

Officials Announce School Program

Senator Hamilton to Introduce Bill to Get West Carteret School Building Started

State Sen. Luther Hamilton announced yesterday that he will introduce in the senate early this week a bill to enable start of construction of the West Carteret high school.

Construction of the school has been delayed because of legal technicalities and questions raised by the present county administration.

The bill is entitled, "An act to authorize and direct the board of education of Carteret County to renegotiate with the lowest bidder a contract for the construction and completion of the Western Carteret County school project and to require the county commissioners . . . to levy a sufficient tax and make available to the board of education of Carteret . . . the necessary funds for the completion of the building contract."

Failure to do this, or refusal to vote for such a levy, according to the proposed bill, would subject each commissioner voting against it to a fine of \$1,000.

The bill points out that on Feb. 28, 1959, Carteret county commissioners adopted a "pay as you go" plan for building schools. Under authority of bills passed by the 1959 general assembly, the county has accumulated approximately \$800,000.

Based on a planning survey of the state department of public-instruction, showing "a greater priority need" in the Morehead City school area, county officials gave assurance that the first of these accumulated funds would be used to build the West Carteret school, which would combine Morehead City and Newport high schools.

Another survey in 1961 emphasized the emergency needs in the western Carteret area, the bill notes.

The bill which senator Hamilton has drawn points out that in November 1962, the lowest bid for the school, \$1,196,970.17 was approximately \$300,000 in excess of the \$800,000 on reserve. It notes that in the opinion of the county board of education a renegotiated contract with the low bidder (whose bid was \$98,900 less than the next-lowest bid) would "result in very appreciable savings . . . and at the same time expedite construction of the plant."

The bill continues: "Although the county is now debt free, the recently elected board of commissioners . . . has refused to give assurance that the 1963-64 budget levy will be made to provide the

Tax Rate Expected To Stay at \$1.75

The program for building two consolidated schools and updating present schools in the county was revealed last night at the courthouse, Beaufort. The plan, presented by H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, is the outgrowth of a joint meeting of the county commissioners and county board of education Feb. 11.

Total cost and how the money would be used is shown at the left.

According to Ronald Earl Mason, county auditor, the \$2 million school bond debt and interest could be paid off (along with a \$700,000 hospital debt if it is incurred) some time in 1975 at the tax rate which prevails today, \$1.75 per hundred dollars valuation. This is basing the tax income on \$50 million assessed valuation.

Mr. Mason said the rate of interest is not known, but it's hoped that interest will be about 3½ per cent, or a total of \$385,000. He noted that W. E. Easterling, secretary of the Local Government commission, which supervises the borrowing programs of towns and counties, said that the entire \$2 million need not be borrowed at one time.

Because of money now on hand, it is assumed that the first funds to be borrowed will not be needed until 1964.

Mr. Easterling, the auditor added, is of the opinion that an overall lower interest rate may be obtained if the money is not borrowed all at once.

According to present plans, 62 cents of the \$1.75 tax rate would go toward retiring the debt incurred to update schools and finance the county's share of a hospital. Fifty cents would be levied for school maintenance and current operations.

Whether any of that 50 cents could be set aside for further school construction would be up to the board of education. Mr. Mason remarked, if all of it were not needed for current operating costs, he said that it is possible that some could be set aside for "capital outlay" (permanent improvements).

The remainder of the \$1.75 tax rate would be divided as follows: 33 cents to the general fund, 20 cents to welfare, and 10 cents for the health department.

This would yield, annually, \$165,000 for the general fund, \$100,000 for welfare, \$250,000 for schools (current operation), \$50,000 for health needs, and \$310,000 for retiring school and hospital bonds and meeting interest payments.

