

Power Failure Causes Thousands of Dollars Loss

Beaufort Elects Group to Deal With Power Co.

Citizens Collect \$161.84 to Finance Committee Operation

One hundred fifty Beaufort citizens met last night at the court house and elected a committee to deal with Tide Water Power company in regard to its service to Beaufort and down-east communities.

Claud R. Wheatly, Jr., heads the committee and Pritchard Lewis was elected treasurer. Donations collected at the meeting to finance the committee's operation totaled \$161.84. Fifty dollars of this amount was contributed by Beaufort Cannery.

Dr. S. F. Greco, of Beaufort Cannery, made a short address in which he remarked that Beaufort Cannery was a tremendous economic asset to the community but that without electric power it would have to cease operation.

Members of the town committee who will meet this afternoon to plan a course of action are J. O. Harbours, Jr., Leslie Moore, George Brooks, Sr., Hugh Hill, Paul Jones, and Elmer Willis, of Williston.

Mr. Wheatly said yesterday that plans will probably be made to obtain signatures for a petition to be presented to the State Public Utilities commission requesting efficient service to Beaufort and the eastern section of the county.

Elected temporary chairman of last night's meeting was Graham W. Duncan, Jr.

Lions Will Meet At Former USO

Morehead City Lions club will meet at 7 o'clock Friday night at the Carteret County recreational center for its regular weekly meeting. Ronald Harpe, secretary, announced today. Guest at the meeting will be the district governor of the state.

Recently-elected officers of the Lions club are as follows: David Battle Webb, president, Glenn Rose, vice-president, Fred Lewis, first vice-president, Duffy Roe, second vice-president, D. J. Hall, third vice president.

Mr. Harpe, secretary, O. N. Allred, treasurer, Lester Willis, corresponding secretary, Joe Devonschic, Lion Tamer, and Joe Rose, Jr., Tail Twister.

Mr. Webb succeeds Victor Wiskizer as president.

Safety Committee Head Studies Traffic Problem

Clyde Jones, chairman of the public safety committee of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, has undertaken the task of easing the heavy traffic to Atlantic Beach on weekends. The ultimate goal of committee is to have stoplights put at busy intersections.

The reason for this movement is that the traffic situation could get so out of hand that it would nullify all the benefits that the businesses at the beach are now enjoying.

Mr. Jones was instrumental in securing the aid of the state highway patrol in handling the traffic in the past two weeks, and he will work with state and city agencies for future improvements.

Guilford Pilots Make Flight to Morehead City

Thirty-one pilots of the Guilford Pilots association, Greensboro and High Point, flew to Morehead City Sunday morning in nine planes. The group, under the direction of Flight Commander Hemphill, stopped for breakfast here and some spent the day on the beach.

The reason for the flight is that some time ago one of the pilots of the association had been shown such courtesy at the local airport when he developed engine trouble that he decided he would return to enjoy the same courtesy once more. Not only did he return, but he brought 30 other airmen with him.

Royal Teen-Agers



Elected by Morehead City Teen-Agers as their king and queen are Otis Jefferson, Jr., of Beaufort, pictured above right, and Ann Dale, left. Below them are the prince and princess, Denny Lawrence, right, and Eileen Ray Gaskins, left. These four teen-age club members had their titles bestowed upon them at a coronation at the recreation center Tuesday night. Photo by Guy Paul Dixon

Schooling Races Will End Tonight, Track Opens Officially Tomorrow

Tonight will conclude the three nights of schooling races at the dog track west of Morehead City and the 100-day racing season will officially open tomorrow night, the first race scheduled at 8:15.

Schooling races went off much better Saturday night than Friday when the power failed and the dogs, probably much to their amazement, caught up with the mechanical rabbit.

One dog who actually made contact with the leaping lure, Mr. Long Ears, hit the steel bar which holds the rabbit and broke his leg. The dog, Hot Java, owned by Robert Townsend and valued at \$500, was taken to a veterinarian where his leg was set, but his racing days are over.

Because the lights along the track were not ready for use Friday night, the races began at 7 o'clock in order that as many as possible could be run in daylight. Paul Cleland, manager, said.

Power at the dog track is supplied by Tide Water Power company, but to guard against any future occurrence similar to Friday night's, an auxiliary plant will be installed, according to Ed Hoebe, contractor and engineer.

Neither was the track completely illuminated Saturday night. There were lights only on every other pole around the track but this in no way reduced the enthusiasm shown by the crowd, estimated at about 2,300.

Recreation Board Elected Thursday

At the first annual meeting of the board of directors of the Carteret County Recreation Association, Inc., Thursday night at the Recreational center, Morehead City, the directors appointed to serve when the association was organized early this year were re-elected. W. C. Matthews, president, announced today.

Also discussed were means of interesting civic organizations to use the center's facilities. Mrs. Harold Sampson, director of the center, will remain in that position, Mr. Matthews said.

