

## Bridge Contract Let; Plans Given

Confirmed yesterday by the State Highway commission, Raleigh, was a bid of \$1,493,218.80 for the bridge across Newport river at Morehead City. Submitting the low bid jointly were James T. Triplett Inc. and L. R. Ryan Inc., Chester, S. C.

They are expected to start work on the job within 20 days, according to terms of the contract. The bridge will be built 60 feet north of the Beaufort and Morehead Railroad bridge.

The contract letting occurred approximately three years following announcement of intention by the State Highway commission to replace the present highway 70 bridge across Newport river at the eastern limits of Morehead City.

Controversy arose over bridge location. The state said it planned to put the bridge 60 feet north of the present railroad bridge. Morehead City interests and those interested in port development said the bridge should go farther northward to allow expansion of the state port, which is also located at the eastern limit of Morehead City and just south of the present highway bridge.

The bridge of the Beaufort and Morehead railroad closely parallels the present highway bridge across the river.

W. S. Winslow, assistant chief engineer for bridges, State Highway commission, said Wednesday that plans call for completion of the new bridge by July 1, 1964. The old bridge is expected to be dismantled and removed by Oct. 1, 1964.

While the new bridge is under construction, traffic will use the present one.

Merrill Evans, chairman of the State Highway commission, said that highway officials are pleased with the low bid. State engineers estimated that the cost would be \$1,692,004.51.

Awarding of the bridge contract occurred during the largest letting ever undertaken by the highway commission.

### Storm Strands Two Fishermen

Two Greensboro residents spent an extra night on Core Banks Monday when the boat that was supposed to pick them up failed to cross the sound due to high winds and seas.

W. E. Grant and E. C. Taylor, both of Greensboro, went to Core Banks Sunday from Atlantic for a fishing trip, and were supposed to return Monday by boat to Atlantic.

The Coast Guard station at Cape Lookout was notified that the two men were stranded and that one of the pair had a past history of heart attacks. It attempted to send a truck to pick them up. High tides turned back the truck, but the two were located Tuesday about noon in a camp just north of the old Coast Guard station.

Both men were reported in good condition, having taken shelter in the camp for their unscheduled extra day on the banks.

### Monday Winds Blew at 70

Winds in the Morehead City area reached 70 miles per hour Monday at 4:30 p.m., according to the weather instruments at the Atlantic Beach police station.

The high winds which bordered hurricane force were accompanied by heavy rain.

Rain recorded was two inches Monday, 1.25 inches Tuesday and .28 inches Wednesday, making a total of 3.53 inches for the three-day period that the northeaster shook the county.

The storm also flooded low lying areas with rain water and high tides, and caused extensive damage to signs, tv antennas and moored boats.

Temperatures went down to 40 Monday night, and the lowest daytime temperature was also on Monday. Forty-five degrees was the high that day. Temperatures gradually went up as the storm passed to the south.

