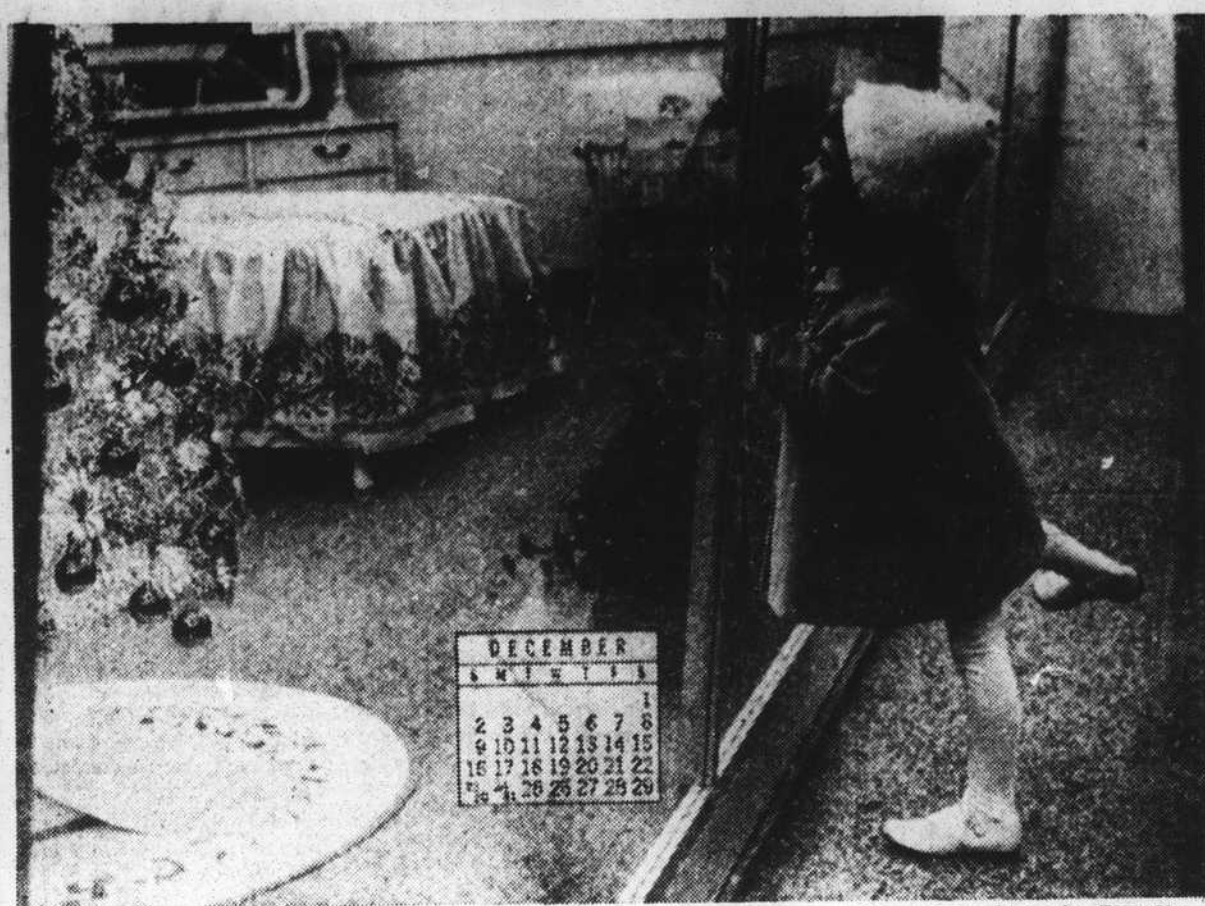


### Christmas is Coming!



Three-year-old Lindsay Sloan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sloan, kicks up a heel in delight at spying a sparkling Christmas tree in a store window. That's a sure sign that Christmas and Santa are coming! Lindsay has jet black curls and blue eyes. The credit line under the picture should really read, "Photo by Daddy."

## Ronald Mason Chosen County Auditor Monday

● William R. Hamilton  
Chosen Chairman

● Wiley Taylor Jr.  
Named Attorney

William Roy Hamilton, chairman of the county board of commissioners, broke a tie vote at the board meeting yesterday, which made Ronald Earl Mason, former Beaufort town clerk, county auditor.

