

New Water Tank Goes into Service



Newport's new pastel green 100,000 gallon water tank on the Nine-Foot Road goes into service this week.
Firemen filled the new tank last week for test and sterilizing purposes. Here Fire Chief Charlie Gould Jr., and Police Chief Dan Bell, left, check filling op-

erations. The old 50,000 gallon wood tank is in the foreground. The old tank leaks very badly and tons of icicles formed on it last week. Portions of the icicles remain and tons of ice litter the ground. Ice bent in one of the lower cross members and one leg was slightly bent by the

weight of the ice.
Conversion of the pump and the addition of emergency auxiliary power took place last weekend. Both the old and the new tank furnished water to the town while the pump was being worked on.
The new tank was erected in

record time, considering the weather, said B. R. Garner, water commissioner. R. D. Cole Company of Newman, Ga., put up the tank at a cost of \$28,835.
Firemen plan to make a training tower out of the old tank for the use of the County Fire Schools.

Fish, Shrimp, Apparently Killed by Cold, Discovered

Seafood Dealer Gets Six Years on Bad Check Case

Port Calendar

Askold—Docked at state port Friday for bunker products. She refueled with oil and sailed Saturday.
Benjamin Chew—Sailed from state port Saturday with a cargo of tobacco for Hamburg.
Orizaba—Due at state port Friday to load dairy products for CARE.
Monterey—Due at state port Saturday to load dairy products for CARE.
Esso Patterson—Due at state port Monday with petroleum products for Standard Oil.

M. A. Edwards, a seafood dealer from Aurora, was sentenced to six years in jail Thursday for passing bad checks. County recorder's court judge Lambert Morris suspended the sentence on payment of all court costs and payment of all the checks, about \$2,500 worth.
Edwards had been buying seafood from county fishermen and paying them with bad checks. Judge Morris ruled that Edwards would have to post a \$3,000 bond to insure that the terms of the suspension would be met before he could get out of jail. He was still in the county jail Saturday.
William F. Gillikin was fined \$200 and costs for careless and reckless driving. Three other defendants were fined \$100 and costs for the same offense. They were Shirley Ann Turnage, Lacy Lee Jarman and Dale W. Pyles.

County Board Informed About Mosquito Control

Sidney H. Usry, secretary of the Salt Marsh Mosquito Study Commission, told the county board of commissioners yesterday that if mosquito control district petitions are placed before the county board soon, a vote on levying a special tax for mosquito control could be taken in the primary May 31.

Mr. Usry said that 60 days is needed to go through the proper legal machinery between the time the petitions are presented to the county board and a vote is taken.

As of today, there are 87 days between now and the primary. The county board of commissioners is meeting as a board of equalization Monday, March 17. Whether the board could consider petitions then was not discussed.

To make the county a mosquito control district, 10 per cent of the voters would have to sign a petition. In the Sea Level area such a petition has already been circulated.

Mr. Usry said he did not know what boundaries are set forth in that petition. He suggests that the entire county be a control district in order to derive maximum benefit.

Mr. Usry said that 10 cents per hundred dollars valuation would be a logical assessment. This would yield in this county about \$38,000 for mosquito control.

Commissioner Harrell Taylor, Sea Level, said that his community has ordered sawdust bags, chartered a plane for aerial work and taken other steps to combat the mosquito. He said, "We need county and state help, too."

Mr. Usry estimated that Carteret would receive more than \$1,800 this year for control. Forty-eight hundred was the amount given by the state last year. No county, he said, may receive more than \$15,000 under the present arrangement.

The board took no action because there is nothing the board can do until petitions come before it.

Engineers Schedule Hearing
United States Army engineers will conduct a public hearing at 10 a.m. April 8 at the Duval County Army, Jacksonville, Fla., on types of vessels requiring a minimum vertical clearance under bridges on the inland waterway between Trenton, N. J., and Key West, Fla.

Suspends Licenses
The state highway safety division has suspended the licenses of Eden C. Barefoot Jr., Broad Creek, and Ervin E. Lupton, Morehead City. The action came after convictions for speeding.

Drunk Driver

Arturo R. Maldonado Jr. was fined \$100 and costs after he pled guilty to charges of driving drunk.

