

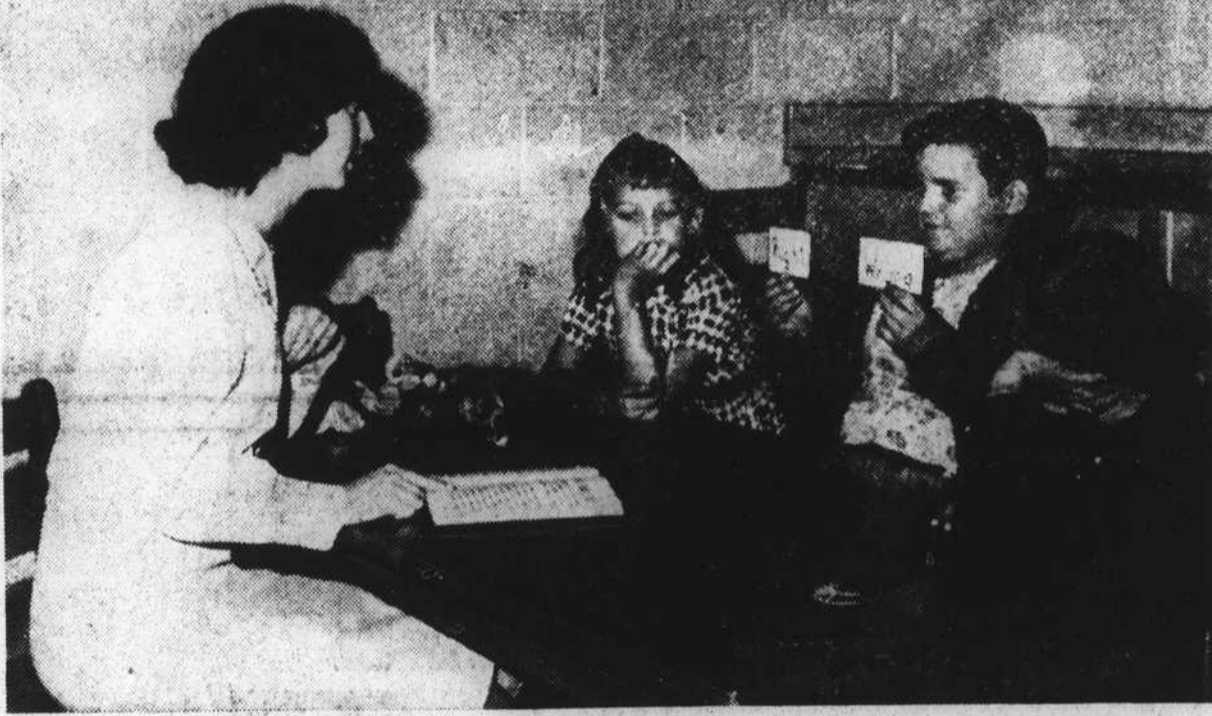
Recounting of Sheriff's Vote Begins

Pupils Learn How to Talk



News-Times Photos by Tom Sloan

Mrs. Ben Arrington uses a picture of a bullfrog to demonstrate sounds in a speech therapy class at the Morehead City school. With Mrs. Arrington are, left to right, Tim Overman, John Wheeler and Michael Thompson.



Speech therapy teacher Mrs. John Betts Jr. pronounces words for pupils at Harkers Island school. Children, left to right, are Nancy Willis, Steve Lewis and Rocky Best.

One of the newer educational programs in the county is speech therapy. Two instructors, Mrs. Ben Arrington and Mrs. John Betts Jr., work with children who have difficulty pronouncing words correctly.

Mrs. Arrington is the instructor for Morehead City, Camp Glenn, W. S. King and Newport schools. Mrs. Betts works with children at Beaufort, Queen Street, Harkers Island, Atlantic and Smyrna schools.

Next week a child will enter Duke hospital for an operation to enable him to speak clearly. Frequently speech problems have their root in inability of the child to hear. For that reason, Mrs. Arrington and Mrs. Betts test hearing of pupils when it is requested by teachers. An audiometer is used.

School, Community Partnership Can Meet the Challenge of Change

By LENWOOD LEE
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(This is American Education Week. Following is a commentary on this county and its education picture.)

If the boys and girls of Carteret County are ever to realize their educational potential and through them the quality of community life reach its maximum, there must be a very close and harmonious relationship between the school and the community.

Indeed in a very peculiar way the quality of the school is dependent upon the community and conversely the community upon the school.

