

Bell Declared Sheriff; Appeal Made

Elmer D. Willis Petition Denied by Board

The county board of elections Wednesday morning reaffirmed the re-election of sheriff Robert Bell, denying a petition from Elmer Dewey Willis, Republican candidate for sheriff...

The board met shortly after 11 a.m. in the elections board office, courthouse annex.

Charles C. Willis, chairman, announced that the board had convened to certify a recount of the sheriff's votes. In a recount, Bell defeated Willis by 11 votes. Prior to the recount, Willis was 40 votes ahead of Bell.

He asked Osborne Davis, member of the board, if Mr. Davis was ready to sign the vote abstracts showing the results of the recount. Mr. Davis requested that other matters be taken up first.

Mr. Willis and Neal Campen, board member, acknowledged reading of the petition filed by Willis, setting forth reasons why he should be certified as sheriff instead of his opponent. (The petition was received by the board of elections in the mail Tuesday. The recount outcome had been announced last Friday night.)

Mr. Willis then read a prepared statement that certified Bell as sheriff. The statement denied the petition filed by Willis. It further stated that there was no tampering with the ballots and that all boxes had been properly locked and sealed following the Nov. 6 election.

Meanwhile, Harvey Hamilton Jr., attorney who represented Bell at a recount hearing Nov. 13, arrived with Luther Hamilton Jr., Morehead City attorney.

H. Hamilton read the Willis petition and objected to the statement it contained alleging that he "had general charge of the recount procedure." He asked Mr. Bennett to make a statement relative to the recount, inferring that Mr. Bennett had said, following the recount, that it was a fair process.

Mr. Bennett, who was present at the recount in the interest of Willis, replied that he would be willing to make a statement in writing. Mr. Willis and Mr. Campen then signed the board of elections' statement denying Willis' petition and certifying Bell as sheriff.

Mr. Willis dissented and so indicated when he placed his signature on it. Mr. Bennett requested that the minutes show that the denial "constitutes a finding of fact." He then gave notice of appeal. Mr. Willis stated that the state board of elections would meet in Raleigh Tuesday to hear complaints arising out of the election.

Mr. Willis asked if Mr. Davis was ready to sign the vote abstracts and thus complete the canvassing. At that point, Mr. Bennett said he would like to add to his appeal notice that the elections board had signed its order and the appeal was made prior to the canvass of the vote.

At that, the restrained decorum of the meeting fell apart. H. Hamilton jumped up and said, "Oh, no you don't." Argument then ensued between the two, Mr. Bennett stating that Willis would lose certain rights of appeal if what he requested could not be noted.

Over the hub-hub, Mr. Davis said, "I'll canvass the vote, but" (See BOARD Pg. 3)

Town Board Meets to Talk About Hospital

Morehead City town commissioners met Monday afternoon at the municipal building to discuss possibility of forming a non-profit corporation to operate the Morehead City hospital.

Meeting with the board, at the invitation of the commissioners, was S. A. Chalk Jr., who in the past has expressed interest on hospital matters.

Mr. Chalk notes that recent financial reports show that the town of Morehead City has "an asset instead of a liability" in hospital ownership and operation. He commented that the hospital is worth \$300,000 as "a going concern."

Ray Hall, town administrator, said the advantages of forming a non-profit corporation to operate the hospital are the following:

- 1. Hospital would be set up as a separate entity, apart from municipal administration (except that Morehead City commissioners would have the authority to appoint trustees, should the corporation's charter be so drawn). 2. As a non-profit corporation it would be in a position to borrow funds on its own. 3. It would be easier to meet requirements and qualifications for getting grants for construction or remodeling.

PTA Council Backs Bonds

The County PTA council voted 100 per cent support of a bond issue to build two new high schools in the county when and if the county proposes such action. The council met Thursday night at Beaufort school. Leslie Bercegeay, delegate from Newport and council president, presided.

It was announced that the council is sponsoring an essay contest among high school students. The essays will be presented in the form of a five to eight-minute oration in February. The council urges parents to hear the orations. The cost of school books was discussed. The council hopes to be able to aid principals in helping students obtain the best textbooks and workbooks possible.

Ralph W. Leister, delegate from Beaufort school, was elected vice-president by acclamation. The next council meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 in Beaufort.

Attending were Albert Gainey, Dr. John D. Costlow, Aaron T. Bowen and Mr. Leister, Beaufort school; R. W. Davis, George D. Phillips, Clyde V. Burr and Reginald McManara, Camp Glenn.

Mrs. Emma W. Wade, Earl Wade, U. L. Piner and Joseph Guthrie, Harkers Island; Grover Munden, Mrs. W. B. Chalk, William L. Yeager, Morehead City; Ed Comer, Mrs. Margaret Bell, Mrs. Margaret Holcomb and Mr. Bercegeay, Newport.

