

## Beach Officer Attacked; Bullet Fired by Assailant Tears Shirt

An Atlantic Beach police lieutenant narrowly escaped being shot in a scuffle with two assailants early Tuesday morning when the two attacked the officer and one of them managed to get the officer's gun.

Two men from Cherry Point are being held in the county jail for questioning about the attack, pending lie detector tests and analysis of blood found on Lt. G. W. Wiggins' shirt.

Lieutenant Wiggins was making routine checks on buildings when the attack occurred at approximately 3 a.m. While checking the side door of a beach establishment, Larry's Playboy Patio, lieutenant Wiggins was struck from behind by the two men, who were hidden behind a wall, according to the officer's report.

The assailants used a metal chair as a weapon, and in the fight following the initial attack, one of the pair grabbed the officer's gun from its holster and fired at point blank range, narrowly missing the officer. The bullet passed through the officer's shirt, at the side.

Lieutenant Wiggins immediately disarmed the attacker, grabbing the gun. The gun fell to the ground, and the pair fled when officer Wiggins retrieved it. Five shots were fired at the fleeing pair. None of the shots found their mark.

The pair fled from the scene in the direction of the beach, leaving the officer in a dazed condition. Lieutenant Wiggins radioed for assistance. The Morehead City police department picked up the call and contacted Atlantic Beach officers and sheriff's deputy Billy Smith, who was on the beach bridge enroute to Atlantic Beach.

With the cooperation of the sheriff's department and the Morehead City police, the hunt began for the pair who attacked lieutenant Wiggins. A roadblock was thrown up by the Morehead City police at the Atlantic Beach bridge.

Lieutenant Wiggins was found lying beside the Atlantic Beach police truck that he had been driving, and was taken by ambulance to the Morehead City hospital where he was examined and released, returning to duty by 5 a.m. with no injuries other than soreness from repeated blows by the assailants.

Five suspects were picked up shortly after the attack. Questioning of the five led to other suspects. The two Cherry Point men being held in the county jail were picked up on the beach at about 4 a.m., after the attack.

Atlantic Beach police chief W. W. Moore stated that the two being held had been tentatively identified by officer Wiggins. No motive for the attack has been established as yet.

The stories of the two in jail were being checked out with cooperation of authorities at Cherry Point. Investigation is continuing.

## Fry Employees Reject Union

Employees of Lloyd A. Fry Roofing Co. and Volney Felt Mills, Morehead City, rejected, by a vote of 34-32, affiliation with the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Wednesday.

The election was held at the plant in the afternoon. Walter Edwards, plant manager, reported that there were two challenged votes, but to be certified as a bargaining agent, the union must receive a majority of the votes cast.

Voting were production and maintenance employees, truck drivers, guards and supervisors. Office and clerical help did not vote.

A petition for an election was filed in June by the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers International union, AFL-CIO.

## Two Men Ordered Held for Superior Court on Abortion Attempt Charges

Two Navy medical corpsmen, Cherry Point, each charged with an abortion attempt, were given a preliminary hearing in county recorder's court Tuesday. They were ordered held under \$500 bond for trial in superior court.

The charges came about through investigations connected with the cracking of an "abortion ring" in Vanceboro.

Mary Lou Salmons, now a resident of Newport, testified that Edwin Henry Henderson and Raymond K. Wilshire, Navy medical



Police Lt. George Wiggins displays the service revolver that played an important part in the attack on him at Atlantic Beach Tuesday morning. Two Cherry Point men are being held in connection with the shooting. Lieutenant Wiggins narrowly escaped a bullet fired from the pistol when it was grabbed by one of his attackers.

## Dr. J. W. Morris Gets Job With Industrial Commission

Dr. John W. Morris, Morehead City semi-retired surgeon, has been named medical director of the North Carolina Industrial Commission. Dr. Morris's appointment was effective the first of this month.

He succeeds Dr. Ben Lawrence, who has resigned. Dr. Morris's appointment was revealed Wednesday by J. W. Bean, chairman of the industrial commission.

Mr. Bean said the medical director's position is a part time job, the director being appointed for an indefinite term.

The medical director, Mr. Bean continued, advises the industrial commission on medical cases. The commission acts on compensation claims filed by employees throughout the state for damages felt due them as the result of injuries while on the job.