The directors, besides Mr. Matthews, are Mrs. Sampson, Victor Wickizer, Tony Seamon, Harold Sampson, W. L. Derrickson, M. T. Mills, W. C. Carlton, Walter Freeman, all of Morehead City, Kenneth Prest, C. R. Wheatly, Jr., both of Beaufort, and Harry Mizelle, Newport.

Ulrich Hester, Motorist, To Appear in Court Today

Beaufort police court yesterday found probable cause in the case of Ulrich Hester involved in a motor vehicle accident Thursday morning in Beaufort. The case was bound over to recorder's court today.

Hester was driving east on Broad street shortly after 12 midnight Thursday morning and Delmas and Ray Mitchell Willis, brothers, were riding on a motorcycle south on Live Oak street when a collision occurred.

Hester took the two boys to the hospital where they were treated for minor injuries.

AEC Stockholder Denies Road Sale

New York Firm Has 60-Day Option to Buy Mullet Line

The Mullet Line, running from Goldsboro to Morehead City, officially known as the Atlantic and East Carolina railroad, has not been sold, according to reports from Harry P. Edwards, New Bern, one of the four major North Carolina stockholders.

Mr. Edwards late last week, however, confirmed reports that negotiations were in process with New York interests in regard to sale of operating rights, according to a dispatch from the Associated Press.

Seventy-two per cent of the road is owned by the State of North Carolina and the operating franchise is controlled by Mr. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Huchan, Kingston, and J. A. Bolich, Jr., Winston-Salem.

Mr. Edwards stated that A. W. Bankert and Company, New York, has a 60-day option to buy the operating rights. He and Matt Allen, general counsel for the road were in New York early last week negotiating for sale of the franchise.

Affiliates of the banking firm, C. P. Lowe and Walter Keers, and Charles Pinkerton, president of the Detroit and Mackinac railroad were in Morehead City and New Bern Saturday inspecting the road, shops at New Bern, and docking facilities at Port Terminal.

Mr. Keers, spokesman for the Bankert firm, on Saturday confirmed reports that the road had not been sold. Local employees state, however, that they have been informed the line has changed hands and they will be retained in their present positions.

W. Kerr Scott, prior to his winning the democratic nomination for governor Saturday, stated that the operating rights were being sold because of "the realization of banker creditors of the railroad... that Treasurer Johnson hasn't a chance to win and that they wanted to get the railroad lease in the hands of management of their selection prior to the change in administration."

Mr. Edwards denied a statement also made by Scott that the road had deteriorated. Since the operating company took it over under lease Sept. 1, 1939, he declared, more than \$1,000,000 has been spent in improvements.

The road in 1939 had 60-pound rails and "rotten ties" which limited speed to 15 miles per hour, Edwards said. But now it has 90-pound rails and full trains run over it at 40 miles per hour. He added that the property is "several hundred per cent better" than it was in 1939.

Police Tag Tide Water Trailer for No Lights

Phillip Thomas was ordered to pay \$10 fine and \$5 court costs yesterday afternoon in Morehead City police court for having improper lights on his trailer. The vehicle belongs to Tide Water Power company.

Saturday morning at 1:30 a.m., when the company was attempting to meet the power failure emergency in Beaufort, Thomas was transporting a light pole for the company and did not have any warning light on the end of the pole, according to police. At 5th and Bridges streets the pole damaged the car of Dr. J. O. Baxter, Beaufort.

In two other cases handled by the court, Ronald Henry Brizell paid \$25 and costs of court for peeping and trespassing, while Benner Guthrie and Roma Wade each paid \$20 and \$5 costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Tide Table

Table with tide times for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, including high and low tide times.

Temperatures Climb To 90's Over Weekend

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday's temperatures hit the 90's, E. Stamey Davis, official weather observer, reported yesterday. There was no rainfall on these three days.

Maximum and minimum temperatures were as follows:

Table showing maximum and minimum temperatures for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Beaufort Without Power 14 Hours; Morehead Businessmen Complain

To the 15 businessmen who met with Mr. Jones yesterday afternoon in the chamber of commerce offices no assurances were given that immediate steps could be taken to improve the power supply in Morehead City.

"I'd rather not make any promises," said Mr. Jones, "until I receive a report at the end of the week from our electrical engineer."

Mr. Jones assured the men that the local power plant, beginning last night, would go into operation night and day.

In answer to the question involving danger of fire in homes and businesses when the voltage is reduced and motors burn out, Mr. Jones said there was no danger.

Ray Garrett, of the Blue Ribbon club, countered with the fact that during one failure a thousand gallon pump burned out. "If I hadn't discovered it smoking in time, the whole place would have burned down," he remarked.

The vice president of the power company said that adequate protective equipment would prevent burning out.

