

# Ten Towns Pledge Funds to Fight Power Rate Hike

## Dan L. Walker to Fill Beaufort Clerk Position

## Mayors Face New Problem: What To Do with Prisoners

The mayors of Beaufort and Morehead City were scratching their heads this week over the county's Monday edict which declares that no more town prisoners shall be housed in the county jail free.

Mayor Lawrence Hassell of Beaufort said that the town's keeping the prisoners would mean that the town would have to feed and clothe most of them (vagrants seldom have working clothes that are wearable) and also provide sleeping quarters for them at night. The cost of keeping them would exceed the so-called savings if they were put to work on the streets, the mayor declared.

"Also," he added, "a justice of the peace has the same jurisdiction as a mayor. If a JP sends someone to jail, is the JP going to have to pay for keeping him there?"

Mayor Hassell declared that if he has to send a prisoner to jail from mayor's court Monday, he's going to send him to the county jail.

Mayor George W. Dill, Morehead City, was reached for comment Wednesday while he was conferring with the town attorney on the matter.

Mr. Dill said that if a prisoner is a violator of a general statute (in other words a state offender), the county has to take him and put him in jail when he is sent there from a lower court.

When asked if the town police had been instructed to draw up warrants specifying violation of either a town or general statute, Mayor Dill replied, "Not as yet." He said that instruction will be made in accordance with the town attorney's advice.

"Furthermore," the mayor says, "the sheriff says we have received a bill for \$104.40 for Morehead City prisoners sent there during July. We haven't received any such bill."

## County Board OKs New Office, Vault

B. H. Stephens, Beaufort architect, received county commissioners' approval in a special meeting Wednesday morning to call for bids on a new office and vault for housing of county deeds and register of deeds office personnel.

The new fireproof vault and office, estimated to cost between \$12,000 and \$15,000, will be built at the northwest corner of the court house. It will provide space more than double that of the present office and vault.

Improvements to the register of deeds office, especially a spacious vault, have been requested for the past several years by the county's lawyers. Members of the Carteret County Bar association have appeared in times past at county board meetings with urgent requests that they be given more space to work when searching deed titles.

The present register of deeds office will then be occupied by the county tax collector, E. O. Moore, the sheriff's office will be moved to the east end of the building to the present tax collector's office, and the room now being used as the sheriff's office will become a grand jury room.

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## Overplanting Of Cotton May Cause Troubles

B. J. May, PMA Officer, Explains Marketing Procedure for Excess

The complexity of red tape planned by the government for farmers who overplant their cotton allotments this year and wish to sell the cotton without a marketing card is so great that farmers will be only to glad to destroy the cotton rather than try to sell it, County PMA Officer B. J. May commented yesterday.

Extensive red tape processes were revealed at a meeting in Kinston Tuesday of PMA officials from 10 counties. They discussed regulations pertaining to acreage allotments and marketing quotas on cotton in 1950.

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If the farmer does not wish to follow this procedure he can take a longer and more complex course. This involves taking the excess to the ginmer without a marketing card. If the ginmer will buy the cotton without a card, which most will not do, May stated, an extremely detailed process of filling out a large number of legal forms will follow before payment can be made for the excess and a penalty fee of 15 and one-half cents a pound must be paid by the farmer.

Therefore, May remarked, it appears that the best course for all farmers is to plant within their allotment in order to avoid such involved marketing procedure. If the farmer does plant over his allotment, May concluded, his best course is to pay his penalty fee in advance in order to avoid the possibility of not being able to dispose of his excess at all.

## Organizes Company

He helped organize a private commercial investigation company in which he was a partner for five years. As a partner in a small construction company he was sales manager and supervisor of construction.

As resident engineer for the Fairchild Engine and Airplane company, he was in charge of subcontracting in the mid-west for a period of a year and a half and was later assistant manager of the purchasing department for Firestone Tire and Rubber company ordnance plant, Burlington.

Mr. Walker served one year as executive vice-president (manager) of the Siler City chamber of commerce and is nationally known in Junior Chamber of Commerce work.

He was Jaycee state chairman in 1946, one of the three vice-presidents of the state organization in 1947 and 1948, and was a national director of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1948 and 1949.

In 1949 he completed business courses at the University of North Carolina. These courses were conducted by the Southeastern Institute of Chamber of Commerce Executives.

