

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

Rent Control Enters the Picture When People 'Outnumber' Houses

By Ruth Peeling

The critical housing shortage in this area makes it unlikely that town governing boards will lift rent controls. However this action cannot be taken unilaterally. A public meeting must be held on the matter and citizens allowed to express their views.

The Newport town board has scheduled a meeting for Tuesday night, Feb. 6, at the Newport town hall.

Judging from public meetings in other communities, there will be two vociferous factions, the landlords who want rent controls taken off and the tenants who want them retained. Wise councilmen, however, do not judge the matter from the standpoint of who outnumbered who at the public meeting, but whether there is a housing shortage and whether lifting of controls would cause rents to skyrocket because of the scarcity of living quarters.

Controls Removed

Rent controls were removed from Chapel Hill Thursday because the local governing body was able to prove to Housing Expediter Tighe Woods that there was no longer a shortage of rental housing.

A NEWS-TIMES survey Saturday indicated that persons who are renting homes do not want controls lifted, persons who do not renting at all are in favor of retaining controls, while landlords, with one exception, believe the controls should be removed.

Two questions were asked in the survey: Do you think rent controls in this area should be lifted? To alleviate the housing shortage are you willing to rent space in your home?

To the first question, one Morehead City housewife and businesswoman, replied, "Definitely not." To the second question, she answered that she rented rooms during the war, especially over the weekend to wives of Marines. "I have only two bedrooms," she added, "and it's a handicap, but I'd do it again, if necessary."

A Front street businessman in Beaufort declared that controls should not be lifted. As for renting space in his home to alleviate the housing shortage he remarked, "I'd rent the space if I had it." "I definitely believe in rent controls," a Morehead City housewife stated. Whether she would rent rooms in her home depended, she remarked, on whether her husband was called to serve in the armed forces. Only then would there be space. "We rented a room during the last war," she added.

Opposes Control

A Morehead City landlady was, without reservation, completely opposed to rent control.

"I've been run out of my own house by the OPA," she declared. "The system of rent control administration is not operated efficiently and it serves the interest of the tenants, never the landlord."

"I would like to rent rooms, etc., the way I want. If you do anything different than what you have been doing, you have to ask the OPA and then that starts a fight and six months of filling out forms and red - tape. It's un-American. "In the last war I wanted to do everything I could to help and in the end I was run out of my own house..."

Not Uniform

She recommended that there be more OPA checkers, so that all landlords would be investigated and everyone treated alike. "Why one-third of the people in Morehead City who rent homes or rooms have never been near the OPA and they get along all right," she declared.

Another Morehead City landlady declared: "I rent a house and I'm mad because I don't get more rent." But he added, "Yet in the overall picture, I don't believe rent controls should be removed."

His beef concerned the method of setting rents. "If you have four rooms and a bath, regardless of the condition the place is in, there's a set price." And he also had another complaint. "Tenants set some of your furniture out on the lawn and hide the rest, then the OPA man comes to value the house. Both the landlord and tenant should be present at a time like that."

In regard to renting space in his home see RENT CONTROL, Page 5

Fisherman to Be Tried On Socks Theft Charge

Eddie Webber, jr., colored fisherman, will be tried in today's session of recorder's court on a charge of stealing 14 pairs of socks from Rose's 5 and 10, Beaufort.

Webber, who gave his home address as 1540 17th St., NW, Washington, D. C., was given a preliminary hearing before Mayor L. W. Hassell Friday morning.

He was arrested at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon on Front street. Stuffed inside his coat were the socks, Chief L. B. Willis, of the police force, reported.

Fire Bomb Coming Up!



With the First Marine Division in Korea—a "present" for the comies is shown being packaged by Marine Corporals Elmore R. Snead (left) of 4526 Alabama ave., Lynchburg, Va., and Robert E. Nelson of 110 1/2 Shepard st., Morehead City. The "gift," when ready, will be delivered by the First Marine Aircraft Wing in the form of jellied napalm fire bombs.

