

## Trustees of County Hospital Resign

### Resignation Requested Tuesday; Board to be Reduced to Seven

#### Conducts Orchestra



Dr. Benjamin Swalin will conduct the Little Symphony orchestra in two concerts at Beaufort today, at 2 p.m. for school children and 8 p.m. for adults in the high school auditorium.

The board of trustees of the "Carteret County Memorial Hospital" resigned Tuesday night, in response to a request from the county board of commissioners.

Reason given for asking the resignations was a conflict in the number of board members allowed under statutes that created the hospital board of trustees and the legal acts that created the proposed hospital.

The board of trustees has met formally twice since its creation in November of 1960. Suits arising out of disputes over the hospital made frequent board meetings unnecessary.

A dittoed letter of resignation was presented to each board member by the chairman, Bud Dixon, Morehead City, who had met previously with county attorney Wiley Taylor and chairman of the county board of commissioners, William Roy Hamilton. He said the two had requested the resignations.

The letter included a statement that the resigning board members would be willing to serve if reappointed, and allowed space for a signature below the statement.

Mr. Dixon explained to the trustees that the resignation was not mandatory, and that the commissioners wanted the trustees to build and operate the hospital.

The board was also shown a new resolution setting up a seven-man board of trustees, with the chairman of the county board of commissioners as an ex-officio member, with full voting privileges.

Mr. Harris, along with several other members of the board, are due to end their job as trustee by appointment to other county positions. Among the trustees going off the board were all trustees from Beaufort, except James H. Potter III.

Beaufort trustees at present are Gerald Hill, Mr. Potter, Charles King and Albert Chappell. Mr. Chappell is building inspector. Mr. Hill, since his appointment to the hospital board, has joined the county welfare board.

Mr. Harris is scheduled to take over the tax collector's job when E. O. Moore, present collector, leaves the office in May.

Trustee John L. Crump commented that signing the portion of the letter pertaining to reappointment did not mean that any of the present trustees would be reappointed. William L. Davies stated that he wanted to know more about the situation, and wanted "whoever rented the ditto machine to explain."

Mr. Davies added that he owed something to some segment of the community and he did not feel free "to sign the letter and walk out." Mr. Crump added that it looked like the county commissioners wanted a new board of trustees.

Trustee Gerald Hill stated that it appeared that the commissioners were giving the trustees a "nice" way out "before they say 'we don't want you'."

At the request of the trustees, county attorney Wiley Taylor evened out the board.

### Officials Get Formal Notice On Port Use

Informed this week of official action by the Morehead City town board relative to handling of radioactive materials at Morehead City port were Adm. E. J. Roland, commander, US Coast Guard, and Robert H. Solomons III, executive director of the Southern Interstate Nuclear board.

A copy of the board's resolution was forwarded to both officials by Walter Friederichs, port operations manager.

Mr. Friederichs said, "We look forward to being accepted and listed as a port and a community willing and able to handle and compete for the commercial or military cargoes which this new age is generating."

The Coast Guard is responsible for port safety and security. The Interstate Nuclear board is involved in obtaining port clearance for handling of radioactive materials.

In its resolution approving passage of such materials through Morehead City and the port, the town board noted that radioactive materials will be carried in greater amount on ocean-going vessels in connection with the growth of nuclear industry.

Because the radioactive materials will be handled in such a way that public health and safety will be safeguarded, the board states "we will take pride in having the port of Morehead City identified as a pioneer among progressive, forward-looking seaports seeking, rather than discouraging, the indirect as well as direct benefits from nuclear technology and advances."

Ray Vance Hopper, 17, Morehead City, has been charged with breaking, entering and theft and is docked for appearance in county court Tuesday.

Hopper was apprehended by special deputy George Smith, who patrols Ocean Ridge at the beach, at Hopper's home in Morehead City Wednesday.

Deputy Smith said that Hopper entered the home of Ronald Stevenson, Rocky Mount, and took a battery-powered hand spotlight, a telescope set complete with tripod and a pair of binoculars. The property has been recovered, deputy Smith said.

