

# 4-H Developers Buy Camp Site Here

## 4-H Leaders Hope Purchase Will Spur Local Interest

Completed in the past several days was the purchase by the North Carolina Development Fund, Inc. of a camp site in this county. The camp will be used during the summer by 4-H members from throughout the state.

L. E. Lewis, Morehead City, chairman of county 4-H development program, announced the good news yesterday. "I've been waiting three and a half years for this!" Mr.

Lewis said. Manager of Belk's in Morehead City, he was in Charlotte on business and reported the camp site purchase by long-distance phone.

Walter Teich, Morehead City, a state director of the 4-H development corporation, said that State college officials in Raleigh, who are connected with the program, have engaged an architect to proceed immediately with camp building plans.

The property consists of approximately 112 acres at Merrimon where Adams creek and the Neuse river join. There's approximately a mile of waterfront.

The property formerly belonged to Luke Smallwood, New Bern, who sold it to Lycurgus Dickinson. The B&T Real Estate and Development firm, Morehead City, purchased the property from Jack Edens, who acquired it from Dickinson.

The 4-H development corporation actually had an option on the property, which it acquired from Edens, but did not have the funds to exercise the option. The B&T firm then agreed to carry through on the transaction, acquiring the land and agreeing to turn it over to the 4-H foundation at actual cost, plus the cost of any capital improvements.

There is an unimproved road to the property.

Mr. Lewis said that a tremendous amount of financial support is needed for the project by Carteret citizens. Newport 4-Hers are sponsoring a fish fry Saturday night to raise money for the camp project. Hours are from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the school lunchroom.

Several other benefit programs have been given, including a talent and variety show by the Harlowe 4-H'ers.

Mr. Teich commented that the 4-H leaders are hoping for a little bit of financial help from everyone. "We must show active interest here if our appeal to others throughout the state, to establish this camp, is to be successful," he remarked.

The 4-H foundation director concluded, "I think this is going to be a wonderful thing for the county. Not only will we have the opportunity to be host to many 4-H campers and their parents, but the camp will be of considerable economic value."

Persons wishing to make a contribution may give or mail their donations to 4-H Development Fund, Inc., c/o J. R. Sanders, First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co., Morehead City.

Four-H camps now in the state can accommodate only 15,000 of the 168,000 youngsters enrolled in North Carolina 4-H clubs.

## 1,200 Attend Annual Fish Fry

Charles Caudell, administrator of Sea Level hospital, estimated yesterday that 1,200 persons attended the fish fry on the hospital lawn Saturday afternoon. The fish fry was originally scheduled for the Fourth of July but was postponed because of rain.

Mr. Caudell said this was the first time in its nine-year history the event has been postponed. He commented, however, that the fish fry was highly successful and said he was grateful to those who contributed food and supplies.

Congressman David N. Henderson addressed the crowd during the afternoon. He was introduced by Clayton Fulcher Jr., Atlantic.

After lunch, boat races were held in Nelson's Bay behind the hospital.

## Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Tuesday, July 10	LOW
1:43 a.m.		8:30 a.m.
2:35 p.m.		9:18 p.m.
Wednesday, July 11		
2:30 a.m.		9:23 a.m.
3:24 p.m.		10:11 p.m.
Thursday, July 12		
3:28 a.m.		10:10 a.m.
4:17 p.m.		11:01 p.m.
Friday, July 13		
4:32 a.m.		10:57 a.m.
5:09 p.m.		11:48 p.m.

## Artist Displays Paintings



Passers-by examine watercolors on display on the Morehead City waterfront. The exhibition, over the weekend, was held by Charles McNeill, well-known watercolor artist, and traffic director of the North Carolina Ports Authority, Morehead City.

## Press Association to Meet Thursday at Morehead City



J. Montgomery Curtis  
... newspaper expert



Volt Gilmore  
... from Winston-Salem

Featured speakers at the North Carolina Press association convention, which opens Thursday at the Biltmore Motor hotel, Morehead City, will be J. Montgomery Curtis, director of the American Press Institute, Columbia University; Dr. William C. Archie, director of the North Carolina Board of Higher Education, and Volt Gilmore, US travel director.