Mr. Walker's work with the Beaufort chamber of commerce has been extensive. He will continue in the capacity of manager of the chamber but will devote full time to the clerk's job. The clerk's pay is \$200 per month. As manager of the chamber of commerce he will receive \$150 a month. He accepted the position two years ago at a salary of \$300 a month.

Mr. Walker's application was presented by Braxton Adair, president of the chamber of commerce. Appearing in support of Mr. Walker's appointment were members of the Junior Woman's club, Mrs. Dick Parker, Mrs. Glenn Adair, Mrs. Eric Moore, and Mrs. Bob Slater, also Dr. W. L. Woodard, Gerald Woolard, George Eastman, Halsey Paul, Gene Smith, and Paul Jones.

After all applications were presented the town board went into executive session and in half an hour arrived unanimously at their decision.

## A&N Owners Meet This Morning

The annual meeting of stockholders of the State-controlled Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad company, "The Old Mullet Line," from Goldsboro to the coast, will begin at 11 a.m. this morning at the Atlantic Beach hotel.

Election of new officers and directors will be a regular item of business. Since the State of North Carolina owns the controlling interest, Governor Scott will appoint the officers, subject to routine approval by the new directors, eight of whom he will name and the other four to be elected as usual by the private stockholders.

M. G. Mann, of Raleigh and formerly of Newport, general manager of the Farmers Cooperative Exchange and North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative association, was named last year by Governor Scott to head the railroad. It is predicted that he will be reappointed.

Judson H. Blount, of Greenville, former railroad president, is now chairman of the board; R. Mayne Albright, of Raleigh, is attorney; and Guy Hargett, of Richlands, is secretary-treasurer. Hilton Smith, of Raleigh, is expert; and L. V. Morrill, of Snow Hill, is inspector.

Directors are Blount, Mann, L. W. Hassell of Beaufort, Dempsey Hodges of Kinston, Frank A. Seymour of Goldsboro, W. O. Abbott of Williamston, Thomas W. Davis of Pink Hill and Maj. J. T. Kingsley of Norfolk, Va., who is president of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad, all of whom were nominated last year by Governor Scott; and H. S. Gibbs of Morehead City, George W. Ippock of Erno, George P. Folk of Edenton and William Dunn of New Bern, who were elected by the private stockholders.

On the executive committee are Mann, Hargett, Gibbs, Blount and Seymour.

Dr. Grady Dixon of Spear will speak at the Southeastern Public Health Workers association conference today at Atlantic Beach. Dr. Dixon's talk will follow luncheon in the Ocean King hotel at 12:30 a.m.

## Kimston Hangs On To Draft Records

Mrs. Ruby Holland, clerk of local draft board 16, stated yesterday that the county's draft records have not as yet arrived from Kinston. The records were ordered to be stored in Kinston when the draft office closed in 1949.

Mrs. Holland added that there is indication that 18-year-old boys in the county are not registering. Most of the men who have registered during the past few weeks are 19 and older, Mrs. Holland said, and many of them should have registered when they reached 18.

Eighteen-year-olds are required by law to register within five days after their 18th birthday. There are some sections of the county, heavily populated, which certainly have 18-year-old boys, but none from those sections have visited the draft office, the clerk commented.

The new office is located on the second floor of the court house annex, Beaufort, and is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mrs. Holland will attend a conference for draft board clerks at Wilmington Thursday, Aug. 17. Draft board members have been invited also.

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## Uranium Turns Outpost In Jungle to Boom Town

Kamina, Belgian Congo — This little whistle stop on the Port Francaise-Elisabethville railway is on the way to becoming Belgium's biggest overseas military base.

Squads of Congolese working under the supervision of 175 Euro-peans are carving a huge airfield and military camp out of the surrounding jungle. In the case of hostilities, Kamina would become the ginkpin of the colony's defense.

About 150 miles to the southeast lies plenty worth defending — the Congo's uranium mines, the richest known in the world.

With an area eighty times the size of Belgium at their disposal the Belgian technicians are not being skippy about the size of the field. Its longest runway is scheduled to stretch three and a half miles. Over 100 miles of roadway are being laid out. Altogether the field and military base will cover 123,500 acres, when finished late in 1952.

During 1949 the construction site up \$1,740,000, or about one-tenth of the \$15 million dollars estimated as the final cost.

Towards the end of 1951 the base will be partially opened when a pilot school moves in. Young Belgians will earn their wings over the wide open spaces of the colony instead of over the intensely crowded home country as at present. Accident risk will be cut down because of this. In case of a crash landing the fledglings have one million square miles to choose from instead of tiny cultivated fields of Belgium.