Insurance Agent Reports on School Claims to Date

A total of 50 claims has been paid thus far this year under the newly-instituted insurance plan for children, teachers and principals in Carteret county schools.

According to Graham W. Duncan, jr., Beaufort insurance agent, these claims amount to \$606.94 or an average of \$12 per claim.

Two Broken Arms

Two children with broken arms had claims paid, for example, and one teacher who hurt her hand when a window fell on it had her medical expenses paid. The first claim filed Sept. 11, 1950 for an eight-year-old colored child at Queen Street school, Beaufort, who cut her finger.

Thirty-five of the accidents occurred on the school grounds or in the school house, and two occurred while the insured were on their way to or from school. No claims have been filed due to bus accidents, Duncan reports.

50 Per Cent Coverage

More than 50 per cent of the children in Carteret county schools are covered by the \$1 per school year premium and the insurance agent expressed the hope that this per cent would greatly increase next year.

All claims are filed by teachers, through the principal, and then with Duncan. The claims are paid directly to the doctor, hospital, or drug store. Should the parents have already paid the bill, they are reimbursed.

Five million students in nine states are covered by this type of insurance, the insurance agent declared.

James Willis Receives Appointment to Annapolis

James Langley Willis, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Willis of Norfolk and grandson of Mrs. Alex Norris of Turner st., Beaufort, has been appointed to the United States Naval Academy by Representative Porter Hardy, jr., of Churchland, Va.

Willis was graduated with honors in June 1949 at Churchland High school. During his public school career he was also prominent in basketball and track.

After his graduation from high school, he attended William and Mary extension college in Norfolk last year, and this year has been working in Norfolk. He expects to enter the Naval Academy with the next class.

Today Marks Month's Absence of Marshallberger

George E. Robinson, 20, of Marshallberg today has been missing from his home one month. He disappeared Saturday, Dec. 9.

Police were alerted when he failed to return home that day but efforts to locate the young man have brought no results.

A. H. James Heads County March of Dimes Campaign

A. H. James, Morehead City, has been named chairman of the March of Dimes in Carteret county. The collection of funds for fighting polio will begin next Monday, Jan. 15, and continue until Jan. 31.

The county's goal for 1951 is \$7,200, the same as last year. Contributions for 1950 totaled \$4,500, approximately \$2,700 short of the quota.

This will be James' third year as chairman of the drive.

Willis Lad Leaves Jail Under Bond

Lillard Willis, 17, of Harkers Island, was released from the county jail under \$1,000 bond Thursday. He will be tried in today's session of recorder's court on a charge of crime against nature.

According to the warrant, served on Willis Friday, Dec. 29, he committed on Wednesday, Dec. 27, an unnatural sexual act, forcing a 5-year-old Harkers Island boy to commit the act with him.

Expected to be called as witnesses for the state today are Walter Daniel Chadwick, Oliver Curtis Lewis, and Roger Rose.

Bond for Willis was posted by Mrs. Elizabeth R. Chesson of Harkers Island.

Scott Says State Will Need More Money in New Biennium

Raleigh — (AP) — Governor Scott said in his address to the 1951 legislature that the state would need more money in the next two fiscal years, but he hoped taxes wouldn't be generally increased.

Presenting his mid-term legislative program to the newly convened general assembly, the outspoken chief executive also kept up his squabble with power companies.

Spending must be increased, he said, but "I am hopeful that this can be accomplished in large measure by anticipated increase in revenues; by the removal of certain tax exemptions, and inequities and more uniform collections."

Scott reiterated the plea he made two years ago for a state-wide liquor referendum, a minimum wage law and a constitutional amendment to allow 18-year-olds to vote—all of which were rejected by the 1949 legislature.

He urged a salary scale of \$2,200 to \$3,100 for A certificate school teachers, same as they are now receiving when a contingent pay boost is included.

As expected the governor urged passage of a "workable motor vehicle mechanical inspection law" and for an increase of 105 men in the strength of the state highway patrol—which were recommended by a highway safety study commission.