The convention will open at 5 p.m. with a reception at Spooner's Creek Harbor with THE NEWS-TIMES as host. An official welcome will be extended to the press association at a buffet supper at the Biltmore following the reception.

Extending the welcome will be mayor George W. Dill, Morehead City. Mr. Gilmore will be the after dinner speaker.

A. B. Cooper, Atlantic Beach, owner of the Oceanana Resort, has offered beach facilities to the convention-goers.

Dr. Archie will speak at the Friday morning breakfast session at 8 o'clock. Group meetings will follow. At noon, members of the press will be guests of Carolina Telephone and Southern Bell at a luncheon at the state port in the newly-completed 95,000-square foot warehouse.

The 12:30 luncheon will be followed by a tour of the port for those who wish to make it.

Recreation is scheduled for Friday afternoon—fishing, golf, swimming. Dave Whitchard III, Greenville, whose family has a summer home at Atlantic Beach, is chairman of the hospitality committee.

Mr. Curtis will be the banquet speaker Friday night following a reception on the patio of the Biltmore.

The convention will end at noon Saturday.

## Republicans To Meet Friday

The County Republican club will join the Republican Women's club in a meeting at the Davis community building Friday night at 8. Speakers will be the winning candidates in the recent primary.

After the speeches, the two groups will hold separate business sessions. They will join for refreshments after adjournment.

The women's meeting at Davis June 29 was rained out.

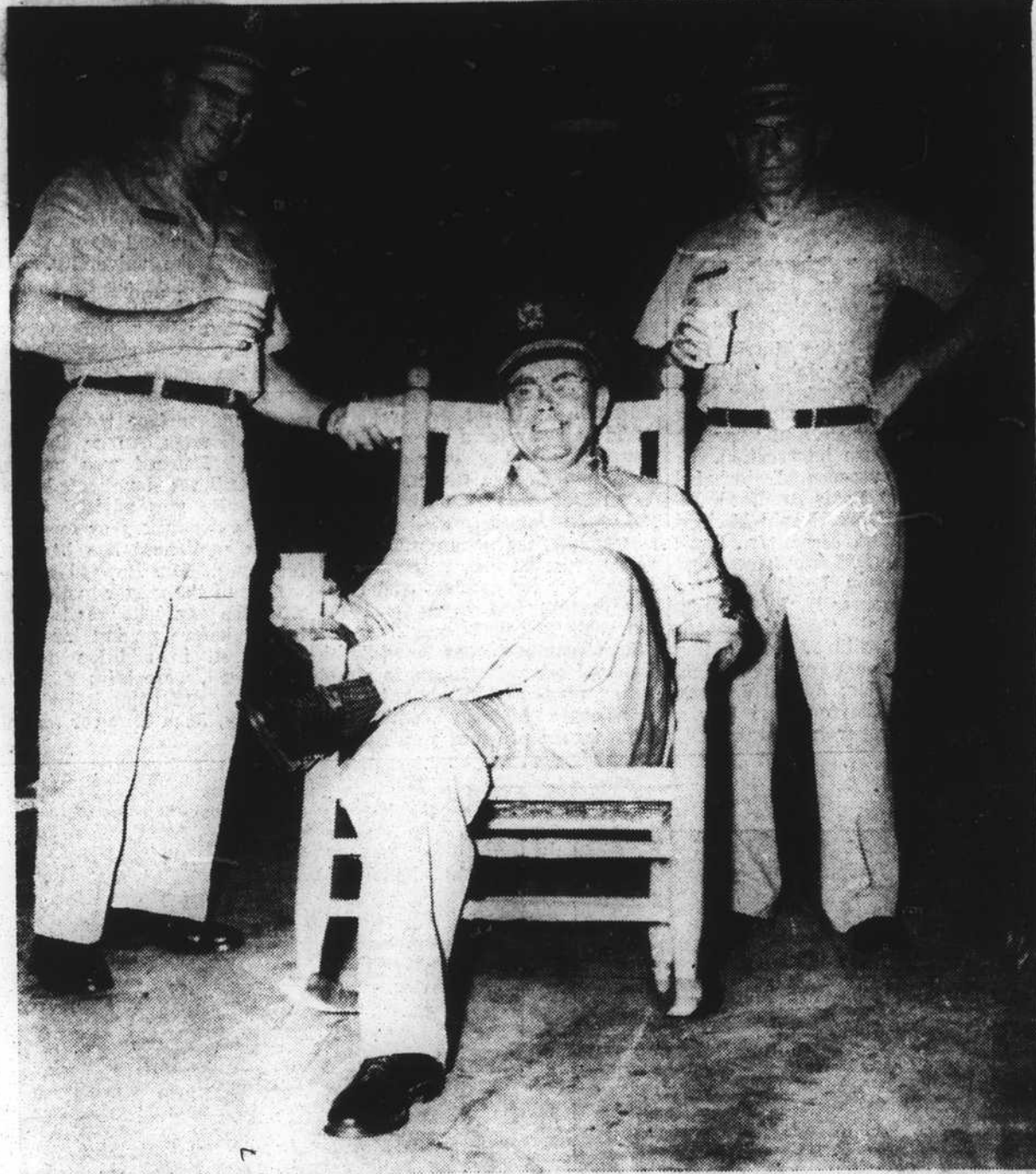
The executive committee of the County Republican club met Saturday at Morehead City to discuss plans for the summer months. Clifford Tilghman, campaign chairman, discussed campaign procedures with the committee members.

