

Newport Commissioner Resigns; Charles Hill Fills Vacancy

Board Wants Well Dug; Considers Extension of Town Limits Westward

The Newport town board accepted the resignation Tuesday night of Commissioner Ormsby Mann. In his place they appointed Charles Hill who was administered the oath of office at the meeting by Justice of the Peace A. L. Wilson.

Commissioner Mann said that since he started work at Cherry Point it is impossible for him to attend board meetings or devote the time necessary to a commissioner's job.

The board authorized the advertising of bids for the digging of a well in the Cherry Point Veterans Mutual Housing association project. The board said that the well must be six inches and put down to depth of a good flow of water.

Town Addition Proposed

They also considered extension of the town limits westward and Mayor Charles Gould, jr., was authorized to contact residents of the area to learn their feeling toward the proposal. The mayor said that many persons have already approached him saying they want to become a part of the town.

The commissioners authorized Mayor Gould and Commissioner Edgar Hibbs to appear before the county board next month and ask that the Nine-foot road be continued to join directly with highway 70 instead of turning at right angles, going eastward and then joining with 70 at the railroad.

L. C. Carroll appeared before the board and asked that a ditch along his property be cleared out. Commissioner Early Mann said that he would contact the county road superintendent, J. L. Humphrey, and request that the work be done.

Chief Ill

Mayor Gould reported that the police chief, Charlie Garner, was seriously ill and could not carry out his duties until he recovers. The board felt that there was no need to hire a substitute.

The board gave approval to a request by B. T. Burroughs, sr., for a plot of ground for the Missionary Baptist church. The site will be at the western edge of the housing project near the Curt Cannon property.

Commissioner M. D. McCain expressed doubt as to the advisability of placing the church there because it is in the section designated as industrial. Burroughs said, however, that the congregation favored that site over any other, so the commissioners complied with his request. Burroughs also appeared at February's meeting in regard to the church property.

The board turned down an offer of \$25 for the building that formerly housed the chlorinator for the housing project water system. They felt that the building may be needed in the future.

Commends Health Officer

The mayor commended the county health department for its prompt action in condemning the Campbell property which burned recently at Newport.

He also said that Mrs. Blanche Edwards was concerned about automobiles running over her property, damaging shrubs and the sidewalk. The board decided that the town could do nothing about it and suggested that Mrs. Edwards put up posts to keep automobiles off.

It was reported that some Newport motorists have not yet bought town tags. Because only 12 remain, 35 additional tags were ordered.

The town clerk, Miss Edith Locky, reported that the balance in the town treasury as of March 1, 1952 was \$9,335.75.

Wounded Finback Whale Hits Beach Near Caffey's Inlet

Car Runs into Parked Truck on Pine Street

A 1947 model car was damaged to the extent of \$75 at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday on Pine st., Beaufort, when the driver lost control and ran into a parked truck. The driver, Rhoda Helfdeig, who had a learner's permit, was charged with driving on the wrong side of the road.

The truck, owned by E. M. Plummer, 425 N. Mercer st., Rocky Mount, was damaged to the extent of \$5. With Mrs. Helfdeig at the time of the accident was her husband, said Carlton Garner, Beaufort chief of police.

In addition to Chief Garner, Officer Maxwell Wade and J. W. Sykes, state highway patrolman, investigated.

Town Extension Formally Enacted

Beaufort Board Meets Monday, Accepts Resignation Of Officer B. C. Piner

The portion of Front street extended, Beaufort, from the old town limits east to Belle Air street formally became a part of the town of Beaufort Tuesday with the filing of a map with the register of deeds of the county and with filing of legally-required papers and map with the secretary of state.

At the town board meeting Monday at the town hall, Dan Walker, Jaycee and town clerk, said that the Jaycee survey to be presented to the board in regard to further extension of limits east on Front and Ann st. had not been completed.

Officer Resigns

The board accepted the resignation of Police Officer Bertie C. Piner, the resignation to become effective March 31. Officer Piner said that since the automobile accident in which he was injured Dec. 5, he finds it impossible to work the long hours required. The town clerk read a letter of application for the position of police officer. The application was submitted by Jack Glover. No action was taken.

Commissioner Carl Hatsell expressed the opinion that the police force should be enlarged.

Commissioner Cliff Lewis said the garbage ordinance should be enforced, and added: "What are we going to do about it, nothing as usual?"

