

Twister Wrecks Two Houses, Car

Couple Injured on Harkers Island at 11 Friday Night

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Chappell, Burlington, escaped with their lives Friday night when a tornado picked up their cottage at Harkers Island and turned it upside down on their new Buick. Mr. Chappell suffered a severe cut on his head, but Mrs. Chappell was taken to Sea Level hospital with a fractured left shoulder blade. She also received a hard blow on the left temple. The cottage was located about a quarter mile west of Shell Point.

The tornado occurred during a terrific storm which hit the county about 11 p.m. Friday. Also damaged was the L. T. Chesson home nearby. A shell shop in the Chesson yard was destroyed.

Beaufort county was also hard hit by the storm. Hail fell in other parts of eastern Carolina as a change of weather moved eastward across the state, bringing rain that was sorely needed.

The twister that hit Harkers Island also knocked out power. In addition to the Chesson and Chappell wreckage, the car and cottage of G. W. Williams, Guilford College, was also damaged.

Carl Dowdey, also a Burlington resident, said that he, Harry Leazer, Howard Elliott and Jim Pyne had arrived about 11 p.m. for a weekend of fishing. They had just opened the windows of the Pyne cottage, owned by Jim Pyne's father, when a blast of wind-swept rain hit. It took two men to force the door shut, he commented.

Dowdey said they didn't hear any loud noise, but remarked that the loud claps of thunder might have covered the noise. Power wires went down and when the men looked out, they saw Mr. Chappell walking around in his pajamas among the popping wires.

Mr. Dowdey said he ran out and yelled to Mr. Chappell to remain still. About that time the wires quit popping and Mr. Dowdey said he knew they had grounded out. Mr. Chappell told Mr. Dowdey that Mrs. Chappell was still in the wrecked cabin, pinned under a beam.

Dowdey found Mrs. Chappell near a window and lifted the beam off her. He said she was rapidly going into shock, but commented that she was a brave woman throughout the ordeal.

The men took her to the Pyne cabin, three doors away from the wrecked one, and gave her a dry pair of pajamas. They wrapped her up and put her to bed.

Dowdey said there were two aspirins in the house, so he gave them to the injured woman. When she went deeper into shock, he gave her a small amount of whiskey.

After about an hour, wires and debris were cleared from the highway and Mrs. Chappell was taken to Sea Level hospital.

Mr. Chappell returned with the four men to Harkers Island and spent the remainder of the night at the Pyne cabin.

The tornado lifted up the chopped cottage, which has five rooms and bath, turned it upside down, and deposited it on top of the Chappell car, which had been parked in front of the cabin. Both are beyond repair.

Mr. Chappell said that when the blowing started, he told his wife to get under the bed. They were trying to do that when the cabin flipped.

The Chappells own a smaller cabin next door and usually stay there when they come down without their two children, but did not.

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Bill Proposed For Electing Education Board

Industrial Commission Bill Introduced

Six Education Districts Proposed

Rep. Thomas S. Bennett has drawn a bill to be introduced in the legislature which provides for the election of members of the county board of education. He introduced Thursday another bill which gives county commissioners the authority to establish an industrial commission and appropriate funds for it.

The education bill provides that there shall be seven members of the board, elected on a non-partisan basis from six districts. The bill establishes the districts as follows:

No. 1, voting precincts of Cedar Point, Bogue, Stella, Pelletier, Broad Creek; No. 2, Newport and Harlowe; No. 3, Morehead No. 1 and 2, Wildwood and Salter Path; No. 4, Beaufort, Wiregrass, Bettie, Otway and Merrimon.

No. 5, Harkers Island, Marshallberg, Smyrna, Davis, Straits and Williston; No. 6, Stacy, Sea Level, Atlantic, Cedar Island and Portsmouth.

Each district will have one representative on the board with the exception of district 3 which will have two.

The bill provides that in 1964 districts 1 and 5 shall elect a board member, each to serve six years. In 1966 district 3 and 4 shall elect one member each for terms of four years; in 1968 districts 2, 3 and 6 shall each elect a member for four-year terms; in 1970 districts 1, 3, 4 and 5 will elect board members for four-year terms.

Until the elections, those now serving on the board by appointment will continue in office.

