

County Board Appoints Seven Trustees to Hospital Board

Six trustees and a county commissioner were appointed to the "Carteret General Hospital" board at the meeting of the county commissioners yesterday morning in the courthouse.

The new trustees are Leslie Moore, Beaufort, Bud Dixon, Morehead City, five-year terms; W. L. Derrickson, Morehead City and James H. Potter III, Beaufort, four-year terms; W. H. Livingston, Newport, and Hugh Willis, Smyrna, three-year terms. County commissioner Rudolph Mason is the ex-officio member.

The appointments were embodied in a new resolution setting up the county hospital board. The new resolution also takes "memorial" out of the hospital name.

The board also approved a resolution authorizing the borrowing of \$75,000 that will be available for use by the trustees in preliminary hospital construction work. Mr. Dixon was named temporary chairman of the hospital board. The board is scheduled to meet and organize within the next two weeks.

He said that part of the \$75,000 will be used to meet bills now on hand from the hospital architect, George Watts Carr, Ronald Earl Mason, county auditor, will act as treasurer until the hospital is constructed.

Wiley Taylor Jr., county attorney, presented a consent judgment getting rid of the former hospital suit. It was signed by all commissioners except Moses Howard, who said he wanted to think about the matter for a while.

Commissioner Headen Willis asked the hospital board to check on whether there was going to be another hospital suit. Mr. Taylor said that the rumors have been checked and such rumors are false.

The vote on the hospital resolution and borrowing \$75,000 was unanimous, although commissioner Moses Howard said he felt the terms on the hospital trustees should have been arranged differently.

Mr. Howard said he wasn't aware that the "county board of commissioners" wanted the old hospital trustees to resign. He said he's tired of "getting credit" for things he doesn't deserve credit for.

He also said, "Why is it everything done by the old board (former commissioners) now has no legal basis?" He said that in the past the county couldn't afford a full-time attorney but perhaps it should have had one.

Commissioner Mason, who said he was quoting the county attorney, told about statutes under which the hospital referendum was held and under which the trustees were appointed. The way the new terms for trustees were arranged and the manner in which they were appointed would "take politics out of the hospital," he said. The statement brought laughter from everybody except some of the county officials.

Relative to the "county commissioners" asking that the former hospital trustees, numbering 12, resign, county chairman William Roy

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PTA Council to Sponsor Orations Thursday Night

The Carteret County PTA council is sponsoring an essay contest to be presented as an oration by students from the county's high schools. The orations will be presented Thursday night at 7:30 in the Beaufort school auditorium.

Subject for the essays is Why Carteret County Needs Consolidated High Schools. Prizes will be awarded the winners. The PTA council invites the public.

28-Member Orchestra Gives Two Concerts Here Friday

A seemingly inspired group of 28 musicians comprising the state's Little Symphony orchestra presented a concert Friday night that was enthusiastically applauded by a large audience. The concert was given in the Beaufort school auditorium.

The guest artist, baritone Bert Adams, gave splendid renditions of Handel's "Where'er You Walk from the Opera Semele, Gounod's The Golden Calf from Faust, It is Enough from Mendelssohn's oratorio, Elijah, and Was It You from Verdi's opera, A Masked Ball.

The program opened with the overture to Rossini's comic opera, The Silken Ladder, followed by a serenade by Mozart in four movements titled A Little Night Music. The third number was William Boyce's Symphony No. 1 in B flat major, a symphony of three movements.

The number prior to intermission was the familiar Largo from Dvorak's New World symphony, known popularly as "Goin' Home."

Coates, Debussy and Strauss numbers comprised the presentations following Mr. Adams' appearance. English, French and German dances concluded the program. Encores were numbers from the musical comedies, Miss Me Kate, Sweethearts and Carousel.

As an encore, the orchestra played Courtin' Song by Robert Marek from Four Americana.

The instruments were skillfully blended to give the listener the feeling that a much larger orchestra was playing. It was quite a departure from several years ago when—either struck by illness or other complications—the orchestra came straggling in to the county with about 20 musicians who played as though they wished they were somewhere else.

