

New Ports Authority Named by Governor

Governor William B. Umstead Saturday announced his appointments to the seven-member State Ports Authority. Three of the members of the present board were re-appointed.

The General Assembly this year reduced the number of members on the authority from nine to seven and ended the terms of members June 30. Those who were re-appointed are A. G. Myers of Gastonia, textile official; W. Avery Thompson of Hallsboro, lumberman; and J. H. White of Winston-Salem, tobacco executive. Mr. Myers has served as the chairman of the authority in the past.

The new members are Harold F. Coffey of Lenoir, president of Kent-Coffey Furniture company; Senator Edwin Pate of Laurinburg, businessman; J. Harvey Moore of Charlotte, president of Brown Manufacturing company; and Raymond Bryan of Goldsboro, president of T. A. Loving Construction company.

All of the new appointments run for four years, expiring July 1, 1957.

In making the announcement, Governor Umstead described the new members as "outstanding men who will render a great service to the state of North Carolina."

Members of the present board who were not re-appointed were W. J. Bason of North Wilkesboro; Terry Sanford of Fayetteville; Dr. J. McIntosh Hedrick of Winston-Salem; David Holton of Edenton; and E. G. Anderson of Robersonville. George R. Ross, director of the state Department of Conservation and Development, served as an ex-officio member of the old board.

The Ports Authority was originally created by the 1945 General Assembly to promote the development of state ports. In 1949 an appropriation of \$7,500,000 was made to finance the development of the ports at Morehead City and Wilmington.

No date was set for the swearing in of the new board.

County Council Holds Meeting

The summer meeting of the Carteret County Council of Home Demonstration clubs met recently in the office of the home agent in the courthouse annex in Beaufort.

Mrs. A. H. Tallman, president of the council, presided. At the meeting the group planned to encourage mosquito control in the county, working through the health department as a health and safety measure.

The clubs will also sponsor a county-wide drive to enlist rural people in group hospitalization in August and September.

The council voted to go on record as favoring the awarding of reading certificates on a yearly basis instead of the present plan. This question came before the state federation earlier. At the present time, a club member may earn a reading certificate and advanced recognition only.

Program planning for 1954 will begin in July. Club members will be asked to make suggestions this month. A suggestion box will be used and suggestions should be made in writing. The suggestions will be used by the county program planning committee in setting up club meetings.

The council voted to contribute to a campaign for books for Pakistan. The books will be used for education purposes. County members were also asked to contribute recipes for use in the state federation cook book.

Mrs. Tallman named a nominating committee to present a slate of officers for the year 1954-55. Serving on the committee are Mrs. Noah Avery, Mrs. Gordon Laughon, and Mrs. Paul Beachem. The committee will make its report in September.

Election Ballots Mailed For Beaufort Chamber

Gerald Hill, president of the Beaufort chamber of commerce has announced that ballots are being mailed to all chamber members for the election of officers. The ballots must be returned by Friday.

The board of directors has ordered that all members be nominated for the 12-man board of directors. Tonight's board meeting has been postponed and will be held at 8 p. m. June 30 at the town hall.

Loses License

The state highway patrol has announced the revocation of the driver's license of George Dewey Equils of Beaufort. The action was taken after Equils was convicted of driving while under the influence of alcohol and hit and run driving.

Court Term Ends Ahead of Schedule

The two-week June term of Carteret county superior court ended Thursday afternoon, a day ahead of schedule. Judge Henry W. Stevens, jr., and court officials had expected that the term would continue until Friday, but one of the civil cases scheduled for trial was continued until the next term of court.

On the final day of the civil session, a jury refused to award damages to Lottie Mae Lewis who was suing Joseph Blaskowitz for injuries received in an automobile accident in Fayetteville.

The jury held that Mrs. Lewis was not injured through the negligence of the defendant.

E. C. Willis and Sons were awarded damages amounting to \$350 from Carlisle Bell.

W. C. Matthews received damages amounting to \$214.02 from W. M. Mutter. Matthews won the judgment by default.

A mistrial was ruled in the case of Salter v. Lawrence. The same ruling was made in the divorce case of Floyd C. Kirkpatrick v. Pauline Kirkpatrick.

Leila M. Conway, who was suing

for alimony without divorce from Reginald Conway, said that she was willing to make another attempt to live with her husband. The suit will be held in abeyance during the trial period.