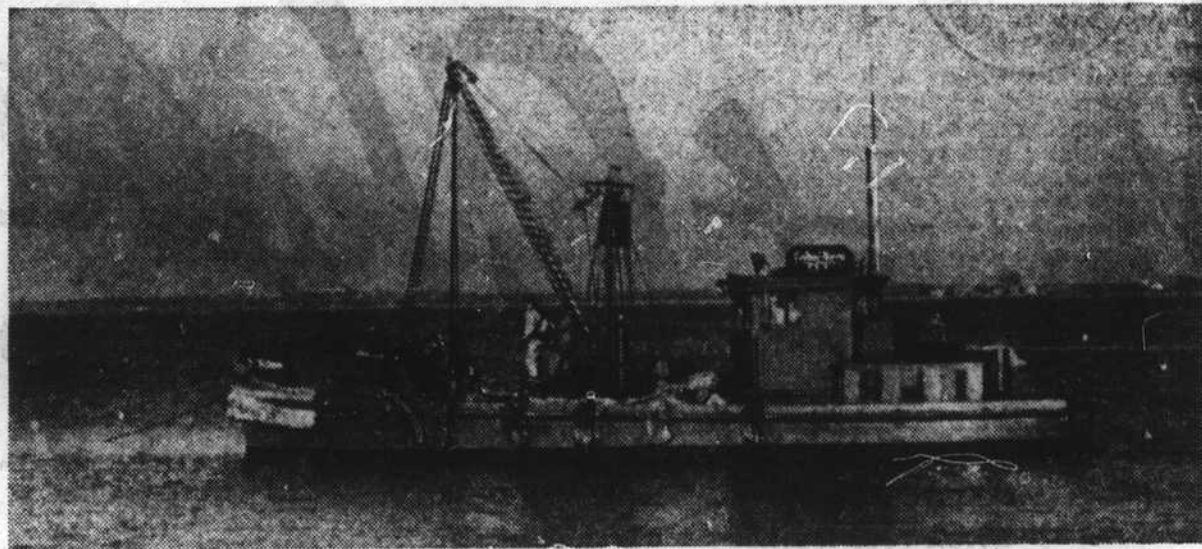
The auditor stated that the figures are based on 100 per cent collection. While collections usually run about 92 per cent, he said the figures give an idea of what can be anticipated.

Assessed valuation now is about \$48 million and is expected to increase over the next decade.

Mr. Mason points out that the school bond program would cost only \$120 for each youngster who will be in high school over the next 10 years. He based his calculation on the assumption that there

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Telephone Cable Re-Laid



Woodmen Thank Persons, Firms Who Lighted Town

Woodmen of the World, who supervised the Christmas street lighting in Morehead City, express their appreciation to the following who helped finance the project:

Acme Movers and Storage, Adams Furniture Co., Sam Adler,

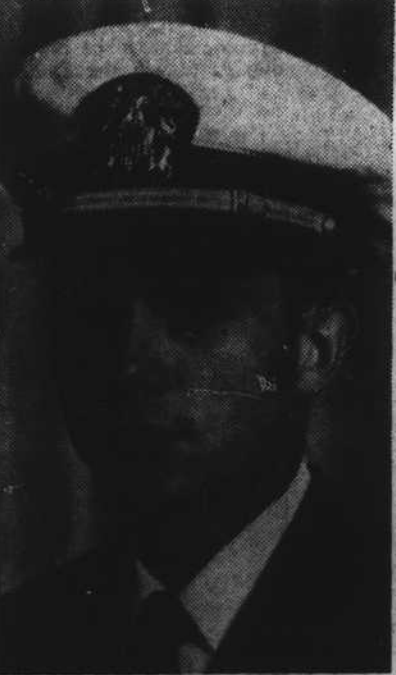
Lt. C. Cottle Killed in Plane Crash at Sea

Lt. (jg) Clarence Cottle, USNR, 25, a native of Morehead City, was killed at sea Wednesday in an aircraft accident during night carrier landings. He was a crew member aboard a plane on night bombing mission operating from the USS Enterprise.

In a telegram to Cottle's father, Lummie C. Cottle, Vice-Admiral W. R. Smedberg III, chief of Naval personnel, said that lieutenant Cottle and another Navy officer were killed in the AFA Vigilante two-seater attack bomber. Neither of the bodies was recovered. The plane was attempting a landing when it crashed into a ramp at the end of the aircraft carrier.