The town clerk reported that handbills setting forth the garbage See EXTENSION, Page 2

Two Defendants Draw Six-Month Suspended Terms

Adolphus Frazier and William Henry Smith each drew a six-month suspended road sentence in recorder's court Tuesday. Frazier, found guilty of careless and reckless driving and drunken driving, was ordered to pay \$150 fine plus costs, \$50 of the fine to go to H. Earle Mobley of Morehead City. He was also ordered by Judge Lambert Morris to remain on good behavior three years.

Frazier was in a collision involving the Mobley car last Friday night on highway 101.

Smith, charged with driving drunk and failing to stop at a red light, causing a wreck, was found guilty of reckless driving. The judge directed that he pay Robert Stevens, the prosecuting witness, \$139 by Tuesday, March 11, and \$100 fine and costs within 30 days from March 4. The judge ordered Smith to remain on good behavior two years or serve his six-month sentence.

Gerald Giersch, charged with being drunk and disorderly, assaulting an officer, resisting arrest, and damaging property to the extent of \$15, was given three months on the roads, not to be served providing he remain sober and on good behavior two years.

Judge Morris ordered Giersch to pay a \$50 fine and costs, \$15 of the fine to go to the owner of the Heart of the Beach and \$8 to Charlie Smith to reimburse him for damages sustained.

Warren P. Ramussen and James Judson Patterson were fined \$100 each plus court costs. Ramussen See COURT, Page 2

Queen Street Will Become One-Way

Queen street, Beaufort, between Ann and Front was made a one-way street south by the town board Monday night. The town clerk was also authorized to order 20 more parking meters to place on the west side of Queen street.

The one-way operation is expected to go into effect in 30-60 days. The board felt that the one-way proposition would clear up traffic problems on that street and that parking meters would permit more shoppers an opportunity to find parking space.

Dr. W. L. Woodard, former planning board chairman, asked whether persons in the new areas of town have to pay the \$3.60 sewage fee if there is no sewer. The town clerk said that in that instance no sewage fee is charged.

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Firemen Get TV Set

Beaufort firemen have been presented with a television set by Herring's radio shop, Beaufort. Herring's shop was next door to Downum's store which was destroyed by fire Jan. 31.

Ocracoke Votes Against ABC Stores in Hyde County

Ocracokers voting Tuesday in the Hyde county special election on the liquor question, voted a heavy 129 to 12 against the establishment of ABC stores in Hyde county. This was in keeping with the measures taken in previous years to keep the island dry.

In 1937 by special act of the N. C. Legislature the Hyde county commissioners were authorized to refuse licenses for the sale of wine and beer on the island and this ruling of the commissioners still holds good. Many persons on the island who do not get out for voting at regular elections did come out to express their wishes in this special election.

The entire Hyde county vote was 828 to 981 against establishment of state liquor stores.

Beaufort Takes First Step Toward Starting Court

The Beaufort town board Monday night authorized Wiley Taylor, jr., town attorney, to take preliminary steps toward setting up a municipal recorder's court. Taylor informed the board that notice of a public hearing had to be published and at the hearing residents of the town or others interested may express their opinion in regard to establishment of a court.

The attorney further stated that George Franklin, counsel for the League of Municipalities, suggested that a fee system be established but a maximum of \$200 a month set as salary for the judge and \$100 for the solicitor. The fees would be apportioned one-third to the judge, one-third to the solicitor, and one-third to the town. No suggestion was made as to payment of the court clerk, but Taylor said it would probably come out of the town's one-third.

It is the intention of the town to place prisoners in the county jail. Commissioner O. T. Mundy asked, "What do you do if the county refuses to take them?"

Attorney Taylor said that the county is bound by statute to take any prisoner regardless where (within the county) he is arrested. "The county is the agent of the state, crimes are committed against the state, therefore the county jail, according to the attorney general, may house any prisoner taken in the county in which that jail is located."

It was pointed out that prisoners to appear in Morehead City recorder's court are not placed in the county jail. Mayor L. W. Hassell said that Morehead City, however, has adequate facilities for caring for prisoners. He added that Morehead City has a better arrangement for that type of operation than any other town its size with which he has come in contact.

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Junior Woman's Club to Sponsor Summer Program

John Evans, Beaufort Football Coach, to Direct Recreation for Children

The Beaufort summer recreation program will be sponsored this year by the Beaufort Junior Woman's club. This decision was made Monday night at the club meeting in the Lottie Sanders building, Beaufort.

John Evans, football coach at Beaufort school, will be recreation director, and will teach baseball, volleyball, swimming and dancing. He will be assisted by Mrs. Evans who will teach arts and crafts.

