

# No Bonds? Board Foresees Tax Rise

## Three Towns Will Choose Officials in Election Today

Voters in three towns, Beaufort, Morehead City and Newport will go to the polls between 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. today to choose their town officials for the next two years.

The polling place in each town will be the town hall. Running for mayor in Beaufort are Dr. John Costlow, Gray Hassell and Alban Richey.

Running for commissioner there are Holden Ballou, Osborne Davis, Dr. David Farrior, Earl Mades, W. J. Mishaal, James Stewart, and Glenn Willis. Ballou, Davis, Farrior, Mades and Willis are members of the present board.

The newly-elected officials will take office immediately following the election.

George W. Dill Jr. is unopposed for the mayor's office in Morehead City. Running for commissioner there are Joe Collins, Mrs. Ernest Coney, Dom Femia, Vernon Garner, D. J. Hall, S. C. Holloway, the Rev. W. C. Horton, John Lashley, Dr. Russell Outlaw, Bill Wilkins, and Jerry J. Willis.

Present board members are Femia, Hall, Holloway, Outlaw and Willis.

Herbert O. Phillips III is unopposed as judge of recorder's court. Mrs. Mary Hughes is unopposed as clerk of court. Running for two vacancies on the Morehead City hospital board of trustees are incumbents A. B. (Jack) Roberts and Gordon C. Willis.

Vying for the mayor's office in Newport are the present mayor, Leon Mann Jr., and Aaron Craig.

Running for commissioner are Bill Dugee, Raymond Edwards, Virgil Kincaid, Harry Livingstone, C. H. (Dick) Lockey, Gilbert Slaughter, Tom Temple and Mrs. John Tomlinson.

On the board of commissioners at present are Edwards, Lockey and Temple. John B. Kelly and John Thrower are not seeking re-election.

Mayor W. H. Potter, Beaufort, after serving two terms, is not running for re-election.

## Firemen Fight Blaze At Perry Park Motel

Morehead City firemen answered an out-of-town alarm Sunday afternoon to the Perry Park Motel on highway 70, just outside of the Morehead City limits.

Chief El Nelson said two rooms on the 21-room motel were badly damaged and three others suffered smoke damage.

The owner said the two units will have to be completely re-worked and eight more will be out of use for quite a while because of fire damage.

Two trucks from the Morehead City fire department answered the alarm and the Atlantic Beach fire department was also called, but chief Nelson said their equipment was not used.

The chief said the fire apparently started from an explosion of a stove.

The explosion was heard by the owner's wife, Mrs. Roy Keller, and the window of the room that was badly burned was blown out.

The fire department was called to the scene again later in the evening when the smoldering fire again started burning.

The Morehead City fire chief said firemen were hampered in extinguishing the blaze because of so many spectators.

## Ground Fire Blazes Up; Firemen at Work Again

A ground fire blazed up over the weekend and started through the Open Grounds again. The ground fire was the aftermath of the 35,000-acre fire of two weeks ago.

Fire-fighters went in to control the blaze, to keep it from jumping fire lanes. No timber was involved. There was also a small fire at Williston yesterday, but it was quickly brought under control, according to forest rangers.

The Open Grounds fire was on the eastern side.

## Civil Defense Drill Set for Wednesday

Pupils at Beaufort and Queen Street schools will have a civil defense drill at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday. All pupils will be evacuated from the schools as rapidly as possible.

Gerald Woolard, Beaufort civil defense director, says parents are NOT to come to the school for the children. Purpose of the drill is to get the children home as fast as possible, preventing traffic congestion.

## Complainants Drop Hospital Legal Action

Non-suited Friday afternoon, by action of the complainants was the suit against the county hospital filed by Luther Hamilton Jr. and Llewellyn Phillips, both of Morehead City.

The two decided to drop the case, which alleges that the proposed Crab Point site for a county hospital is undesirable. The case was scheduled to be heard in superior court yesterday.

The suit could be re-instituted at any time, however.