Asking the lawmakers to leave the prison department under the highway commission at least for the present, Scott urged them to

County to Borrow \$30,000 to Meet Atlantic Debts

Commissioners to Request \$15,000 from ABC Board; Tax Settlements Made

The county commissioners yesterday morning passed a resolution requesting that a bill be introduced in the legislature enabling the county to borrow \$30,000, the debt to be paid off in five years.

This amount, plus \$15,000 to be requested from the county ABC board, will be used to erase the deficit on the new Atlantic school and to replace money taken from the current school operating fund to meet Atlantic school debts.

This action was taken after the superintendent of schools, H. L. Joslyn, and members of the county board of education appeared and stated that "something had to be done."

Joslyn reported that obtaining of \$45,000 from the ABC board, as suggested by county commissioners previously, was an impossibility. The board of education owes Coble, the school contractor, \$16,000, and from the current operating fund, money for school busses is owed. But the money isn't there to pay for them because it has already been used to meet debts incurred on the new Atlantic building, Joslyn explained.

Lot Transferred

At the request of the education board, the county also agreed to transfer to them lot 226 northeast of the Queen Street school, Beaufort, for use as a playground. This lot, owned by the county, is located between the school and the water.

At the request of George Brooks, Beaufort, part owner with Harvey Smith of 2,090 acres of land east of Atlantic, the county board reduced valuation to \$1.50 per acre. The valuation before had been approximately \$3 an acre or \$6,270, Brooks said.

Wiley Taylor, jr., attorney representing Monteville Hamilton of Stacy, requested that an adjustment be made in back taxes. Settlement of all taxes, including 1950, was suggested by the board with payment of \$130.55 within 30 days.

Taylor, attorney for the town of Beaufort, agreed to offer for sale a lot in Beaufort on which \$230 in taxes are due to the county and \$230 to the town.

Service Officer Appears

C. L. Beam, veterans service officer, requested a report on an adjustment in taxes for Elvin Salter of Sea Level. The board told him the welfare department had been requested to investigate the situation but no report had been received. It was stated that a report for him would be ready at the February meeting of the board.

The commissioners set \$15 as the sum for settlement of taxes owed by Mrs. Carthagenia Davis of Davis.

Earl Campen, seeking to buy land now owned by the county, appeared to see what disposition was to be made of the matter. The clerk reported that the last bid made was \$451 and the board decided to wait 30 days before closing the deal, in hope that the price

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Coroner P. A. Lewis Resigns; Leslie D. Springle Given Job

Corn Growers Win Prize Pigs



Winners of the 1950 county corn-growing contest were awarded purebred Duroc pigs by the Farm Bureau, sponsor of the contest. Pictured above from left to right are James Allgood, assistant county farm agent, Roland Salter, Bettie, second place winner, Troy Simmons, Newport, first place winner, and John Oglesby, keeper of the pigs until they were given to the new owners.

Photo by R. M. Williams

Miss Caro Bayley, Beaufort Visitor, Sets Altitude Record



Miss Caro Bayley

Miss Caro Bayley, Springfield, O., who visited in Beaufort in November with Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Taylor, set a new high altitude record for light planes Thursday at Miami, Fla.

Bundled in fur-lined arctic clothing she flew alone for nearly five hours to break the only record for class II aircraft (weighing between 1,102 and 2,204 pounds) by nearly 6,000 feet.

Miss Bayley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Bayley, formerly of Raleigh. Mrs. Bayley is a lifelong friend of Mrs. Taylor and for many years the Bayley family has summered in Beaufort.

Checking Required

The altitude record will not become official until the barograph instrument in her gray and red-striped Piper Super Cub and those in the tower at the Opa-Locka Navy airfield where she landed are checked by the Bureau of Standards in Washington.

"It was cold and lonesome," the 28-year-old aviatrix commented. She was awed by her long trip into space. When she took off from a small palm-lined field on the MacArthur causeway between Miami and Miami Beach the temperature was about 76 degrees. At 30,000, it was 34 degrees below zero, she said. The Weather Bureau had measured it at 35 degrees below zero two hours earlier.

