

## Telephone Company Seeks Permission to Increase Rates

The Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company has applied to the utilities commission for permission to increase its rates. The company seeks a 7.5 per cent return on its net investment.

In its petition, the telephone company said that increases in salaries and wages put into effect during seven months of 1952 increased the annual costs of the company by about \$180,000.00. The company estimates that further salary and wage increases under its wage progression guides will add \$85,000.00 additional costs during the remainder of the year.

## Man, Wife Get Jail Sentences

Ollie Edge Given 120 Days; Mrs. Edge Gets 90 Days After Three Convictions

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Edge each received jail terms Monday in Morehead City recorder's court. The couple was found guilty of disturbing the peace and using loud and profane language.

Mrs. Edge was also convicted of being and maintaining a public nuisance. The state declined to prosecute her on a prostitution charge.

Edge received road terms which total 120 days. He was sentenced to 30 days on each of the two counts. He received an additional 60 days for violating the conditions of a suspended sentence imposed Feb. 11, 1952. The terms will run consecutively.

Mrs. Edge was sentenced to 30 days in women's prison on each of the three charges. Her terms also will be served consecutively. Both served notice of appeal to the superior court. Bonds were set at \$200 each.

Jack Stokes was sentenced to 30 days on the road for driving with an expired operator's license. It was his second offense within a period of a few weeks.

James H. Overman was fined \$10 and costs for speeding and passing a stop sign. He was also fined \$25 for driving without a license. The second fine will be remitted if he presents a valid license within two weeks from the date of his arrest.

Albert Courman was sentenced to 30 days on the road for public drunkenness. The sentence was suspended on condition that he pay \$10 and costs and remain on good behavior and refrain from drinking for a period of 60 days.

John Gaskill also received a 30 day term for public drunkenness. His sentence was suspended on condition that he pay costs and remain on good behavior for 30 days.

Charles Eugene Everington was fined \$25 and costs for careless and reckless driving.

Hosey Staten was fined \$25 and costs for driving without a license and driving after his license had been revoked.

Joseph T. Stanley and Gerald Vann Phillips paid costs for failing to stop at stop signs. James W. Allen paid costs on a charge of speeding.

Lewis H. Sampson paid costs for disturbing the peace. Samuel Robinson paid costs for disturbing the peace and parking on the wrong side of the street. Fred Evans paid costs for public drunkenness.

The warrant was withdrawn in the case of Willie Montague who was charged with being drunk and disorderly. The prosecuting witness was taxed with the costs.

The state declined to prosecute Ed Fitzpatrick on a charge of public drunkenness.

A capias was issued for James Daniel Whichard who forfeited his bond. He is charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol.

Cases were continued against Daisy Rowe, Leonard D. Shannon, Harvey Grant Snipes, Edward Lynch, Charles Haskell Thomas, Lionel P. Crozat, John Allen Simmons, Herbert Lee Fielding, James Earl Howland, William Paul Sewell, Jr., Dr. Elwood Boney, Jack Harrell, Carlton Pittman, Clyde Bordeaux, Clardon Yates and Gus M. Davis.

## Agents Judge Fair Entries

Carteret County Agent R. M. Williams and Martha Barnett, home demonstration agent, along with the Pitt county agent and home demonstration agent, acted as judges for the Tri-County fair at New Bern Wednesday.

They judged the field crops, canned goods, baked goods, fruits, vegetables, flowers, fancy work, 4-H club exhibits, home demonstration booths, and school exhibits.

The two county agents also judged all the livestock entries. Williams reports that the fair this year is much larger than usual, and he believes it to be a better one. He says that there were more and bigger exhibits and that more interest has been shown in the fair this year than in previous years.

The company told the utilities commission in its petition that the increases granted the company in May 1952 did not and will not provide a rate of return of 6.5 per cent on the base as established by the commission at that time. The company said that its earnings for the first seven months of 1952 as indicated by its financial statements are approximately 3.62 per cent on its gross investment and 4.31 per cent on the net investment.