Mrs. M. E. Richardson gave a report on activities of the County Republican Women's club.

The Republicans plan to open a campaign headquarters in September. Meanwhile, candidates can contact Mr. Tilghman at either his home in Beaufort or office in Morehead City.

No County Entrant  
Carteret will not have an entrant in the Miss North Carolina contest at Charlotte Saturday, according to Joe Beam, president of Morehead City Jaycees.

## National Guard Officer Retires



First Lt. Merrill Bridgman tries out his retirement rocker. With him are Brig. Gen. Kermit L. Guthrie, left, 30th division artillery commander, and Lt. Col. Martin L. Lindsay Jr., regular Army advisor.

The man responsible for Morehead City's National Guard unit's activation retired last week from National Guard service. First Lt. Merrill E. Bridgman, Bogue Sound road, Morehead City, ended 20 years of Army and National Guard service June 30.

At an informal retirement ceremony Wednesday in the armory at Camp Glenn he gave his farewell to the unit he chartered and organized. A gift from the officers and men of the unit, a "Kennedy" rocker with an engraved plaque, was presented during the ceremony.

He served as commanding officer of the battery when it was formed Sept. 13, 1954. Records of that first night's drill show there were more visiting Guard generals and officers than there were men in the unit.

Visitors included the state's adjutant general, Col. (now major general) Weston H. Willis, a Carteret county native and now Division commander; Col. (now brigadier general) Kermit L. Guthrie, presently division artillery commander, and six other state and regular Army officers.

The unit's total was five, one officer and four enlisted men. Only one of the four, Pvt. Russell E. Willis Jr., is still a member of the unit. He now holds the rank of staff sergeant and is chief of a howitzer section.

From the small start lieutenant Bridgman watched the unit grow to its present strength of three of-

ficers and 66 enlisted men. The unit reached its highest peak during the two weeks' active training held last month.

It scored the highest grade of all light artillery units in the 30th division on the lengthy and comprehensive battery test administered during the second week of training at Fort Bragg.

Lieutenant Bridgman also saw the dream and hope of several years realized in the armory program. Almost under construction, near the present building, is a \$150,000 brick armory.

Lieutenant Bridgman's 20 years of service included two active duty tours and two tours with Carteret county units. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps July 1, 1942, leaving three years later as a master sergeant.

He saw active duty again when the 49th Observation battalion, Morehead City, was activated during the Korean War.

National Guard service included the 49th, Battery A of the 295th when it was in Beaufort and Battery C of the 69th when it was organized at Camp Glenn.

His retirement will become more meaningful when he reaches the age of 60. At that time he will become eligible for full retirement privileges including medical, commissary and post exchange rights, and a monthly retirement check.