Cars Collide Thursday At Corner; Driver Cited

Two cars collided at the intersection of the Merrimon road and highway 70 at 12:40 p.m. Thursday.

Frank B. Nunn, Durham, was charged with driving on the wrong side of the road after he collided with a car driven by Merton M. Page, Havelock. Page was headed west. State trooper W. J. Smith said Nunn was headed east and collided with Page's 1955 Plymouth as Nunn made a right angle turn where the roads come together.

Nunn was driving a 1959 Chevrolet owned by Henry Tapp, Chapel Hill. Remains in Jail A. K. Gilmour, booked for theft at George's TV and Lindsey Guthrie grocery in Morehead City Nov. 9, remained in the county jail this week under \$2,500 bond.

Officers Charge Newport Man With Theft

- William Richardson Placed in Jail ● \$73 Taken Sunday From Gas Station

Apprehended Sunday night was William E. Richardson, Newport, who was charged with theft of money from Gant's service station, west of Morehead City, and a 1955 Ford. Arrested with Richardson, according to deputy sheriff Carl Bunch, was Robert Potter, Cherry Point.

Richardson was put in the county jail and Potter, who was also charged with theft, was released to military police. In addition to theft, Richardson is charged with driving after his license was revoked.

In court Tuesday the case against Potter was dismissed. Not prosecuted were charges against Richardson of car theft and driving after his license was revoked.

Judge Lambert Morris sentenced Richardson to six months in jail, but reduced the sentence to three if Richardson could reimburse the service station the amount stolen.

According to deputy Bunch, \$73 was taken out of the cash register at the gas station. Rufus Collins, manager, told the officer that he had gassed one car and was filling the tank of a second when a fellow in the first car went into the station.

After the first car pulled away, Collins noticed that his cash register was empty.

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George Godley, Coast Guardsman, recovers in Morehead City hospital from face wounds received in a fight.

Coast Guard Places Idle Hour Out Of Bounds After Youth Hurt There Guardsman Hospitalized After Monday Night Fight

Idle Hour Amusement Center, Atlantic Beach, has been placed out of bounds for all US Coast Guard personnel as the result of an alleged brutal beating of a Fort Macon Coast Guardsman Monday night by Richard Powers, Morehead City, the Idle Hour's special officer.

The commanding officer of Cherry Point Marine Base is also expected to place Idle Hour Amusement Center out of bounds for all Marine personnel on completion of investigation of the case by detective-operatives of the Marine G-2 division.

Idle Hour Amusement center and certain other establishments on Atlantic Beach have frequently been under severe scrutiny of commanding officers of both Camp Lejeune and Cherry Point.

According to Atlantic Beach police, George Godley, 22, a Fort Macon boatswain's mate striker, was arrested for public drunkenness at the Idle Hour by special officer Powers, deputized by mayor A. B. Cooper but paid by Idle Hour.

Atlantic Beach police claim that Godley struck Powers in the jaw and that a fight ensued which brought upon Godley the additional charges of resisting arrest, property damage and assaulting a police officer. The fight allegedly occurred between 10 and 11 p.m. Monday.

The remainder of the report on Godley from the Atlantic Beach police was that the 22-year-old youth would be tried on the charges against him in Atlantic Beach mayor's court December 4. Godley was admitted to Morehead City hospital where he was treated for facial injuries.

Investigation of the case by the Coast Guard and G-2 operatives produced a report of the case at variance in many respects from the report of the Atlantic Beach police.

Godley, after circuiting the Atlantic Beach triangle in his car, stopped in front of Idle Hour. He entered to buy a pack of cigarettes. With him in his car was Coast Guard seaman E. E. Wiggers Jr.

Powers, not in uniform, accosted Godley and told him he had gone around the triangle too fast. Powers, according to the Coast Guard report, took Godley into the Idle Hour office, long known fearfully by enlisted military personnel as the "Star Chamber."

There Powers is alleged to have struck Godley. According to Godley's report to the Coast Guard he was clobbered "with a steam roller." Godley said he could not remember what really hit him.

Atlantic Beach police, the report continues, handcuffed Godley and took him to the Atlantic Beach jail, still handcuffed.

His friend, Wiggers, who had remained in the car, went to Dom-El's, a drive-in eating place on the beach, and enlisted the aid of two other Coast Guardsmen. The three pooled their resources and came up with \$25.

With that sum, they went to the jail and posted bond for Godley, who was in a semi-conscious condition.

They took Godley to Morehead City hospital where he remained as a patient until Wednesday morning.

Chief of police Bill Moore, Atlantic Beach, said Tuesday night that Powers was suffering from a swollen jaw and hand.