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In a statement concerning the petition for higher rates, L. W. Hill, president of the company, said, "The Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company desires to continue to play its part in the progress of eastern North Carolina and desires to maintain its practice of providing the best possible telephone service at the lowest possible price consistent with financial safety and fair treatment of employees."

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## Beaufort Asks Proportionate Share Of Morehead City Housing Units

### B&PW Club to Join Observance Of Business Women's Week

The Business and Professional Women's club will join their sister clubs all over the world in observance of National Business Women's Week from Sept. 28 to Oct. 4.

The local club will open its observance by attending church in a body this Sunday morning. Mrs. Gordon Skean, Morehead City, talked to the group at their meeting last Tuesday night in the Episcopal parish house in Beaufort. Mrs. Skean, a native of Czechoslovakia, talked to the group about the differences and the similarities of that country and this. Mrs. Skean came to this country

### Umstead Shows Great Interest In Waterways

Governor-Nominate William B. Umstead showed great interest in the development of North Carolina's inland ports and inland waterways at the advisory budget commission's biennial budget hearings in Raleigh last Tuesday.

He indicated that he hopes to encourage the development of the state's water resources and waterways during his administration. The discussion of water resources and waterway development arose during the board of conservation and development's appearance before the budget commission.

Appearing in support of a request for some \$46,000 more per year for water resources development, J. A. Hackney of Washington, N. C., chairman of the newly organized N. C. Coastal Marine Council, asserted that the state needs to develop inland ports with modern machinery and traveling cranes to handle heavy cargoes.

Hackney argued that industry would follow such ports. And, he said, "we're not going to make ports at Morehead City and Wilmington pay until we get our inland ports developed."

He told the budget group that a survey should be made to determine which ports should be developed and to what extent. He estimated the cost of such a survey at about \$20,000.

Umstead asked him to find out just what such a survey would cost and to let him know. Hackney promised to do this.

### Newport PTA Hears Principal

Newport school principal Ed Comer spoke to the Newport PTA at its first meeting on Sept. 16.

Comer enumerated for the group some of the concepts of child education. He told them that every child should be taught to reason on his own religion, to respect his government, to love and respect his community and to be proud of it, to spend his leisure time profitably, to appreciate the arts of nature and to develop his fundamental skills.

The principal also told the PTA members that North Carolina supported the minimum of education and that the people of the individual community must supply the maximum. Comer was quoting state superintendent of education Carroll, a former Newport principal. He said also that the parents would be needed to help the teachers with their problems whenever possible since there were many that they alone could solve.

Room attendance winners were Mrs. Quinn, primary; Mrs. Gerock, grammar and Miss Hager, high school.

A social hour followed the business meeting. Last year's grade mothers were in charge. Mrs. W. D. Roberts and Mrs. Allen Cannon looked after the decorations. Mrs. T. E. Williams, Mrs. Minter, Mrs. Dick Lockett and Mrs. Stanley Bell were responsible for the planning and the serving.

### Beaufort Police Chief Has Car Speedometer Checked

The speedometer of the Beaufort police car has been checked and sealed by a notary public, according to police chief Carlton Garner. Garner said that he took the car to Greensboro last week to have the work done. Garner believes that it will eliminate arguments in court cases involving speeders.

### Dan Smith Gets One Year Term In Assault Case

Judge Suspends Sentence On Condition That Negro Behaves for Five Years

Dan L. Smith, Beaufort Negro, was sentenced to one year on the roads in county recorder's court Tuesday after his conviction on charges of forcible trespass and assault with a deadly weapon.

Smith's jail term was suspended on condition that he pay a fine of \$25 and costs and remain on good behavior for a period of five years. Smith was found guilty of forcing his way into the home of Mrs. Lydia Branch, also colored, 513 Pollock st., and threatening her with a knife.