She wore fur-lined boots, trousers, jacket and cap over her green slacks and blouse.

She took off at 1:25 p.m. Thursday. At 18,000 feet she donned an oxygen mask. By 2:10 p.m. her 125 horsepower plane had topped the old record of 24,504 feet set by Ana Luisa Branger, a Washington, D. C., embassy secretary.

"I was excited then," Caro admitted, "but it just gets boring above that."

Reaches 30,000 Feet

She reached 30,000 feet at 3:50 p.m. and had to fly another 25 minutes to attain the final 380 feet.

"It was obvious I couldn't push it up any further," Miss Bayley said. "Although it was very beautiful up there, it was also very cold and lonesome and I thought I'd better come down."

At 30,000 feet she said she could see Florida's gulf coast on one side and the Florida Keys on the east side. That's a span of some 150 miles. The wind was blowing between 18 and 30 knots.

Lions to Attend District Meeting at Wilson Jan. 19

Several members of the Morehead City Lions club will attend the district Lions convention at Wilson, Jan. 17. An invitation to the convention was made at the regular meeting Thursday night in the Fort Macon hotel by Lion secretary, Owen Fredericks.

Victor Wickizer reported on the House of David basketball game which is being sponsored by the Lions Friday night at the Morehead City school gym.

Group singing and the business meeting followed dinner.

Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar

HIGH	Tuesday, Jan. 9	LOW
9:20 a.m.	2:55 a.m.	
9:41 p.m.	3:41 p.m.	
	Wednesday, Jan. 10	
10:09 a.m.	3:48 a.m.	
10:32 p.m.	4:28 p.m.	
	Thursday, Jan. 11	
10:56 a.m.	4:40 a.m.	
11:24 p.m.	5:14 p.m.	
	Friday, Jan. 12	
11:43 a.m.	5:33 a.m.	
Midnight	6:02 p.m.	

Civil Defense Officials Set Up Town Program

Maj. Gen. Louis E. Woods of Cherry Point, Appoints Liaison Officer

One of the first major steps in organizing Beaufort's civil defense program was taken Thursday night when civil defense officials met in the Merrill building.

Gene Smith, director of civil defense, has announced that Major Hollowell, USMC, has been appointed by Maj. Gen. Louis Woods as liaison officer between Beaufort and Cherry Point Marine air base to facilitate civil defense operations. Major Hollowell is connected with the operations and training division on the base.

Attending Thursday night's meeting were Grayden Paul, deputy director of civil defense, Mrs. William Ipeck who will supervise first aid courses and a blood typing program; Charles Harrell, Beaufort fire chief; John Miller, head of the Veterans of Foreign Wars minutemen organization; A. D. Ellsworth, adjutant of the county Civil Air Patrol unit, and Glenn Adair, communications director.

Public Education

Mrs. Wiley Taylor, jr., and Miss Ruth Peeling will handle the civil defense public education program, Smith announced Saturday.

Plans are being made to ask permission for use of the Scout building on Pollock street as civil defense headquarters, the defense director stated.

Mrs. Ipeck will supervise a proposed nurses' aide program, first aid instruction, and blood typing. Under Chief Harrell's supervision, firemen will be trained in use of asbestos fire-fighting suits. It is hoped that 100 more volunteer firemen will be recruited, and it is planned that each fireman shall take a first aid course.

Messenger Service

In case of a breakdown in the communication system, the possibility of setting up a Boy Scout messenger service has been considered. VFW minutemen will be assigned as wardens in each block. They will obtain a roster of every person living in their particular block, also the individual's blood type.

The deputy defense director has been assigned the task of recruiting trucks and similar vehicles for use in case of evacuation of the town if necessary.

Director Smith said that plans are underway to obtain, through Major Hollowell, a film on methods of protection in case of atomic attack.

Doctors Revise Fees Upward

Fees charged by physicians in this county went up Jan. 1, Dr. C. S. Maxwell, president of the Carteret County Medical society, announced today.

