

Newport Will Contribute \$100 Toward Power Rate Fight

Marine Corporal Fractures Spine in Dive from Draw Bridge

The little town of Newport rarely back or 's hind legs Tuesday night to trade blows with a comparative giant, Tide Water Power company. The town board, at its monthly session, agreed to pay \$100 to fight Tide Water's recently granted electric rate increase.

After discussing the recent rate increase, the town board agreed that the new rate will cause a reduction in the town's light bill but will increase the bill of all residential and commercial users living in Newport.

Mayor Comments
In voting to pay the \$100 to the Tide Water Protestants committee for court and attorneys' expenses, the board concurred with Mayor Aaron Craig's statement: "The towns have to stick together. Other towns served by Tide Water need our help now and we may need theirs later. Sticking together is the only way we'll lick this thing."

Change Requested
Al DeBlanc, representing the Newport Rural Fire Protection association, appeared before the board to request that a clause in the contract between the town and the association be stricken out.

The clause stated that when the truck (which is used by both groups) is being used by one group, the other assumes no liability. Mr. DeBlanc wanted the town to assume liability for the rural association when they used the truck to answer an alarm.

His request was partially denied. The town already carries public liability insurance on the truck and that is as much liability as the town will assume.

The only change made in the contract was to add the statement "the town agrees to maintain, house and insure the truck against public liability."

Lester Haskett appeared, representing members of the veterans' housing group that is preparing to construct a veterans' housing project on the Nine-Foot road. Mr. Haskett wanted to know if town authorities had any information regarding when a water system would be installed and when the project would be taken into town limits.

The only hitch remaining in taking the project within Newport's limits is a description of metes and bounds which must be prepared by the project surveyor, the town attorney, George Ball said. A layout of the necessary water system must be made before work can begin on that phase of construction, Mr. Ball added.

Bills presented and approved for payment at the meeting included Mutual Insurance Agency, \$378.71 for liability and workmen's compensation insurance, North Carolina Products co., \$203 for drainage tile, and C. M. Garner, \$150 for police and street work.

Hearing Tomorrow
The case of several youngsters, charged with stealing baseball equipment at the Beaufort ball park, will be heard tomorrow morning before Juvenile Judge A. H. James at the court house.

Town Board to Meet
The Beaufort town board will meet at 7:30 Monday night at the town hall.

Patrolman Woolard notified Craven county highway patrolmen who stopped the truck somewhere between Cherry Point and New Bern and charges will probably be levied against the driver in Craven county court, Patrolman Woolard stated.

He picked up Bryan and brought him to Morehead City hospital where the accident victim was treated for cuts about the face. The patrolman then returned Bryan to his home in Beaufort.

Strong Winds Prevent Mullet Catches Outside
The cold snap which set in Tuesday has brought mullet to the nets of fishermen working inside waters, but strong winds have prevented extensive operations on Atlantic Beach.

The first chill winds of fall, usually known as the mullet shift, are expected to bring tons of mullet to fishermen along this coast. As soon as the winds die and the rough sea calms, larger mullet catches are expected.

Newport Fire Department Needs Four More Men
Four more volunteers are needed to round out the Newport fire department's complement of 25 men, Chief Benny Garner stated yesterday. Chief Garner said the department is below average with only 21 volunteers now.

Fireman Jim Kirby attended the North Carolina Firemen's convention in Hendersonville this week, the chief revealed.

Enrollment of 525 Sets New Record At Newport School

Lunchroom Opens Under Managership of Mrs. Eleanor Garner

Newport school opened Tuesday for the 1950-51 year with the largest enrollment in its history, 525 pupils, Principal R. L. Fruit announced yesterday.

In addition, the largest senior class in the school's history, 30 seniors, were present for the first day. More pupils are expected within the next two weeks and there will probably be an addition to the school's present faculty which numbers 19, the principal said.

The Rev. J. M. Jolliff of the Newport Methodist church was principal speaker at the opening assembly Tuesday. His talk concerned the growth of the school.

The school lunch room opened Wednesday under Mrs. Eleanor Garner's managership. Cost to the children for each meal will be 20 cents according to Mr. Fruit.

This year the teachership will be managed by Mrs. L. E. Riser who managed the New Bern teachership last year. Mrs. Ruby Woodruff will give private music lessons at the school and instruct the glee club. Mrs. Geraldine Garner, whose name has not been previously been released will teach the third grade and act as school treasurer.

Five buses are used to bring children to school and the addition of a sixth is expected shortly since at present it is necessary to double up on some trips. The school bus routes have been extended near Wildwood to take in the Arthur farm area.

Committee Orders Plastic Figures

The merchants committee of the Beaufort chamber of commerce has ordered 12 plastic decorative figures for Christmas time street decorations. E. W. Downum, chairman of the merchants committee, announced today.

