

Rites Conducted for Victim Who Died in Fire Near Newport

Legislator Gives Views on Senate School Bill

● Bennett Tells Board He Will Oppose It
● Hearing Before House Committee Proposed

Thomas S. Bennett, county legislator, yesterday told county commissioners that he must, reluctantly, oppose the bill introduced last week by Sen. Luther Hamilton, which requires the county board to levy a tax to permit proceeding with plans to build the West Carteret school.

Mr. Bennett received last week a letter from county commissioners (with the exception of commissioner Moses Howard) asking that he oppose the bill. Commissioner Headen Willis in yesterday morning's board meeting asked Mr. Bennett to oppose the bill.

The school in question would serve high school pupils of Morehead City and Newport. Construction was scheduled to start early this year but has been delayed because of legal technicalities.

Mr. Bennett said yesterday, "My first love is Morehead City. But I am a citizen of Carteret county and that is my first duty. I agree with senator Hamilton that the first need for schools is in Morehead City.

The funeral service for 47-year-old Archie Williams, route 1 Newport, who died Thursday night in a fire that destroyed his home, was conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Bell-Munden funeral chapel, Morehead City. Mr. Williams' body, badly burned, was discovered lying across the foot of a bed. Nearby was the body of a pet cocker spaniel, which also died in the fire. Mrs. Williams, who escaped the blaze, told coroner W. D. Munden that she woke up to find her bedroom full of smoke. She opened the door to the hall. Smoke and fire "hit her in the face." She said she shouted to Mr. Williams, who was in a bedroom across the hall, but he did not answer.

She said she could hear the dog barking but could not determine where he was.

Mrs. Williams left the house through a bedroom window and went to the home of a neighbor, Elbert Mann, about 40 yards away. The telephone at the Mann home was out of order so Mr. Mann sent his daughter about 1 1/2 miles down the road to call the fire department.

Mr. Mann rushed back to the home and entered Mr. Williams' bedroom through a window. He could not locate Mr. Williams because of the dense smoke and was forced out of the room by heat and smoke.

Firemen received the call at 10:50 p.m.

When they arrived, a portion of the roof had fallen in and the house was a completely enveloped in flames.

Firemen drew water from a creek about 300 yards away from the home. They had the fire under control about 8 minutes after they started pumping, but remained on the scene until 3 a.m.

As soon as the fire was extinguished sufficiently, Newport fire chief George Green, donned self-contained breathing equipment and safety lines, went into the house and located Mr. Williams' body.

The home, a single-story frame dwelling, was located on the Millis road, just off the Nine Foot road. The loss was estimated by firemen at \$12,000.

Mr. Williams was a native of Washington and was a veteran of world war II. He was retired from civil service at Cherry Point because of a disability. He had resided in this county for about 40 years.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Jerry Rowe, pastor of Holly Springs Free Will Baptist church, Newport. Burial was in Bayview cemetery, Morehead City.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Minnie Martin Williams one stepson, Sgt. Charles Edward Beard of Memphis, Tenn.; three brothers, Paul Williams, Morehead City, Charles Williams, Near Bay, Wash., and J. S. Williams, Levittown, N. J., and one sister, Mrs. Kathleen Kelly, Morehead City.

Firemen Milton Gould received burns on his face and hands when portions of the roof fell on him as he attempted to enter a window with hose. Fireman Larry Howard suffered bruises on his hands while fighting the fire.

County Board Requests Special Court Term to Hear Hospital Suit

Newport Reaches \$25,000 Goal; \$10,000 Yet to Go

Loot Picked Up



Sheriff Robert (Bobby) Bell looks over some of the items stolen from summer cottages at Cedar Point in recent weeks. Two couples have been charged with the break-ins. Cottage owners are going to the sheriff's office to reclaim their belongings, most of which have been recovered.

By J. STANCIL BELL
Medical Center Fund Chairman

Newport's Fund Raising Committee in a drive for funds to build a medical center in Newport, report that their first goal of \$25,000 has been reached. However, this is only the first stage of the campaign; there is still approximately \$10,000 more to be pledged and collected.