Dr. Morris's predecessor is a former resident of Raleigh who since his retirement from medical practice four years ago moved to Virginia and continued to act as advisor to the industrial commission. Although his salary was \$6,200 a year, the salary of Dr. Morris is expected to be set at \$8,000 by a budget committee this week.

Asked if public announcement

had been made of Dr. Morris's appointment, Mr. Bean said that he sent notices to insurance companies and employers under the Workmen's Compensation Act the middle of last month announcing Dr. Morris's appointment.

This is the second time the industrial commission has been used as outlet for political pay-off to Carteret countians by the Sanford administration. Gene Smith, Beaufort attorney, was named an industrial commission member in August 1961.

Dr. Morris is a past president of the Morehead City Golf and Country club, a former Morehead City town commissioner, a member of the Morehead City Port Advisory commission, a member of the staff of the Morehead City hospital, the county medical society, the American College of Surgeons, and has been active in the current program to get new hospital facilities for this area.

His health forced Dr. Morris to curtail his medical practice several years ago. As a result of his political activity, he has from time to time received minor committee appointments in government, but the medical directorship of the industrial commission is his first major position on a government agency.

## Court Dismisses Four Conspiracy Cases Tuesday

- False Pretense
- Count Also Dismissed
- Case Involved Defunct Shell Home Firm

Charges of conspiracy to defraud against Richard Blosser, Edward S. Morton and his wife, Kathryn Morton, and Dan Barnes Perry were dismissed in county recorder's court Tuesday. A charge of false pretense against H. V. High Jr. was also dismissed.

The first four defendants faced four counts of the conspiracy against the now bankrupt Economy Homes, Inc., a builder of shell homes in eastern North Carolina. According to evidence, the four allegedly defrauded the shell homes firm by supplying the firm with false credit reports on prospective clients, and taking payment for the reports.

Blosser was a branch and district manager for the defunct firm and High was manager for the Morehead City office. Perry was also an employee of the firm, according to testimony by Kenneth Waters, former credit manager for the firm.

Morton and his wife allegedly operated the Morehead City Credit Bureau, which supplied the false reports.

SBI agent F. E. Epps testified that Perry had told him that he had stationery printed for the re-

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## Board Starts Wheels Turning Again on Hospital Building

### Port to Handle Big Dry Milk Shipment

The MorMacCove, a Moore-McCormack Lines freighter, is expected Sunday at Morehead City port to load approximately 91,000 cases of powdered milk for shipment to the east coast of South America.

The shipment is part of the largest amount of powdered milk ever handled by the North Carolina state ports. Another freighter, the MorMacWren, is expected Sunday, Aug. 19, to take the rest of the shipment, approximately 50,000 cases, according to Charles McNeill, assistant port operations manager.

The second shipment will also go to ports on the eastern coast of South America.

### Newport Board Handles Street, Tax Problems

Street, drainage and tax problems confronted the Newport town commissioners Tuesday night when they met for the first time in the new town hall-fire station.

The problem street is McCain Street, which is washing away. Poor drainage and heavy rains have created a serious washout between New Bern and Church streets on McCain.

Sgt. L. G. Osborne, a McCain street resident, attended the meeting to hear what the board planned to do about the caving-in in front of his property. Commissioner John B. Kelly remarked that about the only thing the town can do is install a catch basin at the New Bern-McCain corner and put tile down the washed-out section.

A discussion on the proper size tile to use ended with two persons leaving the meeting to measure tile under the street. It was found to be 24-inch. The board agreed that the state will eventually have to replace the 24-inch tile with a larger size, so to be one step ahead they voted to tile the washed-out area with 36-inch.

The drainage problem was that of Virgil Kincaid, also discussed at last month's meeting. Last month the town agreed to send a man to Mr. Kincaid's property to dig a ditch in an effort to drain off excess water.

Commissioner Dick Lockey reported that since then he has worked constantly on the problem, trying to find the best way to put the ditch. He said Mr. Kincaid evidently didn't think the town's way of doing business was fast enough, so Mr. Kincaid dug the ditch himself. Mr. Lockey commented that this is the height of the tobacco season and those persons qualified to do this type of ditching are busy at other jobs.