Miss Nancy Russell, chairman of

Norman R. Webb Retires After Long Career With State Fisheries Agency

Norman R. Webb, Morehead City, retired Thursday afternoon after 37 years and 8 months with the state fisheries division. Members of the office staff presented Mr. Webb with a pocket watch at an office farewell party Thursday afternoon. Punch and snacks were served.

The watch was presented to Mr. Webb by C. G. Holland, state fisheries commissioner.

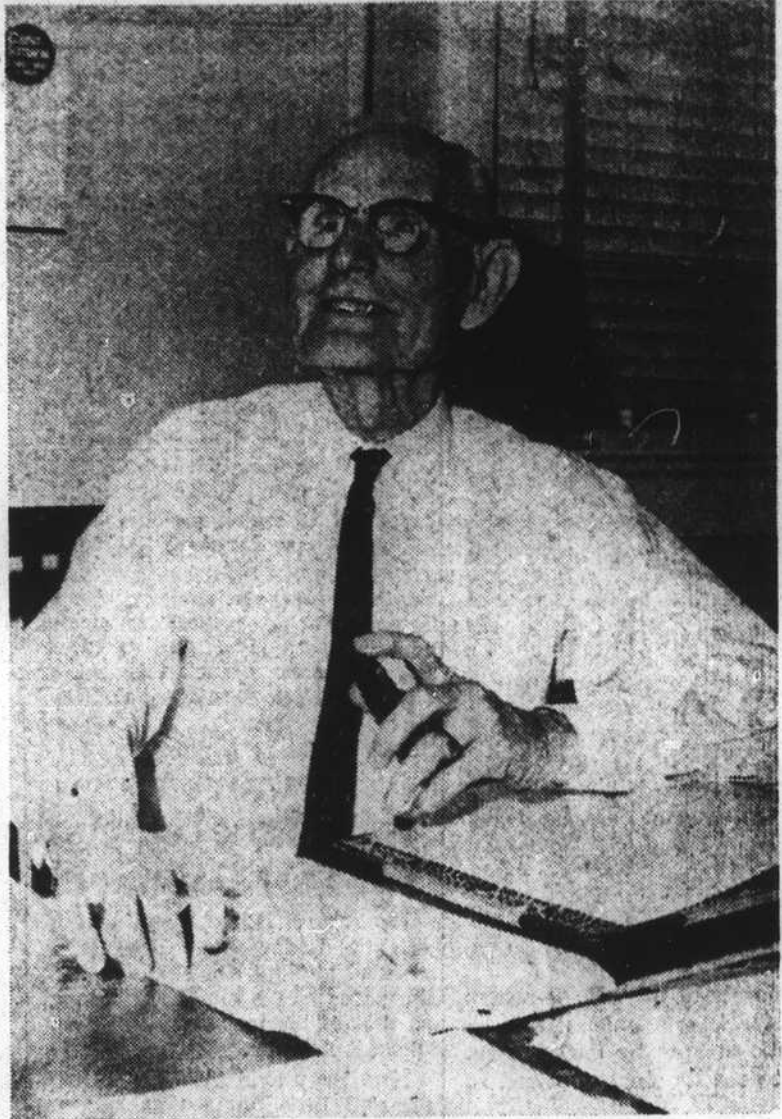
Mr. Webb said in an interview Saturday that his family says now he'll have to start looking for a job. Mr. Webb said, "I hope they're joking, because I've been working since I was 12 years old."

Mr. Webb went with the fisheries department in May 1925 (the age of 12 was far behind him) when Capt. John Nelson, Gloucester, was fisheries commissioner. At that time the fisheries office was on the second floor of the Morehead City building that Beasley's TV now occupies. The postoffice was below.

After one year, the offices moved to the Duffy Wade building and remained on the second floor of that building for 25 years. Twelve years ago, the offices were moved to state buildings at Camp Glenn where they are located now.