In the legislature at present is a bill that wipes out all previous action in connection with a county hospital. It requires that a referendum be held on the matter, and if the referendum passes, the hospital trustees shall select a hospital site.

The bill also provides that the county may take over and operate the present Morehead City municipal hospital as a county hospital, if such arrangements are agreeable with the present owner.

The bill was introduced by Sen. Luther Hamilton, Morehead City. Senator Hamilton was asked over the weekend whether the bill is expected to meet with general assembly approval.

"It will unless I withdraw it," he remarked.

## Two Charged With Pump Theft

Alfred Smith, 2207 Fisher St., Morehead City, and Terry Willis, Morehead City, who is stationed at Hobucken, have been charged with theft of a water pump from the beach, according to the sheriff's department.

Deputy sheriff Billy Smith said the pump was taken from the unoccupied Beckwith cottage Wednesday night and the two were apprehended Thursday.

Smith was released under \$150 bond and the warrant was served on Willis over the weekend.

The stolen pump was turned over to authorities by a Morehead City resident who had received it. Value of the pump was set at \$90.

Smith is about 20 years of age, according to the deputy. Willis is in the Coast Guard.

## Two Cars Crash Near Morehead

Ten people miraculously escaped injury in a two-car collision Friday morning at the intersection of highway 70 and the Mitchell Village entrance, west of Morehead City.

A 1961 Buick, driven by Mrs. Bill Murray, Beaufort, collided with a 1955 Buick, driven by Mrs. Joanne Simpson, route 2 Newport. Mrs. Murray has been charged with failing to yield the right-of-way, according to the investigating state trooper, W. E. Pickard.

The officer said that Mrs. Murray told him she did not see the stop sign as she was coming out of the Mitchell Village road. She collided with Mrs. Simpson's car, which was headed east on highway 70.

Eight young people were in the Murray car, headed for a church meeting at Boone. The trooper said the Simpson car was flipped on its top by the impact. Damage to the Murray car was estimated at \$200.

Mrs. Simpson got a scratch on her elbow, the officer reported.

### Editorial

## Time for Reappraisal

Persons who are against getting the school program off the ground with a bond issue have many reasons for their feelings. Often, the "cost" is merely a camouflage. Most don't really have a reason, but if they SAY they are against the cost, this makes them look as though they understand financial matters.

The biggest fallacy in the "factual" arguments from those against the bond issue is that they are saying how THEY would build schools if they were county commissioners. They are saying what they think COULD be done IF things were done the way they would do them.

Well this is fine. It just so happens that they are not the county commissioners or the board of education. County officials have outlined a way that they propose to better the educational system. And it's already being shot full of holes by little segments of people who wish they were running the county so they could do things THEIR way. It's the hospital hassle all over again.

People should also remember that the no-bond mathematicians are using absolutely the HIGHEST figures they can come up with to try to sway public opinion to their way of thinking. They are not approaching this in a reasonable way. In their fanaticism to scare people off because of cost, they are NOT presenting a logical picture.

Schools ARE going to cost money. And the bond issue proposed will cost \$2 million plus interest. But —by putting aside money each year, there are some freshmen in high school today who will graduate from the very same ramshackle building they are attending now. They won't be taking trigonometry in 1966 because there are only two others in their class who want it, and a teacher can't teach a class of three. The teacher could, however, if some of those in other schools who want it were in the same building with the three.

The bond program proposes a merger of these pupils, a "wedding" of schools. How many young couples waited to get married until they could "afford" it? Very few. They went ahead and took the plunge. Carteret has waited five years since the last —defeated— school bond referendum and we're still more than \$300,000 away from the first school.

County commissioners have NOT officially said they would put aside \$375,000 next year, or for each of the next four years, for school buildings, if the bond issue fails. Perhaps they could, but they haven't said they would, so how do the bond-againers propose to force them to do this? With a law suit? The only winners are the lawyers themselves.

