

Former County Official Calls Impending Hospital Debt Unwise

The county board of commissioners should reconsider their decision to build a county hospital, according to Skinner A. Chalk Jr., former county commissioner, who was serving on the county board at the inception of the proposed county hospital program. Mr. Chalk has closely studied hospital operation, both government-owned and private. He reviews in the article below the hospital needs and facilities in this county, as compared with other locales.

Mr. Chalk urges reconsideration of county hospital construction because of the change in needs in this county since 1960, when voters approved borrowing of money for a hospital. The change in need has come about because of the addition of 40 beds at Sea Level hospital and other factors, the former commissioner says. His comments:

The Duke Endowment annual report for 1961 (latest year available) shows the number of beds and admissions per 1,000 of population as follows:

	Number Beds	Admissions
North Carolina	3.3	137
South Carolina	2.8	113
United States	3.6	128

Carteret county's population, according to the adjusted 1960 US census, was less than 28,000. This means we need 92.4 beds if we equal the state average. We have now 75 beds at the Morehead City hospital and 50 beds at the Sea Level hospital. The proposed 75-bed hospital for Morehead City (assuming closing of the present hospital) and 90 beds at Sea Level, on completion of the present addition, would provide 165 beds for Carteret county.

This means we will have 78 per cent more beds than the state average and almost 64 per cent more than the national average.

North Carolina ranks 47th in the 50 states in per capita income and 50th (on the bottom) in hourly rate manufacturing income. We are 90 per cent worse off in low income families than the most prosperous counties in our state, with 35 per cent of all families in Carteret having an annual income of \$3,000 or less, according to the 1960 US census report.

The number of admissions to the hospitals in this county for the year ending Sept. 30, 1962 are 6,232. This means that we had an admissions rate of 222 compared with 137 for the state and 128 for the United States.

Is this because we have more sickly people? No. This indicates EXTENSIVE OVERUSE of existing facilities. Several studies made by independent research groups indicate such unnecessary overuse is general throughout Michigan, New York and other states. It is difficult to see why we should be so much less healthy, or more ac-

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Three Held For Assault

Scheduled for hearing today on assault and trespass charges are Melvin D. Taylor, Martin V. Chavis and Bobby R. Locklear, 20-year-old Indian youths. The three were in the county jail yesterday under bonds of \$500 each.

According to deputy sheriff Carl Bunch, the youths pulled knives on people in the Rip Tide inn at Cedar Point at about 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Roy Dilbeck, manager, suffered a cut on his hand.

He told the deputy that one of the boys also held a knife to the throat of one of the waitresses to prevent her from calling police. The three returned to the Rip Tide Sunday night where they were arrested at 7:30 by deputy Bunch. Also working on the case was deputy sheriff Bill Smith.

County Joins Nation in Observing 80th Anniversary of Civil Service

By TOM SLOAN

The nation and Carteret county began the observance of Civil Service Week Sunday, commemorating the 80th anniversary of signing of the Civil Service Act in 1883.

Over two million workers, the largest force in the world, are employed by the Federal government. The civil service worker is an important factor in the economy of this county, with a relatively high percentage of the citizens employed by the government.

Carteret's connection with the US Marine Air Station at Cherry Point, the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries Biological laboratory at Piver's Island, civil service employees in the post offices, agri-

Now It's Official



Atlantic Beach police chief Bill Moore with the new official "co-operative hurricane reporting" equipment at the Atlantic Beach police station. Chief Moore, now an official weather observer, daily records weather and sends in a monthly report. He supplies telephone contact for other weather stations in case of unusual conditions. Equipment includes barometer, clock, wind velocity gauge, wind direction, rain gauge, thermometer and an automatic tide gauge at the Oceanana pier.

Dunes Builder Gives View On How to Save Beach Area

Planners Review OEDP Proposal

County planning commission members last night reviewed the preliminary draft of Carteret's plan for overall economic development. The plan was drawn by a committee headed by J. R. Sanders, Morehead City. It must be certified before the county can become eligible for area recovery act funds. Carteret has been declared by the federal government to be eligible for such funds because of "chronic and consistent under-employment."

The OEDP committee has drawn the preliminary draft at the request of the planning commission. The Raleigh office of the Employment Security commission furnished the report figures needed for the report.

Assistance in drawing up the plan was given by personnel with the division of community planning, a state agency.