The bill provides that after the first elections to get the new system established, the board vacancies will be filled every four years.

Should a vacancy occur on the board, the remaining members of the board shall appoint someone to fill the vacancy. The new appointee to come from the district in which the vacancy occurred.

The industrial development commission would be established, according to the bill, to encourage location and development of industry in the county, aid and encourage the seafood industry, agricultural development, tourism and any other purposes enhance the economic well-being of the county.

Membership of the board will be one person from Whiteoak township, one from Newport or Harlowe, three from Morehead-Atlantic Beach, two from Beaufort, one from Straits-Harkers Island, one from Smyrna, Stacy, Marshallberg, Davis, and one from Atlantic, Cedar Island, Sea Level or Portsmouth, making a total of 10 on the commission.

The appointments will be made by county commissioners. The county commissioners are also to name one of their members to serve as chairman of the industrial commission.

Terms of office of commission members will be two years. Commission members will elect from their number a vice-chairman and secretary and draw up their own rules for procedure.

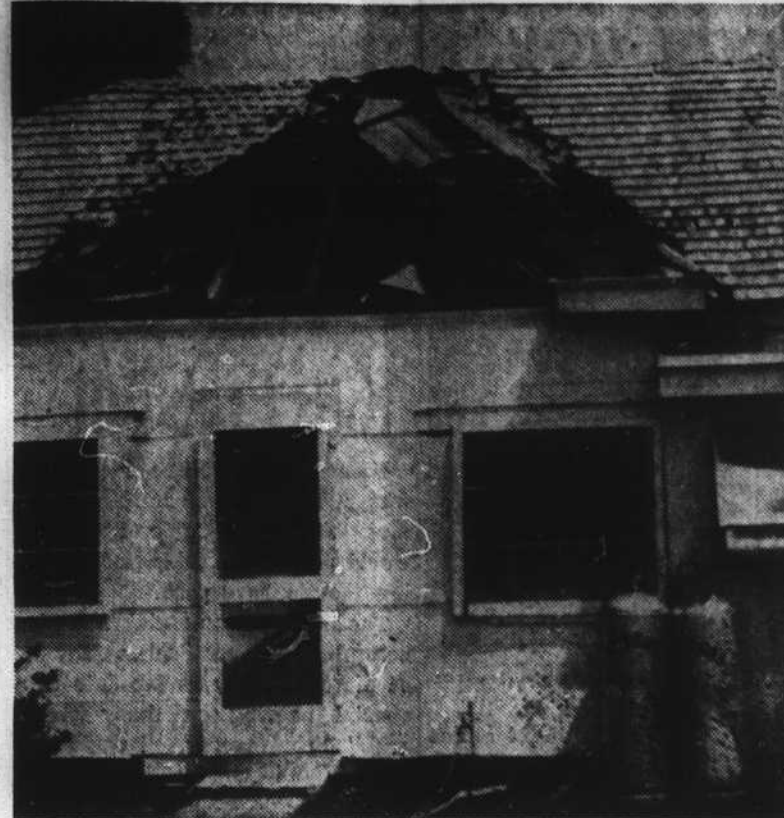
The county auditor will be ex-officio treasurer of the commission, with disbursement of funds to be made only upon approval of county commissioners.

The commission will also have the authority to hire personnel within its budget. It is provided that the intangible tax refunds to the county, from the state, shall be used in whole or in part for financing the commission.

Sailor Injured
A sailor aboard the USS Sandoval at Morehead City state port, was seriously injured in an accident in the engine room Friday about 11:15 a.m. He was taken to Cherry Point dispensary by military ambulance.



This pile of debris is all that remains of a shell shop which formerly stood in the yard at the L. T. Chesson home. Parts of the building were scattered on the highway and parts of it sailed into the woods across the highway.



This is the waterfront side of the L. T. Chesson home, where the tornado snatched away a triangular-shaped portion of the roof. Furniture in a bedroom was damaged by rain and debris from the roof.



The Chappell cabin was shattered by the might of the tornado. This sagging wall, which formerly faced the water, was on the highway side (directly opposite from the water) after the big blow.