And we needn't kid ourselves that the state's proposed \$100,000,000 school bond issue will do for Carteret what our LOCAL bond issue will do. The state proposal must go to the people, too. And the same people who are against a LOCAL school bond program will be against the state bond program if they adhere to their present thinking. If the state bond issue isn't approved in referendum, what then? Nothing. If it is, Carteret will get some more "patchwork" money.

To believe that with a state bond issue we'll get schools that won't "cost us anything" is, not so. We'll pay and we'll get less for our tax dollar than if we borrowed school money ourselves and spent it ourselves.

This school bond program is an opportunity for Carteret to do something for itself — without the state or Uncle Sam doing it for us. Our philosophy of letting "Big Brother" do it appears to have so hypnotized us that we're too frightened to launch any program on our own.

## State Proposes Fixed Span In Bridge to Harkers Isle

The State Highway Commission announces that it will replace the present drawspan in the Harkers Island bridge with a fixed bridge (no draw).

A hearing on the proposal will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 13, in the Harkers Island school auditorium.

The fixed bridge would be built to the west of the present draw and tie in the existing roadway. The tie-ins, according to drawings, are designed as "temporary."

Clearance of the new fixed bridge, for boats, will be 25 feet above mean high water. Clearance between fenders in the channel will be 42 feet.

It is proposed that the present bridge approach be completely removed when new approach spans are built to tie in

### Pirate Queen Candidates



Mary June Merrill, left, and Anne Clemmons, both of Beaufort, will be two of the bevy of beauties vying for the Pirate Queen title Saturday, June 8, in Beaufort.

## Plan for School Funds

The plan for expenditure of school funds, if the \$2 million bond issue is approved, appears below. The plan is for use of \$2,800,000. Eight hundred thousand of that amount is already on hand, having accumulated over the past four years.

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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,800,000</b>

## Senator Hamilton Endorses County School Bond Issue

State senator Luther Hamilton endorsed the county school bond issue at a meeting at the Billmore hotel Saturday night and has issued a formal statement on his position.

The senator spoke at a meeting of the county unit, North Carolina Education association.

He commented that the county has not been doing what it should in education and that citizens should support the bond proposal.

The senator feels that the state's \$100,000,000 school bond proposal will be approved by the general assembly. Whether it will be approved by the people is in doubt.

Senator Hamilton, in his statement endorsing the local bond issue, expressed the hope that the people will approve the state proposal as well as the local one.

## Stanley Woodland Heads Pilot Group

The Morehead City Pilot commission, reactivated last week by the State Ports Authority, met Thursday night and elected Stanley Woodland chairman.

The other members are I. E. Pittman and Dr. Ben Royal. The commissioners took action toward obtaining 24-hour pilot service at Morehead City and obtaining needed aids to navigation in the harbor.

The SPA last week also authorized purchase of four acres of land from Miss Della Hyatt, which lies on the north side of highway 70 across from Fry Roofing. Some of the land extends into what is now the Morehead City Yacht basin channel.

## Schools on Pay-as-You-Go Will Require Higher Rate

County commissioners foresee several years of increased taxes if the county's school needs are to be met without a school bond issue.

(People will vote Saturday on whether to borrow money to update the county school system.)

The commissioners met yesterday morning at the courthouse, Beaufort.

According to the board's view of school needs and costs, the first tax raise would come in 1964-65 and would be necessary to complete the West Carteret school. That "completion," they say, would not include certain shops and auditorium.

To start the East Carteret school in 1966 another tax raise is foreseen. Under this "pay-as-you-go" program, the board believes that updating of the school system could not be completed before 1969-70, if then.

The board states that with the bond issue, however, they foresee no need to raise taxes.

Under the bond program, commissioners say it appears that bonds need not be issued until 1964-65 and that, in addition to the \$2 million, approximately \$375,000 could be possibly be added without upping taxes.

"Unless we have bond money, we can't get school buildings under our present tax rate," W. R. Hamilton, chairman of the board, declared.