Since Mr. Hamilton also broke a tie vote on chairmanship of the board, observers predicted that this is likely to be the pattern over the next four years.

Rudolph Mason, Morehead City, and Mr. Hamilton, Beaufort, were nominated for the chairmanship. Moses Howard, former chairman, and C. Z. Chappell, a re-elected commissioner, cast their votes for Mr. Mason.

Voting for Mr. Hamilton were Mr. Mason and Headen Willis. Mr. Hamilton voted for himself and assumed the chairmanship.

The voting aligned itself the same way on the auditor. Mr. Howard and Mr. Chappell voted for James D. Potter, present auditor, to be retained. Mr. Willis and Mr. Mason voted for Ronald Earl Mason. Chairman Hamilton cast the deciding vote for R. E. Mason.

Odell Merrill, register of deeds, was made clerk to the board. All commissioners voted in favor of the action except Mr. Willis who abstained.

Prior to the vote on appointment of an auditor, Thomas Beck, a representative of the auditing firm, Williams and Wall, reviewed the audit of 1961-62 at Mr. Potter's request.

E. O. Moore, tax collector, sub-

# Money Technicality Threatens To Delay School Construction



New county board members were sworn in Monday morning at the courthouse in Beaufort. Shown here, left to right, are Headen Willis, Smyrna; C. Z. Chappell, Beaufort; William Roy Hamilton, Beaufort; Rudolph Mason, Morehead City; Moses Howard, Newport (partially obscured), and in the foreground, Earl Mason, who administered the oath of office.

It appeared yesterday that there may be another delay on construction of the West Carteret school. Upon advice of Wiley Taylor Jr., county attorney, county commissioners informally rejected a request by the county board of education for an assurance of \$375,000 in 1962-63 to complete the first phase of the school which would serve Morehead City and Newport.

The board also asked that the commissioners call for a bond referendum "in an amount sufficient to complete all proposed consolidation as recommended by the survey panel, plus an industrial center."

Mr. Taylor asked how the board could call for a referendum without knowing how much money was needed to build the proposed con-

At yesterday afternoon's session of the board, E. O. Moore, tax collector, was reappointed to that position.

solidated schools plus modernizing the schools that would in the future be elementary only.

Mr. Taylor added that assurance by commissioners of \$375,000 in the next fiscal year was illegal. "Legally, the board has no authority to approve a request for funds to go ahead for the West Carteret school," the attorney said.

H. L. Joslyn, superintendent of schools and clerk to the board of education, explained that \$800,000 is in hand to begin the school, but this is less than the lowest bid, which was a very good one. He doubts if the contractor will accept the job if he is not assured of funds to complete the first phase, which is what he bid on.

The board pointed out in its request that this \$800,000 would not be expended by the time the next budget period rolls around, and if they could be assured of getting \$375,000 in the next fiscal year, they could save the county over a hundred nineteen thousand dollars by accepting the low bid.

Mr. Taylor asked Mr. Joslyn why bids were requested when there was only \$800,000 in hand. Mr. Joslyn said it was the board's hope that the plan they had in mind could be built for \$800,000. "We never know what the contractors are going to bid," Mr. Joslyn said.

When the bids were opened last month, the superintendent of schools said by effecting a change order a building could be put up for \$800,000, but when it was finished there would be nothing there that would be usable as a school.

A change order (revising the present plan) would be effected also if the county board gave assurance of \$375,000 for next year. When the \$375,000 was made available, then a "change order" would be made again. Actually, this would all be on paper, but it would align actual construction phases with the money on hand.

Mr. Taylor said a survey should be made of ALL school needs, then submit this to the people in a school referendum.

Commissioner Mason said, "There's been too much bickering about schools. Let's get the west school started."

Commissioner Howard said that by the time the balance of funds on the contract were needed, the county would have the necessary money.

Mr. Taylor said, "I'm not against the West Carteret school and would like to do anything to expedite the building, but this request made here isn't right and I want to get it right."

Mr. Howard said he is interested in trying to save \$120,000. (Archie Royal Davis, school architect, went before the board yesterday afternoon to explain that Durham city and Durham county

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# State By-Passed RR in Making Final Bridge Plan, Official Says

Southern Railway, through Robert D. Darden, its freight traffic manager at New Bern, reports that it has never seen the plans for the proposed Morehead City bridge, on which the state let a contract last week.

Southern leases from the state of North Carolina the Atlantic and East Carolina railway which services the port of Morehead City.