Hopper was released in the custody of relatives who assured officers that he would be in court next week.

TV, Bed Linens Stolen At Cape Carteret Home  
Investigated Tuesday at Cape Carteret was theft of a tv from the Grover Smith summer home. Also missing, according to deputy sheriff Carl Bunch, were bed linens. This is one of several recent robberies of summer homes in the western Carteret area.

### Coast Guard Tries to Float Grounded Yacht

- Three Canadians Treated at Sea Level
- Yacht Stranded Near Portsmouth Island

Coast Guardsmen from Ocracoke have been attempting this week to refloat a 62-foot yacht grounded Sunday night in the inlet between Ocracoke and Portsmouth.

Three Canadians aboard made it to Portsmouth island in a 16-foot skiff and were admitted to Sea Level hospital Monday, suffering from exposure.

George Allen Stott, 46, Moncton, New Brunswick, was discharged Tuesday, but still hospitalized yesterday were Leonard J. Leblanc, 23, Moncton, and Ray Albert Kinch, 42, Alberton, Prince Edward Island.

The Coast Guard said Mrs. Marion Babb, of Portsmouth Island on the outer banks, called the Ocracoke Island life boat station Monday reporting that three men had walked to her home and said they were shipwrecked.

The men said they were enroute aboard the yacht Alosa from Alberton to St. Lucie, British West Indies. They said they ran ashore about 7 p.m. Sunday and could not send distress signals because their radio wasn't working and their flares were wet.

The Coast Guard took the men from the island to the Sea Level hospital by helicopter.

### Red Cross Hits Another Snag

Hopes of reactivating a Red Cross chapter in this area were dampened Wednesday night when key persons involved in reorganization failed to show up at a meeting at the civic center, Morehead City.

Glenn Holt, chairman of a Morehead City Jaycee committee, which is engineering reorganizational plans, said that the following who agreed to attend the meeting did not show: Jim Hux, Red Cross disaster chairman; Mr. and Mrs. Garland Scruggs; former workers with the Red Cross; Kenneth Wagner, president of the Civitan club; and Joe Beam, president of the Jaycees.

Present were Mr. Holt, A. N. Willis, Morehead City, who was there a few minutes before the meeting started, Odell Merrill, Beaufort, Arnold Ashley, Jaycee; Hudson Bacon, and Arthur Paradeses, Red Cross representatives.

Mrs. J. C. Taylor, Mrs. E. M. Dewey and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Simmons attended the meeting following the conclusion of a Women's club meeting, which was held in the same building.

Mr. Holt said that he doesn't know the next step the Jaycees will take until after the Jaycee meeting Monday night.

### Firemen to Give Demonstration

Morehead City firemen will conduct a demonstration of a new type of firefighting equipment Monday. The public is invited. The demonstration will be of foam equipment.

Planned for the demonstration are a gasoline fire, an asphalt fire, and a burning house. The foam equipment is capable of producing 100,000 gallons of foam within one minute, according to L. E. Wade, fire department supervisor.

The foam, which does not damage the contents of a building, is pumped into a burning home or business place, smothering the fire by completely filling the interior spaces.

The demonstration will begin at 1:30 p.m. Monday. Spectators should go to the fire department headquarters at the municipal building and from there they will go to the demonstration site.

### Be My Valentine?



A pretty decoration for any valentine is Virginia Potter, senior at Beaufort high school. This is the month of February which brings Valentine's Day on Feb. 14. Our thanks to Carteret Drug store for providing the backdrop for our calendar picture, and to Mr. and Mrs. James H. Potter III, Beaufort, for producing the model.

### \$15,000 Fire Destroys House Of Prentiss Garner, Newport

#### Jim Hux Heads County Scouts

Jim Hux, Morehead City, has been named chairman of the Carteret district, Boy Scouts of America.

He and other officers of the district will be installed at the recognition banquet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, in the fellowship hall of the First Methodist church, Morehead City.