A resolution raising in-town fees \$1 was approved at the December meeting of the society. Out-of-town fees are based on the number of miles traveled.

The resolution stated that home day visits shall begin at 8 in the morning and end at 9 at night and night home visits shall begin at 9 p.m. and end at 8 a.m. Cost of a home visit will be \$4 (this was formerly \$3) and cost of a night visit will be \$6 (formerly \$5).

The physicians set \$2 as the minimum for each office call and this cost will be revised upward, they stipulated, according to items of service rendered.

Water Troubles Worry Both Towns Friday Morning

Both Beaufort and Morehead City were beset by water trouble Friday morning.

To repair a water main and valves on Turner street, Beaufort, between Pine and Cedar, the water was off all over town for an hour about the middle of the morning Friday.

In Morehead City water pressure was lowered temporarily to repair the water hydrant at 7th and Arendell streets. In doing work preliminary to widening the street, the Morehead City motor grader knocked off the fire hydrant which had just been installed several weeks ago.

Pritchard Lewis, Carteret county coroner, has resigned. His resignation was accepted by the county board of commissioners in regular session yesterday morning and Leslie D. Springle of Beaufort route 1 was named in his place.

The clerk of the board, Irvin W. Davis, reported that the former coroner is now employed at Cherry Point and cannot continue with the coroner's duties.

Lewis' resignation had been submitted to the clerk of superior court during the summer but the resignation never reached the board. Lewis received the nomination for coroner in the May primary and was elected in November. Springle will serve Lewis' unexpired term.

The new coroner is a native of Beaufort and has lived here all his life with the exception of seven years when he moved away and was employed by the Gulf Refining Co. He has been farming near Beaufort for the past 16 years and several years ago operated a fruit and vegetable stand on Front street, Beaufort.

There was one application for the coroner's job, submitted by Mrs. Homer Lewis, Beaufort. Otis Mades, Beaufort, was also considered for the position.

Assemblyman Ends First Week In Legislature

Carteret county's representative in the legislature, George Dill of Morehead City, returned to Raleigh yesterday after spending the weekend at home.

Commenting on his first week in the lawmaking halls of the state, he termed the proceedings "much more serious than I had imagined or had been led to believe heretofore."

He said that the intention of most of the legislators is to get their business over with as soon as possible and get back home. "Although we know we're going to be asked for more money when the governor makes his budget address," Dill related in an interview Sunday, "almost everyone I've spoken to is opposed to tax increases."

Appointments

Speaker of the House Frank Taylor is expected to make house committee appointments early this week, "probably Monday or Tuesday," Carteret's lawmaker predicted.

In speaking of the election of the House speaker, Dill stated, "I was committed to Taylor." As followers of legislative activity know, Taylor defeated the administration's man, Royster, for the speaker post.

"I spoke to the Governor," Dill continued. "When he was down here before he was elected, I asked him if he would be back to see us when the election was over. Well, he never did come, so I asked him why he didn't pay us a visit and he said he never imagined there would be so many demands on his time."

Freshmen Legislators

The legislator, former mayor of Morehead City, returned to the topic of personnel of the House. "The legislators are overwhelmingly freshmen," he remarked, "and they're not as outspoken as veterans would be. I was talking to a senior senator and he said, 'You know you can read all the books in the world but you'll never learn to hit a baseball by reading a book.' I guess after about two or three weeks we'll begin to know what to do."

In Dill's opinion, Scott's message to this legislature was "more moderate" than his first message two years ago. Carteret's new assemblyman was especially impressed with the architecture of the state capitol. "It's 150 years old you know, and it's the oddest thing I've ever seen. I found an old Negro janitor while they were caucusing the other night and he pointed out some of the interesting parts of it. And Thad Eure (secretary of state) says he never goes in the place, but what he doesn't see something he had never seen before. Strange hinges, unusual supports, arches. This week was the first time I had ever been in the hall where the assemblymen meet."

While in Raleigh, Dill is at the Sir Walter hotel when he's not at the capitol. Unless legislative business delays him, he expects to return to Morehead City each Friday night.