Mr. Kincaid said he had a letter from the county sanitarian informing him that his septic tank was not working properly and giving him a "reasonable amount of

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### Gerald Hill Fills Welfare Board Vacancy

County commissioners have appointed Gerald Hill, Beaufort, to fill a vacancy on the county welfare board. He succeeds Mrs. C. G. Holland. The board approved Monday the shifting of the plumbing inspector to the health department, placing the job under the merit system for public employees.

The plumbing inspector was formerly under the mosquito control division.

The change was requested due to the work load imposed by a recent county construction ordinance that sanitary facilities have to be installed and approved before permanent electricity is installed.

The job will be a full-time position under the new arrangement, and will cost the county an additional \$1,200 in travel allowances.

At the request of the board, A. B. Fulford, chief of the county sanitation department, explained the position of the county on dog problems, saying that the county took care of dogs in the county, and the cities took care of the dogs in the cities.

"All we want is that people tie them up or shut them up before calling us to pick them up," Mr. Fulford said. "If they don't, the dogs are gone by the time we get there."

The board also discussed a new system of pay and allowances in the sheriff's department, and appointed county auditor James Potter, sheriff Bobby Bell and registered

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### Two Tobacco Barns Burn at Newport

Two tobacco barns in the Newport area have been destroyed by fire this season, according to fire chief C. A. Gould Jr. The chief said this number is well below the average of previous years.

A barn filled with tobacco owned by C. T. Garner burned Tuesday morning. The barn was located on the Danny Garner farm on the loop road. The chief said the barn and its contents were a complete loss, but they did manage to save the fuel tank.

Chief Gould said Mr. Garner told him the loss was partially covered by insurance. This wasn't the final curing, he said, Mr. Garner was planning to use the barn again this week.

About two weeks ago a barn owned by Guy Garner burned. Chief Gould said he thought the loss was insured.

### Second Option Obtained On Earle Webb Site

The county board of commissioners acted Monday to inform the North Carolina Medical Care commission that a second option has been obtained on the Webb site for the new proposed county hospital. The board proposes to go ahead with plans for building the hospital there.

Action on the hospital was necessary to avoid "losing" the \$105,000 promised in state funds for the hospital. Time limits in the legal machinery involved in the sale of bonds and the obtaining of state funds made the action imperative before the September meeting of the county board.

The Webb site is located three miles west of Morehead City on highway 24. Purpose of the law suit filed was, in essence, to force change in location. When the board agreed to a new referendum on hospital location, the suit was withdrawn.

But the owner of the property, Earle W. Webb, then withdrew his offer to sell the property to the county on the basis that he was not interested in seeing the property being exposed to false charges by persons in favor of other sites.

Since legal technicalities have been cleared up, Mr. Webb, according to Luther Hamilton Jr., county attorney, has agreed to give the county another option on the same property, slightly more than 80 acres, at the same price originally set, \$75,000.

County commissioners have agreed to withhold action on sale of a \$150,000 note, authorized by hospital referendum in 1960, pending assurance from the Medical Care commission that the state will come through this year with \$105,000 to be used in matching federal Hill-Burton funds for hospital construction.

The county attorney was authorized to contact the Medical Care Commission this week relative to the state fund commitment.

The action on the hospital was not without adverse comment from several of the board members. Commissioner Tommie Lewis, Harkers Island, asked the board about obtaining another site, mentioning several in the general Morehead City area.

"There's a fine one across from the Willis sawmill on Bridges street," Mr. Lewis told the board. Skinner Chalk, another board member, maintained that the people should be allowed to vote on the site in another referendum on the hospital.

Board chairman Moses Howard stated that the Webb site was the only site with the approval of the Medical Care commission in the county at present.

All of the board members expressed the belief that a law suit was possible any time after the sale of county hospital bonds is advertised.

Merrimon and South River communities have scheduled an old fashioned pie party for Saturday, Aug. 18, to raise funds to establish a 4-H camp at Merrimon. The party will be at 6:30 p.m. at Carl Edwards' store. Everyone is invited.

### Board Proposes Legal Move Against Railway

Beaufort town commissioners passed a resolution Monday night proposing that action be instituted against the Beaufort and Morehead Railroad to force the road to fix its track west of Broad street so that the public and residents in that area can make proper and normal use of the street.

