

Health Officer Says Pupils' Health Conditions Exceptional

President Bell Says Tide Water Won't Cut Rates

Official Issues Statement Wednesday Following Conference at Raleigh

Warren W. Bell, president of Tide Water Power Co., Wilmington, declared Wednesday that because of decreased earnings, his company is in no position to grant a voluntary rate reduction at this time. Bell issued this statement shortly after a rate conference in Raleigh with the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

An "ultimatum" from the utilities commission requesting Tide Water Power Co. to reduce its rates was issued Aug. 22. The utilities commission said that if the power company did not voluntarily reduce rates, the commission "would take action."

Bell said: "Tide Water sincerely wishes it were possible to offer a voluntary reduction in electric rates. Unfortunately, in answer to the inquiry made at an informal conference with the utilities commission this morning, we must say that we cannot see the possibility of such a reduction at this time. As a matter of fact, our earnings per share of common stock are less than when the commission granted us a rate increase a year ago."

"It is true that this section of the state is on the verge of a mighty industrial growth, coupled with increased residential usage of electricity.

"Additional revenues from these sources have not yet materialized. When this happens, provided taxes, operating expenses, etc., can be kept at reasonable levels, we will be happy to pass the resulting benefits along to our customers. We genuinely hope to see this come about."

"We must necessarily disagree with the evaluation yardsticks applied by the accountant for the commission who did not give proper weight to the fair value of Tide Water's property as provided by law."

"We would like to reduce rates if possible. Our whole history shows that. However, if we are to remain in business and give good service, we cannot operate without a reasonable income. As things stand today, we are confident that our rate of return is not out of line with the figure that the commission regards as a proper earning for a utility company."

"As soon as earnings enable us to offer a reduction, we shall do so voluntarily and promptly," he concluded.

Relative to rumors that Tide Water Power Co. would be sold to Carolina Light and Power Co., Bell stated on Sept. 4 that no such move was contemplated.

Carteret county public health nurses, Mrs. Leota Hammer and Mrs. Beatrice Lewis, have completed examination of 2,713 school children in the first through sixth grades. The general hygiene of the children was found to surpass by far the health conditions of pupils in any previous year, reported Dr. N. T. Ennett, health officer, yesterday.

Only three cases of pediculosis (hair lice) were found among first graders, and one case in the third grade. There were no cases of scabies (itch) or impetigo. "This is extremely remarkable," stated the health officer.

Although the nurses have two more schools yet to inspect, it is hoped that similar conditions of good health and cleanliness will be found.

Mrs. Hammer covers the eastern section of the county and Mrs. Beatrice Lewis the western section.

Judge Sentences Sadie Forbes To Year in Jail

Judge Lambert Morris sentenced Sadie Henry Forbes of Beaufort to a year in jail when she was found guilty on two counts Tuesday of being drunk and disorderly and constituting a public nuisance.

The judge recommended that she be examined to determine her mental condition and be given any treatment necessary.

William Francis Lindsay gave notice of appeal to superior court when he was found guilty of operating a car under the influence of intoxicants or narcotics. He was ordered to pay \$100 and costs. His bond for appearance in superior court, was set at \$150.

Robert Dudley, found guilty of possessing non tax-paid whiskey for the purpose of sale, was sentenced to a year in jail, not to be served providing he remain on good behavior three years and pay \$100 fine and costs. The judge also ordered that a pistol found in Dudley's place of business be confiscated as well as the whiskey.

Pleads Guilty
Andrew Bell, charged with aiding and abetting in the possession of non tax-paid whiskey, pleaded guilty and paid \$25 and costs. The cases of John Tyson, Jr., charged with forcible trespass and being disorderly, Jesse Wade, charged with failure to yield right-of-way, and Clarence Edward Piner, charged with excessive speed for the condition of the road, were dismissed.

The following pleaded guilty to speeding: Richard J. Russo, paid costs; Albert Jesse Poe, costs; Edward Woodward and John M. Benson, \$10 and costs each; L. D. Kelly, costs. Found guilty of speeding was Lawrence W. Smith who paid \$10 and costs.