The plane disintegrated, leaving scattered wreckage.

A 1955 graduate of Morehead City



Lt. Clarence Cottle
lost in crash

high school, lieutenant Cottle served in the Naval ROTC while a student at East Carolina college, Greenville. He took his flight training at Pensacola, Fla. He was navigator aboard the plane.

Lieutenant Cottle is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ann Satterthwaite Cottle of Kingston; a year-old daughter, Kimberly Ann; his father, Lummie C. Cottle; his mother, Mrs. Sybil Cottle; a brother, Kenneth Lee; a sister, Debra Kay; a half-sister, Johnnie Mae, and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Ebron, all of Morehead City.

A memorial service was conducted in Queen Street Methodist church, Kingston, at 3 p.m. Sunday. Chaplain Norman Flowers and Dr. Stanley Potter, pastor of the church, officiated.

The lieutenant's wife was living at 301 E. Highland Ave., Kingston, while her husband was on a seven-month cruise. They had been living in Sanford, Fla.

Divers from Norfolk, Va., last week braved the chilly waters of Newport river to move the telephone cable of Carolina Telephone Co.

The cable has to be moved to make way for the new bridge. Drums full of water were sunk, attached to the cable, then the water pumped out. The drums floated, lifting the cable, then the cable, about 4 inches in diameter, was lowered again.

In some places the cable was buried as deep as 5 feet and in other spots it was lying free on the bottom, divers said.

Actual construction of the bridge is scheduled to start Friday.

JC's Ask Town To Help Clean Up Waterfront

A delegation of Jaycees appeared before the Morehead City town board Thursday night to request the town's cooperation in keeping the waterfront clean. The spokesman was P. H. Geer Jr.

Mr. Geer reported that all waterfront property owners from 10th to 4th streets have been contacted by Jaycees who requested that they make a special effort to keep the waterfront clear of dead fish, trash and other debris.

The Jaycees asked if the town would continue, this summer, to haul away game fish carcasses brought in by partyboats.

Town officials assured their cooperation but commissioner Russell Outlaw said he would like a list from the Jaycees stating specifically what they wanted the town to do.

The mayor said that waterfront property owners have a certain obligation to "help themselves" in keeping the waterfront attractive. The fish hauling cost the town \$2,000 last summer.

Jaycee president Joe Beam mentioned that cars throw trash at the southern end of 4th street. He said policemen might try to keep cars from parking there and throwing out litter.

It was also stated that sometimes there are engines left on the sidewalks. Attention was called to standing water between 6th and 7th streets. Ray Hall, town supervisor, said paving would be done there when weather permits.

Jaycees present, besides those mentioned were Keith Oates, Ed Hudson and Barden Carawan. Mr. Geer thanked the town for the efforts they have made to keep it clean, especially the picking up of trash on the parkway used by the railroad on Arendell street.

The board ordered a review of the loading zone situation after Mr. Carawan said that Adams Furniture Co., Morehead City Floral Co., and Seamon Nursery had access to alleys, but also had free

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Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar

HIGH		LOW	
Tuesday, Feb. 26			
10:04 a.m.	3:56 a.m.		
10:47 p.m.	4:23 p.m.		
Wednesday, Feb. 27			
10:58 a.m.	4:44 a.m.		
11:27 p.m.	5:06 p.m.		
Thursday, Feb. 28			
11:53 a.m.	5:36 a.m.		
	5:56 p.m.		
Friday, March 1			
12:22 a.m.	6:38 a.m.		
12:50 p.m.	6:58 p.m.		

How It Will be Spent

County officials last night at the courthouse announced how \$2,800,000 will be spent on schools, if voters approve the borrowing of \$2 million May 11. The balance, \$800,000, will have accumulated in a school building fund by June 30, 1963.