Mr. Webb is a Wake Forest graduate, class of 1909. After college, he was principal of a school in Warren county for a year. He returned to work in Morehead City at the bank with which his father, T. D. Webb, was affiliated. After a short time he left and for the

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Norman R. Webb

High Cost of School Program Jolts County's Officials

County Republicans Plan Lincoln Day Dinner

The executive committee of the county Republican club met Saturday night at the headquarters in Beaufort and made plans for a Lincoln Day dinner Feb. 16.

The program was discussed and approved and was given to Osborne Davis to be printed. The women were advised to go ahead with decoration plans and head table arrangements for the dinner. Clifford Tighman, house chairman, is in charge of tickets.

It was decided to have the regular meeting this Saturday, as scheduled, at the headquarters. All Republicans are invited.

Civitan Club to Donate Swings for City Park

Civitan Thursday night began a drive to get children's swings placed in the municipal park, with George Vickroy named as chairman of a committee to contract for the swings and have them erected. The swings will be donated by the club.

Also under discussion at the meeting were final collections for the club's fruit cake sales and additional work on the club's membership drive.

The club meets weekly at the Blue Ribbon restaurant.

To consolidate and bring all present county schools up to par will cost more than \$3½ million, according to a report given county commissioners yesterday morning.

The report came from H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools and was transmitted to him from Dr. J. L. Pierce, director of the state division of school planning.

The report was the result of a survey made in the county by school planning personnel. The survey was requested by county commissioners so that they could determine how much money might be needed in a school bond referendum.

The county board of commissioners and the education board will meet jointly at 7:30 p.m. next Monday at the courthouse to study the school report.

Board chairman W. R. Hamilton said following the morning session that he is mainly interested in schools but the \$3 million plus figures are awfully high.

Commissioner Rudolph Mason said, "Those figures have to come down."

To consolidate Beaufort and Smyrna, meet needs at all other schools, and build a West Carteret high school, the total cost is estimated at \$3,569,500.

To consolidate Atlantic with Beaufort and Smyrna in an East Carteret high school and meet all other needs, the estimated cost is \$3,844,500.

Estimated cost of the West Carteret school is \$1,450,000; East Carteret \$1,125,000; White Oak \$250,000; if Atlantic does not combine with Beaufort and Smyrna, cost to upgrade that school would be \$170,000.

If a new building is put up at Queen Street the cost will be \$385,000, plus \$40,000 if W. S. King high school is combined with Queen Street.

If Queen Street and W. S. King are retained as separate units with all grades through high school, \$180,000 is recommended to upgrade Queen Street school and \$72,000 to upgrade King.

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Education Board Rescinds Ruling

The county board of education yesterday retained its two rulings regarding married high school girls who become pregnant and girls who have illegitimate children, but rescinded its ruling pertaining to married students taking part in sports and extra-curricular activities.

The board was advised by C. R. Wheatly, attorney representing private clients, and Wiley Taylor, county attorney, that the attorney general has ruled that a board of education cannot prevent an enrolled public school student from taking part in the school program, regular or extra-curricular.

The question was raised when John Hassell, a senior, was removed from the Beaufort basketball varsity two weeks ago when his marriage was announced.

The county board of education ruling was adopted last June in the hope of curbing high school marriages.

Firemen Called

Beaufort firemen were called to Mrs. Murphy's store, across from Beaufort school, about noon yesterday. The heater in the store set a wall afire and seriously damaged one side of the store.

Conditions of Miss Mary and Miss Georgia Whitehurst, Gloucester, who were critically injured in an automobile accident Friday on highway 301 north of Rocky Mount, were reported satisfactory yesterday.

The Misses Whitehurst are in the hospital at Roanoke Rapids. Miss Mary (known as Mame) is suffering from a broken forearm, broken rib and hairline fracture of a small bone in her leg.

Miss Georgia is suffering multiple fractures of both legs and a cut chin. Both are over 70 years of age.

Relatives here hope to have them moved to a hospital in this county as soon as possible. Miss Mary may possibly be moved at the end of this week and Miss Georgia in about three weeks. At present, they are in room 314, Roanoke Rapids hospital.

The Whitehurst sisters were in a 1955 Chevrolet sedan being driven by Mrs. Helen Fisher, Falls Church, Va., their niece. They were en route to Falls Church to spend some time with Mrs. Fisher.