Jeanne Florence O'Toole pleaded See JUDGE, Page 2

Federal Judge Enjoins Baxter Jewelry Store

Mrs. Sara Bradbury, Part Owner, Denies Allegations in Injunction

Because of sales alleged to be far over the legal ceiling price, Baxter's Jewelry store of Havelock, owned and operated by Sarah and Edward Bradbury of Beaufort, and Theodore and Benjamin Baxter of New Bern, was enjoined yesterday by Federal Judge Don Gilliam from making any further sales or deliveries of any items in the store, and further ordered to appear in Federal court in Raleigh Sept. 27 to show cause why such order should not be made permanent, it was announced by OPS Enforcement Director James F. Latham.

Mrs. Bradbury, who contacted THE NEWS-TIMES yesterday, claimed allegations in the injunction were not true. She further demanded that THE NEWS-TIMES not print the story.

An order was also served on the same firm's store in New Bern requiring the owners to appear in Federal court at the same time and show cause why it should not also be enjoined from making any sales or deliveries until a price chart is filed and complete compliance with all OPS regulations is affected.

Exhibits submitted to Judge Gilliam by OPS purported to show that in the Havelock store, a wedding band for which the legal ceiling was \$27.06 was selling for \$38.54; a necklace was selling for \$9.00 which should have been priced at \$5.25; and pins which should have legally sold for 85 cents were selling for \$2.00, in addition to many more pricing violations.

According to affidavits submitted by OPS personnel, Benjamin Baxter was verbally cautioned not to price merchandise in excess of markups allowed by Ceiling Price Regulation 7, and in a letter from OPS on September 10, Baxter was again warned of excessive markups in the Havelock store.

Latham said the store had made sales as much as 185 per cent over the legal ceiling price.

"These are but the first in a series of actions which we intend to present to the United States attorney in instances of retail stores failure to file price charts required by CPR 7, or where prices exceed the legal ceiling," Latham said. "The provisions of the National Defense Production Act will be enforced to protect the public and to stabilize an emergency economy," he added.

The Baxter Jewelry Store, inc. of New Bern was founded in 1895, and recently opened the branch store in Havelock, near the Cherry Point Marine Base. Both stores are owned and operated by the Bradburys of Beaufort, and Theodore and Benjamin Baxter of New Bern. The firm is being represented See BAXTER, Page 2

Morehead City Board Lays Groundwork For Establishing Town Recorder's Court

Towns Receive Powell Street Aid Allotments

Carteret county municipalities this week received checks from the State Highway and Public Works commission as their proportionate share of the Powell street aid funds.

Morehead City got the largest check, \$16,493.93. Beaufort received \$7,823.38, and Newport \$1,985.65. The money was distributed on the basis of \$1.50 for each resident of the town and \$136 for each mile of public thoroughfare as shown on maps submitted this summer to the State Highway and Public Works commission.

George Franklin, counsel for the League of Municipalities, who was in Beaufort this week, commented that the Powell bill money relieves the urban taxpayer of the burden of supporting street maintenance and construction through ad valorem tax, this being a tax the rural homeowner never has to pay. Powell bill allotments give the towns, he said, their proportionate share of gasoline tax revenue which heretofore went entirely to the rural areas.

Many persons have the erroneous idea, he continued, that this money can be used only for street construction. According to information compiled by Franklin and sent to members of the League of Municipalities, the money may be spent for ditching, dragging, patching, dust control treatments, purchase, rental operation, and maintenance of street equipment, purchase of street stabilizing materials, pipe, catch basins, gratings, purchase and maintenance of traffic control devices.

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Two Accidents Occur in Beaufort

Mrs. Thurston Hill, 713 Broad st., Beaufort, and Harvey Hamilton, Jr., 3201 Sunset Dr., Morehead City, were involved in accidents investigated this week by Beaufort police.

Damage to a 1948 model sedan, driven by Mrs. Hill and owned by her husband, resulted when the car hit a light pole at 11:45 Saturday night. Mrs. Hill told Officer Carlton Garner and Maxwell Wade that she hit the pole after turning from Ann street north on Pollock.

Turns Off Radio
She said the mishap occurred as she reached down to the dash board to turn off the radio. Damage to the car was estimated at \$200 and to the light pole \$14.71. The driver was not injured.

A 1950 model two-door sedan, driven by Hamilton, was involved in an accident with a car driven by Emil Boscarello at 8:30 Monday night on Ann street near the bridge. Boscarello, whose home is in Cleveland, is a Marine stationed at Camp Lejeune.