This order and plans for improved decorations this Christmas, is the beginning of a long-range program to make Beaufort a prettier place at Christmas time than any other small town in eastern North Carolina, declared Mr. Downum.

Two 5-foot Santas have been ordered, four 30-inch English lanterns, four 38-inch Christmas bells, and two 36-inch Santa Claus faces. Inside lighting makes illumination of each piece possible. It is hoped that the number of plastic figures owned by the town can be increased each Christmas season.

Purchase of these decorations also entailed the signing of an agreement with the manufacturer that gives Beaufort exclusive right to them in this vicinity.

Christmas decoration plans include improvement of the entire lighting system on both Front and Turner streets.

Cannon Painted
The cannon atop Otway Burns' tomb in Beaufort cemetery has been repainted and the tomb cleaned this week by Sam Darling. Money for this work, held in trust by the town clerk, has been set up by Otway Burns' descendants.

Student Gives Demonstration



Lawrence Brown, student at the Morehead City Technical Institute, demonstrates the acetylene welding torch to a group of visitors to the institute. Left to right: Miss Vivian Taylor, Richlands; Miss Lois Howard, Jacksonville; Brown; Miss Lillian Harris, Greenville; Frank Toothman, Greenville; and Mrs. C. V. Willis, Morehead City. Brown is a student in building construction at the institute, a branch of N. C. State college. (Photo by Roy Eubanks.)

State Utilities Commission Refuses To Re-Open Higher Power Rate Case

Raleigh — The State Utilities commission has turned thumbs down on a motion that it reconsider a rate increase it recently granted the Tide Water Power company.

The vote was 3-2, with the same alignment that granted the original \$200,000 a year increase to the company which serves the southeastern section of the state.

Ruling Received
Wiley Taylor, jr., attorney for the town of Beaufort, received Wednesday the formal written objection to the commission's reopening the case.

Mr. Taylor said that the case will now be taken to court. He seemed pleased at the prospect, stating that had the commission reopened the hearing on the case, circumstances may have made it unlikely that the protesting southeastern towns would win the fight.

These towns allied themselves with Beaufort and Whiteville, original protestors against the rate rise. Although they could not file a petition for re-hearing, as did Beaufort and Whiteville, they may now enter the case when it's taken to court.

Appeal Within 30 Days
The appeal from the utility commission's ruling must be filed in New Hanover superior court within the next month.

The commission announced Tuesday that it was rejecting the request for a re-hearing. Signing the majority opinion were Commission Chairman Stanley Winborne, and Commissioners Fred Hunter and Edward McMahan. In favor of a re-hearing were Commissioners Harry Westcott and Joshua James.

County Will Give Building Fund To County Airport

During the next 90 days Carteret county will turn over \$1,000 per month, a total of \$3,000, to the Carteret County Airport commission. This is the county's share of expense in building the federal-approved \$12,000 administration building at the Beaufort-Morehead City airport.

M. T. Mills, Morehead City, chairman of the commission, appeared before the board of county commissioners at their meeting Monday in the court house and requested that the money be made available so that construction can start.

Government Pays \$6,000
The federal government is paying \$6,000, the county \$3,000, and the remaining \$3,000 will come from airport revenue received by the commission since its establishment several years ago. This revenue is derived from rental of office space to Piedmont Airlines and rental of hangar space, Mr. Mills said.

The new administration building will contain a waiting room, offices, dinette, and rest rooms. It will be built on the site of the present administration building.

Mr. Mills also presented a petition to the board requesting that the state highway commission improve the road leading from west Beaufort into the airport. The board approved the petition. The commission chairman said improvement of the road would prevent cars from using runways, an extremely dangerous practice.

Strats, A. H. Chadwick, M. M. Chadwick, L. H. Watson; Pelletier, S. B. Meadows, J. G. Weeks, Allen Vinson; Roe, James W. Lupton, G. B. Goodwin, Elmer H. Lupton. Davis, Burgess Davis, Calvin Mason; Atlantic, Murray Robinson; Harkers Island, Billie Guthrie, Alfred Willis; Marshallberg, J. D. Lewis.

JCs Will Sell Football Tickets Until Sept. 15

Football season ticket sales will continue until the night of Morehead City's first game, Sept. 15, the Jaycee football chairman, Jimmy Wallace, reported at the Monday night Jaycee meeting in the Fort Macon hotel, Morehead City.

Wallace said sales are in process now and season tickets at a 20 per cent reduction from gate prices could be obtained from any Jaycee. He urged all Jaycees to push the sales since most of the equipment ordered for the team had not been paid for.

Picnic Chairman O. H. Allen announced that the Jaycee picnic planned for Sept. 13 had been moved up to Sept. 20, in order that more Jaycees could attend.

District Governor Meets With Beaufort Rotarians

Howard J. McGinnis, Greenville, governor of Rotary district 279, made his official visit to Beaufort Rotary club Tuesday night when Rotarians met at the Inlet inn.

