

## Carteret Contributes 10 To Big Highway Death Toll

### Newport Sells Tags, Decals

#### Board Orders Marling Of Hargett Street

#### No Change Made on 10 O'Clock Deadline

Town tags and decals for cars and trucks are on sale now at Edwards Soda shop, Newport.

Both tags and decals are \$1 each and must be on the vehicle by Feb. 15. Mayor Leon Mann Jr. says that no extension of time will be granted.

Town commissioners, in session Tuesday night at the town hall, named Prentiss Garner as list taker.

The board took no action on a request from D. Ira Garner, relayed by commissioner Leslie Bercegey, that the time limit on selling beer at night be extended from 10 p. m. to 11.

Commissioner Bercegey reported that the Newport Industrial Corp. is in the process of getting figures on cost of a building, which it plans to erect for a plastic-metal industry.

The board approved transferral of \$900 from the general fund to the water department. Commissioners Dick Lockety and Bercegey reported that 127 gallons were used out of the town pump last month, quite a drop from the number of gallons used in previous months.

A lock is now on the pump and a record kept of the gallonage.

Lonnie Howard, contractor, gave the board a price of \$2 per ton on marl and the board ordered that Hargett Street be marled to a packed depth of 4 inches. Street commissioner John Kelly was authorized to supervise the opening of Johnson Street by the side of the railroad.

Commissioner Bercegey requested that a hole on E. Forest Drive be repaired.

The board voted payment of \$100 toward rebuilding the motor in the police chief's car. Commissioner Kelly did not vote; commissioner Bercegey voted against the proposal, commissioners Lockety, Bennie Garner and Wilbur Garner for it.

The clerk, Miss Edith Lockety, read a letter from the town auditor, Josiah Bailey, relative to state withholding tax and higher social security deductions.

Bills in the amount of \$592.82 were ordered paid, leaving a balance in the general fund of \$2,960.66.

## Newport Firemen List Committees

Fire department committees for 1960 were named at the meeting of Newport firemen Monday night at the town hall.

They are as follows: driver-operators, Manly Pollard, Junius Haskett, M. C. Howard, Raymond Edwards, John Lilly; ladder crew, Allen Elliott, Ira Jones, W. J. Kirby, John B. Kelly, Bill Dugee.

Water supply, Bill Carroll, Fred Kelly, Leon Mann Jr., B. T. Smith Jr.; training and fire observation, Leon Mann Jr., Bennie Garner, George Green.

Rescue-salvage, W. D. Heath, Doug Henderson, Gilbert Slaughter; investigation, C. A. Gould Jr., Bill Dugee; fire-fighter, Milton Gould, Lionel Garner, Gordon Catter, Monroe Garner, Carroll Mills.

Fire reports, Allen Elliott and Larry Howard.

Firemen agreed to go out of town to fight rural fires, if the town and Newport Rural Fire Association got together on an agreement.

James H. Garganus was admitted as a new member. It was announced that the Eastern Carolina Firemen's Association will meet Tuesday night at 7 at the high school in Hertford. Officers will be elected and a rescue program will be presented.

Twenty-five members attended. Chaplain Ira Jones opened and closed the meeting.

## Luncheon Honors Student Bus Drivers

Carteret student bus drivers were honored Wednesday at a luncheon at the recreation center in Morehead City.

John C. Noe, advisor in safety education of the state department of public instruction, lauded the students for their part in making the student bus driving program in North Carolina second to none in the nation. He challenged them to strive toward even greater goals.

Highway deaths in the state totaled 1,183 in 1959, the highest since 1941. Ten of those deaths occurred in Carteret county.

The new year was only three weeks old when Mrs. Joyce Hawley, 19, of the Beaufort-Morehead City causeway, was killed on the Salter Path road.

Almost four months passed before another fatality occurred. On May 24, Elisha Murray Jr., 40, was killed on the Merrimon Road. August through December were the bloody months. Bert Murdoch Jr., 20, Wildwood, and Clarence D. Adams, 20, Broad Creek, were victims in the same accident at Harkers Island Aug. 2.

