

## Republican Chairman to Attend Party Dinner at Raleigh Tonight

Elmer Dewey Willis, chairman of the county Republican committee, will attend tonight the meeting of North Carolina county Republican chairmen at the Sir Walter hotel, Raleigh. Republican legislators will also attend.

Preparations will be made for the 1964 campaign. At the Republican club meeting Saturday night at the Beaufort headquarters, Republicans made a \$50 loan to the Newport Medical center. The medical center's aims are in keeping with Republican principles, the club decided, because the center is being built without government funds.

Club members raised \$25 by collection at the meeting and took \$25 from the treasury. They specified that the loan, certificates be made out in the name of the Town of Newport.

County legislator Thomas Bennet commented on bills that have been introduced in the legislature.

Chairman Willis reported on the March 8 Republican meeting at Charlotte. James Howland, I. D. Gillikin and Mr. Willis attended. The speaker was Robert Taft Jr.

Speaking at a recent meeting at Clinton was Charles R. Jonas, who will be the Republican candidate for governor next year. Attending the Clinton dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Headen Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer D. Willis.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Wade, Mrs. Waddell Pridden, Carl Gaskill, I. D. Gillikin, John Miller and Claude Brown.

The club expressed appreciation to the following for the success of the recent Lincoln Day dinner at the Biltmore hotel: Osborne Davis, E. D. Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Smith, Clifford Tilghman, Jim Hux, Gordon Hardesty, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Piner, and Mrs. Ben Copeland.

A profit of approximately \$250 was realized on the dinner. Gerald Murdock, president of the club, presided at the meeting.

## Board Okays Zoning Draft

County planning commissioners approved Monday night the proposed zoning ordinance for Morehead Extension and Bogue Banks. Those are the two areas proposed for zoning in the immediate future.

The resolution approving the ordinance requested that Dexter Smith, Kinston, of the division of community planning, who helped draft the ordinance, be present when the ordinance is presented to the public.

The ordinance has been many months in the drafting and has undergone several revisions. Approval of it was voiced Monday night by J. A. DuBois, chairman of the Bogue Banks committee which studies the zoning problems, and by Gerald Mitchell, member of the Morehead Extension committee.

M. G. Coyle, commissioner, reported on his appearance at the recent county board meeting to discuss building fees charges.

The building inspector's report for February was read. Fifteen permits were issued and 49 inspections made. Construction was valued at \$94,600.

Attending the meeting, in addition to those mentioned, were Dr. L. J. Dupree, who presided; W. C. Carlton, C. H. Lockett, Dr. W. L. Woodard, commissioners, and Charles Schick.

## Alvin Harris Heads New Club

Officers were elected by the Atlantic Civic club Sunday. The club met in the school auditorium. The officers:

President, Alvin Harris; vice-president, Harold Daniels; secretary, Mrs. Ira Moore Jr.; treasurer, Bennie Gillikin.

Mrs. David Van Sant, Kenneth Smith and Sterling Robinson were named to the board of trustees. Mrs. Oden Fulcher, Mrs. Kenneth Smith and Morgan Goodwin were appointed to the welfare committee.

Serving on the publicity committee are Mrs. Alvin Harris, Lionel Gilgo and Ira Morris Jr. Tourist committee members are Maxwell Simpson, Ben Salter and Mr. Van Sant.

The members discussed a mosquito control project and heard a progress report. It was announced that the next meeting will be held Saturday, March 23.

**Ad Correction**  
In the food ad on page 6 section 2 of today's paper, the item concerning light bulbs and sugar should read, "Five pounds of sugar 29 cents with purchase of four GE Light bulbs."

## V&W Hotel Corp. Sells Hotel at Atlantic Beach



W. L. Derrickson, right, former owner of the Atlantic Beach hotel, extends good luck wishes to Ray Masten, new owner.

Ray Masten, Greenville, has bought the Atlantic Beach hotel from the V&W Hotel Corp. The corporation is owned by Walter (Jimmy) Derrickson, Morehead City, and his brother, Vernon.

Mr. Masten announces that the hotel will open May 1 for the summer. The new owner is a native of Winston-Salem and at present lives in Greenville where he operates the Masten Insurance Agency, an insurance and brokerage business.

The Atlantic Beach hotel is situated on the ocean front at Atlantic Beach. The original portion of it was built in 1930. One section was added in 1946 and another in 1940 by the V&W Corp., which in recent years has sold its other hotels in Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and New Jersey.