"That's why our men are here this week, to see where we can help you stop these losses," said Mr. Jones.

J. A. Wright, electrical engineer, arrived here yesterday to study the situation. George R. Wallace, of Wallace Fisheries, addressing Mr. Jones, said, "In 1945 we signed a contract with you people to provide us with power and we pay you for electrical service we never get."

He stated that because of power inadequacies one of their three fish plants has been shut down. Power failures have caused a tremendous loss of fish and inability to process the menhaden has made a nauseating stench in vicinity of the Wallace plants.

Throughout the discussion, Mr. Jones' main defense was that Morehead City is growing so rapidly that the vast needs of this area now were not thought of in Tide Water's long-range planning. He cited the growth at Atlantic Beach and location here of the roofing plant and the race track as creating unprecedented demands on the city's power facilities.

He stated that the 1,200 kilowatts required by the felt plant is 50 per cent of the entire needs of Morehead City in 1944.

In answer to questions about power surges, Mr. Jones said that nothing can be done about those when an interconnected system is in use. He said that lightning trouble in Goldsboro or Raleigh would cause a power surge here.

Mr. Jones said that as far as he could see at the moment, no permanent solution to the situation could be made until new equipment, ordered more than a year ago, comes through.

He stated that present plans provide for erection of a power line from Cherry Point along route 101 to Beaufort, providing a line duplicating the one now in use from Cherry Point to Morehead City. But this line would not be in operation before February or March.

Failure of power in both Beaufort and Morehead City during the past several weeks brought action yesterday on the part of citizens in both towns.

Mayor Lawrence Hassell, Beaufort, announced a meeting at the court house last night, and Morehead City businessmen met in chamber of commerce offices yesterday afternoon with A. E. Jones, vice-president of Tide Water Power company.

Ring Power Goes Off on Telephones

Telephones in Beaufort have been out of order several times during the weekend.

The ringing power went off shortly after 6 o'clock Saturday night and was not restored until shortly before 8. L. A. Daniels, manager of Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company, said yesterday morning that he didn't know what the trouble was but that they were "working on it."

Yesterday afternoon the ringing power went off again for a short time. Dialing certain Beaufort numbers brought nothing but crackling and roaring.

Plant Lice Attack County Tobacco

R. M. Williams, Agent, Recommends Spray Method Of Control

Tobacco fields throughout Carteret county are rapidly becoming infested with plant lice. R. M. Williams, county agent, commented today.

This pest has attacked tobacco earlier this season than it did last year, he remarked. The lady bug is a natural enemy of plant lice; however, the lice reproduce more rapidly than they are being consumed by the lady bug. No recommended insecticide on the market has proven very effective in controlling the aphid.

Mr. Williams recommends the following: Tetraethyl phosphate is suggested as a control measure and is sold under the trade names of musifos and vapotone xx. It should be applied when the plants are dry for best coverage.

If aphid infestation is spotted in the field, hand sprayers may be used. If the infestation is general, horse-drawn sprayers can be used. A barrel type sprayer mounted on a tobacco truck with eight spray nozzles is required to do a good job if tobacco is large. Four nozzles should be placed low with two directed at an angle to spray the sides of two rows.

Two nozzles are directed parallel to the ground to spray higher up on the plant and two are directed downward. A sprayer rigged up in this manner should be driven down each middle row in order to get complete coverage on both sides of the plant.

Tetraethyl phosphate must be See APHIDS Page 6

A survey yesterday morning of only a few Beaufort merchants revealed a loss of almost \$5,000 as a result of the power stoppage Saturday night and Sunday. This, with spoilage of food in home refrigerators and deep freeze units, stores closing early Saturday night and resultant loss of business, runs the estimate of cost to Beaufort for 14 hours without power well over \$10,000.

Places of business down east, also in darkness, withstood losses swelling this figure.

Cause of power stoppage was due to failure of the cable across Gallant's channel that a deep draft tug, passing through the draw at low tide Saturday, may have damaged, but this has not been definitely determined. George Stovall, manager of the local Tide Water plant, stated.

According to Mr. Stovall, the power went off at 8:10 Saturday night and didn't come on until 9:53 a.m. Sunday. Source of trouble was not located until 1 a.m. Sections of the line were cut out until the difficulty was found. When the cable was tested it was learned that one phase was grounded.

At present power is going into Beaufort through an overhead line. Repair to the underwater cable would require at least two weeks, Mr. Stovall said. Two 80-foot poles were erected on each side of the channel and aluminum wire, light enough for overhead use, was trucked here from Wilmington Saturday night.

By the time the truck arrived at 3:30 a.m. the poles were up. Two crews, Tide Water crew, and men from the Z. A. Sneed Contracting company, New Bern, worked all night under portable floodlights.