The program, supported by private donations, is open to all boys and girls from the ages of 8 up.

Enters Fifth Year

This will be the fifth year of the program. The first director was Bill Kittrell, followed by Raz Autry who was director for three years.

The program was started by Beaufort Rotary, which has had as one of its main projects recreation for children under proper supervision.

Members of the Junior Woman's club will carry on the work this summer by asking for donations from private citizens and from business houses.

During Monday's meeting the ways and means chairman, Mrs. Albert Chappell and Mrs. Duke Howard, announced that \$30 had been cleared at the benefit card party held at the American Legion hut on Feb. 29.

Rack Goes Into Use

The bicycle rack, which had been ordered by the club, has been placed at the school and is now in use.

The club voted to discontinue the paper drives temporarily, and to sponsor the planting of more azaleas on Ann street and on side streets.

During the program, Claud Wheatly spoke on widows' rights and the importance of making wills.

Solicitor Releases Criminal Docket

Released today was the docket on criminal cases for the March term of superior court which opens Monday morning at the court house, Beaufort. The criminal docket was prepared by the solicitor, William J. Bundy.

Listed below are the defendants, charges against them, and day they are scheduled for trial:

Monday
Alton Robert Blanton, William Frank Lindsay, Z. D. Potts, Lloyd Ham, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Williams, all charged with drunken driving; Mrs. Bert Williams, driving without a license; and William Bell, resisting arrest.

Tuesday
John Peter Monghan, speeding; Robert Clayton Batts, breaking and entering; Horace Eli Hatley, violation of the motor vehicle law; Luke Mason, assault with a deadly weapon; Brady Lewis, non-support; Allen Garner, reckless driving; Albert and Dessie Wade, assault, etc.; James Edward Hanley, speeding.

Wednesday
Robert Clifton Swanke, carrying concealed weapon; John Shepherd, Farrior Smith and Rudolph Saunders, larceny; H. M. Clark, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Cases scheduled to go before the grand jury: Helen Foster, charged with murder; Robert Clifton Swanke and Robert A. Wzorek, nine separate charges of breaking and entering and larceny; George Johnson, breaking and entering; Lewis Washington, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill; Horace (Honey Bee) Jones, nuisance.

Harkless Wooten and Charles Holland, each charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill; Ralph Wright, larceny; Arlen L. Weiborn, larceny; Rudolph Saunders, John Shepherd, larceny; Rudolph Saunders, John Shepherd and Farrior Smith, four cases of larceny; Rudolph Saunders, John Shepherd, and James Allen, larceny.

These cases will be docketed if grand jury returns true bills. There will be no county recorder's court next week due to the superior court term.

Bruce Edwards, Beaufort, Joins Morehead Police

Bruce Edwards, Beaufort, has joined the Morehead City police force. He began his work Saturday night as patrolman.

Edwards was employed to fill the vacancy left when Hubert Fulcher resigned.

Gibson Smith to Answer to Charge Of Burglarizing Copeland Gift Shop

Faces Murder Charge

Gibson Smith, charged with larceny and breaking and entering Copeland's Florist and Gift shop, Morehead City, was given a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Fred Seeley in Beaufort yesterday morning. Smith, who will be 17 in June, waived examination and was bound over to superior court under \$1,000 bond.

The youth was arrested at 5:30 Tuesday afternoon at his rooming house, the residence of Mrs. K. S. Swinson, Mansfield. Deputy Sheriff Marshall Ayscue said that more than \$700 in merchandise which was taken from Copeland's shop has been recovered.

Smith is reported to have entered the shop by way of the unlocked green house door Thursday night, Feb. 28, and to have broken into the place again Monday night by smashing a pane in the greenhouse and then opening the door.

Among the things taken from the shop were six ladies' diamond rings, three men's rings, a watch, and two watchbands. All the stolen articles were found in Smith's room. He told officers that he tried to sell some of the things in Morehead City and New Bern but nobody would buy them.

Present when Smith appeared before the justice of the peace yesterday were Smith's foster parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Lee of Clinton.

Working on the theft in addition to Deputy Sheriff Ayscue were Sheriff C. G. Holland and George Cannady, SBI agent.

If the grand jury returns a true bill next week, Mrs. Helen Foster, will be charged with second degree murder. The state alleges that she shot her husband, Harvey L. Foster, Sunday, Oct. 21, at their home west of Morehead City. (Photo by Roy Eubanks)

Scientist Takes Dim View of Attempt To Round Up Currituck Porpoise Herd

Most fisheries scientists look with jaundiced eye on attempts of State Wildlife Resources commission officials to drive the porpoise out of Currituck sound.