Divorces were granted to W. P. Query from Fannie M. Query, Hilda Mae Holland from Hugh O. Holland, David Curmon from Jerry Ann Curmon, Dan L. Smith from Della V. Smith, Gurney T. Murray from Thelma Murray, Norma Parries from Johnnie Parries, Audrey S. Long from Ernest E. Long, Homer L. Mentzer from Lucy L. Mentzer and Leila Lefler from Jesse Lefler.

Cases continued until the next term were Willis v. Barbour, Proctor and Gourlay Produce company, Flying Inn v. Marino, Johnson v. Britt, Matthews v. Wray, Safrin v. Gaskins, Eure v. Conn, Yeomans v. Piner.

Davis v. Taylor, Willis v. Fulcher, Burgess v. Burgess, Idleburg v. Idleburg, Gillikin v. Gillikin, Garner v. Garner and O'Conner v. O'Conner.

All other civil cases were settled out of court before coming to trial.

Morehead Board Affirms Sewer Extension Policy

At its meeting Thursday night in the city hall, the Morehead City board of commissioners voted to continue in force its policies with respect to extension of sewer service.

Several requests for sewer service were presented by commissioners D. J. Hall and Ted Garner, and the board voted to make service available in the future on the same basis as it has done in the past.

This policy requires that property owners guarantee at least \$600 in tap-on fees before service will be extended to a block. The installation of sewer lines costs the city approximately \$900 per block. It was pointed out that these fees can be maintained only in those blocks which have access to a discharge line to the sound or Calico creek. Where discharge lines must be laid, the costs of sewer service are much greater than \$900.

The board approved the transfer of active taxi-cab permits from Leroy Guthrie to Marvia Powers. Mr. Powers has purchased Mr. Guthrie's taxicab business.

A brief discussion was also held on the problem of the city hall's leaking roof. A definite decision on this matter was postponed until the city's budget for the coming year is planned. A special meeting the first Thursday night in July was called to discuss the budget.

In other matters the board voted to allow a marine helicopter from Cherry Point to fly over the city at less than 5,000 feet in order to make aerial photographs. The board also approved the plat plans for a proposed filling station to be built by Morton Davis at the intersection of Arendell and Bonner streets. This is located in the area proposed by annexation at a public hearing tomorrow night.

Until the property is annexed the city's zoning powers are limited to approval or dis-approval of the plat, or street, plans of the property. Bonner street is the recently paved road from Arendell street to the present highway 70.

Easements were also granted for the construction of docks at the foot of 6th street and 5th street.

Other commissioners attending the meeting were D. G. Bell and S. C. Holloway. Dr. John Morris was out of town, Mayor George W. Dill, jr., presided.

GOP to Organize Precinct Committee

L. J. Noe, jr., temporary chairman of the Beaufort Republican precinct committee, has announced that an organizational meeting will be held at 8 p. m. July 10 in the county courthouse.

The purpose of the meeting will be to organize a permanent committee and to elect officers and directors. Mr. Noe has issued a special invitation to all young Republicans to attend the meeting.

The precinct committee will be the first of its kind in Beaufort township. In the past, all campaigning and matters of patronage have been handled by the county organization. A similar precinct committee was organized last December in Morehead City.

Morehead Annexation Hearing Is Tomorrow Night in Courtroom

Bombing Range Meeting Urged

Congressmen Graham A. Barden and Carl T. Durham have suggested a meeting between Marine Corps authorities and members of the Conservation and Development board to work out a solution to the controversy over bombing in fishing areas.

The controversy began when the Cherry Point air station announced that it wishes to use the Neuse river and Cedar Island bay areas as bombing ranges.

Mrs. Roland McClamroch, a member of the C&D board, immediately wrote to members of North Carolina's congressional delegation protesting such a use of the area.

Mrs. McClamroch told the congressmen that the area is one of the most important fishing sections on the coast. She added, "It is hard to understand why the most valuable areas for our fishing industry should be the ones chosen when there are so many unused inland areas which would not affect our fishing."

The congressmen brought the protest to the attention of General Lemuel C. Shepherd, commandant of the Marine Corps, and suggested that a meeting be arranged. They said that the general assured them that the Marine Corps would be happy to take part in such a conference and suggested that it be held at Cherry Point.

Congressman Durham also wrote to Gov. William B. Umstead and urged his cooperation in arranging the conference. He stressed the need for an understanding between the Navy and the people in the area who are dependent upon the fishing industry.

Congressman Barden said that the Conservation and Development department has spent large sums of money on investigating the habits of fish in the area and knows which waters are valuable for fishing.