Two defendants were fined \$75 and costs each. They were Jerome H. Fousek, failure to yield the right of way, and Gaston L. Parnell, careless and reckless driving and driving too fast for existing conditions.

Leo J. Bassett was fined \$25 and costs for driving on the wrong side of the road. George E. Quinones was fined \$10 and costs for driving with improper lights. Dick Ricks got a \$10 and costs fine for public drunkenness.

Forfeit Bonds

Seven defendants forfeited bonds. They follow: George R. G. King, driving on the wrong side of the road; Clem Gillikin, no driver's license, driving after license revoked and failure to heed a siren; Jesse P. Tillett, speeding; George Daniel Hill, no reflectors on truck; Robert Louis Needs, running a stop sign; Grayer K. Willis, failure to yield the right of way; and William B. Parkins, public drunkenness.

James Wheeler Smith was charged one-half costs for speeding. Robert Lee Thomas, charged with assault, was turned loose and the prosecuting witness was taxed court costs for malicious prosecution.

The state decided not to try Herman S. Montford, who had been charged with following too close. Charges of failure to yield the right of way against Charles W. White and Hilma M. Phelps were dismissed.

Tommy Howard Wins Contest

Tommy Howard of the Newport Chapter Future Farmers of America won the public speaking contest at New Bern Thursday.

Schools eligible to participate in the federation contest were Newport and Smyrna of Carteret County; Jasper, Dover and Vanceboro of Craven County; and Pamlico Central of Pamlico County.

Newport won the Federation Banner to hang in their classroom and the right to participate in the district public speaking contest to be held in Perquimans School in Perquimans County May 3, 1958.

The judges used the following for scoring the contestants: contents of manuscript, composition of manuscript, voice, stage presence, power of expression, response to questions and general effect.

Evidence is beginning to turn up testifying to extensive destruction of fish and shrimp during the freeze the week of Feb. 17.

Dr. A. F. Chestnut, director of the Institute of Fisheries Research, University of North Carolina, reports that the bottom of the Neuse is "a graveyard of fish".

The institute's research vessel, Machapunga, based at Morehead City, found extensive numbers of dead fish, crabs and shrimp Tuesday and Wednesday on the bottom of the Neuse River and Adams Creek. The Machapunga was on routine trawling operations.

Among the dead fish were menhaden, anchovies, mullet, young-of-the-year spot and croaker, spotted trout and flounder.

In Newport River and between Cape Lookout and Cape Fear, oystermen have tonged up numerous dead shrimp.

Dr. Austin Williams of the institute found both dead and live shrimp during trawling operations in Bogue Sound.

Dr. Earl E. Deubler Jr., of the institute, said that cause of death cannot be ascertained with certainty, "but it is most likely that the subfreezing weather of the week of Feb. 17 can be held accountable for the majority of the kill."

The bottom water in the Neuse River, as of Feb. 25, was still very cold. The bottom temperature at Garbacon Shoal was 30 degrees Fahrenheit, and at Wilkinson Point 38½.

John Chivas and Lloyd Reed, snapper fishermen working out of Morehead City, reported that while working 50 miles offshore last week they caught only one snapper and saw many dead food fish floating, probably carried out to sea from inland waters.

Dr. Chestnut explained that salt-water fish cannot stand a tremendous temperature change. Fresh water fish, on the other hand, can frequently freeze in a block of ice, and swim away when the ice thaws.

Dr. Williams is working at present on a project to determine the extent of tolerance shrimp have to temperature change.

Fire Damages Atlantic Beach Summer House

The Ned Grady cottage on Atlantic Beach was severely damaged by fire Saturday night. The cottage, a two-apartment frame house, is on Bogue Boulevard East, near the Lighthouse Restaurant.

Aubert Mason, Atlantic Beach, reported the fire to the Idle Hour Amusement Center at 11:30 p.m. Firemen and civil defense volunteers rushed to the fire and the Morehead City Fire Department was called.

Help Comes

The Atlantic Beach fire truck began the fight and was soon joined by both trucks from the West End fire station, Morehead City.

The fire began downstairs and had gained considerable headway before the flames were seen from outside. Smoke and heat had ruined most of the furniture in the house, according to Atlantic Beach mayor A. B. Cooper.