The railroad problem was raised by mayor W. H. Potter who said that Broad street, on which the railroad runs, should be paved west of Turner.

Commissioner John Jones vehemently suggested that legal action be brought against the road. He cited names of residents on Broad street who are unable to get in or out of their property because of the high track and the "improvements" made by the railroad.

Commissioner Jones said that A. T. Leary, lessee of the road, will not talk to the town engineer, Gray Hassell. He said that Mr. Hassell calls the B&M office to speak to Leary and gets told that Leary is there, when actually he is there.

Mr. Jones' request for a decisive legal move was revised at the suggestion of C. R. Wheatly, town attorney, who advocated "proposing" legal action. The attorney said he thought suit should be brought by private individuals who feel they have been harmed by the railroad's action.

### Bridge Decision Coming Today?

Today has been touted as "the day" when a decision will be made on location of the proposed new bridge at Morehead City. Many "decision days" have come and gone—without decision.

According to reports from Raleigh, there will be a meeting of state ports officials and the highway commission in governor Safford's office this morning to discuss the bridge.

E. N. Richards, acting director of the SPA, has announced that the SPA favors locating the bridge at the Marsh island site, which is at least 1,200 feet north of the present bridge.

Southern Railway and the Morehead City town board have gone on record in favor of the Marsh island site, preferable to any other. The highway commission, at its meeting in March, voted for a bridge adjacent to the present railroad bridge, equipped with an ocean-going draw span.

Adopting that plan was predicated on the SPA's determining where the ocean-going channel would be, the proper place to locate the draw, and the type of draw it should be.

Although there was no formal agreement, highway commissioners, after the March meeting, were reported as willing to reopen the site question should the SPA, after studying the situation, decide on a solution other than a bridge with an ocean span.

### Board Wants Leasing System Reconsidered

County commissioners asked Monday that the state commercial fisheries committee reconsider the whole method of leasing oyster bottom.

The action came following reading of a letter from Eric Rodgers, committee chairman, announcing that a hearing on leasing of South River oyster bottom has been set for 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 7, at Morehead City.

Commissioner S. A. Chalk voiced the opinion that leasing in coastal waters should not be undertaken in such a manner as to permit one set of fishermen to use waters in a manner detrimental to other fishermen.

### Volkswagen, Pickup Collide on Highway 24

A Volkswagen and a pickup truck collided at 1:30 a.m. yesterday morning on highway 24 east of Swansboro. Three Marines involved were taken to the hospital at Camp Lejeune, but their names were not available at press time.

According to state trooper J. W. Sykes, who investigated, the VW and the pickup truck met almost head-on.

### Beaufort Redeems Bonds; Board Names Glenn Willis Commissioner

Beaufort has redeemed 25 town bonds at 99. The cost was \$24,822.92. Ronald Earl Mason, town clerk, said that \$250 was saved in principal and \$12,552.08 in interest. Cashed to meet cost of the bonds was a certificate of deposit for \$20,000 which had earned interest of \$367.50 over a six-month period.

Gray Hassell, town engineer, reported that no contractors seem interested in the job of widening Front street in the business section. He said he could supervise

the job and probably do it with town labor.

