

## Highway Officials Hold Little Hope for New Bridge to Island

### Lorenzo Lewis, Smyrna, Wins UNC Scholarship

Lorenzo Lewis, the son of Mrs. Eunice W. Lewis, route 2 Beaufort, has been awarded a Morehead Scholarship to the University of North Carolina.

Presentation of the awards was made Tuesday by John Motley Morehead, chairman of the John



Lorenzo (Buddy) Lewis makes the grade

### Medical Center Fund Continues Climb Upward

By J. STANCL BELL  
Medical Center Fund Chairman

Since my last report to the newspaper, I am happy to report that our Medical Center Fund is slowly increasing. I predicted that we would get a response from many more Newport friends. Since last Friday we have heard from a few of these friends.

More are INVITED to become contributors or stockholders. Friends in Morehead City and Beaufort please take note.

One Newport school graduate now in business near Morehead City and serving most of the county, sent us a \$1,000 savings bond with a present value of \$900. A New Bern firm that covers most of Carteret pledged a sizable loan.

Several local individuals have increased the amount of their pledge during the past few days. Quite a number have been in and paid up their pledges.

The quicker the pledges are paid in full the sooner we can start building construction. Our pledges and collections to date total approximately \$27,000. We are anxious to see work on the building begin. We plead for more help from New Bern and Havelock.

This is a very WORTHY PROJECT and your SUPPORT IS HUMBL Y REQUESTED. We shall be expecting to hear from many that are on our list of possible "backers."

We are indeed grateful to all that had a part in making the barbecue and "bake sale" of last Saturday night a success. Those who organized and sponsored the barbecue supper are to be commended for their community interest. We also give thanks to all the interested customers.

We had a call from a longshoreman at the Morehead City port terminal requesting fifty plates for the fellows on duty. Their order was filled with pride. "Thank fellows," we are proud of your community spirit.

### Couple at Mill Creek Booked on Morals Count

Held in the county jail this week was Lula Mae Deaver, Mill Creek. She and J. C. Hardesty, also of Mill Creek, have been charged with cohabitation, according to sheriff Robert (Bobby) Bell.

The sheriff said both were apprehended at the Hardesty house Monday night when officers went there armed with a warrant. The call was made after complaints had been voiced by neighbors, the sheriff said.

Hardesty has been released on bond. The case is scheduled for hearing in county court Tuesday.

## Chamber Directors Choose Mitchell Village Site for New Building

Approved by directors of the chamber of commerce Monday night was location of the new chamber building at Mitchell Village. The approval is subject to an okay from an attorney to be selected by the chamber to study the proposal.

The chamber had hoped to locate the building on state-owned property within the town limits, but discouragement over delay in obtaining the property contributed to the decision to relocate, according to Ben Alford, chamber president.

The new site would be on land given to the chamber by the Weston Corp. The site is 200 feet west of Rochelle boulevard on an access road south of highway 70.

The vote for location of the modernistic chamber office and tourist center was carried 8 to 6. President Alford said Tuesday that he is not sure the decision is a wise one.

Speaking for the Hestron Corp. was Sherman T. Rock. Mr. Rock said that the firm offering the property wanted a yes or no decision, that it was not interested in haggling or debate over whether the chamber wanted the land.

### Chicago Firm Gets Contract to Take Out Potomac Bow

The Navy Bureau of Ships has awarded the contract for moving the bow of the tanker Potomac out of Morehead City harbor.

According to Robert L. Hicks, Heide & Co., Morehead City, the successful bidder was Vindof Co., Chicago, who bid \$1,480. The Vindof firm is in the salvage business on the Great Lakes.

The salvors are expected to begin operations here in the next 10 days. Present plans are to move the bow to Norfolk.

The bow has remained in Morehead City harbor since last fall when the stern was separated from it and taken to Norfolk by Merritt Chapman and Scott.

The Potomac was destroyed by fire in Morehead City harbor Sept. 26, 1961.