Eben Lee Harker, 34, Beaufort, was killed in an oil tanker-moving van crash at Newport Aug. 8. The only pedestrian fatality was 5-year-old Delores Jean Quidley, Atlantic, who was killed when a car struck her Sept. 20.

Bobby Gene Hampton, 25, USMC, Cherry Point, was killed on highway 24 near Gales Creek Oct. 13. William M. Simmons, 22, Newport, was killed on highway 70 near Newport Nov. 8. Two weeks later, Franklin C. Oglesby, 18, Mill Creek, was killed Nov. 22 on highway 101 north of Beaufort.

Two days before the year's end, Clifford Clement, 21, USMC, Camp Lejeune was killed on highway 70 when his car failed to round the curve at Willie Gray's junkyard at the west Morehead City town limits.

The Grim Reaper claimed the young on the highways in Carteret in 1959. Ninety per cent of the fatalities were persons under 35. The oldest was 40.

## Defendant Gives Appeal Notice In County Court

Charles Henry Dunn was sentenced to a total of two years in jail Tuesday in county recorder's court for failing to comply with former court orders. Two warrants charged Dunn with failing to comply with the terms of a former suspended sentence and failing to support his minor children in compliance with the terms of a suspended sentence of March 19, 1959.

Dunn appealed the verdicts to superior court after receiving one year jail sentences on each count. Judge L. R. Morris set Dunn's bond at \$500.

Another defendant receiving a jail sentence Tuesday was Tommy Balding Jr. who was charged with engaging in an affray, public drunkenness, destroying county property and failure to comply with a former court order. After being found guilty on all counts Balding was sentenced to one year in jail and work on the roads.

Other defendants, their charges and the findings of the court were as follows:

Curtis Eugene Weaver — Speeding, no operator's license, no insurance and failing to transfer registration, 30 days in jail suspended on payment of \$50 and costs.

Helen Parker Ipeck—Failing to yield the right of way. Not prosecuted.

Edward Harold Culpher—No insurance. Not prosecuted.

Walter Thomas Harkley Jr.—Speeding. Costs paid.

Thomas Taylor and Walter R. Buck—Disorderly conduct, assault and destruction of property. Case dismissed.

Ollie Hargett—Public drunkenness. Three months in jail with a recommendation for psychiatric treatment.

Lawrence Nelson—Violation of fishing laws. Paid costs.

Henry Simpson—Public drunkenness. Paid costs.

Eugene Rose—Public drunkenness. Bond forfeited.

Melvin I. Tillman and Ronald E. Ribichaud—Carrying a concealed weapon. Case dismissed.

Max Barry Willis—Driving on the wrong side of the road, resulting in an accident. Costs paid.

Henry Dudley—Non-support. Defendant requests a jury trial. Bond set at \$300.

Bill Williston Fitzgerald—Driving drunk. Fined \$100 and court costs.

Robert Noah Pritchard—Having improper lights. Paid costs.

George Ellison—Public drunkenness. Paid costs.

Seventy-five cases were continued until later terms of court.

## City Board Wants Bridge to Run From Crab Point

### Commissioners Express Concern Tuesday

### Approval Given Added CD Personnel

Morehead City commissioners, meeting Tuesday night at the municipal building, adopted a resolution asking that the highway bridge across Newport river be located between Crab Point and Beaufort and be at least four lanes wide.

Taking part in the bridge discussion were Rufus Butner, president of the Morehead City chamber of commerce, and Augustine Piner, member of the Morehead City Pilots Association.

Mayor George W. Dill Jr. read aloud parts of a proposal by the State Ports Authority which recommends that the bridge be "as far north as possible." Mayor Dill wasn't satisfied with that statement, saying that such a designation could mean 10 feet north of the present bridge.

The board discussed having the bridge located at the site proposed by the highway department, but having an ocean draw in the bridge. Mr. Piner cited the expense involved in an ocean draw and in piloting a ship through such a draw. This plan was abandoned by the commissioners.