Carteret county stands at a crossroads at this particular point in time. Nearly everyone recognizes the need for additional and more adequate school facilities, but for years the burden of previous indebtedness and the reluctance to assume additional obligations have precluded needed improvements.

port school districts. This is a tremendous stride in the right direction but it is not enough. To start with, the money on hand is insufficient to build a single complete facility and even if it were sufficient, the needs of Eastern Carteret are becoming as pressing as those of Western Carteret.

Closely associated with these needs is the very obvious fact that it is high time for the concept of East Carteret and West Carteret to die—even should the demise be a painful one. Too long has our county been twisted and torn by divisions within. Also very obvious is the fact that neither side of the county can lay all of the blame on the other.

All that is needed is a little honesty, a desire for something better, and a small amount of Christian charity to bury the existent

differences in the only thing that should ever divide the county—the Newport River, and this is soon to be amply bridged—and let the tide dissipate them in the broad Atlantic.

The prejudices, animosities, distrust, and selfishness that have often characterized the attitudes and actions of both sides in this conflict are out of date. They impede every step that is made in the right direction. Why can't they be drowned?

They can if the men who hold them are willing, and only if they are willing. Sectionalism even within a county is as archaic as the Model "T" Ford.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Friday, Nov. 16	
11:42 a.m.	5:08 a.m.
	6:00 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 17	
12:21 a.m.	6:04 a.m.
12:36 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 18	
1:15 a.m.	7:13 a.m.
1:28 p.m.	8:03 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 19	
2:08 a.m.	8:25 a.m.
2:21 p.m.	9:03 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 20	
3:03 a.m.	9:27 a.m.
3:16 p.m.	9:54 p.m.

Checking Expected to Be Lengthy Process

Recounting of all sheriff's ballots cast in the Nov. 6 election started yesterday at 10:30 a.m. The process was expected to continue until completed, with interruptions only for food and sleep. There was a possibility that the counting would continue into today.

Checking of the sheriff ballots in the Beaufort precinct box was the first procedure after all representatives of both candidates gathered in the law library of the courthouse. (The library is the former clerk of court office.)

The ballot boxes were locked in the vault in the office. The bolt on the vault does not slide easily, so after A. H. James, clerk of court, worked the combination, Charles C. Willis, elections board chairman, lifted from the side of the door a piece of strap iron kept handy for door-opening purposes.

After innumerable licks on the handle with the piece of iron, the handle moved enough so that the bolts were slid back and access gained to the vault.

U. E. Swann, registrar of Beaufort precinct, took each ballot, called the vote, which was then checked by Harvey Hamilton Jr., Frank Cassiano, and candidate Robert (Bobby) Bell, Democrats. Checking for Republican candidate Elmer D. Willis were Ray Gordon Lewis, Osborne Davis and Thomas Bennett, Republicans.

Sheriff candidate Willis, who was 40 votes ahead of sheriff Bell last week, was out of town yesterday.

As the vote was called, the tally was kept by elections chairman Willis. Neal Campen, Democrat and member of the elections board, was not present at the morning session, but was expected to be at the afternoon session.

A decision to recount votes for sheriff was made at a hearing Tuesday afternoon (see news story page 5 section 2).

Republicans and March for Democracy Democrats have been against a recount because as things stood Nov. 7, Republican Elmer D. Willis had won the sheriff's office.

They contend that the Democrats backing sheriff Bell are not above skulduggery and that since Nov. 7 have managed to change markings on ballots in the boxes, or have replaced originally-cast ballots with newly-marked ones in favor of their candidate.

The ballot boxes, presumably locked since Nov. 6, could have been opened easily by filing a key to fit the simple locks on them or by removing the hasps entirely, according to those against the recount.

Democrats supporting sheriff Bell contend that errors were made during the counting and if an honest count had been made, their candidate would have won. That's what they hope to prove by a recount.

As the counting started, Mr. Cassiano mentioned that some sharp pencils would be needed. The Republicans wanted to know why. They said they didn't intend to do any writing.

Mr. Davis is a Republican member of the board and Mr. Campen a Democratic member. Mr. Willis is also a Democrat.

At 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, Mr. Davis reported, he received a phone call from Mr. Willis, who was at Atlantic. Mr. Willis said that he was picking up the ballot boxes because he "thought it best" that he get them.