Fireman Hurt

Morehead City fireman Dallas Guthrie cut his right hand while trying to raise an upstairs window. He was taken to a doctor for treatment.

Mr. Grady, who was spending the weekend at the beach, was not at home when the fire was reported. When he got home the first thing he did, according to observers, was to run in and bring out his fishing rods and tackle box.

Mr. Grady told the mayor that the house was partially covered by insurance, but he did not know just how much damage the insurance would cover.

Sheriff Salter Addresses Club

Sheriff Hugh Salter was guest speaker at the Morehead City Rotary Club meeting Thursday night. The sheriff spoke on his training at the FBI Academy.

He gave a brief description of the courses he took and told the members how he had been able to apply this training to his work in the county.

Mr. Salter concluded his discussion with a mention of the origin and history of the FBI. He was the guest of program chairman George Dill.

Club president Grover Munden announced that there will be a district conference for newly-elected officers in Wilmington March 24-25. President elect Thomas Noe was appointed chairman of a committee to see that all new officers attend the conference.

Mr. Munden congratulated the Rotarians on their attendance during the past six months. He said that the Morehead City Club ranked fourth in the district in attendance for that period.

Newport Town Tags

Motorists who have not obtained their Newport town tags are urged to do so at once. Tags may be obtained from Miss Edith Lockey, clerk at any time, or on Sundays and Saturdays from Mrs. Blanche Edwards, Texaco Service Station in Newport. Price is \$1.

Highway Route Recommended

Presented yesterday to the county board of commissioners, the county board of education, and to the Beaufort town board last night was a resolution passed by the Beaufort School board of trustees at a special meeting Thursday night at the school.

The resolution requests that the new highway through Beaufort, Highway 70, proceed east from the Live Oak intersection, bypass the school, and rejoin the present Highway 70 north of town.

The resolution said that such a routing would eliminate a serious safety hazard at the school. The highway now goes directly by the school.

The county board took no action on the matter, pending presentation of the resolution to the county board of education.

Wiley Taylor Jr., attorney who presented the petition to the board, said that such a routing was requested by a delegation of parents who appeared before the Beaufort School board Thursday night.

The resolution was signed by Raymond Ball, chairman, and B. E. Tarkington, secretary to the school board.

Egg Month Princess Named

Miss Ann Davis, Smyrna School, was selected as March Egg Month princess at a special meeting of the Agriculture Workers Council Friday afternoon.

Miss Bonnie Fish, Morehead City, was selected first runner-up and Miss Mildred Hamilton, Atlantic, second runner-up.

In the competition from Beaufort School was Brenda Smith and from Newport School Myrna Fulcher.

The candidates were selected by the home economics teachers of their respective schools.

Carl Garner, Newport, is March Egg Month chairman.

Mr. Garner asks all persons to participate in the observance of egg month by using more eggs. He especially asks restaurants and school lunchrooms to feature eggs on their menus during the month.

A guest at the meeting was John Bryan, ASC supervisor from Greenville.

Water Company Manager Says Record Good

C. W. Williams, manager of the Carolina Water Co. here, said Friday that the Carolina Water Co. has not failed yet to keep Beaufort and Morehead City supplied with water.

Mr. Williams was referring to the fact that emergency pumping equipment in Beaufort was put out of commission during the big freeze two weeks ago.

He said further that it would "have done no good" to run the emergency diesel engine during the cold weather to keep it from freezing and bursting. Mr. Williams also said that no one told him that the engine should be run.

In a news story Friday, a Beaufort official was quoted as saying that running the engine to keep it from freezing was recommended but the water company didn't want to "waste the fuel".

Mr. Williams conceded that perhaps such a suggestion may have been made to a water company employe but not to him.

The way to have kept the engine from freezing, he explained, was to have drained it.

The water company has decided not to make any repairs on the emergency equipment, pending a decision on whether a new well is to be drilled in Beaufort.

Civil court opens next Monday and continues for one week.