In a letter to THE NEWS-TIMES, written Friday, the day that the newspaper carried a report on bridge plans, Mr. Darden said, "The Atlantic and East Carolina Railway (leased by Southern) has been opposed to the Highway Commission's plans for the Newport river bridge from the time Southern first acquired the line."

"We still think a tragic mistake is being made, but we have accepted the final decision in good grace and have assured Governor Sanford of our desire to cooperate with the Highway Commission in furtherance of their plans."

Contrary to a quote in the news-story by W. S. Winslow, assistant chief engineer for bridges, Mr. Darden says, "Neither Southern Railway nor A&EC has ever been furnished a copy of the bridge plans by the (highway) Commission, nor has it been consulted in regard to the location and clearances involving the access tracks mentioned in third paragraph of Mr. Richards' confirmation of his verbal agreements with Mr. Evans. (The "third paragraph" reads as follows: "That the bridge approach on the Morehead City side will be constructed in such a way as not to interfere with port traffic under the bridge. You mentioned this morning that we will have 65 feet clearance at this point.")"

Mr. Darden continues, "The handling of these important details is in keeping with the uncooperative attitude of the Commission toward the railroad, which, after all, is a state-owned facility providing a rather substantial financial return to the State in the form of rental."

The freight traffic manager said he was gratified to learn that the bridge will cost only \$1½ million which was predicted before the letting. "When the time comes to tear it up and put in a draw, the total over-all cost of an adequate job will be that much less."

Most Morehead City interests, the Neuse Development association and other organizations in the Morehead City port region have continually opposed the State Highway Commission plans for the bridge. Extensive use of the Morehead City port by the Navy in the recent Cuban crisis pointed up its inadequacy in a national emergency. The State Highway Commission has contended that because the bridge at Morehead City is being built partially with federal funds, it cannot build the type of bridge most North Carolinians feel is necessary there.

Morehead City agencies close to the situation say that if the federal government is so inclined, (it runs both the Navy and the Federal Bureau of Public Roads) steps could still be taken to construct a bridge that would not strangle railroad and water traffic at the port.

## W. C. Matthews Dies at Hotel Early Monday

W. C. (Buck) Matthews Sr., 56, owner of Morehead City Drug Co., died early yesterday morning at the Jefferson hotel, Morehead City, where he had been making his home.

The funeral service will be conducted at 2:30 this afternoon in the First Baptist church, Morehead City. The Rev. Corbin Cooper, pastor, will officiate, assisted by the Rev. Mayo Little, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal church. Burial will be in Bayview cemetery.

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W. C. Matthews  
... claimed by death



Ronald Earl Mason  
... moves to courthouse

mitted his resignation "to become effective at the board's pleasure." The board tabled action on the resignation after commissioner Howard stated that Mr. Moore could retire with full benefits May 6, 1963.

Commissioner Howard also pointed out in the auditor's case that if the auditor could serve two more years, he too would receive fuller retirement benefits than were he to retire now.

The audit showed that the county under-expended its 1961-62 budget by \$35,526.01 and that receipts exceeded disbursements, by \$11,167.26.

The percentage of the tax levy collected in the last fiscal year was 94.09, as compared with 94 per cent the year before.

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## B. F. Cannon Killed Sunday In Car Crash

Benjamin Franklin Cannon, 65, Swansboro RFD, was killed at 6 p.m. Sunday on highway 24 a half mile east of Swansboro when the 1957 Ford he was driving struck a tree.

According to state trooper W. J. Smith, who investigated, Cannon was alone in the car when he lost control on a curve and struck a tree in the yard of the Cedar Lane drive-in. The car had been headed east.

Trooper Smith estimates that the accident had happened about 20 minutes before anyone discovered Cannon. It is believed he was killed instantly.

Coroner David Munden investigated and the body was moved to a funeral home at Jacksonville. Funeral arrangements were not available at press time.

Mr. Cannon is survived by his wife, Mrs. Laura Guthrie Cannon; one son, Everett of Greeley, Kan.; one daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Hill of Indianapolis, Ind.; one brother, Y. Z. of Chapel Hill; three sisters, Mrs. George Dennis of Swansboro, Mrs. Gertrude Smith of Bogue and Mrs. Oudia Cole of Beaufort; and one grandson. He was a veteran of World War I and was a member of Bethlehem Methodist church in Bogue.