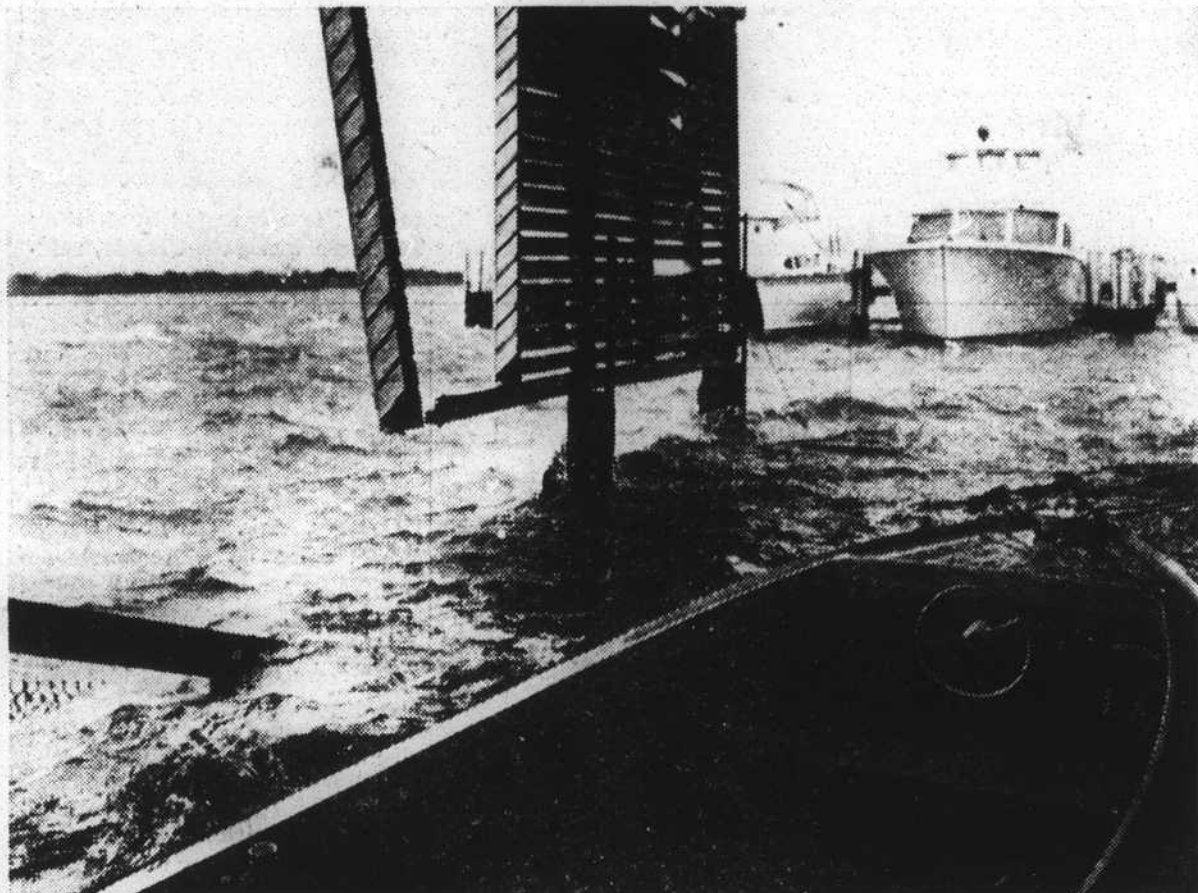
Max. Min. Wind  
Monday ..... 45 40 NE  
Tuesday ..... 54 47 NNE  
Wednesday ..... 59 54 NNE

### Beaufort Rotarians See Anniversary Pictures

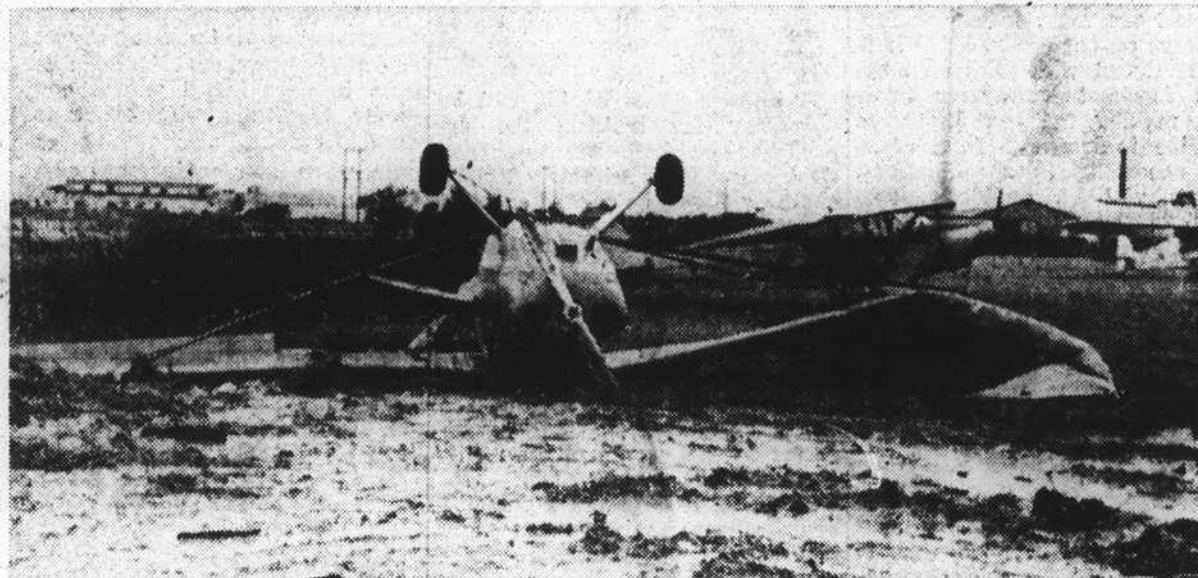
Beaufort's recent 251st anniversary celebration was the subject of the Beaufort Rotary club program Tuesday night. Rotarian David Jones showed a series of color slides taken during the event.

