

County Towns Elect Officials Today

Heavy Rainfall Ends Danger Of Forest Fire

Thursday night's heavy rainfall extinguished the forest fire which had burned for almost one week in the eastern part of the county and put a temporary end to the danger of more fires.

E. M. Foreman, county fire warden, says that 41 inches of rain fell in the space of a few hours during the night and put an end to the blaze, something which firefighters had been unable to do.

The firefighters had been hampered in their efforts by the nature of the terrain over which the fire was burning. The pocomin soil on the edge of the open grounds would not support the weight of heavy equipment normally used in fighting forest fires, and firefighters were forced to battle the blaze by hand.

At its height, the fire covered an area stretching from Otway to Stacy on a line a few miles north of US 70. Mr. Foreman says that he has not been able to make an estimate of the number of acres of timber destroyed by the blaze.

The fire started April 24 at Williston and was later joined by smaller fires which had sprung up in Smyrna, Otway, Davis and Stacy. The blaze was brought under control early last week, but it broke out again Wednesday with renewed intensity. A dense cloud of billowing smoke could be seen Wednesday afternoon from many sections of the county, and the flames lit the sky that night.

Mr. Foreman said last week that it was fortunate that the wind was blowing the flames toward the open grounds rather than toward the various communities along US 70. He said that a wind shift could have meant a serious threat to those communities.

The large fire was one of several which struck in the county during the week. During the first four days of the fire period, firefighters were battling 12 fires in various parts of the county. Those in the eastern section of the county joined to form the one large blaze, but several others burned in the Harlowe area. Most of those were extinguished before they could do serious damage.

Because of the fire threat, all burning permits were suspended pending rainfall. The rain Thursday and over the weekend ended the suspension of the permits. Mr. Foreman says that the danger of fire has passed at least temporarily but has urged everyone to exercise great caution in burning trash.

Strong Wind Wrecks Barn

The high winds which accompanied Thursday night's heavy rainfall caused damage amounting to several thousand dollars at W. J. Blair's Bayside farm on Crab Point. Mr. Blair says that a particularly hard gust of wind tore the roof of the farm's milking parlor and broke out the walls of the 15 by 60-foot structure. He said that, fortunately, the day's milking had been completed earlier in the evening and the building was unoccupied at the time.

The dairyman said that an accurate estimate of the damage has not yet been made but that he believes it will amount to almost \$5,000.

The wind struck at about 8 p.m. as heavy rains began to sweep the county. The wind, which had been strong all day, began to blow with increased force as the rain started to fall.

The damage to the barn was the most serious reported although there was some other minor damage caused by the storm. Most of the damage, however, was confined to tree limbs and plants.

Newport Man Arrested For Assault on Wife

Chief Carlton Garner of the Beaufort police department reports that Johnny Ray Waddell of Newport was arrested Sunday on a warrant charging him with assaulting his wife, Swanna D. Waddell.

The warrant alleges that the assault took place April 26 in Beaufort. Waddell is free on \$200 bond and will be tried May 12 in Beaufort municipal recorder's court.

James Haley, Negro migrant laborer, was arrested Saturday for public drunkenness and is free on a \$25 bond. Paul A. Jarman, Jr., of Newport was arrested Saturday for passing another car in an intersection at a high rate of speed. He was also released on \$25 bond.

Officials, Candidates Hear Laws Explained

Candidates and election officials in Beaufort attended a meeting yesterday morning at which Fred Seelye, chairman of the county board of elections, explained the state election laws and the rules which should govern today's municipal election.

Election officials present at the meeting were Mrs. William Willis, registrar, and Elmore Davis and Daniel Willis, election judges. All candidates were also invited to attend the meeting.

The major change in the rules governing the election relates to the use of markers. In previous years, markers have been allowed to mark the ballots of those with poor eyesight. This year, no markers will be allowed, but two assistant judges will be appointed to mark for those who cannot see the ballots. The assistant judges will be appointed by Mrs. Willis.

The change in the use of markers was made following a ruling from the state attorney general. The attorney general says that, in his opinion, markers are illegal unless the town charter allows them. The Beaufort town charter says nothing about using markers at the polls.

Under the new rules, only election officials and those in the process of voting will be allowed inside the polling place. A police officer will be present to enforce the election rules.