The auxiliary plant in Beaufort went on at 9 a.m., providing power to pump water and power for street lights. Because machinery there is not in perfect condition and spare parts will not arrive until next month, Mr. Stovall said that a heavy load was not put on the plant for fear it would fail completely, making it impossible to supply water.

Because of the overhead wire across the channel, both the railroad and draw bridge are closed to water traffic. Mr. Stovall commended Chief George H. Meekins, commander of the Beaufort group, United States Coast Guard, for sending out warnings regarding closing of the bridges. J. B. Hutchins, New Bern, district highway engineer, also notified bridge tenders throughout the state.

Power service was interrupted again Sunday night, however, when a craft went through the draws, damaging the overhead line. The line passes directly over Noe's fish house to a pole set in See POWER Page 6

Johnson Carries County Saturday In 2nd Primary

Winning Candidate, Scott, Receives 1,053 Votes, Johnson 1,994

Although Kerr Scott carried the state and won the Democratic nomination for the governorship, which is tantamount to election, his opponent, Charles M. Johnson, swept Carteret county by almost a 2-to-1 margin. A total of 3,047 votes were cast at the polls Saturday, which is 1,000 more than were counted in the first primary several weeks back. There are 9,000 voters registered.

Carteret county gave Johnson a total of 1,994 votes, while Scott received 1,053. In the first primary, Johnson received 1,625 and Scott was credited with 657. Apparently the vote given to Wayne Albright was pretty well split up between the two candidates in Saturday's election with a slight edge going to Scott, with several precincts either unanimous or nearly unanimous in Scott's favor. There was an increase in the agricultural vote, and the best part of this also went to Scott.

Johnson, however, took the vote where it counted the most, in the larger communities of Morehead City, Beaufort, Harkers Island, and Atlantic.

Johnson swept Atlantic by a 219-to-8 vote. He also took Salter Path unanimously by getting all 116 ballots cast.

Here is how the candidates fared in each of the 27 precincts of Carteret county:

Atlantic, Johnson 219, Scott 8; Beaufort, Johnson 390, Scott 255; Bettie, Johnson 28, Scott 30; Bogue Johnson 1, Scott 40; Broad Creek, Johnson 65, Scott 3; Cedar Island, Johnson 49, Scott 14.

Cedar Point, Johnson 0, Scott 35; Davis, Johnson 67, Scott 10; Harkers Island, Johnson 175, Scott 94; Harlowe, Johnson 27, Scott 21; Long Pine, Johnson 0, Scott 12; Marshallberg, Johnson 71, Scott 21; Merrimon, Johnson 29, Scott 19; Morehead City, Johnson 417, Scott 235; Newport, Johnson 72, Scott 68; Otway, Johnson 29, Scott 21; Pelletier, Johnson 1, Scott 37; Portsmouth, Johnson 9, Scott 9; Salter Path, Johnson 116, Scott 0; Sealevel, Johnson 74, Scott 20; Smyrna, Johnson 28, Scott 8; Stacy, Johnson 11, Scott 13.

Stella, Johnson 9, Scott 9; Straits, Johnson 57, Scott 39; Wildwood, Johnson 17, Scott 31; Williston, Johnson 18, Scott 6; Wire Grass, Johnson 17, Scott 24.

Grass Burns

The Beaufort fire department was called out at 2:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon to put out a grass fire on Ann street extension. The firemen were at the scene about one hour. No damage to property was reported.

Morehead City Firemen Made State Hose Race Record



Members: from left to right, Chief G. L. Arthur, John Webb, Clarence Taylor, George Adams, Cleveland Smith, Manny Willis, Earl Piner, horse "Gib," Charlie Smith, Elijah Willis, Charles Styron, Vannie Willis, Fred Royal, Charles Wallace, Jr., Richard Fodrie.

By F. C. Salisbury

Pictured here are the members of the City Fire department who in 1914 established a hose race record at the firemen's convention held in Winston-Salem that year that was never equaled in the state.

Attending a firemen's convention in Fayetteville in 1912 the team took part in their first con-

test, winning second prize. At the convention in Wilmington the next year they did not compete but when they went to the gathering at Winston-Salem they were ready for all comers.

After running the regular scheduled race and setting an unprecedented record the judges were of the opinion that the stop watches were at fault. They were required to make another run. Just

to show up the judges, they beat their first record, establishing a time record of 27 3/5 seconds. That record holds to this day.

Besides the driver, seven men took part in the race. A flying start was made 50 yards from the starting line, then a run by the horse and cart of 200 yards to a hydrant, from which point 288 feet of hose was laid to the finish line, the time being recorded when

the stream of water came from the nozzle.

John Webb was hydrant jumper. His duty was to connect the hose to the hydrant while Elijah Willis stood by to turn on the water by the time the nozzle was connected. George Adams who was the nozzle man fed out the hose to the slack catchers, Richard Fodrie, Charles Wallace and Vannie Willis. When See FIREMEN Page 6