### More Stolen Items Recovered Yesterday

More of the stolen goods taken from Cedar Point cottages was recovered at Cherry Point Marine Corps air station yesterday morning.

Sheriff Robert (Bobby) Bell and deputy sheriff Carl Bunch went to the base where they picked up a toaster, radio and TV set. The items were turned into the investigation section at the base by a man who had purchased them from Emerald Burkette, who is one of four charged with the thefts.

They were turned in when the owner read about the thefts and concluded that his new possessions were probably stolen, the sheriff said.

A reading improvement class for adults will be formed Tuesday night at 7 at Morehead City school, announces Lenwood Lee, principal. Mr. Lee said the class will not be a speed reading group, but will have a functional approach to reading.

A financial report was given by

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Citizens from Harkers Island, 70 or 80 strong, filed into the county court room Tuesday afternoon to discuss with H. G. Phillips, highway commissioner for this area and Charles Snell, division engineer, the possibility of a bridge from Lennoxville Point to Harkers Point across the mouth of North River.

Mr. Phillips opened the discussion by telling his audience, "We are just in the talking stage."

William H. Potter, mayor of Beaufort had a prepared statement that read in part, "Perhaps the greatest service rendered the general public by our modern governing bodies is the construction and maintenance of adequate roads to serve the traveling public."

"The justifications for such arteries of commerce usually are based on need, numbers of persons using the facilities, effect on the industrial or commercial development of an area."

"The proposal to construct a bridge connecting the mainland, at Lennoxville Point with Harkers Island is based on all the mentioned justifications."

Mr. Potter went on to say serious thought, and planning should be given the proposal as a part of the overall plan for restoration of the North Carolina outer banks, which is already underway.

He said about 1,800 people live at Harkers Island and many visit during the spring, summer and fall months. Also the business centers of Carteret county need access to Harkers Island as well as Harkers Island needs access to the mainland business areas.

The connection with the mainland now is by way of highway 70, then via bridge to the island.

Mr. Potter's proposal was endorsed by several business men and civic leaders including, Clarence Guthrie, president of the Beaufort Merchants association, and George Dill, mayor of Morehead City.

Other verbal endorsements for the bridge came from William R. Hamilton, chairman of the county board of commissioners, Charles Davis, a director of the North Carolina Fisheries association, Frank Langdale representing Beaufort Jaycees, and Wiley Taylor, county attorney.

Earl Davis, Harkers Island, said, "We were promised a bridge in 1939 when the present bridge from the island across the straits was constructed and I am getting grey-haired waiting for it."

He said the present route from his home, which is in the middle of Harkers Island business district, to the Beaufort City limits, is 18 miles. If a bridge were constructed from Lennoxville it would only be seven miles.

"We want to save those 11 miles difference," he said.

Mr. Phillips said a bridge under the present proposal would cost \$2,700,000, and that there is no money for the construction of such a bridge.

He did say that \$200,000 had been allocated by the highway commission for repair of the present bridge.

Mr. Snell said that the Army engineers will not approve a fixed bridge across the straits. The bridge opened an average of 1,767 times annually over the past seven years. They also state that the channel at the east end of Harkers Island is not easy to keep open, therefore a draw in the present bridge is necessary. Islanders suggested last month that the pre-

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## Drive to Raise Red Cross Funds Will Start Monday

The drive to raise \$3,717 for the Red Cross will open Monday, announces George Dill, Morehead City, county-wide Red Cross fund chairman. Mr. Dill is mayor of Morehead City.

Half of the funds collected will remain in this county, according to Mrs. E. M. (Al) Dewey, president of the Morehead City Woman's club, who has volunteered her services for Red Cross work.

The money will finance service to servicemen's families who are in need (part of home service activities), formation of a blood bank and establishing a permanent Red Cross chapter.

The fund drive will end in three weeks. Among the chairmen are Alfred Cooper, Atlantic Beach; Mrs. John Tomlinson, Newport; Mrs. J. C. Taylor, Morehead City; Mrs. Joseph Rivers, Bonham Heights; Mrs. Garland Scruggs, Mitchell Village, and James Hux, Morehead City, who will collect funds in the port and Beaufort-Morehead causeway area.