The other officers are Thomas Eure and Charles McNeil, vice-chairman; Ed Nelson, district commissioner; Cecil Sewell, organization and extension chairman.

Harry Salter, camping and activities chairman; Gerald Murdoch, health and safety chairman; Gordon Willis and Mel Eyerman, advancement co-chairman; Dr. Bob Barnum, leadership training, and Bob Howard, finance.



Jim Hux . . . BSA official

A \$15,000 blaze destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Prentiss Garner near Newport Tuesday morning about 10:30. No one was at home at the time. It is not known how the fire started.

C. A. Gould Jr., Newport fire department reporter, said the alarm was sounded by Claude Murdoch, who saw flames leaping from the house as he drove by. The house is located on the Nine-Foot road where it intersects with the Masontown road.

When firemen arrived, the two-story frame dwelling which was Mr. Garner's homeplace, was completely enveloped in flames. The family lost everything they owned except the clothing they were wearing. When it became apparent that the house could not be saved, the firefighters turned their attention to the Lawrence Garner home next door. Heat caused the roof to smoke, but no damage was visible.

About \$200 damage was caused to the department's pumper truck, which was being supplied with water by the tank truck. Paint peeled from one side and the dome on the red light atop the truck melted in the intense heat. No injuries were reported.

Mr. Garner, former county tax supervisor, was at work at Huntley's in Beaufort when notified that his home was burning. Mrs. Garner was teaching at Newport school, where their son and two of their daughters were attending classes. The family has another daughter, Patsy, a freshman at East Carolina college in Greenville.

Fire chief George Green said the fire was probably caused by faulty wiring.

The loss was partially covered by insurance. Friends and neighbors collected some clothing for the family Tuesday and several merchants in Newport have started a fund to enable the Garners to re-establish their home as soon as possible.

The fire was the second major one in the county in less than a week. On Wednesday of last week a \$95,000 blaze destroyed Styrone's department store, Morehead City.

### Newport Firemen Get Two Calls Late Friday

Newport firemen answered two calls Friday afternoon. About 5 p.m. they were called to the Warren Lockey home, Masontown road, to put out a grass fire under an oil tank.

About the same time a defective heating unit called firemen to the home of Charlie Jones in Newport. No damage was reported at either place.

### Biltmore Motor Hotel Goes On Market for \$500,000

On the market for \$500,000 is the Biltmore Motor hotel, Morehead City, according to the publication, Royal Market Place, published bi-monthly at Chapel Hill.

Liquidation of the owning corporation, West India Fruit and Steamship Co., is the reason given for putting the hotel up for sale. A \$100,000 down payment is requested, with the remaining price to be paid over a period of time at 5 per cent interest.

The hotel, consisting of 102 rooms, is billed as "the state's No. 1 coastal convention hotel." It was acquired by Dan, William, Alfred and Leslie Taylor, owners of West India Fruit and Steamship Co., May 1, 1957, at a price reported to be \$152,000. The hotel immediately underwent renovation and since then numerous improvements have been made, including construction of a swimming pool and addition of a convention dining hall.

### 20 Coast Guard Men to Move From Station

Men attached to Fort Macon Coast Guard base will be given subsistence and quarters pay starting today and will no longer be eating and sleeping at the base, according to Lt. Gabriel Peham, commander of Fort Macon group.

The move will not affect men at the Fort Macon lifeboat station, who number 18. Lieutenant Peham said there was overcrowding at the station and by giving the men quarters allowances, the overcrowding will be relieved.

The change affects about 20 men, most of whom are married and living in this area. The men will get an average of \$77 per month, with single men getting slightly more than the married men.

Lieutenant Peham said the change is temporary, until new buildings planned for construction at Fort Macon are completed.

Accelerated public works funds amounting to \$200,000 were released this week by the federal government for rebuilding the dock, roadway and lifeboat station at Cape Lookout, which is in Fort Macon Coast Guard group.

