

## Beaufort Faces Financial Disaster, Expert Declares

### Town Board Buys Fire Truck; Chief Resigns

#### B&PW Club Hears Talk by Attorney, C. R. Wheatly

#### Business Women Will Rent Exhibit Space at Fair; Cancer Committee Named

Claud R. Wheatly, Beaufort attorney, delivered an address, "The Influence of Politics on Economics," at the monthly meeting of the Beaufort Business and Professional Women's club Tuesday night at the Scout building, Beaufort.

Mr. Wheatly pointed out that slow industrial development in North Carolina is largely attributable to tax structures that are extremely unattractive to large manufacturing enterprises.

"By our interest in politics, we make local government," Mr. Wheatly remarked, "but once that government takes office, it makes or changes us."

#### Cites Scottsboro Case

The attorney cited the famous Scottsboro case in Alabama in the mid-1930s when nine colored boys were tried and convicted of rape. The case was given national publicity and aroused such high feeling that following conviction of the nine, the governor of Alabama was refused loans from New York banks, the speaker stated. The loans were required to carry on a statewide improvement program in Alabama.

Two years ago, Mr. Wheatly continued, the Becton-Dickinson company, manufacturers of surgical instruments, was seriously considering Beaufort as a site for a plant which would employ from 500 to 1,000 people.

The county's tax rate, \$1.80, was considered too high, in spite of the fact that the concern was told that assessed valuation of the property would be at approximately one-third the actual value, Mr. Wheatly reported. Secondly, the state's corporate income tax laws would have required an intricate system of keeping a separate set of books for the North Carolina branch of the main plant which is located in Ruthertford, N. J.

"Efforts to obtain immunity to the state corporate income tax, through special legal ruling or legislative action, failed, the speaker declared. As a result the Becton-Dickinson company built the proposed \$2 million plant in Nebraska.

"This is our chance to grow," Mr. Wheatly emphasized. "Companies are dispersing their assets for several reasons, accessibility to labor markets and variance in operation costs, labor troubles, and

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#### Chamber of Commerce Receives 15 Applications

Fifteen applications have been received for the general manager's job, Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, which will be vacant next month, it was announced yesterday.

These applications have been turned over to the chamber's application screening committee composed of H. S. Gibbs, chairman, John L. Crump and George H. McNeill.

After the committee has carefully screened applicants, the committee will make its report to the board of directors and advisory council, stating what applicant or applicants it thinks should receive final consideration.

The board of directors and advisory council then will choose a successor to Chamber Manager Robert G. Lowe, jr., who has submitted his resignation, effective Oct. 15.

#### Beaufort Firemen Answer Two Alarms Tuesday

Two fires occurred in Beaufort Tuesday. Neither was serious and little damage was caused.

The first of the conflagrations occurred at 6 a.m. at Ruby's cafe on Turner st. when a water heater overheated. Slight smoke damage resulted but nothing caught fire. Defective wiring caused the smoke, firemen said.

At 2 p.m. another fire broke out at the house owned by Burwood Owens in the 100 block of Broad st. A Marine family living in the house allowed an oil stove to overflow and the mantelpiece in the room caught fire.

The mantle was burned and the room smoked up considerably. Otherwise there was no damage.

The Morehead City town board authorized purchase of a Four Wheel Drive fire truck at a meeting Tuesday morning at the town hall. Fire Chief Vernon Guthrie resigned and members of the fire department have threatened to resign in protest over the purchase.

This truck, for which the North Carolina Equipment company is agent, sells for \$11,250. It does not meet the specifications set up by the fire department, Mr. Guthrie stated, and costs more than the piece of equipment the fire department recommended.

#### Oren Recommended

The department recommended the Oren truck. A letter to this effect was read by Mayor George W. Dill, jr., at a meeting of the town board Tuesday night, Sept. 19.

Mack Edwards, engineer, expressing his opinion and the opinions of others in the fire department, said the commissioners bought themselves a truck, now they could make and make use of it.

Mr. Edwards further stated that there is only one other FWD truck in the state, owned by the Raleigh fire department, and they are not satisfied with it.

Mr. Guthrie said he expects to present his resignation to the fire department at a meeting Monday night. The chief is elected by the firemen and the town board approves the officers).

#### Chief Resigns

When Chief Guthrie was informed at the board meeting Tuesday that the FWD truck had been purchased, he told the commissioners that he saw he was of no use to the board in effective operation of the fire department and resigned.