The fatality is the tenth on county highways this year. Fatalities last year totaled 11.

### Marines Return

Camp Lejeune and Cherry Point Marines sent to Cuba in October are returning to their bases. Marine equipment is also returning through the Morehead City port.

## Tony Styron Hurt by Shotgun

Tony Styron, 21, Atlantic, was recovering in Watts hospital, Durham, yesterday from shotgun wounds in his hands which he received Friday morning.

Styron was sitting in a car in front of D. Mason's store, Atlantic, checking to see if his gun was properly plugged. Somehow, the gun discharged firing through the palm of his right hand and taking the first finger off his left.

With Styron in the car was Harry Brickhouse Jr. Larry Gray, driver, had gone into the store. The accident happened about 9 a.m.

Brickhouse shouted for Gray when the gun went off and Styron was rushed to Sea Level hospital. There the wound was examined and Styron sent by Bell-Munden ambulance to Watts hospital to a specialist.

He underwent surgery there. Relatives say that the specialist has been able to save Styron's right hand, since a main nerve was not severed but had only powder burns. However, he will probably never recover full use of it.

Styron underwent a skin grafting operation yesterday. He is the son of Herman Styron and the husband of Carolyn Styron.

### Dogs Slaughter Pigs



These three pigs were the victims of dogs running loose on K. W. Wright farm No. 2 Friday night. Two pigs were also killed Wednesday night, presumably by the same pack of dogs. Some of the dogs were seen by persons on the farm the morning after the pigs were killed.

## Registrar of Beaufort Precinct Makes Statement

U. E. Swann, registrar of Beaufort precinct, in a statement which appears below, comments on the controversy which arose in the Nov. 6 election over ballots in the Beaufort precinct box.

Mr. Swann has also asked that it be made clear that he was present at the recount of sheriff's ballots only during the period when the Beaufort box was counted. The recount required two days.

Mr. Swann's statement, which was released by Charles C. Willis, chairman of the county board of elections, follows:

merate all the facts and reasonable deductions that have led me to some conclusions satisfactory to my own mind and which I shall support until some more convincing evidence is produced.

The poll books show that 1887 people voted in the Beaufort precinct. There were 1879 County ballots.

### Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar

HIGH	Tuesday, Dec. 4	LOW
1:19 a.m.		7:20 a.m.
1:30 p.m.		8:19 p.m.
	Wednesday, Dec. 5	
2:18 a.m.		8:48 a.m.
2:34 p.m.		9:22 p.m.
	Thursday, Dec. 6	
3:20 a.m.		9:55 a.m.
3:40 p.m.		10:18 p.m.

# Devilish Storm Continues To Lash Carolina Coastline

The Atlantic storm, dubbed Beelzebub by Cap'n Henry, a NEWS-TIMES columnist, continued its devilish ways over the weekend. The storm, which lashed the outer banks, has done only slight damage on Bogue banks in this county.

At Atlantic Beach several sets of steps, leading from the seawall to cottages, have been washed away at the east-end of town. Otherwise, damage has been slight, according to M. G. Coyle, town clerk at the beach.

Core Banks has suffered greater damage. Lying more in a north-south direction than Bogue banks, it was exposed to the onslaught

of high tides and winds clocked between 50 and 70 miles an hour for the past week.

Other north-south beaches along the southeast Atlantic coast have sustained heavy damage.

The storm moved southward Thursday, then off Florida Friday it turned and started to retrace its path. Sunday it was 125 miles south of Cape Hatteras, then it headed southwest again. Yesterday it was reported off Charleston, S. C.

Damage afflicted along the North Carolina coast was estimated at \$164,000.

The ferry Sea Level is operating toll-free out of Ocracoke, leaving

daily at 8 a.m., until conditions on the outer banks return to normal.

Reports from Ocracoke state that the Hatteras Island road between Avon and Salco was buried in sand and in some places had water over it.

The state has established ferry runs between Elgelhard and Avon and Englehard and Hatteras.

The storm played havoc with Atlantic shipping. Ships have been delayed in their schedules and the tanker, Saugautuck, which docked at Aviation Fuel terminals Wednesday, suffered heavy damage as it rode out the storm for almost three days off the Carteret coast before making port.



Mrs. Paull Resigns  
Mrs. Eddie Paull, assistant to J. D. Potter, county auditor, who was dismissed yesterday, has submitted her resignation.