The Atlantic Beach hotel consists

## Hearing Starts at New Bern on Potomac Blaze

## CD Evacuates Smyrna Pupils

A practice civil defense evacuation was held at Smyrna school Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. W. J. Ipock, civil defense publicity chairman, said that more practice is needed to shorten the length of time needed to load buses for the first run, but the student drivers carried out their duties safely, quickly and with skill.

The first youngster went aboard a bus at 2:10 p.m. and the last child left the school yard at 3:07 p.m.

Seven school buses were used. Three of those made two runs. Three hundred sixty-four children were taken to their homes on the first run. Three buses making the second run transported 114.

Officers in charge at the drill were George King, county civil defense deputy director; John Hayes and Leslie Fulcher, auxiliary policemen.

Mrs. Ipock served as monitor.

## GOP Women Will Install Officers Saturday

Officers of the Republican Women's club will be installed at a dutch supper meeting at 7 p.m. Saturday at Fleming's restaurant, Atlantic Beach.

Officers are Mrs. Maurice Richardson, Morehead City, president; Mrs. Ben Copeland, Beaufort, vice-president; Mrs. E. G. Phillips, Morehead City, secretary, and Mrs. Billy Smith, Atlantic, treasurer.

Mrs. Richardson will be entering the second year of a two-year term. Mrs. Copeland and Mrs. Phillips have been re-elected and Mrs. Smith has been elected to a one-year term.

Committees will be appointed and activities will be planned for the coming year.

of 80 rooms and is the only hotel on the beach, although there are numerous motels.

Mr. Masten plans to operate the hotel himself. His family will live with him at the hotel this summer. Mr. and Mrs. Masten have three daughters, Joyce 18, Lee 13, and Lynn 11.

The negotiations on sale of the hotel were closed at noon Wednesday. The transaction was handled by Stuart Page of Outer Banks Realty Co., Atlantic Beach.

This is the third major hotel transaction in this area in 15 months. The Jefferson hotel, Morehead City, was sold in January 1962 to Ralph and Roma Styron, Morehead City, and Royall Spence, Greensboro.

The Biltmore Motor hotel was sold the end of February to R. E. Butner Jr., Morehead City.

In progress at New Bern in eastern district federal court this week is a hearing brought about by the burning of the tanker Potomac in Morehead City harbor Sept. 26, 1961.

Judge Harold E. Hoffman, Norfolk, is presiding. The hearing opened Monday. Testimony the first part of the week was directed toward determining whether the US Government and Marine Transport Lines, Inc. of New York should be limited in the extent of liability or exonerated from liability.

The government was owner and the Marine Lines operator of the ship when it caught fire while at the dock of Aviation Fuel Terminals, Radio Island, Morehead City.

After the liability question is decided, hearing will begin on damage claims. Thirty-one such claims, including those filed by families of crewmen involved in the tragedy, total an estimated \$10 million.

In addition to claims by the injured and by families of those who died in the disaster, the government is seeking reimbursement for ship damage and Aviation Fuel Terminals for damage to its dock.

The body of Nicholas Salopek, radio operator aboard the Potomac has never been found, and it is presumed he died in the explosion and fire. The body of another crewman, Clyde V. Leonard, Norfolk, Va., was found floating in the water near the Morehead City bridge, in the vicinity of the burning Potomac.

Twenty-four crewmen were injured and were treated at the Morehead City and Cherry Point hospitals. The Potomac was discharging aviation fuel at the time it caught fire.

Among Carteret residents who testified this week were Clifton Nelson, Beaufort, captain of the pilot boat which met the Potomac and brought her into Morehead City Sept. 26; Rufus Guthrie, Mack O'Neal, Morehead City; Lorie G. Lewis, Newport; and Howard Fulcher, Williston.

Among the attorneys in the case is C. R. Wheatly, Beaufort, representing Aviation Fuel Terminals.

Part of the Potomac still remains in Morehead City harbor, but the Navy has recently let a contract to a salvage firm to get it out.

## School District Representatives Lay Plans to Promote Bond Issue

### W. C. Pugh Put Under \$1,000 Bond in Court

● Embezzlement Case Goes to Higher Court

● Charge of Theft Dropped

Probable cause was found Tuesday in county recorder's court in the case against W. C. Pugh for embezzlement. The case was sent to superior court and bond set at \$1,000.

Pugh pleaded not guilty on a charge of worthless checks, but was found guilty and was sentenced to three months on the road, suspended on condition that he pay the checks and court costs.