Mayor Dill said the FWD truck was purchased because it comes as one complete unit, all parts made by the same company, and is very effective in fighting fires in outlying districts.

Chief Guthrie said he has been accused by one of the commissioners of being paid to recommend the Oren equipment. He told the NEWS-TIMES reporter that the firemen themselves made the decision on the Oren truck and that this decision was merely forwarded to the board.

In the past he says he has been offered money to recommend certain types of equipment but has consistently refused to do so, even when that equipment would have been the best.

Chief Guthrie further charges that the order with the FWD company was placed three weeks ago and all subsequent delay and palaver has been so much smoke screen.

#### Rule Rescinded

In addition to authorizing purchase of the FWD truck, the board rescinded a rule which requires that all members of the board be present to make a purchase of \$500 or more. A quorum will be all that is necessary in the future.

The mayor was requested to look into the possibility of finding some town-owned property where vendors and peddlers can sell their wares. This would eliminate the peddlers from setting up shop anywhere all over town, the board believes.

The next regular meeting of the board will be Tuesday night, Oct. 17.

### Post Writes About Their Artist Who Week-Ended in Beaufort

Leo Hershfield, illustrator of the Saturday Evening Post's Letter to the Editors column broke into Post print last week on the "Keeping Posted" page.

Mr. Hershfield, who merely signs his sketches "Leo" spent weekends in August at Beaufort. He and his family, Mrs. Leo, two sons, Peter and Sam, and their dog, Blackie, rented the Wilkins cottage at Front and Gordon streets.

Parts of Mr. Leo's story, as it appeared in the Post, follow. "As his sketches are due in Philadelphia on Monday morning, he tries to think up reasons for not working on them until Sunday, and nearly always succeeds. This summer Leo has week-ended with the family at their cottage in Beaufort, North Carolina, where there is a hammock. Delaying his work there is necessary, as it is impossible to hold a drawing easel on one's stomach in a hammock."

Hershfield signs his work only "Leo" because: "I'm a fugitive from mistaken-identity horrors. Among other illustrators with similar last names is that talented chap who illustrates Perelman's monumental works in Holiday and has a reddish beard." Leo says some people assume that he does the Letter spots with a fine needle under a magnifying glass. Actually he draws them large, for he suffers from spot drawers' claustrophobia. He says art directors often have to remind him that he is not drawing murals. Occasionally a batch of Post letters unnerves him because only one suggests an idea for a drawing that really feels good to him, and that one suggests four good ideas. He does not work better when the family is away and the house quiet; he finds it more stimulating when the boys are home from school and there is an atmosphere of suspense, suggesting that at any minute all hell may break loose.

Hershfield, a native of Chattanooga, is probably wrong in explaining why he lives in Alexandria. He says that after wartime service in Washington as art director in OWI, he decided against returning to his former post with the newspaper PM in New York because he does not admire living in a big city. Ten to one, he is free-lancing in Alexandria because his house is two blocks from the Potomac, where his boat swings seductively at anchor.

"Did you ever capture and drown or work up any other interesting stories to tell?" he probed. He explains that the hundred-mile sail down - river to Chesapeake Bay can be pretty tense at night in

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### Judge Imposes Road Sentences

#### Giles Hill, George Gibbs Receive Total of Three Years' Imprisonment

Giles Hill had a two-year suspended roads sentence invoked in Tuesday's session of recorder's court while George Gibbs was sentenced to one year on the roads.

Hill received a two years' suspended sentence on April 11 for temporary larceny of an automobile. His sentence was invoked Tuesday for failure to comply with the terms of suspension.

Gibbs received the one-year sentence for indecent exposure and making a public nuisance of himself. Judge Lambert Morris presided.

Three drunken driving defendants paid costs and fines totaling \$350 on charges against them. J. D. Edwards was fined \$125 and costs for driving without a license and driving drunk. Luther Styron paid a \$100 fine and costs for similar offenses.

Agnew Gillikin was fined \$125 and costs for driving drunk, driving on the wrong side of the road and driving without a license.

The charges of drunken driving against William Baylon and John F. Riggs were not prosecuted. Robert D. Lancaster, charged with driving after his license was revoked, requested a jury trial and his case was bound over to superior court under \$200 bond.

#### Probable Cause Found

Probable cause was found on the charge of breaking and entering and larceny against Willie Fulford, jr. His case was bound over to superior court under \$500 bond. Walter Disney, jr., charged with assault on a female, requested a jury trial. His case was bound over to superior court under \$100 bond.