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## T. A. Loving, Goldsboro, Bids Low on Port Job



Ports Authority Says Contract Will Probably Be Let in Two Weeks

Official letting of the contract for construction of port facilities at Morehead City will probably be held within the next two weeks with T. A. Loving Construction company of Goldsboro the firm most likely to get the job, it was stated yesterday.

Col. George W. Gillette, state ports director, stated yesterday upon opening of bids in Morehead City's municipal building, that after study of the bids by members of the State Port's authority and the council of state the final contract would be let, probably within two week's time.

Assumption that the Goldsboro firm would get the contract was based on the fact that the company was low bidder on construction work. Loving's bid for construction of all port facilities was \$1,898,539, \$1,461 under the official state estimate of port construction cost, \$1,900,000, and \$337,123 lower than the next closest bid, \$2,235,662 by Carpenter Construction company of Norfolk.

Other firms bidding on the work were Tidewater Construction company of Norfolk, McLean Contracting company of Baltimore, Diamond Construction company of Washington, D. C., Hardaway Construction company of Columbus, Ga., and Murhead Construction company of Norfolk.

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The three who were fined, Richard B. Morgan and E. J. Chabes, Cherry Point Marines, and A. C. Turner of Burlington, were involved in an affray Sunday night in front of Freeman Brothers store.

The Marines said they had stopped their car waiting for another car to leave a parking space they intended to occupy. As the other car pulled out, they testified, Turner drove alongside their car and drove into the empty space.

When this happened the Marines said they got out and told Turner the space was theirs. When he said it was his, a fracas ensued in which all three were involved. All three paid the costs of court on charges of street fighting.

Sam Williams, W. H. Broughton, Thomas S. Hall and David T. Harris were fined \$10 and costs for speeding. The bonds of James W. Weaver and R. M. Nelson were forfeited for the same offense when they failed to appear in court as were the bonds of Ed Jones and William Gorham, charged with public drunkenness.

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## 12 Towns Send Men To Morehead Meeting

Twelve of the 20 towns served by Tide Water Power company met in the civic center, Morehead City, Tuesday afternoon to plan their campaign against the \$200,000 rate rise recently granted the power concern by the State Utilities commission.

Ten towns immediately pledged moral support and an initial payment of \$100 to carry forward the fight, while Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach representatives stated that they would seek approval of the move by their town boards. These boards will meet this week.

The meeting was called by Robert G. Lowe, manager of the Morehead City chamber of commerce. The 28 lawyers, town mayors, and businessmen formed a Tide Water Rates Protestants association and elected Dan L. Walker, Beaufort town clerk and manager of the Beaufort chamber of commerce, as chairman.

Will File Exception

The committee will file an exception with the State Utilities commission prior to the Aug. 19 deadline. If the commission allows the exception, it will reopen and review the case. If it denies the request for rehearing, the Protestants association expressed its readiness to carry the case to court.

It was agreed that further funds would be collected from the towns, depending on their size.

Members of the committee serving under Mr. Walker are Braxton Adair, Beaufort; Clyde Jones, Morehead City; Ormsby Mann, Newport; and E. B. Bugg, Wilmington.

Hotel Man Speaks

Mr. Bugg, Wilmington hotel manager, said he had come to the conference as authorized spokesman for the thousand Legionnaires of American Legion Post No. 10, Wilmington.

During the early stages of the Tide Water case, Bugg recalled, the Utilities commission sent two efficiency experts to Wilmington to study Tide Water's books.

"After the efficiency experts had examined all the records," he said, "they told the Commission Tide Water was not entitled to any increase."

"It looks like the Commission experts got out experted."

"I run a hotel," he added, "I could ask for higher rates in my hotel. But if the traffic wouldn't bear it, I'd be running business away."

"And that's what Tide Water Power company will do to prospective business and industry for this section of North Carolina. They'll run it away," he declared.

Motion Made

Mr. Bugg put on the floor the motion to request the Utilities commission for a re-hearing. After Mayor Bryan Parsons of Clarkston seconded the motion, representatives of the various towns individually expressed their approval.

Wiley Taylor, jr., Beaufort town attorney, one of the parties who protested against the rate rise at the 1949 hearing, gave a brief summary of the beginning of the fight last year when Whiteville, Newport and Clyde Jones, individual protester of Morehead City, asked the Utilities commission to deny Tide Water's request.