Mr. Davis interprets the elections board chairman's actions as an indication that he (Mr. Davis) was not to be trusted with the job. "I highly resent that," Mr. Davis said, "and I further resent that he took an unauthorized person with him when he did it." Mr. Davis identified Mr. Wade as a Democrat.

Persons opposing the recount feel that it is strange that the sheriff, Robert (Bobby) Bell, asked for a recount of all precincts in his first request, then changed it to merely a recount of the Beaufort precinct. They feel that ballots in the Beaufort box "were taken care of" by Mr. Bell's supporters so that the number of votes necessary to defeat candidate Elmer Willis would be found there.

Collection of ballot boxes in the down east precincts by two Democrats at a time not agreed upon by the entire elections board has been construed further as a procedure not in keeping with rules of fair play.

"It's getting to the point that the law of the Old West has to apply," Mr. Davis observed. "There's no justice in it and I highly resent it."

The ballot boxes, when they were all rounded up, were put in the vault in the old clerk of court office of the courthouse.

Bake Sale Planned
The Morehead City Teen-age Travel club will have a bake sale tomorrow in front of the Morehead City drug store, announces Mrs. Mamie Taylor. The teenagers plan to leave June 8 for a trip to California, returning July 2.



Counting of ballots started Thursday morning at the county courthouse, with Beaufort registrar U. E. Swann (back to camera) pulling the votes from the ballot box. To the left of Mr. Swann are Frank Cassiano, Bobby Bell, Democratic candidate, and at the far end of the table, Harvey Hamilton Jr. To Mr. Swann's right are Ray Gordon Lewis, Osborne Davis and Thomas Bennett.

Coast Guard Will Reopen Potomac Inquiry

Portsmouth, Va. — The Coast Guard Board of Marine Investigation which met Oct. 3, 1961 to inquire into the burning of the Military Sea Transport ship Potomac at Morehead City in September 1961 will reconvene here at a public hearing at the Fifth Coast Guard District headquarters at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, 1962.

The board is reconvening to receive additional testimony. Certain parts of the vessel were not available for viewing when the board first met. They have since been viewed by members of the board.

Lieut. James A. Atkinson, USCG, an officer attached to the Coast Guard Marine Inspection Office, Portsmouth, Va., will be called as a witness.

Coast Guard members of the board who will be present at the hearing are Capt. Joseph A. Brennan, USCG, Chief of Staff, Fifth Coast Guard District; Ledr. H. K. Gardner, USCG, Senior Investigating Officer, Coast Guard Marine Inspection Office, Portsmouth, Va.; and Ledr. L. W. Goddu Jr., USCG, Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection Office, Wilmington, N. C.

Fire and explosions wrecked the 591-foot Navy Tanker while 101,000 barrels of aviation fuel were being unloaded at Morehead City. Two crewmen died in the accident.

Two Motorists Given Citations

Two weekend accidents were investigated by state trooper W. E. Pickard and citations issued.

Cited following a Friday accident was Howard H. Vaughn, Newport, who was charged with hit and run. Trooper Pickard said that Fabian Mason, Newport, was driving a 1953 Chevrolet pickup truck which was struck by a 1956 Plymouth driven by Vaughn.

Vaughn was in the process of passing the truck when the collision occurred. Vaughn then proceeded without stopping, the officer said. He was later apprehended when his car ran into a ditch near his home. Damage to the pickup was estimated at \$100 and to the Plymouth, a convertible, \$200.

John E. Brown Jr., Cherry Point, was charged with improper passing at 9:15 p.m. Saturday following an accident on the beach road near Dom-El's.

The investigating officer said that John D. Willis, Harkers Island, in a 1956 Chevrolet, was making a left turn into Dom's when Brown, in a 1956 Ford pickup truck, attempted to pass.

A. K. Gilmour Placed Under \$2,000 Bond

Two counts of breaking and entering and larceny put a defendant under \$2,000 bond in Morehead City recorder's court Monday. Albert K. Gilmour, Morehead City, was bound over superior court after probable cause was found in each case.

Gilmour is accused of entering the Lindsey Guthrie grocery and George's TV shop in Morehead City Friday night.

Gilmour, about 28 years of age, a native of Scotland who moved to Morehead City in 1958, is being held in the county jail.

According to Sgt. E. D. O'Neal, three youths reported to the police Friday night that the glass was broken in the door of George's TV on Arendell street. Capt. Joe Smith and sergeant O'Neal arrived there and notified the owner, George Barefoot.

Mr. Barefoot told them a KAYO 6 transistor radio, a record player and soldering iron were missing.