The mayor mentioned that the two traffic lanes proposed by the highway department would be obsolete in a short time and recommended that the resolution record the board in favor of no less than four traffic lanes.

Location was discussed at length and the board agreed that the best location would be from the Crab Point area to Phillips Island and across to Beaufort.

They pointed out that this location would open the port for further development and make both sides of the Newport River available for industrial sites. They said that marshes and made land would contribute to cutting construction expenses on the bridge approaches.

In enumerating reasons why they were in favor of the new location, the board cited port expansion, industrial growth, routing through traffic away from the congested downtown area, and the fact that in case of national emergency Morehead City would become a port of embarkation and debarkation, needing as much space as possible.

It was agreed that Mayor Dill, attorney George McNeill and Mr. Piner draw up the resolution and prepare a chart to present at the public hearing. Mr. Butner pledged the support of the chamber of commerce and the Neuse Development Association.

D. Cordova, Civil Defense chairman, appeared to get the board's approval on additional Civil Defense staff members. The board also earmarked \$800 of the contingency fund as a figure upon which CD authorities can base the town's purchasing power.

Approved to be added to the CD staff were Carl Mack Edwards, chief warning officer; Mrs. Willard Hardy, emergency communication.

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## Town, Rural Fire Group Agree on Two-Year Plan

After lengthy discussion, Newport town commissioners and officers of the Newport Rural Fire Protection association agreed on a cooperative plan Tuesday night at the town hall.

Under the agreement, the rural association will pay the town of Newport \$100 a month for routine maintenance costs. Any repair costs, on either of the two fire trucks, that exceed \$25 will go to the rural association for payment. The proportion of cost paid for new equipment will be negotiated between the association and the fire department.

The agreement will be in effect for two years, the town reserving the right, however, to renegotiate at the end of one year if it is found that the town is running into debt because of the expense involved in fighting rural fires.

A clause in the contract, being drawn up by town attorney George Ball, also states that rural fires shall be answered if the fire-fighting equipment is reasonably available. For example, if both the rural and town truck should have mechanical difficulties simultaneously, the town could not be held responsible for not getting the equipment to a fire.

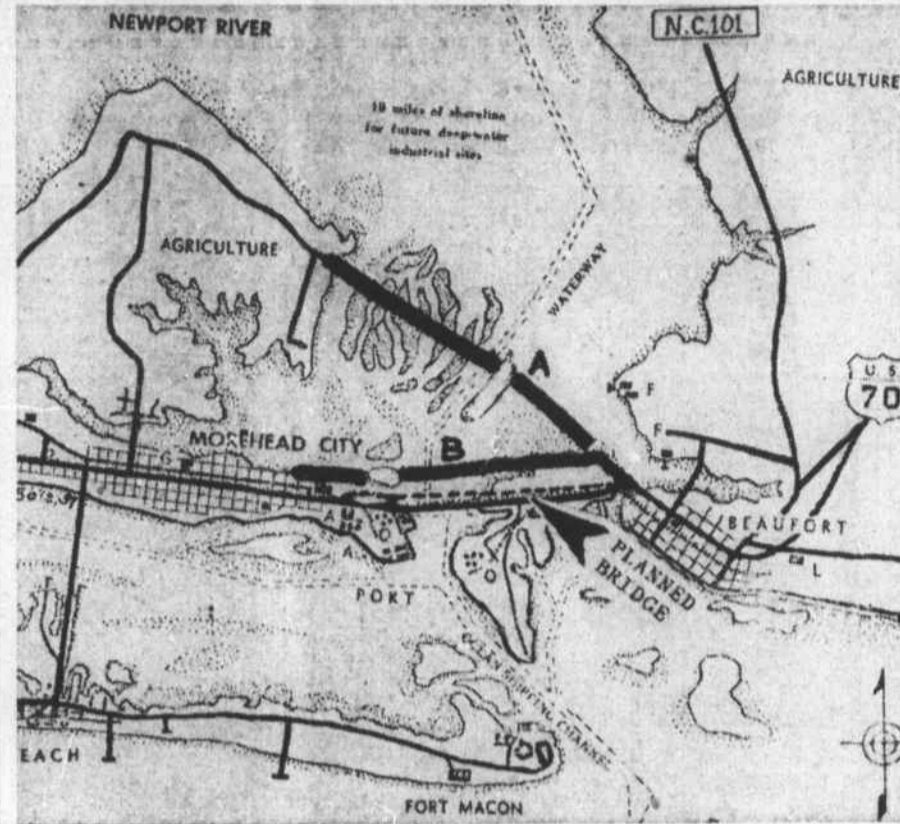
It was agreed that the firemen will answer calls and carry out their activities under the rules and regulations of the Newport Rural Fire Protection association.

