

Lennoxville Girl Dies in Sunday Fire

Annexation Defeated By 11 Votes Saturday

By a margin of 11 ballots residents west of the present Morehead City limits voted not to be annexed to the city Saturday.

Clyde Jones, registrar for the election, reported that 78 were against and 67 for the annexation. A total of 162 had registered for the election. The polls were open from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m.

The areas proposed for annexation were all west of the present city limits. They included the state property west of Thirty-fourth street and south of the railroad; the land between the railroad and highway 70 west of Twenty-fifth street to the western boundary of the state property; and the land between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-eighth street north of the railroad to Calico creek.

The election was called after a public hearing April 6 at which the city commissioners presented their proposals to the residents.

All of the election officials, the date of the election and other matters concerned with the election itself were determined by the county board of elections.

Judges for the election were John T. Conner of 2716 Arvon street and Luther Norris of 2712 Homes drive.

In commenting on the results of the referendum Mayor George W. Dill, jr., of Morehead City said, "We are of course disappointed in the election results. Our long range planning for the future development of Morehead City will be made more difficult, but we will always hold open the door for any in the areas to the west who would like to become a part of the city."

Opposition to the annexation proposal was largely led by O. O. Fulcher. A petition calling for the referendum and expressing opposition to the proposal was presented at the public hearing by Claud Wheatly, attorney for Mr. Fulcher and others. The petition was signed by 104 residents.

Prior to the election most residents of the area had indicated that the result would be decided by a small number of voters. The city had promised the residents six kinds of municipal services in the event the areas were annexed.

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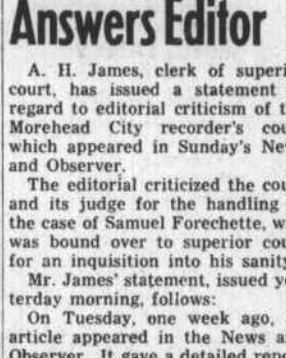
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Court Clerk Answers Editor

A. H. James, clerk of superior court, has issued a statement in regard to editorial criticism of the Morehead City recorder's court which appeared in Sunday's News and Observer.

The editorial criticized the court and its judge for the handling of the case of Samuel Forechette, who was bound over to superior court for an inquisition into his sanity.

Mr. James' statement, issued yesterday morning, follows: On Tuesday, one week ago, an article appeared in the News and Observer. It gave a detailed report of the handling of a case against a defendant named Forechette. What the article reported, in substance, was that he was brought in court and because of suspicions of insanity, was sent over to the superior court for an inquisition relating to his sanity.

What the article did not report, however, was the ground work leading to the actual disposition of the case by the recorder of the Morehead City recorder's court. This omission distorted the case and caused a certain amount of criticism. The News and Observer editorialized on the subject Sunday with its opinions based on the article which appeared in its columns.

On Sunday morning, preceding the Monday this case was to come up, Judge George H. McNeill of the Morehead City recorder's court, approached me on the lawn of the Methodist Sunday school building, immediately following Sunday school, and discussed with me the problem of Samuel Forechette, who was then in the city jail. At that time there had been no definite conclusion reached in the minds of the police that the subject was insane, but some comments about it, and the judge was then considering the problem of disposal of the case against him, which involved

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Beaufort School Band To Get Uniforms

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Accident Upsets Scheduled Work

A tree which fell across power lines between Havelock and Newport upset Carolina Power and Light's schedule of power interruptions during the past weekend.

George B. Stovall, district manager for the utility company, reported today that the power interruption Saturday morning at 6:03 was not scheduled. The tree broke the line and service was not restored to the Morehead City area until 6:50.

Power was cut off in Newport until 9:09 and the lines to Atlantic were dropped at about 8:36 and restored at 9.

Mr. Stovall explained that this accidental interruption made it impossible for the company to go through with its scheduled interruption Saturday morning east of Smyrna. This was called in order to give the company time to relocate the power lines at the new hospital in Sealevel.

This will be done tomorrow morning, weather permitting, between 9 and 11 o'clock. Mr. Stovall said that Davis, Williston, Sealevel, Stacy, Atlantic and Cedar Island will be cut off during the period tomorrow.

Due to the line trouble Saturday, the company's employees were also unable to complete their preparations for the two scheduled interruptions Sunday. The company is installing a larger transformer at its Cherry Point station to meet the increasing power load in Carteret county.

It will be necessary to have an interruption next Sunday morning from 5 to 5:30 o'clock, Mr. Stovall explained, in order to complete the work of installing the larger transformer.

"We were able to get the work about 75 per cent completed," he said, "and would have finished except for the line trouble Saturday."

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Brother Injured As Fire Levels Two Dwellings

Quinnie Lane Guthrie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Guthrie, was burned to death and her brother, Avrell, was in critical condition after a fire destroyed their home and that of a neighbor Sunday morning in the Lewistown section of the Lennoxville road, Beaufort.

The children's father was placed in the Morehead City jail for several hours Sunday morning for his own protection. He was later released and no charges were preferred against him.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. George Equils, a neighbor, and her daughter, Mrs. Eloise Styron. Mrs. Equils had been up waiting for her daughter to return home. After Mrs. Styron arrived, they sat up talking until about 3 a. m. Mrs. Equils told Coroner Leslie D. Springle that she heard an explosion shortly after she went to bed. She said that it sounded like the slam of a door.

Mrs. Equils looked across the road and saw the Guthrie home blazing. She and her daughter rushed to the house and tried the front door which they found locked. They went around the side of the house and found Guthrie lying naked in the yard and screaming for his daughter.