Mrs. Branch testified that Smith came to her home on the afternoon of Sept. 11. He accused her of telling people that he had struck his girl friend, Gertrude Davis.

She said that when she denied it, he dared her to come out on the porch. As she started out, according to her testimony, he pushed her back into the room, seized her and threatened her with a switch-back knife.

Called Police

Mrs. Branch told the court that she broke away from Smith, locked herself in the bedroom and called the police. She said that Smith had left when she came out of the bedroom.

Mrs. Nannie Davis Ward testified that she was visiting Mrs. Branch's mother across the street at the time of the assault. She said that she saw Smith push his way into the house, and saw Mrs. Branch's granddaughter, Lydia Ann Haley, 9, run screaming from the house. She said that she was unable to see what happened inside the house.

Mrs. Branch's husband, William, said that Smith had twice been to see him about the matter. He said he ordered Smith to stay away from his home. He said that the second visit to the store where he works came only a few minutes before the assault on his wife.

Lydia testified that she saw Smith seize her grandmother. She said that she became frightened and ran out of the house. She did not know whether or not the defendant had a knife.

Denies Assault

Testifying in his own defense, Smith said that he did not push Mrs. Branch. He also said that he did not own a switchblade knife and did not have any knife with him when he visited Mrs. Branch.

He told the court that he went to find out why Mrs. Branch was spreading stories about him. He said that she unhooked the screen door and he entered the house. He denied that he pushed Mrs. Branch into the house.

He testified that Mrs. Branch tried to push him out the door. He said that he told her he would leave when he finished his conversation. Mrs. Branch then ran into the bedroom and told him that she was going to call the police.

Gertrude Davis corroborated Smith's testimony.

Before pronouncing sentence upon Smith, Judge Lambert Morsee said:

### Honorary Tar Heels to Meet In Morehead This Weekend

The Honorary Tar Heels, a group of writers and photographers, will meet in Morehead City this weekend. They will arrive today and stay through Sunday.

They will stay at the Jefferson hotel. On Saturday and Sunday, they will go fishing as the guests of the party boat captains.

They will dine tonight at the Sanitary Fish Market restaurant. Tomorrow night they will eat at

### Tide Table

| Tides at Beaufort Bar |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| HIGH                  | LOW        |
| 12:15 a.m.            | 6:27 a.m.  |
| 1:00 p.m.             | 7:42 p.m.  |
| Saturday, Sept. 27    |            |
| 1:25 a.m.             | 7:39 a.m.  |
| 2:10 p.m.             | 8:52 p.m.  |
| Sunday, Sept. 28      |            |
| 2:41 a.m.             | 8:57 a.m.  |
| 3:22 p.m.             | 10:00 p.m. |
| Monday, Sept. 29      |            |
| 3:56 a.m.             | 10:12 a.m. |
| 4:30 p.m.             | 10:59 p.m. |
| Tuesday, Sept. 30     |            |
| 5:01 a.m.             | 11:19 a.m. |
| 5:30 p.m.             |            |

### C of C and Town Board Request Unit Allocation Explanation

A request that work on 20 units of low cost housing, scheduled for construction in Morehead City, be delayed until Beaufort receives a proportionate share of the units granted Morehead City, was made Monday by members of the Beaufort Board of Town Commissioners and members of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce.

The request was made to H. E. Powell, executive director of the Eastern Carolina Regional Housing Authority at Goldsboro.

Powell was in Beaufort to discuss with members of the two organizations the reasons why Beaufort had not received the 20 units of housing originally scheduled to be built there but now scheduled for building in Morehead City.

Says Land Not Available

The housing director executive told the group that it was his impression that there was no land available in Beaufort, which would meet the standards set up by the housing authority, which could be used for construction of the low cost housing units. He said that several tracts of land had been considered but that to the best of his knowledge, none that were suitable could be obtained for the housing development.