The polls will open in the town hall at 6:30 this morning and will close at 6:30 tonight. The town offices will not be open for business during the voting, and today's session of the municipal recorder's court will not be held.

Beaufort's A.B.C. store will be closed all day and the sale of beer and wine will be prohibited during the voting hours.

Voters will have a choice of 18 candidates for the seven offices when they go to the polls today. There are two candidates for mayor, two for judge of the municipal recorder's court and 14 for



Paul H. Geer, Jr.

and Bill Norwood, treasurer. The new officers were installed by Bernard Lenny, a past-president of the club.

New directors of the club are Dr. Russell Outlaw, H. S. Gibbs, Jr., James Meeks and Paul Cordova. The other officers and the past-president make up the remainder of the board of directors.

The Key Man award was presented to Walter Morris. The award is presented each year to the member of the club who has done the most for the club during the past year. The recipient is chosen by a vote of all members.

Bob Roscoe of Farmville, state vice-president for the eighth district, was the featured speaker at the banquet. He spoke on the Jaycee program in relation to the local clubs. He was introduced by Mr. Morris.

Four retiring members of the club were presented with Exhausted Rooster pins which signify that they have reached their 36th birthdays and are no longer eligible for membership in the club. The four are Alfred Cooper, Bud Dixon, James R. Sanders and Dr. Alvah L. Hamilton, Jr.

The banquet was followed by dancing.

Cecil Adams was chairman of arrangements for the ladies night and installation banquet.

Marine Truck Damages Light Poles on Bridge

Several lamp posts on the Morehead City-Beaufort drawbridge were sheared off at the base Saturday night when a Marine truck loaded with heavy equipment struck the side of the bridge.

The reinforced concrete posts were snapped off even with the top of the bridge rail, and some of them are still hanging over the side of the bridge. They are held in place only by the steel rods which were used to reinforce the concrete.

The truck was proceeding toward Radio Island where the equipment was to be loaded on an LST bound for maneuvers.

The state highway patrol is still investigating the accident.

Home Agent Announces Club Meeting Schedule

Miss Martha Barnett, home demonstration agent, has announced the following club meetings for this week. The Wildwood club meets today at 2:30 with Mrs. Carl Whitely. Tomorrow the Core Creek Harlowe club will meet at 1:30 with Mrs. Carlton Taylor.

On Thursday the annual flower show will open at 3 o'clock in the home agent's office in the Beaufort court house and the annual dress revue will be at 8 p.m. in the court room.

The Peletier club will meet Friday at 2 p.m. with Mrs. J. E. Weeks.

Mrs. Merrill Is Woman of Year



Mrs. Dave Merrill, third from right, is shown as she received the goblet presented to her as woman of the year in Carteret county. The award was made last week at the annual banquet of the Business and Professional Woman's club. Others in the picture are from left to right, Mrs. Wiley Taylor, Jr., who announced the award; Mrs. John Alford, president of the club; Mrs. Merrill; and Mrs. Darden Eure, who spoke at the banquet. Photo by Jerry Schumacher

New Atlantic Beach Board Sworn In at Friday Meeting

The members of the board of commissioners of Atlantic Beach and the mayor were sworn in last Friday afternoon by A. H. James, clerk of the Carteret county superior court.

The meeting May 1 was the first time the recently elected board had convened. Commissions of office for the town were sent to each member by the governor. All town officials were present.

Alfred B. Cooper of Morehead City is mayor of the community and J. Con Lanier of Greenville, L. E. White of Raleigh, W. C. Whitehurst of Bethel and H. W. Anderson of Wilson are the commissioners.

Officials of Atlantic Beach are elected by ballots from all of the property owners on the beach who are qualified voters in the state. The counting of the ballots was done April 14. This year's election was more spirited than any during the history of the beach.

The slate of officers elected was opposed by another slate consisting of E. L. Baker and Miss Mamie Ruth Tunstall of Greenville, Burke Taylor of New Bern and Mr. Lanier for commissioners and W. L. Derrickson of Morehead City for mayor.

Mr. Baker, Miss Tunstall and Mr. Taylor were all members of the board which served during the past four years.