The case against him for theft of an adding machine was dismissed. The embezzlement count alleges that Pugh appropriated for his own use \$2,000 while employed by W. B. McLean at a service station on Emerald Isle.

Pugh was recently returned here from Mississippi where he had gone when he left this county the end of December, according to sheriff Robert Bell.

J. C. Hardesty and Lula Mae Deaver were found guilty of cohabitation.

Hardesty was sentenced to six months on the road, suspended on the conditions he pay \$50 and court costs and be on good behavior for three years.

Lula Mae Deaver was sentenced to six months in women's prison with recommendations that she be given medical treatment for alcoholism.

Judge L. R. Morris deferred judgment in the following cases, Willie Lee Reed, improper equipment; Warren Clair Shuey, improper registration; Wendell Arthur Stevenson, without due caution and at a speed to endanger persons and property.

Edna Graybrice, no operator's license; Robert Louis Massey, improper muffler; John Domanick Belluscio, driving to the left of the lane; John Howard, non-support.

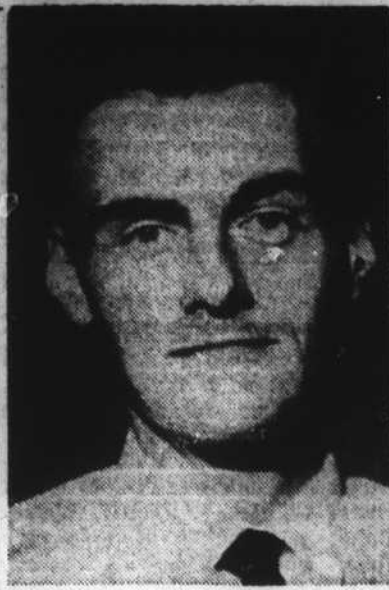
The following cases were not prosecuted but right was reserved to reopen them: William Joseph Dewey, improper muffler; Josephine A. Garcia, no operator's license; Artis Lee Powell, no turn signals; Stephen L. Wilkie, no operator's license.

James Robert Springle Jr., no operator's license; Mitchell James Worth, no rear lights and no turn signals; James Prescott Webb, expired operator's license; Theodore Johnson Smith, assault; Archie Pinkham, breaking and entering; John Lee Robinson, speeding 70 in a 60 mph zone.

Madison Earl William, improper muffler; Donald Ray Nichols, no emergency brakes; Alton Royce Wheaton, no operator's license; (See COURT, Pg. 7)

### Alligator Shot

Douglas Edwards, Morehead City, holds a 60-pound alligator that was killed by Ed Fulcher of Pine Knoll Shores. Fulcher killed the small alligator Tuesday with a shotgun at Hoop Hole creek.



Dr. John Costlow . . . president



H. S. Gibbs Jr. . . . vice-president



W. C. Horton . . . secretary

## Blue Prints Arrive For Medical Center

### Chamber to Put New Building At City Park

At a special meeting of directors of the county chamber of commerce Wednesday night at the Hotel Fort Macon, directors reversed a decision to place the chamber office and tourist center on Hestron property west of Morehead City. The vote, by secret ballot, was 14-2.

A formal statement on the decision from P. W. Bullock, chamber manager, follows:

"At a special meeting of the board of directors and the advisory council of the Chamber of Commerce, with sixteen members present, a nearly unanimous desire for a reconsideration of the municipal park site for the new chamber building was found to exist. The Hestron Corp., represented by Sherman Rock, with thoughtful consideration for the best interests of the community, officially withdrew their offer of a Chamber of Commerce building site.

"Discussion in the meeting indicated that the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development is interested in having the chamber located in the municipal park and has given additional assurances of their cooperation in this use of park property. The Woman's Club was represented as wishing to have the chamber located in the park.

"Following the withdrawal of the Mitchell Village site, the board of directors approved a resolution of appreciation to the Hestron Corp. for their splendid and generous cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce and of regret that their proposal could not be accepted.

President Ben Alford asked the board to state their wish as to proceeding with the actual building and a motion approving an immediate start with 'ground breaking' at the earliest possible time was unanimously approved.

Actual location of the building on the park site will be determined by Charles McNeill, a director of the chamber; Grady Rich, contractor, and Mrs. Gus Davis, Morehead City Woman's club member in charge of park beautification.