### More Thefts Occur in Town

A persistent thief hit again a group of cafes in Beaufort that have been entered on other occasions this winter. The break-ins were reported Wednesday morning.

Entered were the Pine Street Cafe, where an estimated \$40 from the juke box, ten cartons of cigarettes and approximately \$10 in change was taken.

Also reported were attempts to enter the Chicken Shack and the Club Casino, in the same locality. A thief took an electronic garage door opener from the car of Edna Heesep, Beaufort, sometime Wednesday afternoon. The device, valued at \$25, was taken from the car while it was in a parking lot.

Vandals, apparently small boys with air guns, damaged glass windows at a monument firm at Cedar and Live Oak streets, chief of police Guy Springle also reported.

### Biltmore Motor Hotel Goes On Market for \$500,000

Business this year is predicted to exceed last year's by 30 per cent.

Eight thousand visitors came to this area in 1962 to attend conventions at the hotel.

West India Fruit and Steamship, whose main business was ferrying trains between West Palm Beach and Havana, Cuba, was struck a devastating blow when Castro came to power in Cuba.

It is reportedly now losing \$2 million annually. The bleak outlook for Cuba and little hope for any revival of business, in the near future, between this country and Havana has brought the Taylor brothers to the decision to liquidate the firm, observers report.

### No Reports Of Asian Flu Here

The county health department by Wednesday had received no reports of asian flu in Carteret.

Mrs. Leota Hammer, public health nurse, says that there have been grippe and intestinal flu cases but none that doctors have reported to the health department as asian flu.

The state health department states that asian flu has reached epidemic proportions mainly in the central part of the state. By mid-week the number of cases was approaching 9,000.

Robeson county experienced the first epidemic of asian flu about 10 days ago. The illness there is now subsiding. Other counties affected thus far are Scotland, Halifax, Nash, Edgecombe, Cumberland, Hoke, Bladen, Chatham, Person, Richmond and Wake.

Health officials state that it is too late to get flu shots. It takes about a month for the shots to build up immunization. They are estimated to be effective among 75 per cent of the persons taking them.

### Fisheries Institute Plans to Have Economic Surveys Complete by June 1

June 1 is predicted as completion date for the survey the Institute of Fisheries Research, UNC, is doing on the value of sports and commercial fishing in North Carolina.

A preliminary report on dollars and cents value of the sports fishing industry was made this week to the state commercial fisheries committee at Durham by Dr. William Fahy, fisheries institute staff member who is in charge of the survey.

Value of both the state and commercial fishing industries, annually, is estimated at \$150 million. Fishermen using the 32 piers along the coast numbered 20,554 during the past summer and piled up a total of 383,000 "fisherman days."

Survey, now under way, will be released simultaneously, Dr. Fahy said.

The sports fishing survey includes the value of outboard motor boats and trailers, how owners help put money into circulation in the coastal area, and the amount of income generated by charter boats, headboats, fishing camps, sound and ocean piers and surf fishermen. It also evaluates the total investment in fishing facilities.

The legislature provided \$30,000 in 1961 for fisheries surveys, of which \$10,000 was used to finance the sports fishing and commercial fishing studies. Four surveyors were employed during the summer months of 1962 to collect data. Purpose of this study is to nail down, for several years at least, the actual worth of sports and commercial fishing. Unverifiable figures have, in the past, been pulled out of the air by each group.

Forty-two hundred dollars was used to finance a survey on trash fishing. It analyzes the type of fish caught by trash, also known as "industrial" or "scrap fishing." The survey was prompted by fishermen claiming that trash fishing is "ruining sports fishing and affecting catches of edible finfish."

Five thousand dollars is earmarked for a clam study, which has not yet started, and the remainder of the appropriation was used for a study of shrimp. Purpose of the study, which has included sampling of shrimp caught at different points along the coast throughout the year, is to see if a method can be devised of predicting the shrimp catch a year in advance.

The shrimp survey is being conducted by Dr. Austin Williams of the UNC Institute of Fisheries Research.