Guest at the meeting was Don Humphrey, Kilmarnock, Va. The club met at the Surfside restaurant.

## Nor'easter Pounds for Four Days; Trees, Buildings, Boats Damaged



High winds and water did extensive damage to the north wall of a boat shed at the Morehead City Yacht basin, and battered a number of smaller boats tied up in the area. This picture was taken from the interior of the shed.



A light plane operated by the Menhaden Flying Service and owned by Young's Flying Service, New Jersey, was a casualty of the storm the early part of this week. The plane flipped over after winds tore it loose from its mooring near the Fish Meal Co. factory, West Beaufort.



The marquee announcement for this drive-in movie (see inset) provides an ironic note. The movie's screen and fence were damaged by winds that reached 70 miles an hour Monday. Even the second feature film, Career, is apropos. This drive-in, west of Morehead City, seems to make a "career" of getting damaged in storms.

## Vance Fulford Jr. Recovers From Ordeal During Storm

Vance Fulford Jr., Front street, Beaufort, was discharged from Morehead City hospital yesterday morning. He had been treated for shock and exposure after being rescued Tuesday from Brown's island near Marshallberg.

Mr. Fulford went to Gloucester at 8 Monday morning during the storm to fish a trout net. He was in his small skiff, without a motor, when the wind shifted. He was unable to get back to shore and the skiff carried him to Brown's island.

When he failed to return home, his wife went about noon to Gloucester where she found his truck

but no sign of him. She returned home and notified the sheriff's office. Deputy sheriff C. H. Davis searched for Fulford but could find no sign of him.

Mrs. Fulford then called the Coast Guard. Coast Guardsmen from Cape Lookout picked up Fulford on the north side of Brown's Island Tuesday morning. He waded out to meet the boat.

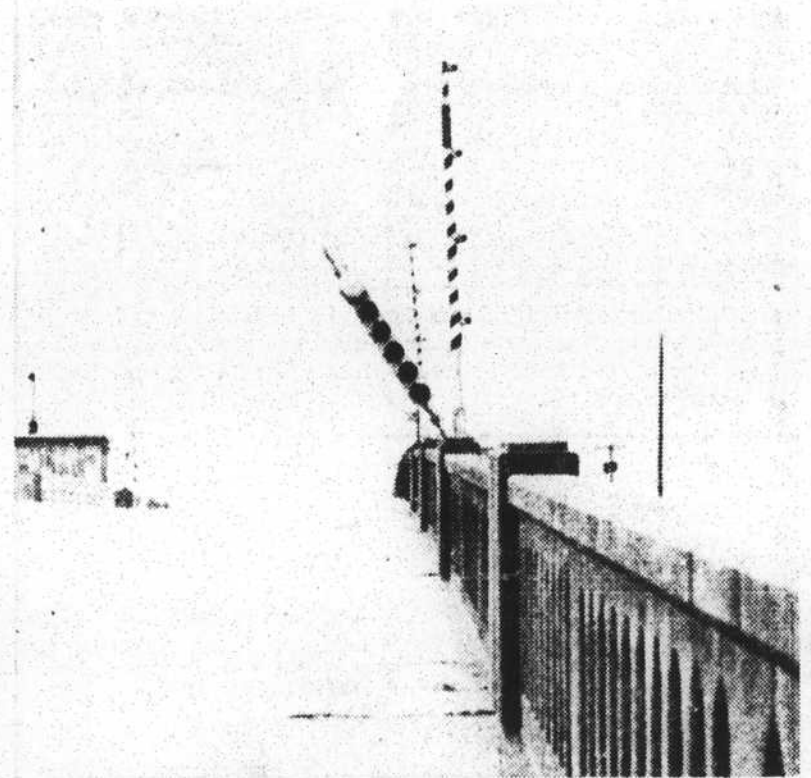
The Coast Guard took him to the Standard Products Co. dock at Lennoxville where he was met by a Bell-Munden ambulance and taken to Morehead City hospital.

His hands were swollen, and though he had a jacket and wa-

ters on, he was suffering from exposure. For protection from the storm Monday night, he dug a shelter of sorts under a heavy chunk of cement. He was marooned on the island 2 1/2 hours.

Coast Guardsmen making the rescue were Jack Davis, BM1; William Matthews, SNBM; Ted Conway, FN; and Guyon Willis, SNBM.