Republicans to Meet

The County Republican club and the county Republican executive committee will meet at 8 p.m. Saturday in the courthouse, Beaufort.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar

Table with columns for HIGH and LOW tides, dates from Friday, Nov. 23 to Tuesday, Nov. 27, and corresponding times in a.m. and p.m.

Trooper Checks Three Accidents In Five Hours

State trooper W. J. Smith investigated three automobile accidents Saturday night within a five-hour period. The trooper was first called to North River, then to the Lake road area near the Craven county line, then down east to Smyrna.

The first accident happened at 6 p.m. on highway 70 half a mile east of North river bridge. The trooper said Richard Edward Lawrence, South Norfolk, Va., was backing a 1956 Ford from a private drive onto the highway.

Alvin George Gillikin, route 2 Beaufort, was going east on the highway in a 1953 Plymouth. The left front of the Plymouth collided with the right front of the Ford.

Damage to the Plymouth was estimated at \$250 and to the Ford at \$350. Lawrence was charged with illegally backing onto a highway.

Glenn Allen Martin, Camp Lejeune, was charged with driving faster than reasonable and prudent after his 1959 Ford was demolished at 8:40 p.m. on the Lake road about a mile south of the Carteret-Craven line.

Trooper Smith said Martin was going south and lost control of the car on a curve. It skidded several hundred feet along both sides of the road, finally turning over twice.

Two passengers, L. E. Barton and G. A. Mathieu, Camp Lejeune, were in the Ford. Barton suffered possible internal injuries. At 10:45 p.m. an accident involving a 1961 Comet and a 1957 Ford occurred at Smyrna.

The trooper said that Earl Romaine Gaskill, Stacy, was driving the Comet east on highway 70. Melvin Gordon Willis, Marshallberg, attempted to pass in the Ford, met an oncoming car, and tried to get back into his lane too quickly, colliding with the Comet.

Damage was estimated at about \$75 to each automobile. Willis was charged with no insurance and no registration.

Two-Month ABC Sales Reported

Sales at county ABC stores during October amounted to \$62,770.85, as compared with \$66,534.25 during September, reflecting the usual autumn drop-off.

Total sales at each store in October were as follows: Beaufort \$12,924.85, Morehead City \$21,257.25, Newport \$8,278.70 and Atlantic Beach \$20,310.05.

Paid to each town in which the store is located was \$594.74 to Beaufort; \$1,068.62 to Morehead City hospital; \$200 to Newport; \$1,025.04 to Atlantic Beach, and \$2,888.40 to the county.

September sales: Beaufort \$13,957.60, Morehead City \$20,666.60, Newport \$8,413.70, and Atlantic Beach \$23,496.35.

Paid to the towns: \$576.94 to Beaufort, \$928.14 to Morehead City hospital, \$200 to Newport, \$1,045.11 to Atlantic Beach, and \$2,750.19 to the county.

Sales drop at the end of the summer season, when vacationists go home, pick up again during the holiday season, then diminish until June, according to ABC records.

Duplicate Names

The L. W. Gillikin, on whom a true bill was returned by the grand jury in the recent term of superior court, is a resident of Morehead City. He is charged with passing a worthless check and is not the L. W. Gillikin of Otway.

Wins Nomination



Lorenzo Lewis Jr., Smyrna, has received the county nomination for a Morehead scholarship to the University of North Carolina.

Lewis, a senior at Smyrna, was one of nine nominees from county high schools. He was selected by the Morehead scholarship committee consisting of C. R. Wheatly and Jack Barnes, Beaufort, Luther Hamilton Jr. and Albert Gaskill, Morehead City.

Lewis will be screened by a district scholarship committee and if he is accepted by that committee, will advance to a central committee for final interviews.

An outstanding student at Smyrna school, he organized and is supervising a physical fitness program among elementary school pupils at Smyrna. He was a delegate to the Governor's Youth Fitness conference at Raleigh in June.

Lewis is the son of Mrs. Eunice Lewis, Otway.

Two Carteret students attending UNC now on Morehead scholarships are Lewellyn Phillips, Morehead City, and Charles (Pud) Hassell, Beaufort.

Town Commended

A Navy officer in charge of the ships which made port at Morehead City the first week in November called at the Morehead City municipal building prior to sailing to express his appreciation to the town for its efforts to entertain the sailors and for the courtesies extended to the Navy men.

40 Menhaden Boats Operate From County Ports This Fall

Wins Nomination



Forty boats comprise the menhaden fleet fishing out of the county this season.

The largest number, 12, is being fished by the Fish Meal Co., Beaufort. Four of those boats are also scheduled to service the menhaden plant at Southport which was acquired this year by Fish Meal interests.

Known as Southport Fisheries, the plant, under previous ownership, had gone bankrupt.