The principal item of business was the adoption of a budget for the beach and the hiring of a superintendent. The budget calls for a superintendent and additional policemen as well as the life guards, garbage and trash disposal.

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Legislature Approves Amended Milk Control Bill

In its final session Thursday, the general assembly enacted into law a toned-down version of the controversial milk control bill. Two important amendments adopted by the house were quickly passed by the senate and the bill became law effective July 1.

The amended bill was passed after more than an hour of sharp debate on the floor of the house. After the heated debate, the house passed the measure by a vote of 67-31.

The most important amendment would deny the newly-created milk commission the power to maximum and minimum prices for wholesale and retail sales of milk. The second would raise to seven the number of members of the commission. The seventh member would have to be a retail milk dealer.

The amendments were two of more than a dozen sent forward during the session in an attempt to kill the bill by amendment. The other amendments were defeated on the floor of the house.

During debate on the bill, Rep. William Rodman of Beaufort county said that the bill would be almost useless unless the maximum and minimum wholesale prices could be set by the commission.

Rep. Ed O'Herron of Mecklenburg, author of the amendment, said that without it the commission could set the price of every glass of milk sold in a school lunchroom. He called the control bill "the

greatest piece of socialistic legislation this general assembly has been asked to pass."

Until the amendment was passed the bill would have allowed the commission to fix the price paid to producers by distributors and that on the wholesale and retail levels. The producer price controls were left in the bill.

When the battle over passage of the amended bill had ended, Sen. Ralph Scott of Alamance, a sponsor of the bill, was asked what he thought of the changes.

Scott said, "We still have a good bill. The important part is still there. We have 95 per cent of it. Marketing areas can still be set up by the commission. Payments to producers can still be regulated. It eliminates unfair trade practices such as rebates and concessions by distributors. They still must have definitely established prices, and distributors will have to be licensed."

The amendment to add a retail milk dealer to the commission was carried by a 79-25 vote. Representative Rodman had contended that the change was unnecessary since the governor in his discretion, could name a retail dealer to the commission.

As passed by the house, the commission would be composed of a retail dealer, two distributors, a producer-distributor, a public member and the commissioner of agriculture.

Polls to Open at 6:30 For Town Elections

The polls for today's municipal elections in Morehead City, Beaufort and Newport will open at 6:30 this morning and will close at 6:30 tonight. The voting will be done at the town hall in each town.

The county's three A.B.C. stores will be closed all day, and no beer or wine may be sold in any of the three towns during the 12-hour voting period.

Merchants Start New Hours Plan

Members of the Morehead City Merchants association will start their Wednesday afternoon and Friday night hours tomorrow. Most of these stores have been closing Wednesday afternoons during the winter.

The association decided to stay open Friday nights during the summer months in order to facilitate shopping for residents of surrounding areas.

The stores will open at 9 in the morning and close at 5:30 in the afternoon except on Friday when the closing hour will be 8 and Saturday at 6 o'clock.

To promote the new hours, they have arranged that free theater tickets will be available at all association stores for children under 12 so that they may go to the movies while their parents shop. These tickets will be available Wednesday afternoons and Friday nights only.

The association members have also planned many items for special sale on Wednesdays and Fridays.

A regular meeting of the association will be held tomorrow morning at 11:30 at Captain Bill's Waterfront restaurant. Continued discussion of association plans and promotions in the coming months will be the main point of the business meeting.

Submarine Visits Port To Pick Up Marines

The submarine USS Sealion arrived at the port terminal Thursday to pick up a detachment of marines. The sub left Saturday for an unknown destination. It has not been revealed whether the marines were from Cherry Point or Camp Lejeune.

It was the submarine's second visit to the Morehead City port. It was here several months ago for a similar purpose.

Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Tuesday, May 5	LOW
12:13 a.m.	6:46 a.m.	
12:45 p.m.	7:01 p.m.	
Wednesday, May 6		
1:15 a.m.	7:47 a.m.	
1:52 p.m.	8:13 p.m.	
Thursday, May 7		
2:22 a.m.	8:48 a.m.	
3:00 p.m.	9:27 p.m.	
Friday, May 8		
3:28 a.m.	9:49 a.m.	
4:04 p.m.	10:34 p.m.	