Chairman in Beaufort is Mrs. Gilbert Potter. Checks may be mailed to the Red Cross, care of Mr. Dill or to community chairmen.

## Two Boards To Talk Schools

At a joint meeting of the county board of education and county commissioners Monday night education board members will be asked to describe the type of work they expect to be done at each school in the county, if \$2 million is borrowed for schools.

The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the courthouse, according to William Roy Hamilton, chairman of the county board. Those who are interested are invited.

Mr. Hamilton reports also that the House finance committee, Raleigh, will probably call a hearing in about a week on senate bill 70, which would require county commissioners to build a West Carteret high school, school board issue or not.

Mr. Hamilton reports that committees in all school districts have yet to be named for promoting the bond issue. He requested at a meeting Monday, Feb. 25, that each district appoint a member of the PTA, member of the Better Schools committee and member of the school board to serve on the committee.

The names were to be provided Mr. Hamilton by last Thursday.

## 20 Old Buildings in Beaufort Designated by Historical Plaques

Twenty sites have been marked in Beaufort by plaques denoting them as historically significant.

The plaques were made by Dr. John Costlow, Beaufort, and put up by the Beaufort Historical association. The association will provide markers for any house or building constructed prior to 1965 (close of the war between the states), if the name of the owner and the approximate building date can be provided.

The association will assist in looking up original deeds and dates.

The shield (plaque) being placed on the buildings was designed by Dr. Costlow with the assistance of Miss Elizabeth Merwin, Beaufort, since there is no specific shield or coat of arms in the town's background.

The blue and silver check border was taken from the Earl of Carteret's crest and signifies "fair play." The red Lancaster rose at the bottom was added for balance but also represents the Lancaster line, to which the earl belonged.

The gold menhaden at the top signifies the name of "Fish Town" by which Beaufort was known in the early 1700's.

Buildings selected for plaques (some have already been marked) are the following (owner's name follows in parentheses where owner is known): Duncan House (Mrs. Julius Duncan), Davis House (Mrs. Charles Davis), Nelson House (Mr. and Mrs. Joseph House), Morse House (Mr. and Mrs.

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## Cedar Point Voter Objects To School Bond Program

### J. B. Dickens Files Protest at Raleigh

J. B. Dickens, Cedar Point, has filed a formal protest against issuance of \$2 million in school bonds in this county. Mr. Dickens' protest was mailed Wednesday afternoon to the Local Government commission, Raleigh.

The commission is charged with the responsibility of approving borrowing programs of counties, or towns, and handles sale of bonds for the borrowing government unit.

Mr. Dickens is objecting specifically to the proposal to build an elementary school in White Oak township with \$186,000 which is scheduled to come from school bond funds.

He listed his reasons against the school as follows:

1. The majority of people in the White Oak (Cedar Point-Bogue) sections don't want it. He says that there is a signed statement to that effect. Signatures total 300 and each is witnessed by a notary public.

2. Children are better educated in the Swansboro school which they now attend. (Swansboro is in Onslow county.) More advantages are offered there, the teaching staff is larger and better teachers are attracted because of a 5 per cent salary supplement.

3. A survey of the situation by the state board of education in 1959 showed that there were not

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## Education Board Sets Calendar, OK's Bond Issue

The county board of education adopted Monday the calendar for the 1963-64 school year, and passed a resolution stating that a bond issue is required for school improvements in the county.

The new school year will begin Aug. 26 for teachers. The pre-school preparation period will continue through Aug. 29. School will open Thursday, Aug. 29, with the Labor Day holiday falling on the following Monday, Sept. 2.

A day in October will be a holiday for pupils while teachers attend a teachers' meeting. The date will be announced.

The Thanksgiving holidays will be Nov. 28 and 29. Christmas holidays will begin Dec. 20 and continue through Jan. 1.