The accident happened between 11 a.m. and noon Friday when a 1960 Studebaker headed south skidded in front of the Whitehurst car. The Studebaker was being driven by George William Lotz, Fayetteville. He suffered a crushed pelvis, two broken ribs and a punctured lung but his condition in Roanoke Rapids hospital yesterday was also given as satisfactory.

The state trooper who investigated said that Lotz skidded on a patch of ice.

Four Marines Meet Death In Sunday Night Wreck

Four young Marines died in a single car accident at 11 p.m. Sunday just east of Havelock on highway 70. The accident occurred in Craven county, about 1,000 feet from the Carteret county line.

The dead were identified by state trooper Thad Jernigan, one of two investigating officers, as Donald L. Patterson, 21, William E. Whitaker, 20, William E. Ruger, 21, and Allen A. Fassler, 21.

Two other passengers in the car were injured. They were Virgil K. Hacker, 22, who suffered multiple fractures, and Cecil L. Turnbow, 19, who suffered only superficial injuries.

Trooper Jernigan said the car was a 1962 Chevrolet two-door. The young men had been to Smitty's a tavern just west of Newport, and were en route back to Havelock at the time of the accident.

The trooper said the car went out of control and left the highway on its right side, traveled for some distance down the right shoulder, crossed diagonally to the left side of the road, went down a ditch-canal sideways for several hundred feet, struck a pine tree 8 or 10 inches in diameter, uprooting the tree and breaking it in two places, and continued on 30 more feet before hitting a second tree and coming to rest on the left side.

Whitaker was thrown from the car. Trooper Jernigan said the force of impact was one of the greatest he had ever seen and that the car was completely demolished.

The car was equipped with Chevrolet's biggest engine, known as a 409. It had twin 4-barrel carburetors and a stick shift in the floor.

Trooper Jernigan said the car was equipped with seat belts and, although they were not being used, he didn't think they would have been much help if they had been.

Trooper Jernigan was assisted in the investigation by trooper N. H. Robinson, Carteret county officers were also on the scene.

22 County Men Will Go On Ocean Expedition

Potomac Issues To Go to Court At New Bern

Pre-Trial Hearings Held Thursday

Federal Court Trial Set for March 11

The United States Navy and Marine Transport Lines Inc., through court action are seeking to be found faultless—or at least be judged limited as to liability—in the burning of the tanker Potomac at Morehead City Sept. 26, 1961. The Potomac was being operated by Marine Transport Lines.

The case is scheduled for federal court at New Bern Monday, March 11.

A pre-trial hearing was held in Judge's chambers of eastern district federal court at New Bern Thursday.

Judge Walter E. Hoffman of Norfolk, Va., conferred with lawyers for the purpose of determining admissible evidence and to mark planned exhibits for the trial.

The tanker, destroyed in an inferno that threatened the state port at Morehead City, was valued at \$3 million.

One member of the crew, Clyde V. Leonard of Norfolk, Va., died in the explosion and fire. Twenty-four others were injured.

The vessel captained by A. W. Hunter of Long Island, N. Y., was unloading four million gallons of aviation fuel.

A fuel leak apparently occurred and fire broke out on the water, spreading to the tanker. Explosion followed.

Fire departments from neighboring towns and Cherry Point and Camp Lejeune Marine bases rushed to the scene to aid Morehead City firemen.

They were able to prevent the windswept flames from reaching seven fuel storage tanks containing an additional 10 million gallons of aviation fuel.

Navy Notifies Air Base Of Shortage of Funds

Cherry Point—The air base has been notified by the Bureau of Naval Weapons that the availability of funds requires a reduction in civilian employment of 42 personnel. Every effort is being made by air station officials to accomplish this reduction through resignations and retirements, according to the informational services office. At the present time it appears that approximately 20 persons may be discharged by March 15, the office states.

Each year about this time, because of budget problems, a certain number of persons employed at the base, is fired, pending adoption of a new budget and new inflow of funds.