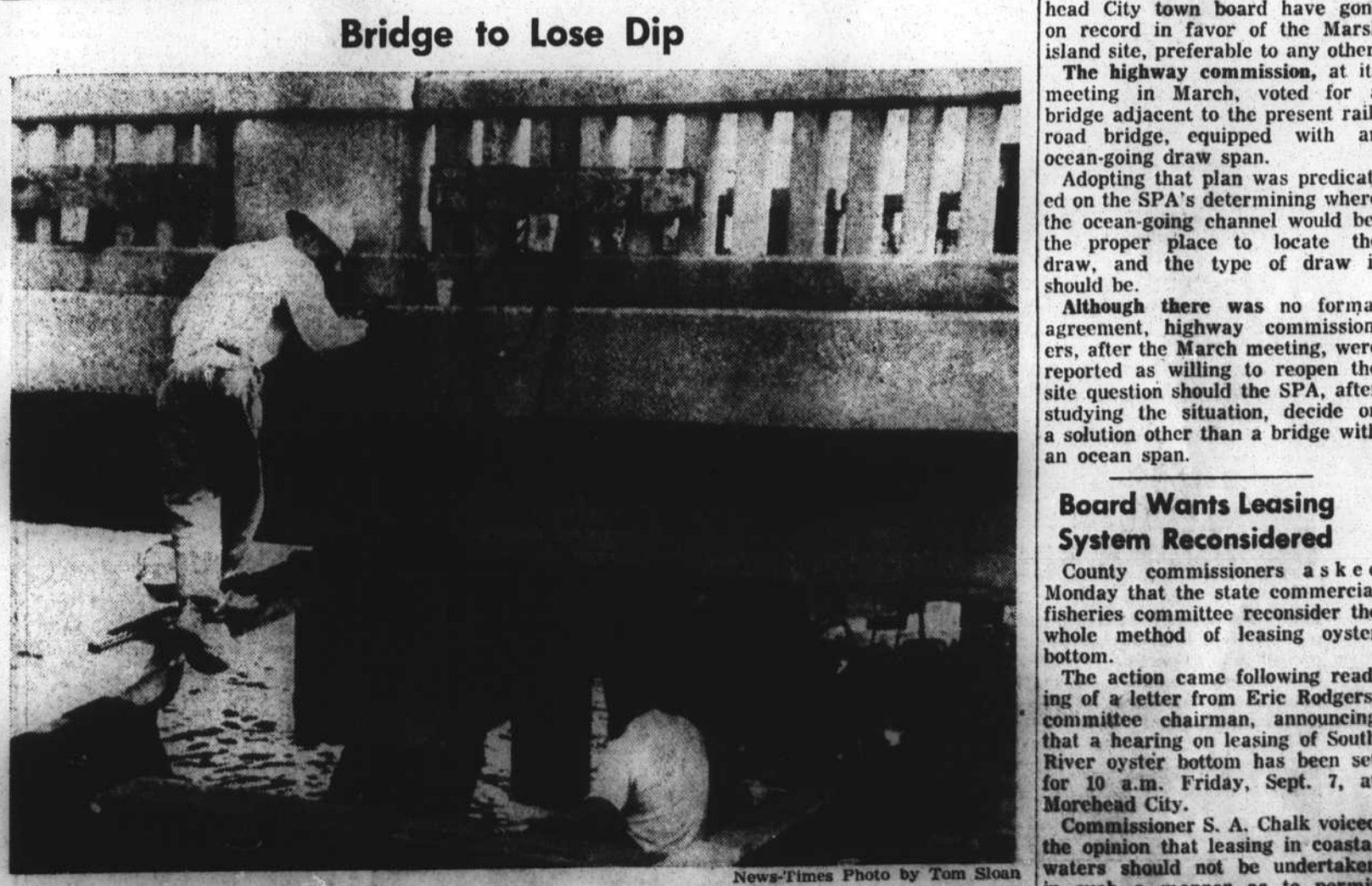
He also reported that the town boundary line survey is under way. It is proposed that bearings be marked on the monuments by indentations in the concrete posts. Glenn Willis Jr., Jones Village, was appointed town commissioner, replacing Frank Morning, who resigned in the spring.

Dr. M. T. Lewis, chairman of the citizens advisory committee, submitted his resignation. The mayor, W. H. Potter, proposed that all personnel of the committee be reconsidered and dead wood replaced.

Ronald Earl Mason, town clerk, reported that houses in the new sections of town have been numbered and the postoffice requested to institute door-to-door delivery of mail.

The fire department, rescue squad and the merchants association were commended for the Saturday pirate invasion events. The mayor mentioned that the rescue squad probably incurred a deficit. The board thought some funds could be turned over to the squad from the civic affairs department.

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State highway department crews are at work on the Morehead City bridge, removing a familiar "dip" by raising the underpinning. After the section is raised, material will be placed between the piling and the bridge, lifting the road bed.

### Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Friday, Aug. 10	
2:30 a.m.	9:22 a.m.
3:22 p.m.	10:25 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 11	
3:43 a.m.	10:19 a.m.
4:26 p.m.	11:17 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 12	
4:56 a.m.	11:14 a.m.
5:26 p.m.	.....
Monday, Aug. 13	
5:56 a.m.	12:07 a.m.
6:19 p.m.	12:06 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 14	
6:48 a.m.	12:56 a.m.
7:08 p.m.	12:59 p.m.