All rural fire calls will be answered up to Feb. 1, because some rural residents have not been contacted as yet regarding their membership.

Persons who have not been contacted are asked to get in touch immediately with Ray Lackey, president of the rural association, or Larry Howard, lieutenant in the fire department.

Mr. Lackey reported that 192 had joined the rural association by Tuesday night. Accompanying him to the meeting were Y. Z. Simmons and Troy Cannon, trustees.

# Local Interests Oppose 100 Per Cent State's Morehead City Bridge Plan



The black line labeled A, above, is the approximate bridge location sought by the town of Morehead City. It crosses from Crab Point to the fish factory island and into Beaufort. The B route was mentioned in passing at the hearing yesterday. It would continue from Bay or Fisher Streets in Morehead City, cross to Marsh Island and thence to Beaufort. The bridge proposed by the highway commission is indicated by a dotted line. In addition to the A route, the town of Morehead City also recommended another causeway and bridge, from Crab Point running south to the port, as a means of highway access to the port by a route other than through town. (Basic map courtesy of Morehead City Chamber of Commerce).

## Symphony Drive Now Under Way

Phone centers for North Carolina symphony memberships and renewals are 8-3400 in Beaufort and 6-4383 in Morehead City.

Four persons attended a symphony society executive meeting Tuesday night. Some also went to a meeting Monday night, but due to a misunderstanding among officers as to the time, a meeting was rescheduled Tuesday night at the civic center, Morehead City.

Attending were C. R. Davant, Clyde Burr, Mrs. Edward Arrington and Miss Mary Arrington.

Persons wishing to join the symphony society should phone either of the above numbers. A membership, \$3 per person, or \$5 for a joint membership, entitles the holder to attend concerts of the symphony during the coming season.

The symphony will play in this county in April.

Funds for membership renewal this summer totaled \$156. This was collected as the result of mail contact direct from Chapel Hill, symphony headquarters.



Mayor George Dill, Morehead City, left, and D. Leon Williams, state ports director, look at map showing Morehead City's bridge system. The top black line on the chart would be the bridge to Beaufort. The lower black line would be the auxiliary highway from Crab Point to the port.

## ICC to Conduct Hearing On Southern Rail Rates

Rufus Butner, president of the Morehead City chamber of commerce, reported to directors Monday night that the Interstate Commerce Commission will conduct a hearing Monday, Jan. 25, at Wilmington to hear Wilmington protests against rates recently put in effect by Southern Railway for imports and exports through the port of Morehead City.

A committee from the chamber will be present. If deemed necessary, representatives of the Neuse Development Association, from Kinston, Goldsboro and New Bern, will also be asked to attend the hearing.

The budget for 1960 was approved. Whether the \$14,650 item for advertising exclusively would be included will depend on investments made by members.

It was suggested that the chamber's transportation committee cooperate with town commissioners regarding adequate bus terminal facilities in Morehead City.

Directors authorized a chamber committee to work with town commissioners on presentation of testimony at the bridge hearing in Beaufort yesterday.

Dr. S. W. Hatcher suggested that a chamber of commerce office, built in a way to serve as a tourist attraction, be set up on the outskirts of town. The board requested that a more detailed report on location and costs be submitted in February.