The Easter vacation will begin Good Friday, March 27, 1964 and continue through Wednesday, April 1. But one of those days, or more, may be eliminated, if for any reason an unscheduled "holiday" occurs prior to that time. (Sometimes the schools have to close because of weather conditions.)

School will close May 28 and the last day for teachers will be May 29.

Closing school before June enables teachers who are retiring to start collecting their retirement pay in June. H. L. Joslyn, clerk to the education board, pointed out.

J. C. Harvell, Morehead City, was accepted as auditor of books at individual schools.

Mr. Joslyn reported that the plumbing and heating contractors on the West Carteret school have extended the time in which their bids can be accepted.

John Bell, Bogus, appeared before the board relative to the proposed elementary school at White Oak.

The board has temporarily deferred its search for a new superintendent of schools. Mr. Joslyn will retire July 1. He said that the job will be left to the incoming board of education.

Going off the board will be D. Mason, Atlantic, who has served since 1925; Theodore Smith, Davis; and R. W. Safritz Jr., Beaufort. Remaining will be W. B. Allen, Newport, and Dr. A. F. Chestnut, Morehead City.

The three vacancies will be filled by legislative act in the near future. Appearing on the ballot in the Democratic primary last May were Charles Harris, Marshallberg; Wayne Parker, Atlantic, and Charles Davis, Beaufort.

Mr. Harris has also been mentioned as successor to Eugene Moore, county tax collector, who will retire in May.

Speaking of the present board, Mr. Joslyn said, "It has been a joy working with this group of board members and its chairman, Mr. Safritz. They have been wonderful people and are a dedicated group of men."

### Coast Guard Gets Calls On Overdue Boaters

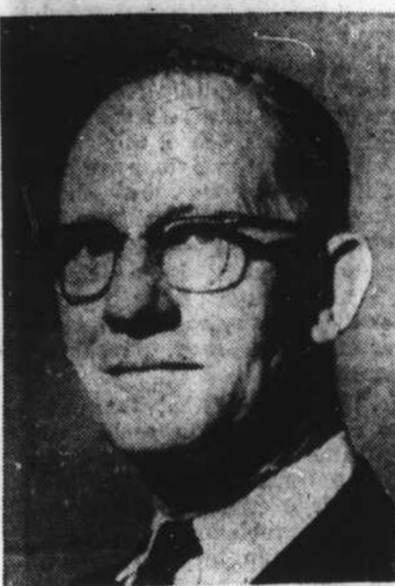
The Fort Macon Coast Guard station received two calls Wednesday concerning boaters who were overdue from a trip.

Both persons, however, were found to arrive safely home after an hour search by the Coast Guard on each call.

Gary Willis, son of Mrs. Estelle Willis, 1202 Shackleford Ave., Morehead City, was overdue, but was found later to be all right.

A call was placed concerning Lafayette Copes, 507 Mulberry St., Beaufort, who was also found later to be safe.

Two More Contribute  
Two more businesses recently contributed to the Morehead City Christmas street lighting fund, announces Clifford Flagler, a member of Woodmen of the World. They were Morehead City Yacht basin and Carolina Power and Light Co. The WOW sponsors the lighting project.



George W. Dill Red Cross volunteer

## Youths Fined For Stealing Kitchen Items

Four Swansboro youths, 19 to 22 years old, paid \$10 and one-fourth court costs on forcible trespass charges in county court Tuesday. The four were Jonesy Seth Littleton, Paul Kozma, Charles Staton and Joseph R. Dameron.

Newport police chief Dan Bell charged the four with breaking and entering and larceny, but the warrants were amended to forcible trespass.

Chief Bell said the youths went to the home of Gary Hecutt in Newport about 10:30 Friday night. When Mrs. Hecutt answered the door, they told her they were out of gas and asked to use the telephone. Mr. Hecutt was not at home at the time.

The four went into the house and two remained in the living room with Mrs. Hecutt. The others went into the kitchen to make the phone call. While one of the youths used the telephone the other stole a number of articles from the kitchen, the police chief said.