He said that the Marine Corps, however, does not always know which areas are valuable and often selects such a spot as the site for a target range when another would do as well.

The congressman said, "The practical solution is to get the two groups together. I'm sure a solution can be worked out at such a meeting."

Farm Bureau To Meet Tonight

Robert Laughton, president of the Carteret County Farm Bureau federation, has announced that the federation will meet at 8 o'clock tonight in the county court house in Beaufort.

The meeting will discuss the proposed formation of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance company. The proposed company will offer full automobile and truck insurance coverage to all regular and associate members of the Farm Bureau.

The organization of the company was authorized at the state convention in February in Charlotte, and work on the organization has been going on since that time.

The company, similar to Farm Bureau insurance companies in other states, will be owned and operated by Farm Bureau members. It will furnish the insurance at cost to Farm Bureau members in the counties which elect to participate.

During July and August, the company's agents will solicit charter policy holders in the various counties and will make the necessary arrangements for financing the company. It is expected that the company will begin operations Sept. 1.

Mr. Laughton has said that the meeting will be very important to Bureau members who wish the bureau to "do something tangible on the local level." He has urged all members to be present at the meeting.

Gas Explosion Sunday Wrecks Asphalt Still

At approximately 3:55 Sunday afternoon a muffled explosion interrupted the quiet recreation of a hot weekend for Morehead City residents. A cloud of black smoke rose from the vicinity of the port terminal and drifted northward.

An asphalt still or kettle at the Trumbull Asphalt company's plant exploded. F. E. Seelbinder, manager of the plant, reported that no estimate of the damage to the still was available.

No persons were injured in the explosion and the plant went back into operation at 2 o'clock Monday morning.

The still went into operation at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Mr. Seelbinder explained, and the asphalt got too hot causing the accumulated gases to explode. The light-weight explosion hatches on the still were blown out, and the force of the gases lifted the still and wrecked the stack, he continued.

The plant has two stills and is now using its second one. Mr. Seelbinder reported that there was about 18 inches of asphalt in the still at the time of the explosion.

Approximately three to five

minutes after the explosion the Morehead City fire department sent two trucks to the scene and Arendell street leading to the plant area became so clogged with the automobiles of sight-seers that volunteer firemen had difficulty in threading their way through the traffic to join the trucks at the scene.

No fire followed the explosion. Most of the asphalt stayed in the still though one motorist who was driving by the plant at the time of the explosion reported that his car was covered with drops of asphalt.

Mr. Seelbinder said that the still will have to be rebuilt. No damage was done to the other facilities of the plant. The Trumbull asphalt firm is not a part of the Fry Roofing company though it sells asphalt to roofing manufacturers throughout the state. The asphalt is also used in the paving of roads. Ordinarily the explosion hatches on the stills are sufficient to take care of occasional gas flashes, Mr. Seelbinder said, but the overheating Sunday afternoon created more gas than they could accommodate.

Earlier reports that a steam boiler had exploded were incorrect, he said.

Pre-Dawn Fire Causes Damage to Store, Stock

An early morning fire of undetermined origin Sunday caused heavy damage to the stock at the Boot Shop on Arendell street, Morehead City.

Morehead City firemen were called to the scene at about 4 a. m. and returned several times before they completely extinguished the fire.

The firemen said that the fire seemed to have started in a partition and remained smoldering in the wall boarding each time it appeared to have been put out.

Each time that the firemen returned to the station, the fire broke out again and they returned to extinguish it. Eldon Nelson, fire chief, said that the men spent about an hour fighting the fire.

Chief Nelson said that he has been unable to determine the cause of the fire, although there is a possibility that it may have been caused by a short circuit.

He said that there was little damage to the building with the exception of smoke and water damage. He said that most of the damage was confined to the stock of the shoe store.

Jasper Bell and Herman Kirby, operators of the store, said that they have not yet been able to determine the extent of the damage but believe that the loss will be heavy. They said that they have not yet completed an inventory of the damaged stock.

The owners of the store said that their loss is covered by insurance. The damage to the building, owned by L. S. Spence of Melbourne, Fla., is also covered by insurance.

Summer Program Registration Heavy

One hundred and fifty children have registered to take part in the Beaufort summer recreation program, and Kenneth Stargardt, program director, has announced that he will continue to register children who wish to take part in the program.

He has started four baseball teams for the junior boys and hopes to complete three teams for senior boys to play baseball.

Games will be played at the ball park during the morning this week, and swimming will be at Pivers Island in the afternoons.