To Appear at Hearing

C. R. Wheatly, Beaufort town attorney, and John Jones Jr., city clerk, will represent the town of Beaufort at a hearing before the State Utilities commission today.

Twenty-two Carteret men will be going on an international venture to gather information about previously unexplored subsurface ocean currents.

The men are crew members of the US Coast and Geodetic Survey ship, Explorer, which will visit Dakar, Senegal, Africa; Freetown, Sierra Leone, Africa; and Recife, Brazil; before returning to Norfolk in April.

A total of 14 ships from five nations will participate, including Russia, Brazil, the Congo, Ivory Coast, Nigeria and Argentina.

The Explorer will act as radio guard for the ships, except Russian vessels, receiving radio data, and reporting daily to the National Hydrographic Center in Washington, D. C.

The Explorer, based at Norfolk, left Friday for the first leg of the voyage. The 1,000 mile journey to Dakar. At one time in the "Operation Equalant," as the investigation is called, the Explorer will be on station with the "Lomonosov," a 7,600 ton Russian vessel that is the principal Red vessel in the operation.

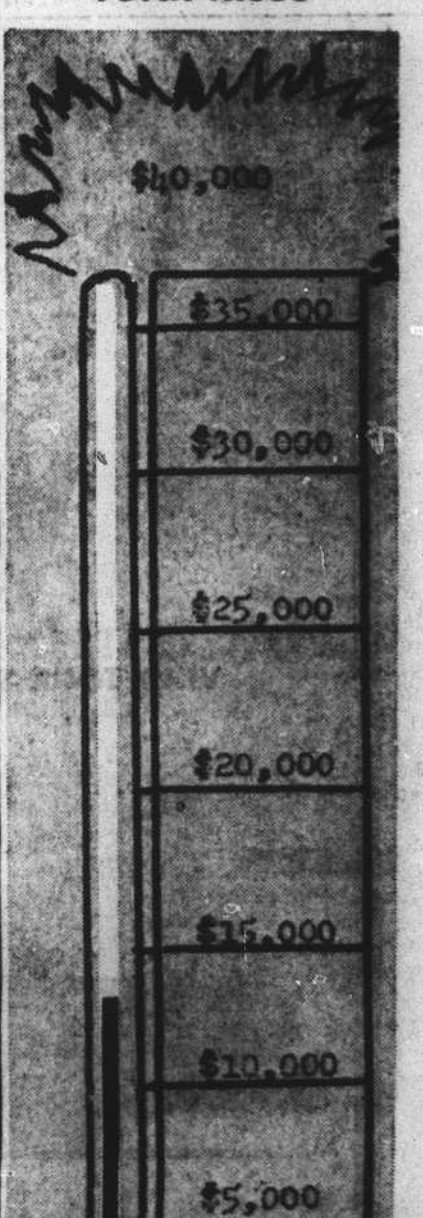
The Explorer will carry several scientists from the United States and other nations. The studies made are expected to shed some light on the effect of the equatorial ocean areas on storms. Data will also be gathered to aid the Weather Bureau.

Among the crew of the Explorer, under the command of Capt. John C. Bull, are Kemp Styron and Gene Autry Willis, Harkers Island; Ray Neil Willis, Leland Island; Donald Copeland and Jimmy H. Willis, all of Williston.

Edward Willis and Guion Chadwick, Beaufort; Bruce Babbitt Jr. Davis; Clem Gaskill, Sea Level; Mike Harris, Buddy Harris, Grant Lewis, Paul Lewis and Vernon Lewis; all of Marshallberg.

George A. Blake and Gerald Mason, Beaufort, and Larry D. Styron, Walter R. Morris, Billy Nelson Jr., Walter C. Willis and Samuel F. Yeomans, Harkers Island.

Total Rises



Funds for the Newport Medical Center now total \$13,500; J. Stancil Bell, fund-raising chairman reports.

Date for meeting the goal of \$40,000 has been extended to March 1. All pledged funds will be payable June 1. Anyone interested who would like further information is invited to call Mr. Bell if they have not been contacted.

He may be reached at 223-3791 during the day and at 223-5561 after 6 p.m.