Ronald Earl Mason, county auditor, remarked that without a county hospital debt, it appears that the borrowed school money can be repaid in 10 years.

"We have figured interest at 3 1/2 per cent," the auditor said. "And last week bonds were being sold at 2 1/2 and some even at 1.9 per cent, according to the Daily Bond Buyer," Mr. Mason commented.

But taking the highest interest figure, he said that interest the first year would be \$70,000 and would be reduced by \$7,000 each year thereafter.

Moses Howard, commissioner, said that he believes schools could be built under the pay-as-you-go program and "the tax rate will have to go up anyway."

Mr. Howard said he has been sitting on the board many years "under a debt."

Commissioner Rudolph Mason remarked, "And to get out of debt, we've let the schools run down."

Mr. Howard said, "If the bond issue passes, I'm 100 per cent for it. If not, I'm still in favor of going ahead and building schools."

### Unit to Train

Capt. Paul W. Cordova, USAR, announces that the 824th Trans. Co. (Heavyboat), US Army Reserve, will undergo its annual active duty for training June 15-30. The unit will go to Theodore Army Terminal, Mobile, Ala., for the training.

## Board Selects S. H. Helton For School Job

Education Board Meets Yesterday

Appointee Will Succeed H. L. Joslyn

S. H. Helton of Troy (Montgomery county) was selected by the county board of education yesterday as county superintendent of schools. He will succeed H. L. Joslyn, who will retire June 30.

Mr. Helton is a native of Caldwell county. He was graduated with a bachelor's degree from Appalachian State Teachers college, Boone, in 1935. He received his master's degree in education at the University of North Carolina and has done additional graduate study there.

Mr. Helton was district principal in Gaston county for 13 years, was superintendent of schools in Iredell county for seven years, and was superintendent in Montgomery county for five years.

The new superintendent is a member of the Horace Mann league, Phi Delta Kappa, professional honorary; North Carolina Education association, American Association of School Administrators and attended the White House Conference on Education.

He is married and has two sons, one of whom is in the service.

## Board Names Group to Check Welfare Work

Complying with a recommendation of the April grand jury, county commissioners yesterday appointed a commission to study welfare department practices.

Members of the commission are J. O. Barbour Jr., the Rev. Billy Mobley, both of Beaufort; Roger Jones, Broad Creek; Kenneth Wagner, Morehead City; Winston Hill, Atlantic; and M. Cornell Garnet, Newport.

Commissioner Haden Willis wanted to know if this group is merely going to "investigate Miss Hughes' reports" or do investigating work on their own. Miss George Hughes is welfare superintendent.

Commissioner C. Z. Chappell said that Miss Hughes has agreed to "open files" to them. At present, all welfare cases are closed to public inspection.

The commissioners specified that appointees to the investigating group will serve at least a year and shall furnish the board with a written report on the results of their investigation.

The board also agreed to appoint a county fisheries advisory commission to work with state fisheries personnel. Commissioner Willis said he'd like to be a member of the board.

Actual appointments were deferred until next month.

## H. S. Gibbs to Speak On Bonds Wednesday

W. S. Hamilton, chairman of the county board, invited board members and the public to Beaufort school at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday to hear H. S. Gibbs Jr., Morehead City, and education board members speak on the school bond issue.

"They're going to answer the half-truths put out by those against the school bond issue," Mr. Hamilton said.

Date Set  
The contractor has set date of completion of the Armed Forces Training center, Morehead City, as June 15, according to Sfc. Dennis Goodwin, administrative officer of the Morehead City National Guard unit.

### Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar	HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, May 7	7:36 a.m.	1:35 a.m.
	7:53 p.m.	1:45 p.m.
Wednesday, May 8	8:12 a.m.	2:16 p.m.
	8:27 p.m.	2:23 p.m.
Thursday, May 9	8:48 a.m.	2:56 a.m.
	8:58 p.m.	2:57 p.m.
Friday, May 10	9:24 a.m.	3:33 a.m.
	9:24 p.m.	3:27 p.m.