The junior group held its first dance last evening at the Scout building, and this evening and tomorrow evening table games will be played at the Scout building from 7 until 9 o'clock.

Friday evening the senior group will have its dance at the Scout building from 7 to 9.

Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, June 23	
4:49 a. m.	10:55 a. m.
5:23 p. m.	
Wednesday, June 24	
5:42 a. m.	11:45 a. m.
6:12 p. m.	12:01 p. m.
Thursday, June 25	
6:33 a. m.	12:40 a. m.
6:56 p. m.	12:33 p. m.
Friday, June 26	
7:30 a. m.	1:30 a. m.
7:43 p. m.	1:21 p. m.

Garner Honored At Ceremony

Charles M. Garner of Newport was honored as Carteret county's "Father of the Year" at a ceremony on the steps of the Morehead City town hall Saturday morning.

He was chosen in a contest sponsored by 10 Morehead City merchants.

Mayor George W. Dill, jr., made the presentation to Mr. Garner on behalf of the merchants. "I am delighted to have a part in recognizing you as 'Father of the Year,'" Mayor Dill told Mr. Garner.

Each of the 10 stores participating in the contest presented nomination ballots to customers in the weeks before Wednesday, June 17, on which they could nominate their candidates for the honor. The nominations were judged on the basis of the qualifications listed and not on the number of nominations for any one candidate.

Judges for the contest were Mrs. J. W. Jackson, John L. Crump and George B. Stovall.

Mr. Garner, 62 years old, has raised nine children including the Newport triplets. Four of his children now live in Nevada, one is in the Navy at Pensacola, Fla., and a step-son, Fairleigh Small, lives in Morehead City.

During most of his life Mr. Garner was a farmer around Newport, but for six years he was Newport's policeman and for the past year he has worked as a caretaker at the Wallace Fisheries. The Garners have nine grandchildren.

Each of the stores participating in the contest presented Mr. Garner with a gift Saturday morning. The gifts were a suit of clothes from Leary's; a pair of shoes and six pairs of socks from The Boot Shop; six dress shirts from Belk's; a ten-inch oscillating fan from Carteret Gas company; a 17-jewel Wittnauer watch from Early Jewelers; an Ashway smoking stand from Eastman's Furniture company; a Rath tenderized ham from Freeman Brothers; a rod and reel from Hardware and Building Supply company; a Brownie flash camera set from Morehead City Drug company; and a set of four Kar-Rugs from Parker Motors.

Beaufort Seeks New Police Chief

The town of Beaufort has begun to advertise for a new police chief to replace Carlton Garner. The advertisement, inserted in several publications throughout the state, asks for applications from trained, experienced officers.

In a letter to Mayor-elect Clifford T. Lewis, Chief Garner has applied for the position of assistant chief of police. He said that he was making the application before the new town officials take office in order that there will be no delay in completion of plans for the organization of the department.

As assistant chief, he will hold the rank of captain but will continue to receive his present salary. Tentative plans for the organization of the department call for him to take charge of the night shift.

Chief Garner said yesterday, "I have considered this step for some time, and I have discussed it with various members of the town board and with the mayor-elect. They told me to do whatever I think best about it."

"In the new job, I'll have less headaches than as chief, and I will be working much shorter hours. At the present time, I'm working day and night and never have any time to myself. As assistant chief, I'll be working only a regular nine-hour shift."

"I will remain as chief until the commissioners find a replacement for me, and if they do not find a suitable man I will remain."

Glenn Adair, police commissioner, said that the new chief and Capt. Mack Wade, now night officer, will make up the day shift under the proposed set-up. Lt. Otis Willis will move from days to nights.

Commissioner Adair says that the town hopes to obtain the services of a trained officer who has had experience on a large police force. He says that he believes that the town's offer will prove attractive to such a man.

PMA to Start Cotton Survey

B. J. May, manager of the county PMA office, has announced that his office will soon begin a survey of the amount of cotton grown in the county during 1951, 1952 and 1953.

He said that the survey will be made in preparation for cotton marketing quotas which will be imposed in 1954. He said that it is possible that all cotton planted this year will be measured shortly after July 15.

Letters will go out during the next few days to all farmers who are listed on the 1950 allotment sheets and to others believed to have grown cotton during the past three years.

The farmers who receive the letters will be requested to furnish crop information as soon as possible. Mr. May says that they should furnish the information even though they may not be interested in growing cotton in the future.

The information received in the survey will be used to determine acreage allotments and marketing quotas for the county for next year's cotton crop.