Dr. H. F. Kritzler, an authority on porpoise and whales, who is resident investigator at the Duke Marine laboratory, Beaufort, said yesterday that the Wildlife Resources people will drive the fish out rather than the porpoise if they persist in their proposal to shoot at or dynamite the playful mammals which fishermen say are destroying the fish.

The Wildlife officials attempted Saturday to herd the porpoise south, under Memorial bridge on highway 158 and out into the ocean. Boats converged on the herd but the mammals outdistanced the craft which were traveling at 35 miles an hour and men in the boats said the animals evidently thought the whole thing was a game — even when rifles were fired in their direction.

To support his statement that the Wildlife officials will probably destroy more fish and waterfowl than they will porpoise, Dr. Kritzler commented that fish aren't very bright "but the porpoise has a lot more sense than people are inclined to suspect." They're smarter than dogs, he declared.

The porpoise now causing much concern in Currituck and fresh-water Currituck sound is the bottle-nosed dolphin.

Sought Warm Water
Dr. Kritzler believes that the salt water mammals may have entered the sound seeking warmer water. He believes there is a good possibility that they will leave of their own accord when the ocean water becomes warmer.

"It could be," he added, "that the bridge is an obstacle to their leaving now. They might have gone through it somehow and are now hesitant about going out again by the same way." He remarked that they may eventually leave by See SCIENTIST, Page 2

Mayor Scotches Rumor About Town Wanting Sailors Kept Out

Talk that the crew aboard the USS Sanborne which docked at Morehead City Tuesday were not given shore leave because the town authorities of Morehead City did not want the sailors in town is fallacious.

The vessel was in port only from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m., according to port personnel, and there was no opportunity for shore leave. Mayor George W. Dill, when contacted in regard to the rumor, declared:

"That is a gross misstatement of fact. We do our utmost to cooperate with the military and we're pleased to have the men visit Morehead City. I never heard of such a thing. I've never even been asked about whether or not the men should be permitted in town. They're welcome any time."

The Sanborne was in port last week to load Marines for maneuvers off Onslow beach and came back Monday to get more Marines for the same type of maneuvers.

Officials at the port said that men are kept aboard ship only at discretion of the captain and if they are not permitted to come ashore it is for reasons known only to their commanding officer and not because "town authorities" ask that the men be kept aboard.

Choral Club Will Sing at 8 Tonight

The Beaufort Choral club concert, to be given at 8 o'clock tonight in the Beaufort school auditorium, will be the first appearance of the Choral club this season.

Proceeds from the concert will go to the organ fund of Ann Street Methodist church. Choral, semi-classical, and musical comedy numbers will be sung.

Members of the choral club are as follows: Thelma Branch, Helen Jones, Mary Post, Marilou Paulsen Jones, Ann Stanley, James Webb, Sal Palazzo, and Joe Reilly, all of Morehead City.

Garland Morris, Atlantic; Sally Herring, Marie Webb, Jacqueline Hancock, Nancy Whitehurst, Nita Jarman, Barbara Harris, Elizabeth Howe, Julia Kelly, Patsy Miller, Margaret Thompson.

Sara Daniels, Bitsy Brooks, Lydia Paul, Nancy Russell, Peggy Blankenship, Merry Johnson, Mary Sue Lynch, Catherine Noe, Connie Lewis, Peggy Langdale, Letitia Simpson, Earl Lewis.

James Davis, Warren Grant, George Lewis, Alvin Hansen, James Wheatley, George Stafford, Earl Willis, John Lynch and B. G. O'Neal.

Director of the chorus is Mrs. Charles Hassell.

Real Estate Firm Formed

Filed Tuesday in the office of secretary of state, Thad Eure, were incorporation papers for Carteret Services, Inc., Beaufort, to deal in real estate. Authorized capital stock \$100,000, subscribed stock \$1,800 by William Pottler, Eulalie Pottler, both of Beaufort, and George McNeill, Morehead City.

Coast Guardsman Serves on Legare

Boatswain Lloyd R. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd H. Smith, Beaufort RFD, and brother of Mrs. John Locky, Morehead City, is a member of the crew of the Coast Guard cutter Legare which two weeks ago performed heroic rescue attempts in the raging winter gale off Cape Cod.

The Legare searched five days in choppy, icy seas for the New Bedford, Mass., trawler, Paolina, and her seven-man crew. The only thing the crew found in spite of their untiring search was wreckage from the Paolina.