The 1963 Buick Riviera belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Chappell was crushed by the weight of the frame cottage. The cottage roof is resting on the automobile, with the floor pointing skyward.

Who is She?



She's Becky Lawrence, Smyrna, that's who — another one of the pretty girls who will take part in the Miss Pirate Queen competition at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 8, in Beaufort.

Town Board Seeks Zoning Board Opinion

Recommendation Sought on Trailers Street Lighting Proposal Presented

Morehead City town commissioners referred to the zoning board for recommendation Thursday night a request that trailers not be permitted in residential areas of town.

At present, trailers or mobile homes are permitted in the town residential areas.

Bud Dixon appeared before the board to request that some action be taken to change zoning laws so that trailers cannot invade the better districts. "They decrease property values," he said.

Mr. Dixon commented that there were 19 trailers in town two years ago and there are certainly more now.

The board heard a detailed proposal for improving street lighting throughout town. They took the proposal under consideration. Presenting it were George Stovall, Morehead City manager of Carolina Power and Light, and Bill Steuer, industrial sales engineer.

The board took no action on a request that the town extend its recorder's court jurisdiction to include Newport. Mayor George Dill said the request was made by mayor or Leon Mann Jr., Newport.

Commissioners felt that the increased business, by accepting Newport cases, may cause lengthier court sessions, which in turn would become an extra expense that would have to be borne by the Morehead City taxpayer.

Action was also deferred on a proposal that the women radio operators who man the police station radio around the clock be made deputy clerks rather than justices of the peace for the purpose of signing warrants.

The board decided to call a hearing on a recommendation from the zoning board that the northeast corner of 24th and Arendell streets be zoned for business.

John Danielson, Fisher street, appeared before the board to request that Fisher street, near 20th be paved. The board suggested that Mr. Danielson see his neighbors to determine whether they would be willing to pay a share of the paving costs. The town would pay half and the residents share in the other half.

Dr. Robert Barnum, chairman of the Morehead City recreation commission, requested that the recreation commission receive its check from the town on the same date each month. He also requested that the town remit funds due the recreation commission from prior years' levies.

The board approved the appointment of John Clemmons and Mrs. S. A. Horton to the recreation commission, replacing John Tillery and Mrs. Harry Salter.

Dr. Russell Outlaw, commissioner, suggested that the recreation commission make door repairs that will permit locking the building. Approved were requests for street lights in the east alley of the 1800 block between Bridges and Arendell, and on the west side of N. 26th street.

A request from Darius Ballou for relief from penalties on back taxes was denied.

Town supervisor Ray Hall reported that all existing loading zones on Arendell street will be eliminated and trucks will use side streets at intersections for loading or unloading.

He also announced that A. H. James, clerk of superior court, would swear in hospital trustees A. B. Roberts and Gordon Willis Friday morning. Mayor Dill commented that tales

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Posts to Install Officers Friday

Officers of the Beaufort and Morehead City American Legion posts will be installed at the meeting of district 6 at the American Legion hut, Morehead City, at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

H. Bruce Johnson, Trenton, commander of district 6, will preside at the supper meeting. The Legion hut is located on Savannah avenue, Morehead Bluffs.

Representatives of ten Legion posts will be present: Trenton, Beaufort, Davis, Newport, Morehead City, Arapahoe, Jacksonville, Bayboro, New Bern and Swansboro.

District officers to be elected. Running for district commander is Robert Reed, commander of the Morehead City post, No. 46.

Among the Beaufort officers to be installed will be Curtis Modlin, commander; David Hill, adjutant; C. L. Beam, finance officer, and David Modlin, chaplain.

Morehead City officers to be installed will be Robert Reed, commander; Lenwood Lee, first vice-commander; Olsen J. Pridgen, second vice-commander; William E. Wade, third vice-commander; Walton Fulcher, adjutant and finance officer; George W. Ball, chaplain; John E. Lashley, sergeant-at-arms; I. E. Pittman, historian, and Luther Hamilton Jr., service officer.

West Carteret School Put Under Contract

Contracts for the West Carteret school have been signed. The job is going to G. M. Thompson, Raleigh, original low bidder.

The contracts were signed early last week, following passage of the school bond issue, according to H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools.