Women to Meet  
The Carteret County Republican Women's club will meet Monday night at 8 at the Republican headquarters in Beaufort.



North winds put a definite slant to this warning light on the Beaufort bridge. The post carrying the gong and the lights apparently gave way at the base, and was later braced in its leaning position by rope lashings.



Areas exposed to the north were flooded. This is a view on Bay street and 9th, Morehead City. John Dozier, 809 Bay, when asked if he had any damage from the storm, said, "Damage! Why the water's so high in my yard the hogfish is eatin' the collards."

An Atlantic storm that started Sunday noon and was gradually diminishing yesterday, ripped shingles from roofs, tore limbs from trees, took down fences, signs, swamped small boats, broke windows, and pounded shorelines with high tides.

Damage to power lines left areas without power from time to time. Several highway accidents in the county were attributed to the heavy rains and wind.

A tractor trailer, which jackknifed on the Morehead City draw bridge Monday afternoon, owed its fate to the high wind. The sweep of the wind across the open draw hit with such force that the truck skidded sideways.

Wreckers were of no use because of the way the truck was wedged.

Traffic was held up for two hours. Work with crowsbars finally got the truck straightened enough so it could be driven off the bridge.

The vehicle, owned by the McLean Trucking lines, was headed to Beaufort. Damage to the bridge was slight.

Wind caught an open door at Cooperative Savings and Loan, Morehead City, slammed it against the building and smashed the glass. A display window in Rose's 5 and 10, Morehead City, was knocked out Monday night.

Limbs falling on houses or trailers caused damage. Flooding, especially in the northern part of Morehead City, caused extensive damage to dirt streets.

If the storm had occurred between Aug. 1 and Oct. 31, it would have been given a girl's name.

## Republicans Undecided About Furthering Battle

Whether county Republicans will carry further the battle to have their candidate, Elmer Dewey Willis, declared sheriff of Carteret, was indefinite yesterday.

The state board of elections ruled Wednesday that the recount, giving incumbent sheriff Bobby Bell a victory, was apparently in order. The board, at least, said it had no authority to upset it. Count of the vote on elections night made Willis the winner by 44 votes.

Republicans contended that the county board of elections should not allow a recount, as requested by the Democrats. The recount took place and Bell came out the winner by 11 votes.

Thomas Bennett, attorney for Willis, appeared before the state board of elections Tuesday, with the county elections board members and Harvey Hamilton Jr., attorney for Bell.

The board based its Wednesday decision on advice from the attorney general's office which said that the state board had no authority to investigate reasons as to why a local elections board grants a recount.

Mr. Bennett said yesterday that he will confer with candidate Willis and his supporters to determine whether they want to appeal the decision. If so, they have 30 days in which to do it.

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## Bridge Height Near Port Will Allow Underpass

The new highway bridge at Morehead City will be built high enough at the Morehead City end to permit construction of roads and railroad tracks under it, Merrill Evans, chairman of the State Highway commission, said Wednesday at Raleigh.

This will enable the state port at Morehead City to use land areas on the north for warehouses and other facilities that may become necessary in conjunction with port operation.

Need for more space for port expansion has been the major argument against location of the bridge at the place where the state is going to put it.

Whether the present channel to the Morehead City Yacht basin will be filled in is not definite, according to W. S. Winslow, assistant chief engineer for bridges.

Chairman Evans said that should filling-in be considered a necessity by the highway department or the State Ports Authority a public hearing will be held on the subject.

The channel parallels the approach to the new bridge on the Morehead City side.

After a recent conversation with chairman Evans, E. N. Richards, acting director of the State Ports Authority, sent the following memorandum to Mr. Evans:

"After talking with you on the telephone this morning, I thought it best that I write you a memorandum regarding the relocation of the Morehead City-Beaufort bridge.

"I am stating below the understandings we had after the conference in the Governor's Office, and the items we reviewed again this morning over the telephone. As I understand it, there has been no deviation in plan.

"1. That the proposed location is satisfactory and that we can develop a good expansion plan with the bridge in this location.

"2. It is our understanding that the new bridge will have provisions for the future installation of a high lift to allow for the passing of ocean-going vessels. That the

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## Firemen Kept Hopping During Storm Monday

Morehead City firemen were trying to recall yesterday times in the past when the fire department had all of its equipment in use! Every fire truck was in operation Monday night.