Attending the meeting were Ed Swann, S. A. Chalk Jr., George McNeill, Shelby Freeman, Garland M. Scruggs, Jimmy Wallace and Joe DuBois, chamber manager.

Club to Meet  
The Beaufort Garden Club will meet at 10:30 Thursday morning at the Scout building, Pollock Street.

## Newport Group To Meet Monday

The Newport Development Association will meet in a special session at 7:45 Monday night at the school. The speakers will be Truman Kemp and Henry White, Morehead City.

Bill Boyd, president of the association says the meeting has been called to discuss possibility of Carteret Industries, Inc., a new garment manufacturing concern, locating at Newport.

Mr. Boyd invites all Newport citizens to the meeting.

## Newport Rotarians See Movie Monday Night

A film, Hazards in the Home and on the Farm, was shown to members of the Newport Rotary club by program chairman Charles Long at the weekly meeting of the club Monday.

Visiting Morehead City Rotarians were the Rev. Guthrie Brown and Bill Baughman. Clayton Cannon, Newport, attended as the guest of Derryl Garner.

## Official Promises Repair To Bridge Approaches

In answer to motorists' complaints about approaches to the new bridge at North River, C. Y. Griffin, district engineer, said yesterday that temporary repairs will be made.

Motorists have been concerned about the pot-holes and washed out approaches, aggravated by this week's rains. Full paving of the approaches will not be made until April.

If powerful testimony was needed to make the State Highway Commission change its mind about the location of the bridge across Newport river, it got it yesterday at the hearing in Beaufort. No Carteret resident spoke in favor of the commission's proposal.

Whether the testimony was powerful enough will not be known for a month or more. Sam Beard, public relations consultant with the State Highway Commission, said that the full commission will probably want to review the statements made.

He said that the highway commission will meet Feb. 2, but whether it would make a decision on the Morehead City bridge then could not be predicted.

In introductory remarks, Mr. Beard said the new bridge would require six months to design, 18 months for construction and cost \$2 million. He added that in an origin and destination survey last summer it was shown that most of the traffic using the present bridge went between the Beaufort and Morehead City business districts.

T. B. Gunter, chief bridge engineer, in remarks at the close of the hearing, re-emphasized that statement. He said, "You need a bridge where it is now and a bypass on the north in the future. Let's take care of your immediate needs with revisions possible later."

Those against that idea point out that a new bridge near the present site would block the entire mouth of Newport river for port development.

Mr. Gunter said that the bridge would have a 25-foot under clearance when closed, plus features allowing for a draw for ocean-type vessels as well as addition of two more lanes.

D. Leon Williams, director of the State Ports Authority, was the first to testify. He reviewed the factors needed in port development, citing particularly the availability of land adjacent to water or accessible to water.

He said that the present port area is congested, adding that a new bridge between Beaufort and Crab Point would open much area to industrial development.

He concluded with these observations:

1. Whatever can be done to open areas to the north of the present port would be most advantageous.
2. The second choice of the ports authority would be a bridge on the north side of Morehead City, crossing Marsh Island (northeast of the Morehead City yacht basin) on the north of the island and thence to Beaufort.
3. If that is possible, under no circumstances should the upper Newport River be cut off from ocean-going vessels. Spans should be used that will allow their passage.

Following Mr. Williams' comments, Mr. Beard read telegrams from the Kinston, Goldsboro, New Bern, and Greenville chambers of commerce, all in support of a bridge located upstream from the present bridge.

R. C. McGowan, state design engineer, introduced Moses Howard, chairman of the board of county commissioners, who welcomed the highway officials to the county.

The next to offer testimony was mayor W. H. Potter, Beaufort. He said the bridge, as proposed by the highway commission, is in the wrong place, is too low, too narrow and otherwise inadequate.

He added that no ocean span should ever be placed in a highway bridge. The mayor said that both the present highway bridge and railroad bridge should be relocated. He suggested that the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad should purchase the Beaufort and Morehead railroad, whose bridge spans the Newport river next to

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## Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar

LOW	Friday, Jan. 8	HIGH
10:41 a.m.		4:12 a.m.
10:51 p.m.		4:31 p.m.
	Saturday, Jan. 9	
11:30 a.m.		5:05 a.m.
11:38 p.m.		5:27 p.m.
	Sunday, Jan. 10	
12:17 a.m.		5:54 a.m.
		6:17 p.m.
	Monday, Jan. 11	
12:22 a.m.		6:38 a.m.
1:02 p.m.		7:01 p.m.
	Tuesday, Jan. 12	
1:06 a.m.		7:18 a.m.
1:46 p.m.		7:42 p.m.

(Editor's Note: We regret that the times of tides, high and low, since Jan. 1, have been reversed in this table. We hope that the tide table today will be less confusing to those whose daily business and pleasure are affected by the tides. These are approximate tide times at the Beaufort bar. This means that the high and low tide times may vary at different points along the Carteret coast.)

## Education Board Hopes to Match Federal Funds

Members of the county board of education discussed Monday the possibility of finding sufficient funds to match federal funds for teaching-aids in science, math and foreign languages.

Available to this county in federal money (under the National Defense Education act) is \$23,815.05. If the county education funds can match that, almost \$48,000 would be available to buy library books, visual equipment and laboratory equipment for grades 1 through 12.

The funds would be allotted to schools on a per capita average daily attendance basis. H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, said that all schools have been contacted to learn whether they could put any funds in the program. All are willing, he said, and it has been suggested that about 10 per cent of the allotment for the school be put up by the school.

If enough local funds cannot be raised to match the total \$23,815.05, Mr. Joslyn said the federal funds would be available to match the amount that is put up locally.

Robert W. Safrit Jr., chairman of the board, presided. Other board members present were D. Mason, Atlantic; W. B. Allen, Newport, and George R. Wallace, Morehead City.

## MOD Chairmen Announce Plans

January is March of Dimes month.

Dr. L. J. Norris, chairman of the Carteret chapter of the National Foundation, and Bud Dixon, drive chairman, have planned special activities for the month.

Mrs. E. C. Broughton of Raleigh, a state worker with the National Foundation, attended a March of Dimes meeting Monday night at Rex Restaurant, at which plans for the month were laid.

A 15-minute film, Do Unto Others, was shown. Dr. Norris reports that the film deals with the work of the National Foundation and he will be happy to lend it to any interested organizations.

Rainbow crutches will be sold in downtown Morehead City and Beaufort Saturday. They will be sold by high school students. A teenage dance is planned for later this month and it is hoped that an all-star basketball game can be played, proceeds from both events going to the drive.

Attending Monday night's meeting, in addition to Dr. Norris, Mr. Dixon and Mrs. Broughton, were Pat Hummer of Morehead City, teenage chairman; school representatives Annette Cooper and Johnny Crowe of Morehead City high school, Eric Pake and Anne Lewis of Smyrna high school, and Jerry Fulford and Theresa Bellamah of Beaufort high school.

Newport and Atlantic were not represented, but will take part in the campaign, Dr. Norris said.

## NCEA Committee Will Nominate Vice-President

Miss Gertrude Styron, president of the Carteret County unit of the North Carolina Education Association has appointed a committee to nominate a vice-president for the current year.

The vice-president will serve with Lenwood Lee, who is president, and will advance to the presidency next year. The vacancy results from Mr. Lee's advancing to the presidency.

Serving on the committee are Mrs. Zelma Phillips of Morehead City, Mrs. Pearl Day of Beaufort, Mrs. Nellie Willis of Smyrna, Mrs. Rebecca Bell of Harkers Island; Mrs. Sallie Mason of Camp Glenn, Miss Minnie Nelson of Newport and Mrs. Roma Davis of Atlantic.

Weather Affects Plans  
If the weather is bad tomorrow, the 101 Community Club meeting scheduled for 7 p. m. will not be held, announces G. T. Spivey, club president. If the weather is fair, members are invited to bring a covered dish to Mrs. Ruth Davis's cabin for a fellowship supper.