The Carteret Community theatre will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the civic center.

## Famous Names Show Up in Court

Famous names attract the eye, and especially names in the court records. In the past week of both the Morehead City recorder's court and the county recorder's court, more than one familiar name showed up.

For instance, three famous Americans can be imagined on the back row in the courtroom, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and William McKinley, with McKinley and Lincoln presumably discussing assassins. All three names popped up as given names of defendants.

Other famous personages were "Jerry Lewis," Edison, Emerson and LaFayette. And on the Biblical side of things, none other than Elijah, Malachi and Zedekiah.

## Pat Smith, Beaufort, Makes Solo Flight July 1

Pat Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, Beaufort, made his first solo flight Sunday, July 1, his 16th birthday. He followed close on the heels of his brother, Mike, who soloed April 30, 1961, also on his 16th birthday.

Merrill hit Willis with a shotgun. Willis was arrested upon arrival of officers.

Several other defendants requested a jury trial and were allowed bond to appear in superior court. They were Carlton Pittman, Morehead City, who requested jury trial on public drunkenness and soliciting funds under false pretenses, \$100 bond, and public drunkenness, tenth offense in one year, \$100 bond; Johnnie Pinkham, Beaufort, breaking and entering in the night time and larceny of \$70 (\$1,500 bond was set if corporate surety bond and \$1,000 if property bond); and Charles Jones, Morehead City, public drunkenness, third offense in one year, 90 days on roads, \$150 bond. Jones appealed.

A suspended sentence was given Willie Moore Harkley, Morehead City, possession of a small amount of non-taxpaid whiskey, six months suspended upon payment of \$50 and costs and remain of good behavior for one year.

Two defendants were fined for racing, Ronald Lee Hall, Cherry Point, and Thomas Scott Webb, Morehead City, were fined \$50 and costs and \$65 and costs respectively. Eleanor Lavina Boyland, Havelock, was not prosecuted for drunken driving, but was fined \$50 and costs for reckless driving. Ho Ju Hayashi Lusker, Havelock, was fined \$15 and costs for reckless driving.

Mrs. Clara Mann was hired to act as water clerk. She will receive a salary of \$55 per month, beginning in August. Mr. Warren,

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## Newport Town Board Votes To Lay Line to Shirt Plant

Newport town commissioners, meeting Tuesday night at the town hall, voted to lay a water line to the shirt factory so that a sprinkler system, to protect the building in case of fire, can be installed.

Mayor Leon Mann Jr. said the sprinkler system requires 750 gallons of water per minute. He explained that water would only be used, however, in case of fire.

The mayor read the commissioners a list of materials needed to install the line and estimated the cost at about \$7,000. He explained a plan by which the town could borrow the money and repay it in five years and enumerated the benefits of the factory to the town.

Commissioner Raymond Edwards said he understood the Block Manufacturing Co., which now operates the factory, would enlarge the building in the near future. He told how similar operations had benefited other communities and expressed the hope

that the town could find a way to provide services needed by the plant.

The board agreed to install the line provided the company will pay as a sprinkler fee each year an amount equal to the interest on the loan.

County attorney Luther Hamilton Jr. met with the board to discuss the proposed fire district adjoining Newport fire district. Mayor Mann told him the town had agreed to furnish residents of the area fire protection until the county commissioners acted on a petition requesting an election. The county has taken no action, the mayor said, and the town feels it can no longer provide fire protection to those outside the Newport fire district, while those in the district must pay for their protection.

The county attorney, mayor and town attorney George W. Ball agreed that the best solution is to have the election along with the November election. The polling

place will be at Wildwood and election officials there will be provided with a map of the area and the names of those eligible to vote on the fire district question.

The commissioners agreed to continue fire protection in the area pending outcome of the election. Ed Warren gave the water department report for Gordon Cutler, whose resignation became effective July 1. Mr. Cutler thanked the board for the pleasure of working with them for two years, but told them he had a regular job and the job as water department clerk had gotten to be too much for his health.

The commissioners each thanked Mr. Cutler for his work as water clerk and expressed regret at his leaving.