Newport Board Names Judges

The Newport town board has named C. E. Simmons and Mrs. Eva Simmons as judges for today's municipal election which will choose a mayor and five town commissioners to govern Newport for the next two years.

Voters will have a choice of 14 candidates for the six openings in the town government. There are three candidates for mayor and 11 candidates for the five seats on the town board.

Candidates for mayor are Edgar Hibbs, R. S. Jones and E. F. Caraway. Mr. Hibbs, a member of the present town board, was nominated at a public meeting last month. The other two have since filed for election.

Commissioners S. E. Mann, Charles Hill, M. D. McCain and D. Ira Garner are all seeking reelection to their present offices. Other candidates are Norman Bell, W. D. Heath, sr., Johnnie Thrower, G. W. Rhodes, Leon E. Garner, W. V. Garner and Bennie R. Garner.

Commissioners Mann, Hill and Garner were all nominated at the meeting at which Mr. Hibbs was nominated. Also named at the meeting were Mr. Bell and Mrs. Leah Bell who has since withdrawn from the race.

Commissioner McCain, who was not nominated at the meeting, has since filed as have the other candidates.

The presence of three candidates in the race for mayor makes it possible that more than one election will be held. A candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast in order to be elected. If no candidate receives a majority, a run-off election will be held between the two candidates receiving the most votes.

The town board will not hold its regular monthly meeting tonight because of the election. The date for the meeting will be announced later.

Truck Hits Train As Brakes Fail

Kent D. Galford of Camp Lejeune was arrested Saturday afternoon after the truck and trailer which he was driving struck the engine of a railroad train at the crossing near the Blue Ribbon club.

Galford has been charged with operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes. He will be tried in Morehead City recorder's court.

The marine told Highway Patrolman J. W. Sykes that he was driving west on US 70 at the time of the accident. He said that he saw the train coming and tried to stop. He said that when he applied the brakes, he found that there were no brakes on the trailer. The truck hit the left side of the engine.

The marine was uninjured in the wreck. Damage to the government-owned truck has been estimated at about \$400. The train was not damaged.

Morehead Voters Cast Deciding Ballots Today

Candidates and election officials made their final plans yesterday in Morehead City after a spirited campaign for seats on the city council. The polls at the city hall opened at 6:30 this morning.

The registrar estimated that approximately 1,200 names were now on the city's election books. Prior to the registration period for this municipal election there were less than 500 names on the book.

Grady Bell is registrar for the election and F. C. Salisbury and Clayton Guthrie are election judges.

A great deal of confusion arose during the registration period when it became apparent that many residents of Morehead City did not realize that the city's registration books are entirely separate from those kept for county, state,

- The Candidates**
- Mayor**
George W. Dill, Jr.
Commissioner (Vote for Five)
D. G. Bell
W. E. Cottingham
W. L. Derrickson
Ted Garner
Leroy Guthrie
D. J. Hall
S. C. Holloway
M. T. Mills
Dr. John W. Morris
V. J. O'Neal
Thomas Wade
R. Doug West

School Budget Gets Approval Of County Board

The Carteret county board of commissioners gave tentative approval to a county school budget of \$101,960 at its meeting yesterday morning in the court house. The county would raise only \$75,000 of the school budget, it was pointed out.

The board also heard R. M. Williams, county extension agent, present the county's long range farm program. The board voted to include funds in next year's budget for publication of the farm program.

H. L. Joslyn, superintendent of the county schools, pointed out to the board that increases in the school budget should be expected. As more schools and more students are added to the system, "all of our costs particularly school maintenance will increase," he said.

In making his report, Mr. Joslyn reminded the commissioners that \$915,871.23 in capital improvements have been made in the county since 1946. "Our immediate needs in the future will call for an additional \$800,000 in capital outlays," he said.

Attending the meeting of the commissioners with Mr. Williams were many representatives of committees which are working on the farm program plan. The plan for Carteret county is a part of the state-wide "Challenge Program" which is designed to increase the efficiency and value of North Carolina's farms.

The committees have completed their work of preparing the drafts for the final presentation of the program, Mr. Williams said, and it will be ready for publication after a final editing by extension specialists in Raleigh.