The modern medical center is the result of research and study on the part of the Sears Roebuck Foundation and will be the latest in design. It will be very convenient and helpful for both patients and doctors: The double unit modular coordinated medical facilities will have equipment and facilities for two doctors.

A telephone report was made to the Sears Foundation in Chicago Friday. The officials were well pleased with the progress and stated that they would send an engineer to Newport very soon. Blue prints, construction plans and detailed procedure will be sent immediately. We hope that pledges will be paid on time so that the building may be started within two or three months.

The stockholders are advised that everything looks very good at this point. Everyone is urged to pay their pledges on or before the date they designated on the pledge card.

Others are invited to become stockholders by pledging loans for the additional \$10,000 needed to complete the building. Present stockholders are asked to please increase their loans or contributions if possible.

We, the fund-raising committee, are very grateful for the LOANS and DONATIONS received to date. The response both in and out of Newport has been very good. Havelock, Morehead City and Beaufort have been very cooperative. We have received a few sizeable loans and contributions from individuals in these towns. One very special individual in Morehead City CONTRIBUTED \$400 to the building fund—another DONATED \$100.

We appreciate their community spirit and are indeed grateful for their help. We have quite a few other friends in these towns and vicinities whom we are expecting to hear from. These friends I have in mind are financially able to extend sizeable loans or contributions. We have faith that they will not disappoint us.

A few doctors in Morehead City and Beaufort have extended a helping hand. Others are invited to participate.

Many individuals in Newport and vicinity have done an EXCELLENT job in contacting persons and firms. Others have given personal services and gift items too numerous to list. We urge all the area captains and committee members to get out and work for your community.

My thanks goes for the time, effort and cooperation given most willingly by a great number. Civic-minded individuals are a great asset to any community. I cannot find words to express my appreciation to a few individuals, as they have "been pitching" all the way.

REMEMBER, this is not the end of our campaign, you are urged to continue the drive until the job is complete and two doctors are in the building ready to give service, consideration and special attention.

County commissioners yesterday authorized the clerk of superior court, A. H. James, to ask for a special term of court, as soon as possible, to hear evidence in the current suit regarding the county hospital.

Voting for the motion for a special term were commissioners Rudolph Mason, C. Z. Chappell and chairman W. R. Hamilton. Commissioners Moses Howard and Headen Willis did not vote. They said they were not voting against a hearing, but were voting against a request for a special term.

Commissioner Willis asked how much it would cost. Wiley Taylor Jr., county attorney, said it would cost about \$100 or \$150.

Commissioner Moses Howard shook his head and said it would cost more than that. Mr. Taylor said a special term may not be granted.

The county bar association has already requested a special term for April. The action was taken last month when two March civil terms were cancelled.

When costs were being discussed, county auditor Ronald Earl Mason said the former county attorney, Luther Hamilton Jr., got a thousand dollars for a hearing on the hospital case. Mr. Howard pointed out that the fee was for handling legal action on the hospital case over a period of time.

The present county suit was filed Thursday by Luther Hamilton Jr. and Llewellyn Phillips, both of Morehead City. A former suit, which was non-suited, was filed by a group of Beaufort residents. Both suits attached the proposed location of the hospital.

The present suit alleges that the Harbour site, now proposed as hospital location, is not suitable for a hospital.

Commissioner Rudolph Mason proposed the special term because he said Morehead City hospital trustees want to know what they have to do about repairing the Morehead City hospital.

He said that the county should find out as soon as possible whether it can build a hospital.

Morehead City feels as though it does not want to make extensive renovations there if the county is also going to build another hospital in Morehead City.

Commissioner Headen Willis asked if Morehead City was really going to close up its hospital if the county opened one.

Wiley Taylor Jr., attorney, said that the Morehead City board "had passed a resolution" saying it would close the hospital.

(Minutes of the Morehead City town board for 1960 and 1961 do not reveal that any such resolution has been passed. Town fathers have verbally indicated that they would close the hospital if the county opened one. Legislation passed in the 1961 legislature permits them to close the hospital if they wish.)