Prior to the regular meeting, Governor McGinnis met with the aims and objects committee and discussed plans for the coming year. Following dinner, Mr. McGinnis spoke on the principles of Rotary and the various services Rotarians perform. He was introduced by the Rev. T. R. Jenkins, president of the club.

The district governor last week paid his official visit to the Morehead City club.

Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar

HIGH	LOW
Friday, Sept. 8	
4:56 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
5:22 p.m.	11:53 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 9	
5:46 a.m.	11:53 a.m.
6:10 p.m.	12 Midnight
Sunday, Sept. 10	
6:43 a.m.	12:36 a.m.
6:55 p.m.	12:42 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 11	
7:18 a.m.	1:15 a.m.
7:40 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 12	
8:01 a.m.	1:54 a.m.
8:22 p.m.	2:16 p.m.

County Board Comments On Condition of Atlantic Road

County commissioners in regular session Monday morning discussed deterioration of highway 70 from Beaufort to Atlantic and informally recommended to J. L. Humphrey, county road superintendent, that it should be re-surfaced and widened.

Mr. Humphrey stated that no road bond money could be used for improvement of the highway because the bond issue was floated only for improvement of secondary roads. The highway from Beaufort to Atlantic is on the primary system.

Heavy Trucks
Commissioners stated that heavy fish trucks and heavy logging trucks are "tearing the road all to pieces." Mr. Humphrey told the board that state maintenance crews "are doing the best they can" to fix it in shape.

The county road superintendent also reported on the six-tenth mile of road from Straits post office to the water which the board was requested to close last month. Commissioners decided that the road should not be closed.

Irvin Davis, clerk, read a letter received by the chairman of the board, Dr. K. P. B. Bonner, from W. Guy Hargett, second division highway commissioner. Mr. Hargett wrote in regard to the resolution passed in July concerning the Salter Path road.

He stated that early this summer rains and high tides had prevented work on the road and that the highway commission has no intention to neglect the Salter Path road.

He further stated that the resolution "has no bearing on our original intention to hard surface the road from Atlantic Beach to Salter Path.

Petitions Approved
Three road petitions were approved. They were the airport road, Beaufort; the road between NC 2 and the Jones county line (five-tenths mile), Pelletier; and the Chadwick road which covers 305 yards, from the Gloucester road to the Fred Chadwick property.

Dr. Bonner announced that old record books in the register of deeds office and the court clerk's office have been re-built and re-bound at a cost of \$1,876.

The following tax problems were handled: John Brooks of the auditor's office was appointed to investigate the present assessed valuation of the Lexie H. Garner, jr., property, Newport; \$20 was accepted in back taxes from Mrs. Isaac Felts, colored widow; \$265 was accepted in payment of taxes, 1927-1950, from Martin T. Lewis, Harkers Island; \$300 was accepted in settlement of 1950 and prior taxes on the W. A. Willis, heirs property, Harkers Island.

All these adjustments were made subject to payment within 30 days. No action was taken on a request that valuation be reduced on property in Morehead City, lot 2, block 204, owned by E. H. Gorham, heirs.

Robert G. Lowe, manager of Morehead City's chamber of commerce, represented the town at the hearing in Raleigh and entered a general complaint against the proposed increase.

President L. W. Hill explained that Carolina, like other industries, must have money to get money. "The company can expect to extract new capital from investors only so long as its earnings and equity are adequate to provide protection to its earnings," he said.

Hill testified with J. F. Havens, CTA's assistant to the president, at a commission hearing on the company's application for state increases totaling approximately \$1,000,000 a year. The proposal would affect approximately 80,000 telephone users in 40 eastern North Carolina counties.

The telephone users served notice they felt Carolina's rates should remain as they are. At least 17 communities sent representatives or messages asking that the application be set aside.

Court Clerk's July Receipts Total \$6,595

Total receipts at the clerk of superior court's office for the month of July amount to \$6,595.79. A. H. James, clerk, told the county board Monday.

Received through recorder's was \$4,393.65, through superior court, \$58.62, and probate and clerk's fees amounted to \$1,900. Other funds received were paid out to dependents by court order or were posted as bond.

Participates in Assault
Climaxing the CAMID operation with a full scale amphibious assault on a beach in Virginia recently was the patrol craft USS 873 of which Leo Alton Higgins, electronics technician, first class, USN, of Newport, is a member.

Meter Receipts
Parking meter receipts in Beaufort for the month of August amounted to \$860.74, according to Dan Walker, town clerk.

James Stanley, Negro, Killed Near New Bern

The only fatality during the Labor Day weekend in Craven county occurred Monday night. James Stanley, 61, Negro was instantly killed when struck by a car on highway 70 nine miles east of New Bern.

Sgt. W. L. Spruill of the State Highway patrol reported that witnesses stated Stanley walked in front of the car and Ruff LaSalle Baker, of Havelock, who was driving the automobile was unable to avoid hitting him with his fender.