The members of the town board and the chamber of commerce argued that such a tract of land was available but information concerning it was not communicated to Powell by Skinner Chalk, sr., Morehead City, who acts as an agent in buying land for the housing authority.

According to Dan Walker, Beaufort town clerk and manager of the Chamber of Commerce, the search for a site which would meet the requirements of the housing authority had been fruitless until October, 1951. At that time, Walker says, Chalk inquired if the town board would take into the corporate limits of the town adjacent property if such suitable property could be found. The board agreed to do this and Chalk was notified.

Site Now Vacant

Walker says further that S. A. Chalk, sr., and John Chalk, a member of the staff of the housing authority, visited a site which they stated they believed would be appropriate as a building site for the housing units. That site, now vacant, is located at the end of Cedar st.

The town clerk, the town board and the Chamber of Commerce report that nothing further was heard from this visit. Around the first of September of this year, efforts were made to have a representative of the housing authority visit Beaufort and explain why the project was not proceeding.

According to Walker, these efforts were not successful until yesterday and that visit was made possible only through the efforts of Congressman Graham A. Barden.

Walker also says that he was not informed until sometime around the first of September that the 20 units which had been assigned to Beaufort had been assigned to Morehead City.

Powell told the groups that the

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### Flower Sale Opens October 2

Mrs. Clyde Carr, publicity chairman for the Morehead City Junior Woman's club, announced yesterday that the annual flower sale would get underway Oct. 2 and last through Oct. 17. Among the fall flowers on sale will be iris, thrift, pansies, English daisies, Violas, hyacinths, daffodils, tulips and rose bushes.

The buying of these flowers will go along with the city's beautification program which is sponsored by the Carolina Power and Light company in the Finer Carolina contest.

Last fall, when the flowers were in bloom, there were many comments to members of the Junior Woman's club as to how pretty they were. The sale last year was reported as a huge success. This year the club hopes to make it an even bigger one.

If anyone interested in buying flowers has not been contacted by Oct. 7 in the house-to-house canvass, call Mrs. H. C. Barrow, jr., at 6-3079.

Investigation Continues

W. R. Skinner, superintendent of the Newport prison camp, says that the recent robbery at the camp is still under investigation. No further progress has been made toward finding the two men who stole \$150.

### Helt, Adams Remain Critical

Takacs in Good Condition, Accident Victims Remain in Hospital

The condition of Corp. Paul M. Helt and Corp. Roger H. Adams, injured in the car-truck accident last Saturday on highway 70, remained the same at press time.

The Cherry Point public information officer told THE NEWS-TIMES that Corp. Helt's condition remains critical and Corp. Adams remains in serious condition.

Both men are in the U. S. Naval hospital at Camp Lejeune. They were passengers in the car which struck a fish truck on highway 70 on Saturday night. One man, S/Sgt. William Paul Harris, was killed. Another, Pfc. Laverne Pauley, was injured slightly but released after treatment at the Cherry Point dispensary.

All four of the men were based at Cherry Point.

The condition of Michael Takacs, a marine based at Camp Lejeune, remains good. Takacs was injured in an accident on the Mill Creek road last Saturday night. He was treated at the Morehead City hospital and later removed to Camp Lejeune.

Land Information Sent to Powell

At press time, Beaufort town clerk Dan Walker told THE NEWS-TIMES that an option on the land at the end of Cedar st. proposed as the site for construction of the low-cost housing units in Beaufort had been secured.

The information concerning the option has been passed on to H. E. Powell, executive director of the Eastern Carolina Regional Housing Authority, along with information concerning sewage elevations and other engineering information necessary for the proposed construction.

Walker says also that data concerning the annexation of the proposed site into the town of Beaufort has been approved by the Board of Town Commissioners and has been forwarded to Powell.

All the data was forwarded to Powell within two days after his visit to Beaufort.

### Rotary President Gives Pep Talk

The Beaufort Rotary club heard a pep talk by its president, Glenn Adair, at Tuesday night's meeting in the Inlet Inn.