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Easter Seal Campaign To Start Here Thursday

Three Schools To Have Civil Defense Drills

Three civil defense drills have been scheduled for schools in the eastern part of the county this month, announces Harry Williams, county civil defense director.

The drills consist of getting the children out of the school and returning them to their homes in case of emergency.

The drill at Smyrna school will be 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 13; at Atlantic school, 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, and at Harkers Island school, 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 27.

Morehead City and Beaufort schools will be scheduled at a later date.

"The practice evacuation of the Newport school took place Dec. 12 with gratifying success," Mr. Williams recalls. "Thirty minutes elapsed between the calling of the drill and the time of arrival of the last child at his home."

In case of nuclear attack (other than a direct hit on this area), civil defense officials believe advance warning could be given of at least an hour, if not more.

Getting children to their parents is considered a more practical way of handling defense tactics for the school. This prevents parents from converging frantically on the school to get their child, if parents know that the child will be delivered to the home in a short time.

Proceeding each drill, the pupils will take a letter home to their parents explaining the plan in detail. "All rules and regulations concerning the operation of school busses will be strictly enforced," Mr. Williams says.

The newly-organized and trained civil defense auxiliary police force and other law enforcement agencies will assist with traffic control.

Anyone wanting literature or advice on civil defense should call at the courthouse, Beaufort, between 2 and 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mrs. W. J. Ipeck, civil defense publicity chairman, is on duty during those hours in the civil defense office on the ground floor under the clerk of court's office.

The 1963 Easter Seal campaign for crippled children and adults begins Thursday and will continue through April 14. It will be spearheaded by Mrs. Wade Pelletier, Morehead City, general chairman.

Emphasizing the importance of this nationwide annual drive, Mrs. Pelletier said, "Were it not for the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults and its 1,400 associates, volunteer workers and contributors, a quarter of a million crippled might go unaided each year. We have certainly felt the benefits of the organization right here in this county," she added, where 60 per cent of the contributions are retained for our own use.

According to Fred Lewis, treasurer of the county society, the county in 1962 sent \$693.20 to the state society, contributed \$150 toward the state camp now under construction at Southern Pines, purchased \$154.45 worth of campaign supplies, provided travel for patients to hospitals in the amount of \$170, helped purchase an artificial limb and wheel chair at the expense of \$241.67, and spent \$375 toward its speech therapy program. A small amount of money is retained throughout the year as an emergency fund.

Working as committee chairmen with Mrs. Pelletier are the following members of the Morehead City Junior Woman's club, sponsor of the county drive: Mrs. Douglas King, mailing; Mrs. Jackie Blandford, coin containers; Mrs. Larry Barker, Lily Day; Mrs. James McLain, theater day; Mrs. Tommy Ballou, Hold-Up day; Mrs. Jack Mansfield, road block; Mrs. Jack Huddle and Mrs. Keith Oates, parade; and Mrs. Shelby Freeman, publicity.

"Please consider the helpful work that is being done," pleaded Mrs. Pelletier, "when you receive your Easter Seals in the mail, when a volunteer comes to your door for a contribution, and when you are approached on Lily Day."

Anyone wishing to volunteer their services may contact Mrs. Pelletier. Contributions may be mailed to Mr. Fred Lewis, county treasurer, Easter Seal Society.

David Small to Audition For Met Opera Contract

David Small, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fairleigh A. Small, Morehead City, will audition Wednesday, March 27, in New York for a Metropolitan Opera association contract and \$2,000 scholarship.

Mr. Small, 26, a bass-baritone, was judged the best of 28 aspiring singers who competed recently in Washington, D. C., for the coveted audition in New York.

The field was narrowed to Mr. Small and two other men by John Gutman, assistant general manager of the Metropolitan. All three studied under the same vocal teacher, Todd Duncan, of Washington.

At the Washington audition, in the National Gallery of Art, Mr. Small received a prize of \$300.

Singers from 15 regions in the country will have closed auditions March 27 before Rudolph Bing, general manager of the Met, and his staff. Two days later, the finalists will sing before an invited audience. They will be accompanied by the Met orchestra.