At 11:38 p.m. police received a call from the daughter of the late Lindsey Guthrie, reporting that the store, 1312 Shepard St., had been entered. Stolen were 10 to 15 cars.

SPA Selects Port Director

James W. Davis, who has been serving as secretary-treasurer and director of planning for the Maryland Port Authority, Baltimore, has been named executive director of North Carolina state ports.

He will begin the \$18,000 a year job Monday, Dec. 10, succeeding D. Leon Williams, who died last spring. E. N. Richards, SPA member, has been acting as port director since then.

The SPA announces that Mr. Davis's first job will be handling the proposed \$2 million expansion at Morehead City. The state hopes to get \$1 million of the cost from the federal government.

At the recent meeting when Mr. Davis was selected for the ports job, the SPA also asked the council of state to permit it to keep more than \$169,000 profit received last year. The funds would be used in the proposed program at Morehead City.

Law requires that this profit revert to the state to pay off bonds, but the council of state is authorized to judge whether the money could best be used for port expansion or go toward the bonded debt.

Town Board Considers New Building Code

The December meeting date of the Beaufort town board was set as time of a hearing on adoption of the windstorm building code for the town. Adoption of the code was recommended by Gerald Woolard, building inspector.

Four persons were appointed to the town planning commission: Mrs. W. R. Hamilton for three years, Ralph Thomas and Mrs. Charles Hassell for two-year terms, and Ronald Earl Mason for a one-year term. One three-year term is yet to be filled.

Upon recommendation of the mayor, \$5,000 was ordered placed in the debt service account.

The board voted to give \$200 to Jaycees toward purchase of materials for repair of the Beaufort civic center (Scout building).

Purchase of two signs for \$100 each to be placed in the vicinity of the school was authorized. The signs will have flashing lights and wording that tells motorists to proceed at a certain speed when lights flash. The signs will operate prior to the opening of and at the closing of school.

Ronald Earl Mason, town clerk, was asked to contact the highway commission relative to the widening of Live Oak street.

Mayor W. H. Potter reported on waterways projects of interest to the town. Mayor Potter is a state vice-president, National Rivers and Harbors Congress.

The mayor congratulated commissioner W. R. Hamilton upon his election to the county board. Mr. Hamilton expressed pleasure in serving the town of Beaufort and said he was sorry to leave.

Attorney Thomas Bennett served in the place of town attorney C. R. Wheatly until Mr. Wheatly arrived shortly after the meeting began.

Fisherman Dies Aboard Boat off Ocracoke
Alonza Pruitt, 27, Tangier Island, Va., suffered a heart attack aboard a fishing vessel, Dorado of Virginia, yesterday morning and died. His body was removed from the boat, off Ocracoke, by Coast Guardsmen and taken to Ocracoke.

From Ocracoke the body was flown to Bell-Munden funeral home, Morehead City, and after preparation for burial will be shipped to Crisfield, Md.

Tabulation of Votes Appears Today

The elections table in today's paper carries the vote count as certified by the board of elections Nov. 9, 1962, with one exception.

The official tally sheets show a vote of 4,286 for commissioner Dom Femia. But total of the votes by precinct adds up to only 4,166. The difference would not change Mr. Femia's standing, but the error was discovered by THE NEWS-TIMES Wednesday and the elections board notified. The vote table published today may or may not coincide with the tabulations recorded after this week's recount.

If there is a change, the table, with the changes made, will be published next week. (It appears on page 6, section 2.)

Total county vote on the constitutional amendments:

1. Court amendment — 4,583 for, 1,972 against
2. Reapportionment of state house of representatives—4,047 for, 2,109 against
3. Succession to state office — 4,171 for, 2,004 against
4. Voting qualifications. — 4,220 for, 2,038 against
5. Fixing of salaries of state officers—4,240 for, 2,363 against
6. Property tax exemption — 4,049 for, 1,846 against

Sen. Sam J. Ervin received 5,539 votes in Carteret. The vote for congressman David Henderson appears in the last column of the elections table in today's paper.

Results of balloting in townships:
Morehead township, for justice of the peace, C. M. Krouse 2,157; Douglas J. Odum 2,131, and C. Elmer Smith 2,054; for constable, Buck Newsome, 2,406.
Morehead township covers Salter Path, Wildwood, Broad Creek, and Morehead No. 1 and 2 precincts.
Beaufort township, for constable, Ronald Edward Smith 1,346.
Harlowe township, for constable, Joseph S. Morton, 116.