The loot included a bottle of baby aspirin, a jar of hand lotion, three salt shakers, one blade from an electric mixer, one steak knife, two soft drinks and some cheese. They later threw the loot away.

Mrs. Hecutt notified him of the incident about noon Saturday, chief Bell stated. He said he went to Swansboro Saturday night and learned the identity of the four, then returned Sunday and arrested them.

## County Board Condemns SB70 With Resolution

- Budget to Include Development Fund
- Headen Willis Says County Needs Industry

County commissioners passed a resolution Monday afternoon opposing school legislation introduced by Sen. Luther Hamilton Sr., Morehead City.

The resolution registers "vigorous protest" to the bill (SB 70) introduced by Senator Hamilton which would direct the board to renegotiate with the low bidder on West Carteret high school and require the commissioners to levy enough tax to make funds available for completion of the building contract. Failure to do so would subject each commissioner voting against the levy to a fine of \$1,000.

The resolution states that the board is against the introduction of any special or local legislation concerning this county without the board being first advised of the legislation and its purpose. It further states that the board objects to its representative "rushing legislation" through the senate without "a proper hearing by interested citizens."

Copies of the resolution, which requests that no legislation concerning the county be introduced without the board's approval, were sent to Sen. Thomas White, Sen. Luther Hamilton and Rep. Thomas Bennett.

William Roy Hamilton, chairman of the board, announced that letters have been received from Hugh Willis, Leslie Moore and W. L. Derickson accepting positions on the Carteret General hospital board of trustees.

The board voted to send Odell Merrill to a school for registrars of deeds in Chapel Hill Friday and Saturday. County attorney Wiley Taylor told the board there was a school for county attorneys coming up soon but that he didn't particularly want to go. The board left it up to Mr. Taylor whether he attends.

Odell Merrill, clerk to the board, was instructed to write letters of

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## Congressman Writes Mayor; Plan Outlined

The town of Newport has received two letters from congressman David Henderson. Both letters concern Newport's efforts to get grants and a loan for the sewer system and a new water pumping station.

In the first letter Mr. Henderson stated support for the projects and said he would contact the federal agencies involved. In the second letter he said he had heard from the Housing and Home Finance Agency in Atlanta. The application had been received.

Mr. Henderson stated that he had a deep personal interest in the Newport project as well as the Morehead City project and a proposed project in Sampson county. As a member of the House Public Works committee, he said he felt that more money would be approved by the House Works committee for similar projects in the designated areas.

The engineer on the Newport projects has said it would take 120 days from approval of applications to start construction. This would include time to work up final plans, get out bids, and accept bids. The estimated construction time on all the projects is eight months, and over \$90,000 would be spent for local labor.

The sewer lines would be run out of vitrified clay which is impervious to almost all chemicals. The joints would be of a new type "slip joint," embodying a gasket which is better for keeping roots out of the sewer pipes. The lines would be 8 to 12-inch on the collecting system.

The effluent pipe from the plant to river would be 15-inch. The treatment plant could process up to 250,000 gallons per day.

### Firemen Make Long Trip To Broad Creek; No Fire

The Morehead City Fire department answered a false alarm at Broad Creek Sunday afternoon.

A call was made to the fire station saying that the Pine Haven Service center was on fire, according to fire chief El Nelson.

Chief Nelson said after the long haul to the scene to the alleged fire, the firemen found it was another "wolf" call.

### Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar

HIGH	Friday, March 8	LOW
7:11 a.m.		12:57 a.m.
7:36 p.m.		1:29 p.m.
Saturday, March 9		
7:53 a.m.		1:43 a.m.
8:17 p.m.		2:11 p.m.
Sunday, March 10		
8:32 p.m.		2:25 a.m.
8:58 p.m.		2:51 p.m.
Monday, March 11		
9:09 a.m.		3:05 a.m.
9:32 p.m.		3:27 p.m.
Tuesday, March 12		
9:45 a.m.		3:43 a.m.
10:08 p.m.		4:00 p.m.