Morehead City Sailor Lost Life 40 Years Ago Today

By F. C. SALISBURY
It is only a name carved on a brown stone memorial standing in front of the Morehead City municipal building, "Leonard Day", but to many who recall the days of World War I, it brings to mind the complete disappearance at sea of the Navy supply ship Cyclops in which sailor Day lost his life 40 years ago today, March 4, 1918.
Leonard Day was one of two Morehead City boys who died in service of their country during World War I. Born at Bath, N. C., he came to Morehead City as a young boy to make his home with his mother, sister and brother, following the death of his father.
Enlisting in the Navy at Norfolk at the age of 20, he was assigned to the Cyclops as an oiler. This craft during the war operated between Baltimore and Rio de Ja-

Investigating Committee Finds Irregularities in Housing Deal

The 10-county group investigating the Eastern Carolina Regional Housing Authority found enough irregularities in the Seymour Johnson homes deal to request the governor to "take whatever action is necessary to insure that the Regional Housing Authority asserts its interest in the property described as Seymour Johnson homes". This may mean court action.

From information obtained during two days and nights of inquiry, the investigators believe that there is reason to doubt that Emmett Powell, executive director of the authority, and his associates own the land, and the homes, that they have agreed to sell to the Eastern Carolina Regional Housing Authority for \$1,165,000.

Odell Merrill, Beaufort, a Carteret commissioner and secretary to the investigating group, reported to the county board yesterday at the courthouse on the investigation, which took place Friday and Saturday at Raleigh.

Recommend Resignations
The investigators have recommended that Emmett Powell and N. E. Mohr, assistant executive director of the authority, resign immediately "and that appropriate steps be taken to remove them from office, if necessary".

They further found the following:

1. That Mr. Powell and Mr. Mohr could not act in the best interests of the housing authority while at the same time having an

interest in Wayne Redevelopment Corp.

2. Loan of money by Mrs. Emmett Powell to the authority was "improper".

3. The housing authority "did not exercise necessary diligence in protecting the interests of the authority". The committee felt, however, that there may be varying degrees of responsibility among members of the authority due to "varying degrees of knowledge concerning the operations of the authority".

I. E. Pittman, Morehead City, chairman of the authority, appeared before the investigating committee Friday.

10 Counties Represented
The investigation was started at the request of the governor who asked county boards of each of the 10 counties covered by the ECRHA to appoint a man to the investigating committee. The counties in addition to Carteret, are Jones, Sampson, Duplin, Wayne, Johnston, Harnett, Craven, Pamlico and Onalaw.

Mr. Merrill said yesterday that the committee tried to learn when Mr. Powell felt he acquired ownership of the homes at Seymour Johnson air base, Goldsboro, and if he owned them, why did the housing authority invest over \$300,000 in them for repair?

Mr. Merrill said Mr. Powell took the position that he was violating no state law by lending money to the authority or negotiating other business with them, while executive director, because he had informed the authority of his private interests.

"The attorney general took an entirely different stand on that," Mr. Merrill said. The attorney general, George Patton, was assisting in the investigation.

Mr. Merrill pointed out that the committee was not asked to determine any criminal intent on the part of the persons involved in the deal. He said those who appeared before the committee did so voluntarily. They did not testify under oath.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, March 4	
6:55 a.m.	12:49 a.m.
7:19 p.m.	1:22 p.m.
Wednesday, March 5	
7:43 a.m.	1:41 a.m.
8:07 p.m.	2:09 p.m.
Thursday, March 6	
8:32 a.m.	2:31 a.m.
8:37 p.m.	2:55 p.m.
Friday, March 7	
9:23 a.m.	3:19 a.m.
9:49 p.m.	3:40 p.m.

Which One Stole the Emerald?

Appearing in Saturday night's production of Peekaboo Penny are Lillian Frances Giddens, left, Jimmy Wheatley, Leonard Lewis, right, and Thomas Respass, in the inset.
Miss Giddens, of Morehead City portrays an English woman in the who-stole-the-emerald



comedy. Mr. Wheatley of Beaufort is DeLaska, play director. Mr. Lewis, Morehead City, is Buck Dorgy, a cowboy from Oklahoma, and Mr. Respass, Beaufort, is a hotel manager.
Miss Giddens is portraying the same role she appeared in when the play was given in Morehead City in 1950 to raise funds for the First Baptist Church building program.
The curtain goes up at 8 at the recreation building. Tickets may be obtained in Beaufort at Potter's dress shop; in Morehead at Helen's Beauty Shop. Negro Patrons are cordially invited. Tic-