WHERE	HOW MUCH
East Carteret High School	\$1,000,000
West Carteret High School	1,100,000
Queen Street additions	180,000
W. S. King additions	82,000
White Oak School	186,000
Atlantic school renovation	20,000
Smyrna school renovation	25,000
Harkers Island renovation	1,000
Beaufort school renovation	50,000
Newport school renovation	65,000
Camp Glenn renovation	2,500
Morehead City renovations	65,000
Miscellaneous	23,500
TOTAL	\$2,800,000

Committee Suggests Ways To Lure Tourist Traffic

The newly-appointed chamber of commerce Outer Banks Traffic committee recently reported its findings to the chamber of commerce president, Ben Alford, on how south-bound tourist traffic could be diverted to this county.

Members of the committee, W. T. Davies, chairman, Mrs. Clayton Fulcher Jr., Dr. S. W. Hatcher, and W. L. Derrickson said with the completion of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge tunnel at Norfolk, Va., an immediate and substantial increase in south-bound traffic is assured.

In North Carolina, highway 17 and highway 301 supporters are preparing their appeals to divert traffic to their areas.

In South Carolina the state government has completed plans for making highway 17 a four-lane expressway from border to border in order to bring tourists to their ocean beaches.

The Carteret chamber of commerce committee is proceeding with the following actions to promote tourist traffic over the Outer Banks route to this area:

The All Seashore Highway association will be requested to hold a meeting to revive their interest and to consider the committee suggestion that their organization be renamed to include the term "Outer Banks."

The committee said the assistance of Joe DuBois of the Seashore Highway association has been requested and generously given.

Emeritus Club Honors Doctor

The Emeritus club Certificate of Merit award for 1962 was presented to Dr. S. W. Hatcher when the club entertained their ladies at a Valentine party recently. Forty members and guests attended the meeting at Fleming's restaurant.

J. W. Kellogg outlined some of the civic projects which Dr. Hatcher has pushed through to completion and traced Dr. Hatcher's connection with the Emeritus club since its organization Feb. 28, 1952.

Another feature of the evening was a talk by Charles Schick on his experiences as manager of the American Exposition in Moscow in 1959.

Cold Discourages Hikers, But They Went 30 Miles in 12 Hours Friday

By ELLEN MASON

"Wait until warmer weather." That's the advice of five hikers who gave up Friday afternoon after completing 30 miles of a planned 50-mile hike in 12 hours. The five, who began their trek at Broad Creek in sub-freezing temperatures, were Mr. and Mrs. Eric Midgett and son, Bobby; Mrs. Patrick Bruno and Roy Cannon, all of the Ocean community.

The group started out from the intersection of the Nine-Foot road and highway 24 at 3 a.m. Friday. They walked up the Nine-Foot and Lake roads and by 8:30 a.m. had gotten a short distance beyond Havelock.

Roy carried a knapsack on his back. In it were sandwiches and sweets the hikers ate along the way. They stopped for coffee once. Their 30-mile walk carried them into New Bern and, because it wasn't getting any warmer and the afternoon was waning, they decided to call it a day. High temperature recorded in Morehead City was about 38 degrees.

Mr. Bruno, who works in Havelock, took the afternoon off and went to get them in his car. Mr. Midgett, who is employed at Trumbull Asphalt Co. in Morehead City, said they weren't "too bad off" except for the cold. Mrs. Bruno commented at 8:30 a.m. that she had no idea the weather would turn so cold.

Mrs. Bruno and Mrs. Midgett



Bundled up against the near-freezing temperature, these five hikers set out at 3 a.m. Friday to walk 50 miles. They started from Broad Creek and planned to walk to New Bern and back, but gave up after 30 miles because of the cold. The hikers, left to right, are Mrs. Patrick Bruno, Roy Cannon, Mrs. Eric Midgett, Mr. Midgett and Bobby Midgett. All live near Broad Creek.