The series of calls, about ten in number, were complicated by the alarm system wires being downed by high winds. The system went out of operation Monday at about 8 p.m., and was out of service until about 3:30 a.m. At the port terminal high voltage lines caused a delay until daylight for repairs.

First of the Monday night calls was to the home of Bud Dixon, 2100 Arendell Street, where the heating system boiler had ruptured, causing extensive smoke and soot damage to the interior of the home.

After the first call, trucks and firemen were kept busy answering calls to electrical fires caused by winds rubbing wires together. Calls were handled by telephone. Trucks stopped at the station only to receive new calls. One citizen arrived on foot to report an electrical fire.

The series of calls ended Tuesday at 2 a.m. with a burning power pole in the 1400 block of Shackelford street. Firemen Thursday expressed their appreciation for the cooperation and teamwork from Carolina Power and Light system linemen, who did the electrical work to stop the flying sparks from wires.

A fire in a store on 11th Street Tuesday morning gutted the store, which belonged to Starling Fuller. The fire was caused by an oil stove in the store. Firemen Doycie Rice was injured when broken glass from a door put a gash in one hand. It required eight stitches.

### Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Friday, Nov. 30	
9:45 a.m.	3:40 a.m.
10:27 p.m.	4:32 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 1	
10:33 a.m.	4:13 a.m.
11:24 p.m.	5:11 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 2	
11:30 a.m.	4:53 a.m.
	6:00 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 3	
12:22 a.m.	5:49 a.m.
12:30 p.m.	7:05 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 4	
1:19 a.m.	7:20 a.m.
1:30 p.m.	8:19 p.m.

## Mayor Reports Developments In Fight Case

Mayor Alfred B. Cooper, Atlantic Beach, said yesterday that three Coast Guard "investigators" spoke with him Monday regarding the fight between a special officer at the Idle Hour Amusement center and a Coast Guardsman Monday night, Nov. 19.

George Godley, 22, Coast Guardsman who alleges that he was injured by Richard Powers, a special officer at the Idle Hour, returned to duty at Fort Macon Coast Guard base Wednesday, Nov. 21.

Following the fracas, Coast Guard authorities announced that the Idle Hour is off limits to Coast Guardsmen.

Mayor Cooper deplored the publicity given the fight, saying that it was all one-sided. Since the Coast Guard is pursuing the matter, the mayor said the only alternative was "to go to court with it" in an effort to "bring out the true facts."

Officer Powers has charged Godley with public drunkenness, resisting arrest, assaulting an officer and property damage.

Godley has filed charges of assault against Powers. The case against Powers is scheduled for Tuesday morning in county court. The case against Godley is to be heard Tuesday night in mayor's court at Atlantic Beach.

In a telegram to the commander of the Fifth Coast Guard district, mayor Cooper said that Godley struck the first blow, injuring the officer on the jaw. In Godley's drunken condition, the mayor said, he objected to the officer's efforts to find out who he was so that a buddy might be called to take him back to his base, thus making it unnecessary to make an arrest.

Mayor Cooper said yesterday that he had received a reply from the commander, RADM. H. J. Wuensch, but he declined to reveal the contents.

## CD Organizes Auxiliary Police

Seventeen men and two law enforcement officers attended a meeting Tuesday night at which steps were taken to organize and train Civil Defense personnel for duty as auxiliary police. George King, deputy Civil Defense director, presided.

The auxiliary police will work at all times under the jurisdiction of law enforcement officers. The sponsoring organization is the sheriff's department, represented at the meeting by M. M. Ayscough and deputy Carl Bunch. In case of need in just one community, the auxiliary force could work under jurisdiction of the local law unit.

Training under law officers and ten hours training in Red Cross first aid is required. Equipment necessary in the work will be paid for by the individual member.

The group will meet again Tuesday night at 7:30 in the Morehead City town hall. All interested persons are invited.

## Pulpwood Truck Turns Over On Mill Creek Road

A loaded pulpwood truck overturned on the Mill Creek road Wednesday afternoon, dumping its logs into the yard of Willie Jones. The logs knocked the body off the rear of Jones' pickup truck which was in the yard.

Simuel Collins, route 1 Beaufort, driver of the pulpwood truck, was not hurt but was charged with exceeding a safe speed. The accident happened on a sharp curve during a rain.

The truck, which belonged to the International Paper Co., was extensively damaged, according to state trooper W. J. Smith Jr., who investigated.

Board to Meet  
The county board of commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. Monday at the courthouse, Beaufort.