehead No. 1 precinct, was contacted and said that officials at the polls signed abstracts giving Bell 606.

Charles Willis, chairman of the board of elections, Mr. Davis, Mr. Howland, and Stamey Davis, registrar, then visited both Beaufort and Morehead post offices to get the mailed abstract on which the registrar had reported 666 for Bell.

They finally located it in the outside mailbox in front of the Morehead City post office. Wade Pelletier, assistant postmaster, gave the abstract to the election officials. It was opened in the post office lobby, and in the presence of the registrar, the two members of the county board of elections, and Mr. Howland, the sheriff's vote and the Democratic commissioners' votes found to be in error were changed to conform with the figures on the forms signed by the judges of the election in Morehead precinct No. 1.

The elections officials then went to the Morehead City municipal building where the ballot box was

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Two Face Charges Following Fracas

Charges were pending yesterday against Eddie Smith and Andrew Shinka, Cherry Point; after Smith allegedly beat up Durwood Martin, Liberty, N. C., in a motel room at Atlantic Beach.

Deputies C. H. Davis and Billy Smith said that the two then ransacked the room, taking clothing and money in Martin's wallet.

Smith and Shinka say that Martin invited them into the room. Martin denies that an invitation was issued. Martin was treated at Morehead City hospital.

Smith was picked up at the motel and Shinka later by military police.

How It Stacks Up

(Returns on the Democratic primary appearing below are from all 27 precincts; returns on Republican primary from 16 precincts. All returns are unofficial. Official tabulation by precincts will appear in Friday's paper.)

Sheriff

DEMOCRATS	
Candidate	Votes
Robert L. Bell	2,911
Ralph Thomas	2,273
Edgar Hibbs	677

REPUBLICANS	
Elmer D. Willis	220
A. B. (Tom) Garner	90
Meredith Gillikin	67

(Republican returns are unofficial, from 16 precincts.)

Commissioners

DEMOCRATS	
Candidate	Votes
Moses Howard	3,071
W. R. Hamilton	2,836
C. Z. Chappell	2,810
Dom Femia	2,563
Rudolph Mason	2,291
Gaston Smith	2,265
Tommy Lewis	2,094
Edwin Salter	2,028
Aaron Craig	1,833
Joseph R. Guthrie	1,660
Wallace Hill	840
W. E. Guthrie	831
T. C. Cobb	628
L. J. Dupree	610
Roosevelt Dixon	507
Charles Hudgins	415

REPUBLICANS	
Headen G. Willis	357
Kenneth Wagner	351
Gordon Hardesty	347
Gerald Murdoch	292
Roy T. Garner	237
Clifford Tighman	235
Ray Gordon Lewis	192
James F. Hux	186

Register of Deeds

DEMOCRATS	
Candidate	Votes
Ozell Merrill	4,005
Berkley Willis	1,392

REPUBLICANS	
Ruth T. Richardson	300
John N. Miller	161

Congress

DEMOCRATS	
Candidate	Votes
David Henderson	2,941
S. A. Chalk Jr.	1,920

Constable

Morehead Township	
Buck Newsome	482
W. E. Cottingham	121
Linwood (Chuck) Hall	114

Beaufort Township	
Ronald Smith	675
Warren T. Willis	502
James Laughter	138

More Than 6,000 Go To Polls Saturday

Ralph Thomas, Democratic candidate for sheriff, who polled 638 votes less than sheriff Robert L. Bell, will call for a "run-off" or second primary, to determine who will be the Democratic candidate in November, he or sheriff Bell.

That was the word from close supporters of Mr. Thomas yesterday. Sheriff Bell got 2,911 votes (unofficial returns) to Mr. Thomas's 2,273, and Edgar Hibbs' 677. Those who would like to see Mr. Thomas as sheriff also said that Mr. Hibbs would ask his supporters to vote for Thomas in the second primary, which would occur the latter part of June.

Mr. Hibbs, contacted by THE NEWS-TIMES yesterday, said, "I can take no position. I sent word to both sheriff Bell and Mr. Thomas to that effect."

Democratic commissioners polling the highest number of votes were Moses Howard, Newport; W. R. Hamilton, C. Z. Chappell, both of Beaufort; Dom Femia and Rudolph Mason, both of Morehead City.

Charles C. Willis, chairman of the county board of elections, said yesterday afternoon that it appears that there will be a run-off among commissioners C. Z. Chappell, Dom Femia, Rudolph Mason and Gaston Smith.

Mr. Willis said that the total number of votes for commissioner must be divided by five (number of vacancies to be filled on the board), then divided by two to determine a majority. If after the June vote, things remain as they stand now, Democrats would vote in November on two candidates from Beaufort, two from Morehead, and one from Beaufort.

In the past, the positions have usually been controlled to put one commissioner each on the board from Beaufort, Morehead, and Newport, and the other two from "downeast" or east of Beaufort.

This is the biggest shake-up to hit the county political scene in 20 years. Mr. Howard and Mr. Chappell are members of the county board at present. The other three are new. Mr. Femia was considered as one of the slate run by the incumbents. He was running in place of S. A. Chalk Jr., who did not seek re-election.

Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Mason were running on the "March for Democracy" ticket.

More than 6,000 persons went to the polls, one of the heaviest votes recorded in a primary. The combined vote for all six sheriff candidates, Democratic and Republican, according to unofficial returns, was 6,238. Total vote in the Presidential election of 1960 in the county was 9,757.

Ballots cast in the 1958 primary See VOTING Page 3

Two Groups Give Scholarship

Harriet Whitehurst To Study Art

Funds to be Raised At Dinner June 2

In cooperation with the County Wildlife club, the Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary, Beaufort, will provide a scholarship for a student to study art during the summer workshop in Beaufort.

Recipient of the art scholarship is Harriet Whitehurst, a junior at Beaufort school.

The money will be raised at a benefit dinner Saturday night, June 2. The wildlife club will provide the turkey for the dinner.

Profit exceeding the amount of the scholarship will go to the state VFW Otis N. Brown scholarship fund for children of veterans and the VFW National home for orphans and widows.

Plans for the above projects were made at the auxiliary meeting at the post home Thursday night.

The auxiliary is seeking donations of paperback books, records and comic books to be sent to the veterans' hospital. Persons having such items to donate may call PA 8-4951 if they'd like them picked up, or deliver them to 123 Front St.

Mrs. Betty Mathis and Mrs. Julia Basden were elected delegates to the department convention at Wilmington June 7-10. Alternates are Mrs. Ruby Peterson and Mrs. Cora Lee Pratt.

Letters from the Carteret Choral club and Girl Scout troop 299 were read. It was announced that there will be draping of the charter in memory of the late Lucille Cauley, auxiliary member, at the next meeting.

Mrs. Rachel Parker, a new member, was initiated.

The door prize was won by Mrs. Winnie Nelson. Mrs. Frank Nance, president, presided.

Coast Guard Recovers Body Of Rocky Mount Fisherman

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