Clinton T. Lewis, another neighbor, arrived at the scene and made his way into the blazing house. He found Guthrie's nine-year-old son on the floor about three feet from the bed. He picked up the boy and carried him to safety. Just as he left the building, the roof caved in, making it impossible to attempt to save the 11-year-old girl who was still in the house.

The boy was taken to the Morehead City hospital. See FIRE, Page 3

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Morehead City Commissioners Are Sworn In

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The commissioners are Dr. John W. Morris, Ted Garner, D. G. Bell, S. C. Holloway, and D. J. Hall. Mr. Hall and Mrs. Garner were sworn in for the first time after being elected earlier this month. The three other commissioners were re-elected.

Mayor Dill announced the appointments of the commissioners. Mr. Holloway was made finance commissioner; Mr. Bell, police; Dr. Morris, streets and sewers; Mr. Garner, fire; and Mr. Hall, buildings, grounds, and taxis.

After the appointments, the mayor gave a brief description of the duties of each commissioner. Upon a motion by Mr. Holloway, all the appointed city officials were continued in their present posts "at the will of the board."

This covers such officials as city clerk, police chief and others. To avoid possible legal complications, the board also appointed H. O. Phillips, III, as solicitor of the city's recorder's court.

During a discussion of streets and paving problems, Mayor Dill explained to the new commissioners that the reason for the delay in paving Fisher street was caused by the need for extensive drainage on the street. "You would be amazed at the amount of money we have spent in order to drain Fisher street so we can pave it without having the paving break up in a few days or after the first heavy rain," Mayor Dill said.

The board approved a proposal for preliminary discussions with the Barrus construction company which is paving Arendell street to determine the costs of paving portions of Fisher street in the near future.

Dr. B. F. Royal was re-appointed to the Morehead City Racing commission to serve a term of three years. The board also elected D. G. Bell to serve as mayor pro tem in the absence of the mayor.

The board voted to put a parking meter in front of the Paul B. Mitchell home at 610 Arendell street. Dr. Morris was asked to investigate a request from the York Building company for permission to widen Eleventh street between Arendell street and Bridges.

The York firm is building the new Colonial store on the corner of Arendell and Eleventh.

The mayor was asked to discuss with the city attorney the possibility of some municipal ordinance to curb the activities of itinerant photographers. The firm of Hamilton and McNeil was re-named the attorney for the city.

Carlton Named To High Office In State Group

W. C. Carlton, manager of the Carteret-Craven Electric Membership corporation, was named vice-president of the Tar Heel Electric Membership association at the group's annual meeting in Raleigh last week.

The association, which held its meetings Wednesday and Thursday, is composed of representatives of 28 North Carolina electric membership corporations.

Other officers elected were D. M. Robinson of Marshall, president; and H. H. McKinney of Wadesboro, secretary-treasurer. Clayton Moritz of Sanford is the retiring president and Mr. Carlton is the retiring secretary-treasurer.

On Wednesday the group participated in a discussion of several electric service topics. A panel on the feasibility of electric cooperative operations was conducted by three representatives of the Rural Electrification administration.

Discussion of other aspects of membership corporations were also held. Jerry L. Anderson, editor of the "Carolina Farmer," owned and published by the association, reported on the activities of the magazine.

The group voted to meet again at Nags Head in August.

Methodists Plan Sale At Bogue Field Saturday

The Rev. J. K. Worthington of Swansboro, pastor of Bethlehem Methodist church has announced that the church will sponsor a country store sale at 2 p. m. Saturday at Bogue field on NC 24 in Bogue.

Revue Tickets Now on Sale

Tickets for the Beaufort Choral club's June production are now on sale and may be purchased from any member of the Beaufort Junior Woman's club or the Beaufort or Morehead City Band Boosters' club.

The three clubs are sponsoring the song, dance and piano revue which will be presented for three nights beginning June 3. The performances will be given at 8 p. m. in the Beaufort school auditorium.

The show, staged and directed by Mrs. Virginia Hassell, will contain original interpretations of all-time song hits by such composers as Victor Herbert, George Gershwin, Jerome Kern, Cole Porter, Puccini and Sibelius.

One of the features of the show will be an original three-act musical comedy hit, Roberta. The revue will also include 12 choral numbers, piano duets by Mrs. Hassell and Merry Palazzo, and four song and dance production numbers.

Among the old favorites who will appear in the revue will be Corinne Webb, Betty Lou Merrill, Sally Herring, James Webb, Bobby Bell, Sal Palazzo and James Stafford.

The cast, which includes a chorus of 50 voices, and the production crew have been working since February to make the show a success.

Last summer's Choral club production, Parade of Stars, played to capacity audiences for two nights, and many people were unable to see the show. A third night has been added this year to enable more people to see the revue.

Beaufort Police Report

Arrest of Speeder

Chief Carlton Garner says that he arrested Freddie Graham of West Beaufort Sunday after a chase along Broad street to Fulford street.

Graham has been charged with speeding 45 miles per hour in a 35 mile per hour zone, careless and reckless driving and failing to give a hand signal. He is free on his own recognizance and will be tried today in municipal recorder's court.

Chief Garner said that he began to follow Graham on Broad street and clocked his speed at 45 miles per hour. He said that Graham cut the corner on Fulford street, raising a cloud of dust, and headed toward Front street. The chief stopped him before he reached Front street.

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This summer, Mr. Kenneth Stargard, new football coach of Beaufort school, will be the recreation leader.

The program, which is free to children between the ages of 7 and 18, offers supervised baseball, swimming and dancing.