## Dance to Raise Red Cross Funds

Couples will dance to raise money for the Red Cross at a Red Cross Ball Tuesday night at the Country Club, Morehead City. Mrs. John Gaine, chairman, announces that music will be provided by an orchestra and a blues singer will be featured.

Working with Mrs. Gaine on the dance are Mrs. Gilbert Potter, Mrs. Garland Scruggs, Mrs. Rufus Butner Jr., and Mrs. Jeff Ryan. Mrs. Gus Davis is ticket chairman.

Tickets are \$3 a couple and are available at Hill's, Morehead City, Potter's Dress shop, Beaufort, and will be sold at the door.

The Red Cross drive started Monday. It is hoped that a large amount of the \$3,717 goal will be raised by the dance.

By J. Stencil Bell, Chairman Fund-Raising Committee

Officials of the Newport Medical Center, Inc. have recently received the blue prints and building specifications for the proposed two-doctor medical clinic.

The plans look very good and indicate the building will be very modern and convenient. Any doctor should be pleased to occupy this ultra-modern center that will be equipped with laboratory facilities and x-ray.

The Sears, Roebuck Foundation has furnished, without cost whatsoever to the community, complete architectural plans and specifications of a modern, efficient medical center to be built and owned by the community and rented or purchased by the doctors.

A local non-profit corporation has been formed to raise the money to build the building, and management of it after it is built.

The combined experience and effort of the American Medical Association and the medical advisory board of the Foundation will be utilized in obtaining the proper doctors for the community.

If our own medical center saves just one life, otherwise lost because of the lack of it, it is worth every cent it will cost. That life might be yours.

A joint meeting of the fund-raising, building and executive committees was held Tuesday night to study the blue prints and specifications and to make plans to receive bids from contractors. We plan to make the plans and specifications available to contractors for bids in the near future.

We still have a need for additional loans from NEW and PRESENT stockholders. Your pledge will be accepted by J. Stencil Bell or by area captains and committee members any time. We hope each one will try to pay his pledge ON TIME so we will have adequate funds in the bank not later than June 1, 1963.

I again would like to remind you that our treasurer is BONDED up to \$40,000.00. So, your loans are SAFELY INSURED.

## West Carteret School Issue; Here It Is — Boiled Down

The following is an attempt to state, simply, what is happening in the current fuss over failure to start construction on the West Carteret school. This involves danger of "over-simplification," but things appear to be getting over-complicated.

1. On Nov. 15, 1962, the county board of education opened bids

Details on a Monday night meeting dealing with the school bond referendum appear in section 2 of today's paper.

on the West Carteret school. The bid on the general construction contract by J. M. Thompson, Raleigh, was \$63,200 over the \$800,000 the county said it would have to meet school building costs by July 1, 1963. (The total bid—general, plumbing, heating, electrical—was \$1,196,970.)

2. The board of education asked the architect, Archie Royal Davis, to design a school building that would cost \$800,000. When bids exceeded that, it was hoped that changes might be made in the plans for the school to bring it

### 50 Chosen For Jury Duty In Civil Term

Fifty county residents have been chosen for jury duty in the one-week term of civil court which opens Monday, April 8.

They are the following: Eugene S. Williams, Everett James Honeycutt, Charlie Arthur Rolison, Lennis Morris, C. E. Culpepper, Mrs. Nellie G. Robertson, Robert F. McLaren.

George W. Hancock, Richard Daniels, Donald R. Taylor, John T. Hardesty, Charles W. Merrill, Ira J. Culpepper, Dorothy Taylor.

Leon A. Youngblood, Wallace S. Rhodes, William K. White, William A. Davis, Leon Guthrie, Harry Stanford Roland, L. B. Haskins.

William R. Nicholson, Herbert A. Jackson, Omer D. Potter, Harvey M. Adams, Willard Dudley, G. E. Kins Knable Jr., John White Ives Jr.

Claud Christopher Davis, Lonnie F. Waters, Naomi Barnes, Thomas E. Beachem, Bert S. Taylor Jr., Joe C. Barnes, W. F. Sweeting, Floyd J. Winberry, John W. Miller, Claude C. Barnes, Henry Swinson, R. B. Wheatley, J. D. Murray, Ernest Cole.

Kenneth Earl Skinner, Ernest F. Garner, J. T. Smith, Harry M. Smith, Wilbur S. Smith, A. Donald Avallone, Clinton T. Lewis, Andrew Guthrie.