Officer Garner and Wade reported that both cars were proceeding west on Ann st. Hamilton said that Boscarello's car was going about five miles an hour and when he attempted to pass him, the Marine made a left turn.

Applies Brakes
Hamilton put on the brakes to avoid the collision and skidded 75 feet, police said. His car collided with the left rear fender of Boscarello's car, which was damaged to the extent of about \$50. Police said damage to Hamilton's car was more extensive.

A hearing was scheduled for Monday night but has been postponed because Boscarello is going on maneuvers and will not be back for 60 days, according to Louis B. Willis, Beaufort chief of police. Hamilton was on his way home from a Beaufort town board meeting.

Court Releases Curtis Gray Styron Under \$200 Bond

Curtis Gray Styron of Cedar Island has been released on \$200 bond following his arrest on a charge of seducing Ruth Evelyn Rose of Harkers Island on Sept. 22, 1950.

The warrant, sworn out by the girl's mother, Mrs. Howard Rose, on Monday, Sept. 10, alleged that the seduction took place a year ago under promise of marriage. Styron's case, scheduled for trial in recorder's court Tuesday, was postponed until a later session of court.

Firemen Discover Liquid Fire; Woman to be Tried

Coming before Mayor George Dill in municipal court Monday, will be Mary Gaskill of N. 11th st., Morehead City, charged with possession of non tax-paid liquor.

Two pints of the bootleg whiskey were discovered in the ceiling of Miss Gaskill's home by firemen Tuesday evening. The fire department was called when flames burst out around a first story window.

The liquid refreshment came to light when firemen ripped down some boarding to put out the fire. Four Beaufort youths also will come before the court Monday. They are Vergil L. White, Hubert C. Smith, Ralph L. Daniels, and Robert F. Hucking. They are charged with unlawful firing of firecrackers within the limits of Morehead City.

Deputy Sheriff M. M. Ayscue and Carl Blomberg made the arrests.

Newport Cafe Owner Arrested

Deputy Sheriff M. M. Ayscue reported today that Sam Prescott, Newport, owner and operator of Sam's cafe, Newport, has been arrested on the charge of aiding and abetting teen-agers of Newport and vicinity in burglarizing Newport business houses.

Also arrested were Tommy D. Culpepper and Levy Lilly, both teen-agers. Culpepper has been charged with receiving stolen goods and Lilly with other boys when one of the burglaries took place and he also received some of the goods, the deputy sheriff stated.

Arrested Monday were four teenage boys, one of them under 16 years of age. The others were Will Gillikin, Earl Joyner, and J. D. Arnold. Charges against them involve breaking and entering places of business and carrying away merchandise, cigarettes, soft drinks, air rifles, shells and bullets.

The thefts have been going on for the past several weeks but the case was not broken until Monday morning. Arrests following investigation by R. H. Brown, state highway patrolman, and Deputy Sheriff Ayscue.

The cases will be heard Tuesday in recorder's court.

Solicitors Make Chamber Report

Solicitors for Beaufort chamber of commerce memberships made their first report at a meeting at the town hall last night. Emphasis on having businessmen make pledges, to be paid quarterly, semi-annually or annually, is the policy this year, rather than merely requesting a minimum membership fee, according to Braxton Adair, president of the chamber.

Solicitation began Monday. Those calling on the business houses are the following: Adair, Mrs. Bonnie Davant, Gerald Hill, Gene Smith, James H. Davis, Halsey Paul, Graham Duncan, Dr. W. L. Woodard, Elbert Dudley, Glenn Adair, and Paul Jones.

The chamber president said that \$6,000 is hoped for this year. The budget has not been drafted, and it will not be until they know how much money they will have to work with, he said. The printing of brochures on Beaufort and inclusion of traveling funds in the budget is contemplated but will be based proportionately on the amount collected.

Grade Mothers to Meet
The primary grade mothers of Morehead City school will meet at 2:30 this afternoon at the school. Mrs. Carl Bell, chairman of the grade mothers, said that a primary grade mother chairman will be chosen at that meeting. The mothers will plan their year's work.

Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Friday, Sept. 21	LOW
12:13 p.m.	5:43 a.m.	6:40 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 22		
12:27 a.m.	6:31 a.m.	7:36 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 23		
1:22 a.m.	7:25 a.m.	8:37 p.m.
1:59 p.m.	8:28 a.m.	9:38 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 24		
2:28 a.m.	8:28 a.m.	9:38 p.m.
2:58 p.m.	9:33 a.m.	10:32 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 25		
3:32 a.m.	9:33 a.m.	10:32 p.m.
3:59 p.m.		

Commissioners Set Date For Public Hearing

Morehead City town commissioners took further steps Tuesday night to establish a municipal recorder's court in Morehead City. The commissioners, in session at the municipal building, with cut and dried formality passed unanimously a resolution that had been prepared by the town attorney. The resolution provides for "creating of a municipal recorder's court without holding an election thereon, as provided in G. S. 7-264.1."

The statute referred to became law in the last session of the legislature. The bill was introduced by Carteret's representative, George W. Dill, now mayor of Morehead City. Numbered House Bill No. 837, it gives Beaufort, Morehead City, and Newport the privilege to establish municipal recorders' courts with the same costs allowed as in county recorder's court.

Hearing Oct. 19
The hearing on establishment of the court will take place at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, in the municipal building, Morehead City. At that time persons in favor of or against the proposal will be heard.

At present, cases tried in Beaufort and Morehead City mayor's courts, which are beyond the jurisdiction of these lower courts, are sent to the county recorder. Should a recorder's court be set up in Morehead City, all cases originating in Morehead City recorder's court. Cases originating within a five-mile radius of Morehead City, excluding incorporated towns, may also be sent to the town recorder's court. The present municipal or "police court" will be eliminated.

When cases are beyond the municipal recorder's court jurisdiction, they will be sent to superior court.

Should the municipal recorder's court be established, the town board will appoint the officers, judge, clerk, and solicitor. Court cost will go into the town treasury to meet costs of the court's operation, but fines and forfeitures will be payable to the county and placed in the county school fund as required by law.

Mayor Dill stated that town officials feel that a recorder's court in Morehead City would be advantageous from a geographical and time standpoint. At present, he remarked, cases are heard in the mayor's court and could be settled in a few minutes, but because they are beyond the lower court's jurisdiction, have to be sent to Beaufort to the county court.

That requires, he pointed out, wasting another day for witnesses, lawyers, police officers, and principals in the case. Morehead City lawyers have expressed approval of the measure, terming it a "progressive step in a growing community."

Dan Walker, town clerk, and George Franklin, attorney for the League of Municipalities, were appointed at the Beaufort town meeting Monday, to study ways of revising the itemized merchant or privilege tax.

The action came after store owners spoke in opposition to the present tax schedule. Those who commented were Clarence Guthrie of Guthrie-Jones Drug Co., Gilbert Potter of Potter's Pure Food store, Charles Hill of Hill's grocery, Victor Bellamah of Vic's Pool Room, and Lewis Hinson of City Bakery.

The itemized tax, Guthrie told the commissioners, was too high. Furthermore, he said, it was unjust, since the tax was not applied to every store in town. (Chain stores come under a state regulation exempting them from the local tax.)

Hill asked that the tax be based on a merchant's gross sales. J. O. Barbour, commissioner, disagreed, saying such would cause too much book work for the storekeeper. Barbour emphasized that Beaufort was in the red and could not lower taxes.

The commission finally voted to have the town clerk and Franklin make a confidential canvass of the town's merchants to ascertain their earning power and thus enable the town to fix the tax at an equitable scale based on gross sales.

Franklin stated Wednesday that questionnaires will be sent to merchants and on the basis of their answers, their privilege tax will be figured. The questionnaires will go out this week and should be returned to the town hall immediately.

The present privilege tax schedule, to which so much objection has been raised, followed the law See OFFICIAL, Page 3

Morehead City PTA Will Stress Safety This Year

Safety will be the Morehead City PTA's major project for the year, Walter Morris, president, announced at Monday night's meeting at the school, the first meeting of the current school year.

He suggested that awards be given patrol boys and that parents bringing children to school observe traffic regulations applying to the school area. President Morris also announced that instruction will be given in bicycle riding.

Mrs. Carl Bell, grade mother chairman, suggested that grade mothers work with teachers in visiting homes of absent pupils, ascertain reasons for their absence, and make efforts to relieve cause of absence.