Serving on the OEDP committee, besides Mr. Sanders, were Mrs. Earl Dunn, Mrs. Charles Stanley Jr., Jim Young, Clarence Mills, the Rev. John Viser, Charles McNeill, Gaston Smith, H. L. Joslyn, Leroy Guthrie and Anthony Dudley.

All areas of the county and economic phases were attempted to be represented in selecting committee members, Mr. Sanders said.

Firemen Eye Gunners After Finding Shot Bulbs

Beaufort firemen are casting a suspicious eye at owners of air guns, after finding approximately 200 light bulbs on the Beaufort community Christmas tree broken. The tree decorations were taken down a week ago and the loss discovered. The Beaufort Fire department puts up the tree annually.

Street Signs Go Up

New metal street signs, on poles, have been erected at certain intersections in Beaufort where concrete street markers are not located.

A proclamation observing Civil Service Week has been issued by mayors of Carteret communities, W. H. Potter, Beaufort; Leon Mann, Newport; George Dill, Morehead City, and A. B. Cooper, Atlantic Beach. The proclamation urges citizens to support the merit form of employment under Civil Service and to cooperate in the annual observance.

Service at Fort Macon, all contribute to the economic welfare of the county.

Pushing up dunes from the ocean side of the beach, then stabilizing with grass is the best way to save beaches on Bogue banks—and possibly Shackleford, according to Gray Hassell, engineer, Beaufort, who did considerable beach reconstruction work with federal funds following hurricanes of the 1950's.

Whether this is the best for Core banks, he is not sure, but Mr. Hassell found success in getting the rebuilding material from ocean front rather than sound side.

"Sound side" is the side away from the ocean, bordering inland waters.

At first, when heavy storm tides chewed away land on the oceanfront, bulldozers attempted to build a wall against the ocean by pushing sand from behind the beach on to the beach. It was found, Mr. Hassell says, that these dunes just melted away.

Then he started putting bulldozers on the beach at low tide and pushing sand landward to the shore. One change of the tide filled up, with sand from the ocean, the tremendous hole that was dug—and the dunes that were built stayed put.

Groins, heavy rocks jutting out into the ocean, and better known as jetties, are a good way to build up the beach—possibly the best, but such work is tremendously expensive, Mr. Hassell points out.

Jetties are good because they cut tide action, relieve pressure of currents on the beach and thus keep the tides and currents from cutting the land away.

Beach reconstruction and projects designed to keep the state's outer banks from washing away will be discussed at a hearing at 10 a. m. Saturday in the Craven county courthouse, New Bern. The hearing is being conducted by a sub-committee of the Outer Banks Seashore Park commission.

The fisheries laboratory at Pivers Island, operating with an annual appropriation of about one half million, largely spent locally, is a good example.

Civil service jobs are open to any qualified citizen, and employees are appointed from a register for each occupation, usually after a competitive examination. Civil service jobs offer pay comparative to industry, job security, annual leave and sick leave, and an excellent retirement program. In a good many areas, Civil Service pay is higher than the local average for comparative jobs.

Promotions are based on a merit system, with employees advancing according to ability.

SPA to Discuss Southport Work

● Ports Authority Meets Today

● Director Confers With Beaufort Group

The State Ports Authority, meeting today at Wilmington, will hear a report on how half a million dollars should be spent to develop port facilities at Southport.

The money was earmarked for Southport in funds appropriated for ports by the legislature six years ago.

James F. Latham is head of a special SPA committee which has been working on recommendation for spending the Southport funds which have been lying unused for so long. There was a public meeting at Southport yesterday afternoon to discuss the committee's recommendations.

The committee has been considering a marina for small boats (many state-operated ports in other states have found this to be a rewarding venture), a fuel oil terminal or a cold storage plant.

It is also hoped that federal funds can be enticed into the project on a matching basis.

J. W. Davis, state ports director, met Saturday afternoon in Beaufort with Beaufort businessmen, at a meeting planned and arranged by mayor W. H. Potter. Accompanying him was Walter Friederichs, operations manager at Morehead City state port.

The state's proposals, relative to use of Radio Island in port development, were discussed.

Truck, Car Collide Friday

Morehead City police investigated an accident Friday at 7:30 p. m. in the 3100 block of Arendell street. Involved in the collision were Clifton Lee Glover, Beaufort, driving a 1957 Chevrolet truck, and Pearl Willis Nelson, Morehead City, driving a 1955 Plymouth.