After being found guilty of careless and reckless driving, Sam Funderburk was fined \$10 and costs.

Robert E. Taylor was fined one-half the costs on one charge of giving a bad check and fined full costs on a second similar charge. J. M. Hewett, found guilty of giving a bad check, was fined the costs and required to pay the amount of the check.

The costs were charged to William M. Baylon for public drunkenness, disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace.

Washington C. Kenmore was fined \$25 and costs for reckless driving. Joel S. Smith was fined the costs for reckless and careless driving.

#### Forfeit Bonds

George W. Mitchell, Evelyn T. Meeks and Janice L. Starks, all charged with driving without a license, forfeited their bonds for failure to appear in court. Walter Goodwin, charged with the same offense, was fined the costs, \$21.50.

Herbert L. Gualick was fined \$75 and costs for speeding. Stanley C. Peterson paid \$25 for the same offense while Elvin L. Hanes, Dallas C. Greenwalt and Edward T.

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### Jaycees Will Collect Scrap Paper, Rags Sunday Afternoon

The first of what is to be a series of monthly scrap paper and rag drives in Morehead City will take place Sunday afternoon, Chairman Warren Beck announced at the Morehead City Jaycee meeting Monday night at the Fort Macon hotel.

Beck said Jaycees in trucks would cover the town. Residents and business firms were urged to place their contributions in front of their homes or outside their business establishments by 2 p.m.

The drive will begin at 2 and last until all collections have been made, Beck said. Business firms were urged particularly to save corrugated cardboard boxes.

Money from sale of scrap will go to the club's treasury.

A committee was appointed by President Bill Chalk to investigate the traffic situation at the city school. It was reported at the meeting that at present traffic is not managed properly.

Football committee chairman Jimmy Wallace stated that Morehead City's first home game was a success but that attendance must be stimulated at the four other home games this year. He asked the cooperation of all Jaycees in working at the games, handling ticket sales and concessions.

A letter, sent to Rush Hamrick, state chairman of the Miss North Carolina pageant committee, was read. The letter submitted Morehead City's bid for the pageant and listed the advantages of staging the pageant here.

Jasper E. Bell was recognized as a new member of the club. Guests were Dr. Al Chestnut, Morehead City, and John Kimball of Ahoskie.

### Housing Official Visits Beaufort

Emmett Powell, Goldsboro, representative of the East Carolina Regional Housing Authority, met Tuesday with Commissioners D. F. Merrill and G. W. Duncan, jr., representing the mayor of Beaufort, G. W. Duncan, representing the chamber of commerce, and Dr. W. L. Woodard, representing the town planning board.

Mr. Powell was requested to meet with these officials as the result concerning the proposed low cost housing project. The meeting was arranged by the chamber of commerce at the request of chamber members.

Mr. Powell stated that no sites in Beaufort have been definitely selected. Sites have been only tentatively approved.

#### 50 Units Approved

The East Carolina Regional Housing Authority requested 125 low cost housing units for Beaufort. Fifty have been approved. These will be allocated between the white and colored population on a basis of the number of each race and the percentage of sub-standard dwellings, Mr. Powell explained. The homes will be of brick with colonial motif.

#### Town to Share Rent

After the homes are built and turned over to the town, Beaufort will receive 10 per cent of the shelter rent in payment for managing the property, the housing authority continued.

After the sites have been selected, homes adjudged sub-standard will be bought and paid for at local appraiser's figures, and torn down.

Homes which are not sub-standard may be moved by the owners who will be paid for the property on which the home sat. The East Carolina Regional Housing Authority will assist the homeowner in finding a new location and the housing authority will also help the homeowner move his dwelling, Mrs. Powell said.

### Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Friday, Sept. 29	LOW
10:03 a.m.	3:42 a.m.	
10:13 p.m.	4:23 p.m.	
Saturday, Sept. 30		
10:39 a.m.	4:15 a.m.	
10:48 p.m.	5:01 p.m.	
Sunday, Oct. 1		
11:16 a.m.	4:50 a.m.	
11:28 p.m.	5:43 p.m.	
Monday, Oct. 2		
11:59 a.m.	5:29 a.m.	
12 Midnight	6:32 p.m.	
Tuesday, Oct. 3		
12:14 a.m.	6:14 a.m.	
12:48 p.m.	7:26 p.m.	