He declared that Beaufort is going ahead with the protest whether the other towns gave their support or not. "But we need the help of all of you," he declared. "Like other small towns in North Carolina, we're broke, and we need your help, both financially and morally."

George Ball, Newport town attorney, was the first to get at the purpose for which the whole meeting was called: to get money to fight the thing. He offered financial assistance from Newport and suggested that Mr. Taylor set an example.

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## Patrolmen Lodge Three Charges Against Motorist

A Cherry Point Marine will be tried Tuesday for hit and run, speeding in excess of 75 miles an hour and reckless driving as the result of an accident Wednesday night that took place within sight of two state highway patrolmen.

Donald R. McKeen, the Marine, was arrested Wednesday night after he sped past two patrolmen examining driver's licenses, ran into another car several hundred yards past the patrolmen and attempted to outrun the patrol car on highway 70 leading into Havelock.

According to Highway Patrolman W. E. Pickett and W. J. Smith, arresting officers, they were stopping cars and examining driver's licenses about a half mile east of the county line on highway 70 at 7:15 Wednesday night.

As they were examining one driver's license, a 1946 Ford convertible sped past them and whisked down the highway toward Havelock without stopping.

Before the Ford could get 500 yards past the patrolmen, a crash was heard and the two officers looked up to see one car pull over to the side of the road and the Ford continue on its mad rush down the highway.

Both officers jumped into the patrol car and gave chase. They were not able to catch up with McKeen but followed him by keeping his taillights in sight. As the Ford entered Havelock, heavy traffic slowed it down and the two patrolmen were able to see it turn off the highway into the housing project.

McKeen was stymied by the traffic problem in the project and was stopped by the officers before he could travel more than a block. He surrendered meekly when the officers came to his car to arrest him. The Marine spent Wednesday night in jail and was released on \$500 bond Thursday.

James M. Walling, another Cherry Point Marine, was driving the 1949 Chevrolet that McKeen's car struck. Damage to the Chevrolet amounted to approximately \$200, while the Ford suffered \$100 damage.

McKeen's trial is slated for Tuesday in recorder's court.

## 21 Speeding Cases Go Before Judge In Tuesday Court

A record number of 21 speeding cases were on the docket for Tuesday's session of recorder's court. Eight defendants forfeited their bonds for not appearing, two cases were not prosecuted and 11 defendants were fined.

Douglas Dameron paid the severest penalty, \$60 and costs. Grant Privett, Nelson Gullyford, Gilbert L. Bellier, Ernest A. Skinner and Ray E. Bratcher were fined \$10 and costs while Randall C. Blanchard, Forrest D. Frost, Robert E. Becker, Gerald T. Mahaffey and Thomas J. Owen, jr., were fined the costs alone.

Guy L. Gaskill, James A. Fenner, James D. Bobbitt, William W. Hedrick, Harold F. Watkins, Dorothy M. Avery, James D. Couch and David L. Vaughn forfeited bonds for failure to appear. Prosecution was withheld in the cases of Louis H. Kistow and William D. Parker, also charged with speeding.

A fine of \$100 and costs were levied against each of the following on charges of drunken driving: F. C. Cross, Paul M. Fey, Thomas J. Tolson and Joseph F. O'Connell. Elmo F. Koehler, charged with drunken driving, pleaded guilty to reckless driving and was fined \$200 and costs.

Sentence Appealed

A suspended sentence of one year on the roads was appealed to superior court under \$500 bond by Eugene S. Graham. He was found guilty of speeding.

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## Tide Table

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HIGH	Friday, Aug. 11	LOW
6:21 a.m.		12:32 a.m.
6:42 p.m.		12:20 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 12		
7:05 a.m.		1:13 a.m.
7:26 p.m.		1:06 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 13		
7:47 a.m.		1:52 a.m.
8:07 p.m.		1:51 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 14		
8:28 a.m.		2:28 a.m.
8:47 p.m.		2:35 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 15		
9:09 a.m.		3:04 a.m.
9:28 p.m.		3:19 p.m.

## County's July Liquor Sales Total \$68,176.45

Carteret county liquor sales for July amounted to \$68,176.45. Net profit has been estimated at \$6,397.05.

Sales in Morehead City totaled \$40,873.55; Beaufort, \$15,843.70; and Newport, \$11,459.20. Dividends to each town were as follows: Morehead City hospital, \$1,869.96; Beaufort, \$724.85; and Newport, \$524.26.