Four Charged With Thefts At Cedar Point

● Two Couples to Get Hearing March 5

● Most Stolen Items Are Recovered

Four persons, two men and two women, have been charged with breaking and entering nine cottages in the Cedar Point area and stealing household furnishings from them.

Sheriff Robert (Bobby) Bell said Mr. and Mrs. William Steele, Emerald A. Burkette, and Mary Gage have been arrested for the thefts. They will be given a preliminary hearing in county recorder's court Tuesday, March 5.

The break-ins have been occurring at Cedar Point over the past several months.

Steele, a painter working at Jacksonville, who lived with his wife at Cedar Point, was in the county jail yesterday. The Gage woman, employed at Jacksonville, was out on bond. Mrs. Steele remained at home because she has a young child and is expecting a second, the sheriff said.

Burkette, who is in the Marine Corps is on leave in Alabama. That's why the preliminary hearing has been set for next week, when he is expected to be back.

Deputies Carl Bunch and Bill Smith, armed with a search warrant, went to the Steele home Thursday night and discovered most of the items that have been taken from the houses.

Sheriff Bell said the Steeles admitted that they, Burkette and Miss Gage took it, but the women were with the men on only one occasion when theft was committed.

The R. L. Pittman house was entered twice; the following once: Mrs. Elizabeth Sanders, Watson A. Fones, Dr. Grover Smith, Milton Lovick, Dr. Brunch Moore and two cottages whose owners' names were not known, the sheriff said. Most of the houses were summer cottages.

Taken were five tv sets (six were reported missing by owners), bed linens, pots, pans, gas lanterns, frozen and canned food, silverware, towels and a tank of bottled gas.

The sheriff said the case broke when he received information regarding unusual things going on at the Steele house.

Burkette was rooming with the Steeles, and the Gage woman at one time lived at the home but is now living in Jacksonville, sheriff Bell said.

Deputies returned to the Steele house Friday morning and picked up the stolen items. They are now at the sheriff's department. Beaufort. Cottage owners have been notified to come and identify their belongings.

Town Elections Set for May 7

Town voters will go to the polls Tuesday, May 7, to elect a mayor, commissioners and other town officials for two-year terms.

Mayor George W. Dill, Morehead City, said yesterday that whether he runs again will depend on how the town's application for sewage system funds turns out. Until this is known, he said he doubted if he could make a decision on running again.

Mayor Leola Mann, Newport, whose town is also seeking funds for installation of a sewage plant, said that his "mind is not made up" on seeking re-election.

Mayor W. H. Potter, Beaufort, has already announced that he will not be a candidate for mayor in May.

Mayor Potter has served two terms. Mayor Dill and Mayor Mann have served several.

Dance Will Up Heart Fund

To climax the heart fund campaign, a benefit dance will be held Saturday night at the Elks club. Tickets are \$3 a couple and may be purchased at Leary's, Hill's, IGA Foodliner, Providence Loan, from Mrs. Gerald Mitchell or Mrs. Garland Scruggs. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Heart Sunday, which was to be held in Morehead City and Beaufort this past weekend, was postponed because of the rain. It has been re-scheduled for this coming Sunday.

The skating rink was open Saturday and proceeds amounting to \$21.89 were donated to the heart fund. Maola gave ice cream for refreshments and balloons were distributed. Raffles were won by Durwood B. Vinton, Clara Sanderson, Jackie Cordova and Judy Nelson.

The rink will be open again this Saturday to raise money for the heart fund. There will be refreshments and prizes.

Most restaurants in town are cooperating in Coffee Day, which will be held Thursday. On that day all proceeds from coffee sales will be donated to the heart fund.

Fort Macon Refloats 26-Foot Boat Saturday

The Coast Guard 40-footer gave assistance Saturday afternoon to a 26-foot craft of Charles E. Spencer of Camp Lejeune.

Spencer's boat ran aground one mile west of the Atlantic Beach bridge. The Coast Guard refloated Spencer's boat and towed him to Morehead City.

Aiding in the assist were Charles Conway BMI, Billy Smith EN1, and Glen Burbage SNCS.