### National Guard Unit Boards Train At Camp Glenn

Unit Returns Headquarters, Former Recreation Building, to Town

In the grey mist and rain of Wednesday afternoon, Battery B of the National Guard boarded two Pullman cars and an express car at Camp Glenn, beginning their trip to Camp Rucker, Ala.

With full packs and rifles, the 83 enlisted men and four officers of the 449th field artillery observation battalion began the trip to Kinston and Smithfield where other batteries joined them.

From Smithfield south to Camp Rucker, Battery B will serve as cook unit for the troop train. In addition to the two Pullman and express car, there were several cars of equipment for the local battery. More cars were added as the caravan progressed.

Captain Ben Alford, commanding officer of the group, did not leave with the unit, but will go to Camp Rucker by automobile. He turned the battery headquarters, formerly the Morehead City recreation center, back to the town Wednesday afternoon.

Mayor George W. Dill, jr., and City Clerk John Lashley made an inspection of the property. "It's clean and in better shape in that way than before the National Guard took over, but physically the building is in bad condition," he reported.

### Health, Welfare Departments Send Out Plea for Help

Though many cases of illness and destitution exist in Carteret county, and are never called to the public's attention, there is one case in dire need of public assistance, the county welfare and health departments stated yesterday.

The case is that of the Harkley family, colored, of the Mill Creek road near Newport. Thomas McGinnis, welfare superintendent, and Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, health officer, reported.

The father of this family is in the tuberculosis sanatorium at McCain. The mother is suffering from TB and waiting admittance to the sanatorium, one child recently died from TB and meningitis and another is in the sanatorium suffering from the same two diseases and in a critical condition.

In addition, 10 other of the 19 children born to Mrs. Harkley are at home with little income other than what they receive from the welfare department.

Clothing and money were recently given to the family. The clothing is sufficient for their needs but all the money, over \$200, had to go to pay an undertaker for the funeral expenses of the 11-year-old who died.

The greatest need of the family now is for money, though clothing and food will be accepted, McGinnis said. Last week the 10 children at home with ages ranging from four-and-a-half to 20, were taken to Wilson to be X-rayed. County TB society funds were not available for the X-rays so the welfare department had to take money from its already small funds to pay the bill.

Money for such services as this is needed. Also, health department personnel plan to clean the house inside and out and paint it in an effort to make it safe for the children to remain living in it. Efforts have been made to obtain another home for the family but without success.

Donations will be used entirely for the family itself and not for any administrative charges, McGinnis said. The health department in Beaufort will receive donations or they can be left at either of the NEWS-TIMES offices in Morehead City or Beaufort.

### Spending Must Stop, Town Officials Told

In a meeting preliminary to completely revising the Beaufort town budget for the 1950-51 fiscal year, George Franklin, counsel for the League of Municipalities, told town officials Wednesday that drastic action will have to be taken immediately if bondholders are to be prevented from taking the town over in 1954.

Mr. Franklin met with Mayor L. W. Hassell, Town Clerk Dan Walker, and Commissioner J. O. Barbour. Commissioner Clifford Lewis said he would be at the meeting but did not arrive. Commissioner Graham Duncan said he doubted if he could attend the meeting and did not arrive and Commissioners D. F. Merrill and James Rumley could not be reached.

Slashing the budget and other means of bringing town expenditures and income in line, agreed upon tentatively, will be presented to the town board in regular session Monday night.

#### Retirement Necessary

Outstanding bonds to be paid off by 1954 amount to \$45,643, Mr. Franklin reported. That means that approximately \$11,000 in bonds must be retired annually until that time and under the present financial set up this cannot be done, he declared.

The estimated budget for 1950-51 is set up on the basis of 100 per cent collection of taxes which is totally unrealistic, the League of Municipalities counsel explained. Collection is actually about 80 per cent of the total levy.

Expenditures have consistently exceeded income and to meet obligations, taxes paid on the current levy are used to meet bills incurred in the prior fiscal year. This absolutely cannot continue, said Mr. Franklin, if the government of Beaufort is to remain in the hands of the town.

Seable revenue for the 1950-51 fiscal year is approximately \$40,138 while expenditures are estimated at \$63,754, the municipalities expert pointed out.

#### Dark Picture

The picture looks dark, but Mr. Franklin believes that with unmerciful budget slashing, drastic adherence to the modified budget, the town's bonded debt can be met on time. He said the budget must be strictly followed, not only this year but in years to come.