Fishing for R. W. Taylor, Morehead City, are four boats; for Wallace Fisheries, Morehead City, seven boats; for Beaufort Fisheries, seven, and for Standard Products, Beaufort, seven.

The season opened last week with the boats fishing about every other day. This week the boats have been out every day. Reports on catches vary.

Standard Products reports catches above normal for this part of the season. Beaufort Fisheries says catches have been small and Wallace Fisheries reports "very good" catches.

The menhaden boats always work Thanksgiving Day if the weather is good.

Tuesday and Wednesday weather was not good for fish spotting because of heavily-overcast skies and fog.

Menhaden is a commercial fish, which when processed by plants in this area, produces meal used in animal feeds, and oil which has numerous uses both here and abroad.

A total of five other cases were continued until later terms of court.

Six Cases Heard In City Court

Court cases continued to be small in number in Morehead City recorder's court Monday. Only six cases were tried.

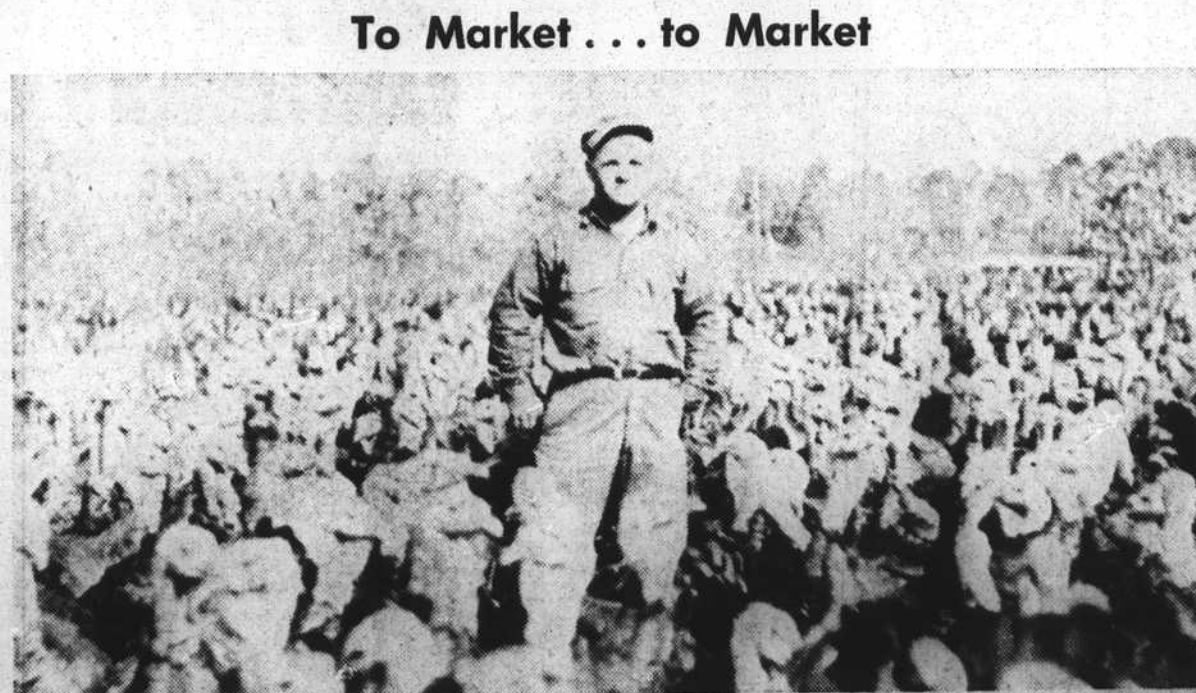
Fined by the court were Robert L. Weiss, Cherry Point, \$10 and costs for no driver's license and disobeying a stop signal; Melvin Ross Gilliard, Cherry Point, improper left turn, one-half costs; John Henry King, Camp Lejeune, disobeying stop signal, costs; and Willie Henry Mosley, Morehead City, public drunkenness, costs.

Robert Wayne Schmidt, charged with assault on his wife, Patricia Schmidt, was freed after Mrs. Schmidt dropped charges. Mrs. Schmidt paid costs for malicious and frivolous prosecution.

Hallie B. West, Morehead City, was not prosecuted for public drunkenness after it was learned the defendant was in a hospital.

Two cases were taken off the docket indefinitely, those of Robert Earl Jones, Morehead City, breaking and entering without felonious intent, and Nandor Paul Kozma, Swansboro, passing in a no-passing zone. Both cases were continued until warrants can be served.

To Market... to Market Oscar Hill stands knee deep in turkeys on his farm on the Roberts road, Newport.



Oscar Hill stands knee deep in turkeys on his farm on the Roberts road, Newport. Omer Potter, a neighboring farmer, and Mr. Hill grew 10,000 turkeys each this year and are now sending them to market.