Those who do not achieve the top prize will become eligible for scholarships and may be offered contracts with projects affiliated with the Met.

Mr. Small is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and is married to the former Carolyn Marsh, Memphis, Tenn.

At present he is in the Army and sings with the Army chorus. He is stationed at Fort Myer, Va.

Realtors Hear Fred Sutton Jr.

Fred I. Sutton Jr., Kingston, spoke to members of the Morehead-Beaufort board of realtors at their recent meeting at Fleming's restaurant, Atlantic Beach.

Mr. Sutton is vice-president of Kingston district board of realtors. He described aids offered by the state realtors' association which will sponsor a one-day seminar in Jacksonville Wednesday, March 13.

New officers were installed at the meeting. They are Rufus Butner Jr., president; Joe C. Beam, vice-president; and Mrs. George McNeill, secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Sutton installed the new officers.

W. B. Chalk commented on realtors' cooperating in becoming chamber of commerce members.

Present, in addition to those mentioned, were Frank Longest, Gordon Willis, J. C. Davis, Ward Ballou, John A. Baker, Garland Scroggs, James Potter, and Billy Corey.

The next meeting will be at Mrs. Russell Willis's restaurant Monday, March 18.

Towers Inspected

P. W. Tillman of Raleigh, assistant-state forester, and D. R. Barner of New Bern, district forester, spent Thursday in this county on an inspection tour of forestry towers.

Tax Collection Deadline Nears

Unless towns and the county take steps to collect, before July 1, 1963, all taxes prior to 1963, the taxes will be uncollectible.

A law was passed in the 1963 legislature, at the request of Carver attorneys, putting a ten-year limit on tax collections.

Such a law makes it necessary, in searching titles on property, to check tax collections only as far back as 10 years.

County and municipal authorities endorsed the bill prior to its introduction. The county, Beaufort and Morehead City officials have talked of taking the necessary steps to collect taxes prior to 1963. If the steps are carried out, they will have to be started prior to July 1, 1963.

The bill establishing the statute of limitations was ratified by the 1961 legislature June 9. It was introduced in the senate.

Planning Official Says Committee Could Study Fees

M. G. Coyle, vice-chairman of the county planning commission, recommended yesterday that county commissioners appoint a committee to study building permit fees charged by the county.

He suggested that the committee consist of two members of the county board, the building inspector, auditor and tax supervisor. He said a county planning commission member, who would have no vote, would be a member of the committee if asked.

Mr. Coyle also suggested that county and town officials meet informally at a lunch once or twice a year to exchange views on problems of mutual interest.

The board took Mr. Coyle's committee suggestion under consideration.

Car Upsets Saturday On Harkers Island Road

A 1957 Plymouth landed upside down in a ditch about 12:45 p.m. Saturday on the Harkers Island road, after its driver lost control of the vehicle. State trooper W. J. Smith, who investigated, said Elmer Guthrie of Harkers Island was headed towards the island and ran off the road on the right side.

He pulled the auto back and lost control on the slippery shoulder. Guthrie was not injured, but his car was damaged extensively. No charges were filed. The accident happened west of the drawbridge.

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3-Year-Old Boy Hit By Car in Beaufort

A three-year-old child in Beaufort was hit by an automobile on Fulford street Saturday afternoon. Jimmie Gillikin Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gillikin, was taken to the Morehead City hospital where his condition is said to be good.

The automobile was driven by David Wray of Beaufort. Beaufort police said there was no charge against the driver, who was going about 10 mph at the time of the accident.

County recorder's court will convene this morning at 10 in the courthouse, Beaufort.

Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, March 5	
4:31 a.m.	11:02 a.m.
5:07 p.m.	11:15 p.m.
Wednesday, March 6	
5:32 a.m.	11:54 a.m.
6:04 p.m.	
Thursday, March 7	
6:25 a.m.	12:07 a.m.
6:53 p.m.	12:43 p.m.
Friday, March 8	
7:11 a.m.	12:57 a.m.
7:36 p.m.	1:29 p.m.