Work on clearing the site got under way the latter part of the week. Preliminary work on plans for the East Carteret school is expected to start when the county board of education meets in June.

Final plans are being made for the Summer Workshop in Beaufort, announces Mrs. Charles Hassell, director. There will be only one day of registration for the courses, Thursday, June 6, from 2 to 5 p.m. at 305 Ann St. All faculty members will be present.

The workshop will open at 305 Ann St. Monday, June 17. The arts program will run for a six-week term. Music and art courses for school-age children and adults are under the same instructors as last year: Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Griese,

Mr. Hassell, classes in piano, general music, choral choir training, music leadership for teachers and youth leaders, and vocal and piano coaching/repertoire for advanced students.

Dancing is the new course offered this year. Tom Davis, master teacher, will conduct classes in ballet, tap, modern jazz for pre-school ages and up. He also will feature ball-room dancing for couples, adults and married couples in night classes.

Teen-age groups may register,

PO Department Rejects Bids

All bids submitted for the proposed new Harkers Island post-office were deemed too high by the postoffice department. David Yeomans, acting postmaster at Harkers Island, says the department is now negotiating with the lowest bidder to see if an agreement can be reached.

Mr. Yeomans also announces that an examination for Harkers Island postmaster has been scheduled and interested persons should apply to take the exam by June 11.

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Juvenile Judge Defers Passing Sentence on Six Booked for Theft

Juvenile Judge A. H. James deferred until this coming Saturday the passing of judgement in the cases of six boys charged with a series of breaking and entering thefts in Beaufort.

One of the youths, Thomas Matthew Penny, 16, is scheduled for hearing this morning in county recorder's court. The others were under 16; the youngest 7.

The Beaufort police department, headed by chief of police Guy Springle, had been working for weeks on the petty thefts occurring within the town. Catching of Penny and a 14-year-old boy in Ben's Bicycle shop Tuesday night was the first real break.

The Joneses returned to the shop shortly after 9 p.m. to get a letter which Mr. Jones had forgotten to mail. He said when he went in the shop, Penny, who was at the cash register, turned and dived head first through a side window which he had forced open and entered.

Mr. Jones ran after the boy but couldn't catch him. Mrs. Jones heard a noise in a side room. Mr. Jones then went in and found the 14-year-old hiding.

While Mr. Jones made sure the youngster didn't try to run, Mrs. Jones phoned the police station. Officer Howard Hill, who said he had just been by the shop about five minutes before the youngsters were discovered, answered the call and took the boy in custody. The next morning they picked up Penny, who was put under \$1,000 bond.

Penny confessed to taking part in a series of thefts in Beaufort and West Beaufort after continued questioning by chief Springle and members of the sheriff's department.

One hundred twenty migrants are in the county now, however, cutting cabbage. Others may arrive about June 5 when the high potato season are ready to be dug.

Working now with the farm labor program is Emma Perry, county office secretary. Further information on availability of work or job openings may be obtained by contacting the U.S. Evans St., Morehead City, or the farm labor office on Highway 17 across from Morehead school.

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Senator Comments on Bill Dealing with County Board

State senator Luther Hamilton said yesterday that he is considering introducing a bill this week that would divide the county into districts, one county commissioner to be elected from each district.

The procedure for selection would be the same as in the past. Candidates will run in the primaries and those winning out would go up for election in November.

Relative to a proposed education bill which would provide for election of county board of education members from districts, senator Hamilton said that he does not see how such a bill would guarantee the minority political party continuous representation.

"The best way to assure that there are both Democrats and Republicans on the board of education is by appointment," the senator said.

"In an election, things can go either all one way or the other and if the education board members are elected, the minority party may end up with no representation on the board," he remarked.

Rep. Thomas Bennett of Carteret

Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar

High	Low
Tuesday, May 21	
12:30 a.m.	12:35 a.m.
1:30 p.m.	12:44 p.m.
Wednesday, May 22	
1:35 a.m.	1:35 p.m.
2:35 p.m.	2:35 p.m.
Thursday, May 23	
2:35 a.m.	2:35 p.m.
3:35 p.m.	3:35 p.m.
Friday, May 24	
3:35 a.m.	3:35 p.m.
4:35 p.m.	3:35 p.m.