Mrs. Nelson was backing out of her driveway, and had begun to turn into the line of traffic when the accident happened, police said. Damage to the Nelson car was about \$300 to the front end, and about \$75 to the Glover truck in the left front fender. The truck was headed west.

Investigating officer Ed Gaskill stated that Mrs. Nelson was cited for failing to see if a movement in traffic could be made safely.

Legislator Schedules Meeting, Expresses Views on Three Issues

Thomas S. Bennett, Carteret's representative in the legislature, has set 2 p. m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, as the time for a meeting in the Courthouse in Beaufort on Jan. 23, 1963 at 2 o'clock P. M., at which time each and every individual can present views and indicate how I should vote on certain important issues and which measures I should support or oppose. I extend to you a personal invitation.

With regard to the specific issues mentioned in your letter . . . I believe that legislation concerning New Public Utilities Act will be the most important piece of legislation to be considered by the General Assembly. At the present time I am studying the proposed act

very carefully as to content, theory, and effect.

I was very disappointed when the General Statutes commission refused to make public the minutes of its meetings while drafting and considering the proposed act. This commission apparently has something to hide. Also, I do not like the fact that two of the members of this commission act as legal counsel for the power companies outside of the commission.

At this point I am not committed to either the power company forces or the co-operative forces, because I wish to study the matter further and hear the arguments proposed by both interests.

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Cash Prizes to be Offered In Home Gardening Contest

Basking Shark Caught



This whopper, a 15-foot basking shark, was caught Friday by the Miss Beaufort about 30 miles offshore in a trawl net. Estimated at 700 pounds, the shark is shown here with Norwood Rose Jr., Capt. Norwood and James Willis.

Captain Rose said the shark fought vigorously when taken out of the water. Dr. William E. Fahy, fish specialist with the Institute of Fisheries Research, UNC, says the basking shark is native to these waters but are seldom taken.

This shark is a young one, about 15 to 18 feet long. His long snout would have disappeared as he got older. They grow to 45 feet in length. The teeth are unusual for a shark, Dr. Fahy says—small, croaker-like teeth.

One was caught at Wanchese about a year ago. This one is the first Dr. Fahy has seen in about 12 years.

The Miss Beaufort is a trawler operated by the Charles Davis Seafood Co., Beaufort.

Agricultural Agencies To Promote Event

Home gardeners will have an opportunity this year to win cash prizes for the best gardens, according to R. M. Williams, county agricultural agent.

The garden contest, under sponsorship of the agricultural extension service, will be supervised by a committee headed by R. L. Searle, Core Creek.

The amount of cash prizes will be announced in the near future. Mr. Williams said prizes will probably be awarded in mid-summer. Meetings to inform people of the best methods of home gardening have been scheduled in communities where there are Home Demonstration clubs.

Gardening meetings scheduled thus far are the following: 1:30 p. m. Jan. 15, Marshallberg Home Demonstration club with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Harris; 2 p. m. Jan. 17, Crab Point Home Demonstration club with Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Oglesby; 2 p. m. Jan. 21, Wire Grass Home Demonstration club with Mr. and Mrs. David Merrill.

2 p. m. Jan. 23, Gloucester Home demonstration club, with Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Piper; 7:30 p. m. Jan. 23, Harlowe Home Demonstration club, educational building, Methodist church; 7:30 p. m. Jan. 24, Newport Home Demonstration club, place will be announced; 2 p. m. Jan. 25, Atlantic Home Demonstration club, expected to be held at Mrs. Julia Gillikin's.

Meetings in other communities will be scheduled also.

The garden contest was planned at a meeting of agricultural and home economics agents and their advisory board members Friday night at the agricultural agent's office, Beaufort.

Mrs. Floy Garner, home economics agent, presented population figures and facts on family living conditions. Mr. Williams showed slides on home gardening.

Home gardens, Mr. Williams said, save money, provide better nourishment for families who have such gardens, provide opportunity for exercise and release tensions the home gardener may build up in other activities.

Roland Salter is newly-elected chairman of the agricultural extension service advisory board. Other members are Leland Morris, Stella, vice-chairman; Mrs. Charles Stanley Jr., Crab Point, secretary.

Board members are C. T. Garner, Mrs. R. L. Searle, Milton Truckner, Allen Hilbert, the Rev. Ray West and R. S. Grady.

They attended Friday night's meeting. Other board members are Mrs. Guy Styron, Mrs. Earl Dunn, Orville Gaskill, W. C. Carlton and Earl Lewis.