Registration Announced

Registration will begin Wednesday for East Carolina College Extension classes at Central school, New Bern. Anyone over 21 or anyone who has graduated from high school may enroll. Those wishing further information should contact Miss Gertrude Styron, county board of education office, Beaufort, phone PA8-3210.

## West Carteret School Issue; Here It Is — Boiled Down

within the \$800,000. (County attorney Wiley Taylor said this past Tuesday morning that this is where the first major mistake occurred, planning a building that would cost more than the county had to spend.)

3. For the type of building designed, the general contract (Thompson) bid was quite low. The county board of education was most anxious to take advantage of the low bid. It is believed

that the contractor may have made an error on the bid, but this has never been admitted by the contractor.

4. Hoping to be able to accept the Thompson bid, the board of education on Dec. 3, 1962 asked if the county commissioners could informally assure the board of education that \$375,000 would be in the 1963-64 budget for completion of the West Carteret school. On the advice of the county attorney, the board said it could not make such assurance. He said it was "illegal."

At this same meeting the board of commissioners formally called for a school bond referendum. (Politicians planning for and hoping to see the school bond referendum pass, feel that to start work on the West Carteret school now may obstruct passage of the bond referendum. This theory is not wholeheartedly supported by all residents of the county, as indicated at the meeting Monday night.)

5. At a meeting Monday night, Dec. 10, 1962, the county board

By W. C. HORTON

Officers were elected by residents of the county's school districts Wednesday night at a meeting at the courthouse. The officers will spearhead the program to promote passage of the \$2 million school bond issue.

They are Dr. John Costlow, Beaufort, president; H. S. Gibbs Jr., Morehead City, vice-president, and the Rev. W. C. Horton, Morehead City, secretary.

W. R. Hamilton, chairman of the county board of commissioners, presided. He said yesterday morning that he was well pleased with the meeting: "Everything went smoothly and I feel much better today," he remarked.

He said things seemed to hit bottom Monday night and he hoped that from now on the only direction will be up.

Persons attending the meeting represented the PTA's, Better School committees and the district school boards.

Dr. Costlow suggested that parents of pre-school children be told the value of the school program; that endorsement be obtained from clubs and governing boards, that house-to-house contacts be made, as well as by letter, telephone and that posters be displayed.

Mr. Gibbs stressed the necessity of all committees carrying the correct information to their own districts. He commented that the program may not be what everybody wants, and each group may not be getting everything it needs, "but we are moving in the right direction if we pass the bond issue."

Funds for financing the program were discussed. It was suggested that the PTA's in each of the schools represented lend their assistance with money.

Mrs. Mamie Oden, Beaufort, suggested that children could help. Gordon Becton, Harlowe, endorsed the suggestion.

George Phillips, Morehead City, said the Morehead school district would donate \$300. Purchase of stickers for car bumpers was suggested.

Kenneth Wagner, Morehead City, was named advertising chairman. Dr. Costlow will name appointees to other positions.

Communications media of the county offered their cooperation in promoting the bond issue.

The "School Bond Boosters" (name by which the organization will be known) will meet again at 7:30 Wednesday night at the courthouse.

Members are the following: Atlantic, Marvin Robinson, James T. Lewis, Dr. J. L. DeWalt; Smyrna, Walter Thompson, David Yeomans, Lester Gillikin.

Harkers Island, Hallas Lawrence, Julian Guthrie, Clem Preston Gaskill; Beaufort, Dr. Costlow, C. R. Tilghman, Gordon Becton.

Queen Street, Mrs. Greta Henry, Mrs. Juanita Ellison; W. S. King; Mr. Horton, John R. Clemmons; (Negro schools have two committee members, PTA and Better Schools because their administration is handled by the Beaufort and Morehead City schools boards.)

Morehead City, Grover Munden, Clyde Burr, Mr. Gibbs; Camp Glenn, George Phillips, Billy Corey, Gerald Murdock; Newport, Mrs. James L. Adams, Mrs. Albert Earl Murdock and Cone Johnson.

### Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Friday, March 15	LOW
11:28 a.m.		5:29 a.m.
11:45 p.m.		5:14 p.m.
Saturday, March 16		
12:02 a.m.		5:53 a.m.
		5:38 p.m.
Sunday, March 17		
12:21 a.m.		6:47 a.m.
12:45 p.m.		6:20 p.m.
Monday, March 18		
1:07 a.m.		8:21 a.m.
1:39 p.m.		8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 19		
2:04 a.m.		9:31 a.m.
2:51 p.m.		9:37 p.m.

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