In the past the town has been buying bonds which mature in 1974 because they can be bought at a very low figure, Mr. Franklin said. But 1954 is coming closer with 1954 bonds ready to be retired and there is no money with which to do it, he continued. Buying bonds which are due 20 years hence is fine, he added, if the town is in excellent financial shape. But at present Beaufort can't afford to

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### Two Cars Collide At Intersection

Two cars were damaged Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in Morehead City when they collided at the intersection of 11th and Arendell st.

Charles Alligood of Davis was proceeding south on 11th in a 1946 Pontiac. As he reached the intersection of 11th and Arendell he said he looked both ways to see if any traffic was coming.

Alligood told police he did not see any other cars heading his way and proceeded across the intersection. However, a steady rain had obstructed his vision partially, causing him to miss seeing the approaching car of Mrs. Leitha Wilkins Moore of Morehead City, police said.

The two cars met on the south side of Arendell st. Mrs. Moore was proceeding east in a 1946 Ford. The Pontiac struck the left side of her car, spinning it half way around until it stopped on the shoulder headed west.

Damage to the Ford's door and side amounted to over \$100. The Pontiac's front end was pushed in but damage was not as severe as to the other car.

Since Alligood did not have insurance he was cited to next week's mayor's court to straighten the matter out. Investigating officer in the accident was Buck Newsom.

### Mrs. G. T. Spivey Will Manage School Lunchroom

Mrs. G. T. Spivey will manage the Beaufort school lunchroom this year and the lunchroom will open Monday, T. G. Leary, principal, announced today. Meals will be 25 cents.

Mrs. Spivey, formerly a public health nurse in this county, moved to Raleigh, but has returned to the county. She succeeds Mrs. B. F. Copeland as lunchroom manager.

### Three Pay Fines In Mayor's Court As Result of Fight

Three men, one a Cherry Point taxi driver and the others, two Marines, were fined in Monday afternoon's session of Morehead City mayor's court for indulging in a fight at 3:45 Sunday morning on 18th st.

G. I. Thompson, the taxi driver, was charged a total of \$39.90 in fines and costs, a portion of which was for several windows he drove his fist through during the course of the early morning battle.

#### Marines Fined

The Marines, Edward O'Toole and Robert E. Taylor, were fined \$15 and costs each. In passing judgment Mayor George W. Dill, jr., said he would have made their fines more severe except that he knew they would be fined again at Cherry Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Arthur, witnesses in the case, said they lived a half block away from the scene of the fight which took place in front of Dom's shop between Bridges and Arendell st. on 18th st.

The Arthurs said that from sounds of the fight they judged that the two Marines were going to kill Thompson. They testified that at one time they heard one Marine say to the other, as they were leaving, "We said we were

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### Mayor Dill Issues Proclamation

Mayor George W. Dill today opened the Morehead City drive for greater employment opportunities for the physically handicapped by signing a proclamation designating Oct. 1 to 7 as "Employ the Physically Handicapped Week."

The proclamation stressed "equality of opportunity" for the handicapped and urges Morehead City employers, civic leaders and citizens to lend their support to the observance of the week.

Mayor Dill said he was certain that most of the people in Morehead City were aware of the need for rehabilitating and employing disabled veterans and other handicapped persons. "We must see that they have an equal chance for gainful employment," he pointed out. He said, too, that industry and business should make full use of the handicapped workers' immensely valuable assets and abilities.

The proclamation stated that impartial surveys have shown that disabled veterans and handicapped workers are superior employees when placed on jobs that utilize their abilities. Mayor Dill urged all unemployed handicapped workers, who had not already done so, to register with the N. C. State Employment Service, 700 Evans st. He requested local employers to place their job orders with the employment service "so that disabled veterans and other handicapped workers may prove their value to Morehead City."

Mayor Dill's proclamation followed similar action by President Truman and Governor Scott earlier this month.

### Rotarians Hear Talk On High School Football

Beaufort Rotarians were informed of the advantages of high school football, particularly in Beaufort, by Jaycee Wiley H. Taylor, jr., at their Tuesday night meeting in the Inlet Inn.

Taylor said that football, more than any other sport, built school spirit and instilled character in the players. In addition, he stated, it is one of the best body-building forms of athletics.

Beaufort Jaycees have spent well over a year working on reinstatement of the sport at school, Taylor explained. He said this was done not through desire for financial gain but from a desire to see a well-rounded program of athletics at the school.