Following the board's decision to bear the cost of publication of the report, the board had a long discussion concerning the Jarvis road near Straits. Clayton Fulcher, jr., of Atlantic presented the petition for the property and home owners on the road. Most of the homes are summer cottages.

At a meeting earlier this year, the board had passed a resolution declaring the intention not to consider petitions to summer cottages. Upon a motion by Tilden Davis of Harkers Island, the board voted to reconsider the resolution. Moses Howard of Newport objected, while Walter Yeomans of Harkers Island and E. H. Potter of Beaufort voted with Mr. Davis.

Later the board voted to send the petition for the Jarvis road to the state highway commission without prejudice. Mr. Howard voted against this motion pointing out that the board was letting itself in for many petitions from other cottage owners all over the county.

John L. Humphrey, county road superintendent, reported that the road to Atlantic, the Deep Creek road, and the Wildwood road have all been resurfaced recently and the Nine Foot road is being resurfaced at the present time.

A. H. James, clerk of the county superior court, reported that the county received \$3,923.71 during the month of April through his office. Gross receipts of the clerk's office in April were \$10,005.09.

The board discussed the necessity for having a petition signed by 15 per cent of the voters in the last gubernatorial election in order to call an election to issue the \$50,000 in bonds for a new jail. The issuance of the bonds was approved by the General Assembly before its adjournment.

Before adjourning the board drew up the petty jury and grand jury lists for the June term of superior court.

Lions Hear Report On Work with Blind

The Morehead City Lions, at their meeting Thursday night, heard a report on the activities of case workers assisting the county's blind. The Lions club pays part of the expense of the work with the blind.

It was also reported at the meeting that about half of the playground equipment has been installed on the grounds at the recreation center. Plans were made to do more work Saturday, but rain forced postponement.

and national elections. In order to clear up this confusion, an extra week was allowed for registration.

The only contested seats in the Morehead City election are for the five seats on the city council. Mayor George W. Dill, jr., is unopposed for re-election and the officers of the city recorder's court are also unopposed. Election officials have pointed out that voters should mark their ballots for the unopposed candidates or write-in names.

The five present city commissioners are running on a slate together, though the ballot will be so arranged that the voter may cast his ballot for any five of the 12 candidates. The present commissioners are D. G. Bell, Dr. John W. Morris, S. C. Holloway, M. T. Mills, and W. L. Derrickson.

Other candidates who have filed are Ted Garner, D. J. Hall, W. E. Cottingham, Leroy Guthrie, Thomas Wade, R. Doug West, and V. J. O'Neal. Early in the campaign there were some rumors that five of these candidates were running on a slate but these have been denied by all seven. Each one has made a statement that he is running as an independent candidate.

A. L. Brinson filed for commissioner but withdrew. This exceptionally large number of candidates has generated a great deal of interest in the election. Charges and counter-charges, denials, answers and replies have featured the exchanges between those seeking re-election and some of the other candidates.

Other officers open for election are two members of the board of hospital trustees. A. B. Roberts, jr., and Gordon C. Willis are unopposed for re-election as hospital trustees.

Court officials running for election are George McNeil, judge; Alvah L. Hamilton, sr., assistant judge; John E. Lashley, clerk; and Herbert O. Phillips, III, solicitor.

The polls will close at 6:30 tonight.

Fisheries Group Opposes Bombing Target Areas

The North Carolina Fisheries association voted at its meeting last Thursday night in Washington to oppose the establishment of more bombing and target areas near Pamlico sound.

The Marine Corps has made application to the U. S. Army corps of engineers to establish five bombing and target zones in navigable waters near the south side of the Neuse river. The areas are Rattan Bay, Point of Marsh Peninsula, and Pamlico sound.

The five areas would be circular with radii ranging from 1.8 miles to one-half of a mile. Maps showing the areas are on display at the corps of engineers office in Wilmington and the post offices at Atlantic, Oriental and Vandemere.

Clayton Fulcher, jr., of Atlantic, a director of the association, reported that the fisheries group has decided to ask the state Board of Conservation and Development to join its protest of the bombing areas.

The areas would be used as target and bombing areas by marine aircraft. Live and dummy ammunition would be used. Two of the five zones would be closed to navigation at all times while the remaining three would be closed during daylight hours and open at night.