The board will meet again Tuesday night, Feb. 26.

Spectators at Fires To be Subject to Arrest

Citations will be issued in the future to spectators or spectators in automobiles who hamper Morehead City firemen during fire-fighting operations.

Ray Hall, town supervisor, said that firemen have been so seriously hampered by unauthorized persons at recent fires that they could not work efficiently.

Citations will be issued under the authority of article 2, section 1 of the fire protection and prevention ordinance of the town.

Farm Labor Officials Meet Here



Among delegates to the annual North Carolina Farm Labor Placement conference at the Morehead City Courthouse last week were, left to right, Ray Bozeman, farm labor representative, U. S. Dept. of Labor, Mechanicsburg, Pa.; Joe Beach, director, and Alden Honeycutt, assistant director, Employment Security Commission, Raleigh; Mrs. Julia F. Tenney, manager, Morehead City ESC office; Raymond P. Umstead, farm placement supervisor, ESC, Raleigh; and A. C. Meiser, farm labor representative, U.S. Department of Labor, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Officers Report Three Wrecks; Drivers Cited

State troopers investigated three recent accidents in the county.

Charged Sunday with drunken driving was Bennett C. Kyle, Havelock, who in his 1954 Plymouth, piled into the rear of a 1960 Ford at 6:40 p. m. Sunday, according to trooper J. W. Sykes.

The accident happened at the Masontown and highway 70 intersection, west of Newport.

Driving the Ford was Miss Dianne Garner, Newport. The officer said Miss Garner had stopped on highway 70, headed west, waiting to turn left into the Masontown road. Kyle, he said, came up from behind and failed to stop.

Kyle, 52, bit through his bottom lip and was taken to Morehead City hospital by the investigating officer.

Damage to the Ford was estimated at \$300 and the Plymouth was judged beyond repair. Neither the driver nor passengers in the Garner car was injured.

John D. Nelson, route 1 Beaufort, was charged with drunken driving and hit and run at 6:15 p. m. Wednesday after the 1960 Pontiac he was driving collided with a 1967 Chevrolet on the Lennoxville road.

The accident happened in front of Mack's place. According to trooper W. J. Smith Jr., Nelson was backing out from Mack's and when he crossed the center line of the Lennoxville road, collided with the Chevrolet, which was driven by Steve Zucha, route 1 Beaufort.

The officer said when Zucha went to notify police, Nelson "took off." Damage to the Pontiac was estimated at \$75 and to the Chevrolet \$100.

James Nelson Bartlett, Cherry Point, was charged with following too closely, after he was involved in an accident at 7:40 a. m. Sunday, Jan. 6, two and a half miles west of Newport on highway 70.

State trooper Smith said that Bartlett, in a 1963 Ford, struck a 1958 Chevrolet in the rear. The Chevrolet was driven by Jimmy C. Dail, Newport. Dail had stopped to pick up a hitchhiker and was headed west, according to the officer.

No one was injured.

State Officials, NCFCA Will Meet

The director of the board of conservation and development, four state senators and six legislators are scheduled to attend a dinner meeting of the North Carolina Fisheries association at 5 o'clock tonight at the Elks lodge, Morehead City.

Director of the C&D board is Robert Stallings Jr., New Bern. Senators are Luther Hamilton, Carteret county; Thomas White, Lenoir; Cicero P. Yow, New Hanover, and Roy H. Walton, Brunswick.

Legislators are Thomas S. Bennett, Carteret; H. A. Ragsdale and Carl V. Venters, Onslow; Ned Delamar, Pamlico; Sam Whitehurst, Craven; and M. E. Sawyer, Currituck.

Planning to be present also are members of the State college faculty in the field of food processing, state highway commissioner H. G. (Buddy) Phillips, state fisheries committee chairman Eric Rodgers and other dignitaries.

Approximately 75 are expected, according to G. B. Garner, secretary of the NCFCA.

Additional Federal Funds Due Here

Forty thousand dollars has been assigned to Croatan National forest, in this area, in accelerated public works funds, congressman David N. Henderson announced Friday.

This is from an additional \$10 million earmarked for national forest projects in 32 states. A total of \$485,000 has been assigned to projects in North Carolina, the congressman said.

Public works funds received in the fall were used in Croatan to employ labor for clearing underbrush and road right-of-ways. Workers were hired through the Employment Security office, Morehead City.