Smith, who is stationed at New Bedford, attended Beaufort school, and will round out 15 years in the Coast Guard this month.

The Legare almost went under several times while fighting the same gigantic seas which spelled disaster for two 10,000-ton tankers. The cutter was reported to have suffered the most extensive damage of any of the Coast Guard vessels on duty during the gale.

She returned to port minus a motor launch, a port bridge ladder, and was pulled apart in so many places the deck leaked.

After five days of taking a terrific beating, the Legare was ordered to home port Monday by the cutter Eastwind, command ship at sea.

Authorities Seek Adolphus Frazier

The sheriff's department was looking yesterday for Adolphus Frazier, North Harlowe, whose car is being held by authorities. Found in the automobile Wednesday were parts of a liquor still.

Frazier had just gotten out of court Tuesday with a six-month sentence, suspended providing he behaved himself. He was also fined \$150 and costs after being found guilty of careless and reckless driving and drunken driving.

Frazier's car, a 1939 Ford, was stopped Wednesday afternoon on highway 101 near the Core Creek bridge by State Highway Patrolmen J. W. Sykes and Robert Brown. Frazier got out and ran but two persons riding with him, Rosetta Williams and Wilbur Davis, were booked on charges of drunkenness and aiding and abetting in transportation of parts of a liquor still.

They were put in the county jail and released Wednesday night under \$100 bond each.

Frazier is being charged with transporting parts of a still.

Three Marines Hurt Yesterday As Car Crashes

Three Marines from Camp Lejeune were seriously injured at 1:30 a.m. yesterday morning in a collision involving three vehicles near the intersection of highways 24 and 70, west of Morehead City.

Grady R. Townsend, driver of the car, James G. Schmitz, and L. F. McCarthy were taken to Morehead City hospital and then transferred to hospitals at Camp Lejeune and Cherry Point.

Townsend, in a 1949 model car, accompanied by his buddies, sidestepped a 1950 model car driven by Bryan Worthington. Worthington, who was uninjured, was on highway 24, enroute to Beaufort from Fort Jackson, S. C. Instead of stopping, Townsend rushed on toward the intersection of highway 70.

When reaching 70, he was unable to make the turn and went into a skid across the highway and into the path of an oncoming Lloyd Fry Roofing co. tractor trailer. The truck was traveling west on highway 70 at about 35 miles per hour and to avoid a head-on collision, the driver, Harvey Meadows, pulled to the right. Townsend struck the trailer's left front.

Walter Edwards, assistant manager of the Fry plant, said the tractor is a total loss and the tandem will have to be replaced. Meadows escaped uninjured. The truck was enroute to Dunn, N. C.

Patrolman J. W. Sykes investigated.

Education Board Meets Monday

The county board of education, in session Monday afternoon at the court house annex, Beaufort, heard the legislative program outlined by the North Carolina State school board, considered a request by the state for further consolidation of schools, and heard a PTA school improvement committee from Queen Street school.

The legislative program was read by the school superintendent, H. L. Joslyn. The board felt, in regard to consolidation, that at present there is no opportunity for further consolidation in this county.

The PTA committee from Queen Street school, the colored school in Beaufort, presented a list of the needs at the school and asked the board's cooperation in meeting those needs as soon as possible.

The board told the committee that they recognized their problems and that application for federal funds under Public Law 815 is in Washington now. As soon as funds are obtained, the board assured the committee that many of Queen Street's needs will be met.

Members of the PTA school improvement committee are Albert Cowan, chairman, Mrs. Henrietta Fulford, co-chairman, William Vann, Joe Pasteur, Mrs. Garfield Ellison, Mrs. Henrietta Hargett, and Mrs. Annie L. Bell.

The building formerly used as the colored school in the Bogue community will be sold at public auction, as advertised, at noon Saturday, March 15, at the court house door, Beaufort.

County Gets 1.31 Inches Of Rain Monday, Tuesday

The county was deluged with rain Monday and Tuesday, but according to official reports, only 1.31 inches fell. Last week two rainy days brought close to two inches. The saturated ground is making drainage slow up and a few dirt roads in the county became impassable.

Temperatures since Saturday, the first of the month, were released yesterday by Stamey Davis, Morehead City, official weather observer.

	Max.	Min.
Saturday	65	51
Sunday	52	39
Monday	62	44
Tuesday	64	49
Wednesday	61	41

Superintendent Speaks

Speaking at the Atlantic PTA meeting Wednesday night at the Atlantic school was H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools.