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Mayor JIM REDFIELD was authorized at the November Board of Commissioners meeting to appoint a committee to look into what effect the proposed new bridge (should it connect the main land to Bogue Banks at Bridge Road in PKS) might have on our community. The Mayor will welcome volunteers to serve on this committee, and the Board itself will take no further action regarding the bridge until this authorized study has been made.

The Board also approved a mutual aid pact between Atlantic Beach and PKS for police protection in emergencies. Such a pact has since been drawn up.

A representative of Beacon House will speak at the next Board meeting on December 12th. Beacon House is the Drug Abuse Center in Morehead City which sponsors Help-Line and offers drug education classes and counseling.

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KERNEY SMITH is better;--he is recovering from a recent heart attack. In fact, he felt good enough to go to the polls on election day. The only thing was, he couldn't quite handle the steps so, because of the Curbside Voting Law, the elections officials went to him outside the Town Hall so that he could fill out his ballots. Mr. Tilghman of the Board of Elections tells us that although ordinarily people who've been ill prefer to cast absentee ballots, they are more than welcome to come as close as they can to the polling place and the officials will meet them! Neat, huh?

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Incidentally, perhaps the best voter turnout in the State happened in PKS. Out of an eligible 199 voters here, 160 voted.

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And - our tax collection rate is one of the highest in the county: for 1973, 99.96%. Proves once again that this is a community of people who care about what's to become of them, and who are responsible citizens. ALLEEN ADAMS, Town Clerk, says we're already up to the halfway mark for the 1974 collection.

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MEET A NEIGHBOR

Among our long-time residents (long as Pine Knoll Shores goes) are ADALINE and HERBERT WALKER. They bought the red house on Salter Path Road almost nine years ago, and for many of us, the Walkers were our first acquaintances down here. When they moved here, there were very few year-round residents -- just Hazel and Bill Smith, Irene and Louis Babuin, Nettie and William Murzill, the McBrides, the Carners, and the Fulchers.

The WALKERS moved here from Cleveland where Herbert was with the Federal Home Loan Bank Board as a savings examiner responsible for the Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee area. They had searched for coast from Wilmington south for a retirement home and found nothing they liked. Then they read an ad in the Wall Street Journal, came to look, and fell in love with our wooded island. Their home here is midway between their son's home in Key West and their daughter's in Toronto, both of whom are heading this way for Christmas. The Walkers love to travel. Their latest trip took them across Canada by train, and just this month they returned from their favorite spot on a lake in Ontario, Canada, where Adaline spent her summers as a child. Both of them enjoy walking, and you will meet them any day walking the beach or the roads of Pine Knoll Shores.

The Walkers live on the ocean side of our community; the HALLERS on the Sound. They came here from New Jersey where they had a home on the mountain above Watchung. KEN was a partner in a New York City law firm and specialized in corporation law, a specialty from which we all benefited when worked out the charter of incorporation for our Town of Pine Knoll Shores. One of his principle clients as a lawyer was a Japanese import firm which he incorporated after the war, and through that relationship, KEN and NEWELL met many Japanese businessmen and their wives. KEN speaks particularly of the nice sense of humor of the Japanese. KEN took his law degree at Harvard Law School and practiced first in Buffalo, New York, where he shared a house with five other young men and an ex-Pullman car attendant who did their cooking and housekeeping. He and NEWELL met on the S.S. Siscoey in the Gulf of Mexico, and NEWELL points out that this was a shipboard romance which has lasted and lasted. The Hallers have two sons, two daughters, and six grandchildren. Both NEWELL and KEN have traveled a great deal (Newell started young - her father was