At the next meeting, Oct. 8, the association will vote on by-laws which are being drawn up by George McNeill. An outstanding feature of that meeting will be a talk by Lt. Stanley Osseman on his experiences in Korea. Lieutenant Osseman holds the Distinguished Flying Cross.

New teachers were introduced at Monday night's meeting. They are Mrs. Anne Murphy, first grade; Mrs. Ella Morgan, third grade; Mrs. Varina Penn, fourth, a graduate of Woman's college; Mrs. Ellen Dickinson, sixth, Mrs. Leland Day, seventh, both graduates of ECC; Miss Barbara Rendleman, high school commercial teacher, a graduate of Catawba.

This is the first year that undergraduate commercial courses have been offered at the school. Teaching the vocational commercial course for graduate students is Miss Peggy Donerson, a graduate of ECC. The teachers were introduced by G. T. Windell, principal.

Parents attending PTA for the first time were welcomed. Following the business session, the hospitality committee, Mrs. S. A. Chalk, Jr., chairman, served punch and cake in the library. The table was centered with gladioli and asters.

The Beaufort Band Booster association began this week an intensive campaign for collection of funds for the school band.

Sheriff C. Gehrmann Holland, president of the association, stated that any contribution will be appreciated and persons wishing to make a donation who have not been contacted should phone the sheriff's office, 2-4501, and someone will call to pick up their contribution.

Soliciting for the association are the president, Gerald Hill, treasurer; Robert Safrif, Mrs. Gehrmann Holland, Mrs. Claud Wheatley, Jr., vice-president; and Mrs. Lockwood Phillips, secretary.

Officers of the organization, Mrs. Holland, and Safrif met Wednesday night with Dale Browder, band director, and discussed plans for the band for the current school year.

In addition to the officers, George Brooks is a member-at-large. He was not present at Wednesday's meeting. No limit has been set for the amount of funds to be raised. "We're going to try to collect as much as possible," the sheriff stated.

Marine Sustains Broken Leg When Motorcycle Falls

Robert D. Fitzkee, VMS 225, Cherry Point, sustained a broken leg at 9:55 p.m. Tuesday after he and a fellow motorcyclist were stopped by highway patrolmen and warned to cut down their speed.

Patrolman W. E. Pickard said the motorcyclist slipped and fell on Fitzkee's leg. He was removed by ambulance to Cherry Point dispensary. Patrolmen Pickard and W. E. Sykes spotted the speeding motorcyclists west of Newport and followed them through Newport where they stopped them and warned them about gutted mufflers as well as speeding.

Addition Not Completed
The new addition to the court house, a register of deeds office containing a large vault, two offices, and rest rooms still requires numerous finishing touches, but is expected to be ready for occupancy in about a month.

Beaufort Agrees to Citizens' Wishes On Leaving, Entering Corporate Area

Morehead to Add Parking Meters

The area of Beaufort changed slightly during the course of Monday night's town commissioners' meeting at the town hall. Several residents asked to be let out of the town while others asked to be taken in.

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Hamilton pointed out that when any section containing 25 property owners or less is annexed to a town, the action is void without the unanimous consent of the property in that section. This is a state law, he said.

The attorney alleged that these four owners had not given their approval and even though they had remained silent at the time Beaufort posted notice of the annexation, their acquiescence did not make the town's action legal.

The area annexed in June 1950 included Beaufort graded school and the ball park. Hamilton emphasized that the withdrawing of the property owned by his clients would not affect the town's jurisdiction over the play field.

J. O. Barbour, Jr., Resigns from Town Board

The resignation of J. O. Barbour, Jr., was read and accepted at Monday night's Beaufort board meeting in the town hall. Barbour, a Beaufort businessman, said he resigned in order to give someone else a chance to serve.

Two years, he said, was long enough for one man to serve as commissioner, whereas he has already served two terms.

The commissioners decided to defer appointment to Barbour's post until a new area along Front st. was annexed. Residents in the area applied for admission to Beaufort earlier in the meeting.

A. D. Fulford Attends Public Health Meeting

A. D. Fulford, county sanitarian, represented Carteret county at the North Carolina Public Health association meeting last week at Winston-Salem. The health officer, Dr. N. T. Ennett, was unable to attend due to illness in his family.

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