Mr. May says that he believes that there is very little cotton grown in the county, largely because of the difficulty of obtaining labor to pick the cotton.

A petition signed by more than 100 persons will be presented to the Morehead City town board tomorrow night asking that the city annex certain areas west of the present city limits.

A public hearing on the annexation proposal will be held in the city court room at the city hall beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Earlier this month a committee was formed to obtain signatures on a petition asking for annexation of the area west of the present city limits bounded on the north by the present highway 70 and on the south by the railroad and the sound. The intention is for the western limit to be the state property line at Camp Glenn. The area includes the rifle range north of the highway.

The committee has been headed by E. G. McKinley of 2717 Arvon drive. John T. Conner of 2716 Arvon is vice-chairman. The committee is composed of approximately 10 residents of the Homes drive, Noyes avenue, and other residential areas in the section.

Working in two-man teams, the committee has obtained more than 100 names on its petition. Under the terms of the state law, the town can annex the area without a referendum vote if 85 per cent of the residents of the area sign the petition. The petition asks that a referendum be held if more than 50 per cent but less than 85 per cent of the residents sign.

Leaders of the committee report that at the present time they have enough names on the petition to guarantee that any referendum election will be carried in favor of the annexation.

Last night a final meeting of the committee and interested citizens was held in the Clyde Jones show-room.

On May 23 an annexation proposal was defeated by 11 votes in a referendum called by the city. A total of 145 voted in the election with 78 casting ballots against the proposal and 67 in favor of it. The area included in that election was larger than that in the new proposal. It would have included the land between 25th and 28th streets from the highway north to Calico creek.

Under the state law at least 12 months must intervene between annexation elections for the same area. By changing the bounds of the proposed area the committee has made a new proposal.

Leaders of the committee reported that they hope to have enough names on their petition by tomorrow night to allow the town to annex the area by resolution. They have stressed in particular the improved schools, lower fire insurance rates and property value protection which would follow upon the annexation of the area.

Judge Dismisses Cooke Appeal

Judge Henry W. Stevens, jr., in superior court Thursday dismissed the appeal to the state supreme court of Nellie Richardson Cooke. Mrs. Cooke had appealed a decision handed down by Judge John J. Burney at the June 1952 court term.

Judge Burney at that time confirmed the sale of property on Ann street in Beaufort and ruled that Mrs. Cooke was to receive four-twelfths of the proceeds of the sale with the remainder to be divided between David C. Richardson and Mrs. Bertie Caffrey.

When Mrs. Cooke announced that she intended to appeal to the supreme court, Judge Burney set the appeal bond at \$500. It was because this bond has never been posted that Judge Stevens dismissed the appeal.

The judge originally intended to dismiss the appeal during the March court term, but Mrs. Cooke protested. After a lengthy court room scene in which Mrs. Cooke was threatened with a contempt citation, the judge agreed to give her until the June term to perfect the appeal.

In her court appearance in March, Mrs. Cooke was threatened with the contempt citation after she interrupted the trial of another case and attempted to make a speech to the people in the courtroom.

Mrs. Cooke went through the same procedure when she appeared in court Thursday to oppose the dismissal of her appeal. The judge on several occasions warned her to address her remarks to him instead of to the spectators. At one point during the day he ordered her to return to her seat after she followed him into his chambers to continue her argument.

Young Beaufort Farmer Attends Short Course

Kerney Merrill, jr., of Beaufort is attending a two-week farming short course at State college in Raleigh. The course will end Saturday.

The purpose of the course is to give young farmers instruction in the various phases of modern farming. The course is being sponsored by the North Carolina Bankers association.

Mildew Found

R. M. Williams, county farm agent, reports that downy mildew has been found on cucumbers and cantaloupes in New Hanover county. He says that growers of such plants should dust them with basic copper sulphate to prevent losses from the disease.

Dreams of Banks Wealth Shattered

Dreams of sudden wealth along the Outer Banks were shattered last week when officials of the DuPont firm, the National Lead company, and the U. S. Department of the Interior reported that there are no commercial deposits of titanium on the banks.

Earlier this year reports and rumors spread that potential wealth in the form of titanium and other heavy metals was ready to be tapped. The reports involved the new national park and it was rumored that the wealth would not be available if the government owned the land.

Conrad L. Wirth, director of the

national park service, published the findings of geologists to spike the rumors. The banks were thoroughly prospected in 1945 and again in 1951 by the DuPont company. "At no place in this section from Ocracoke Inlet to Nags Head was any deposit found that DuPont would consider commercial," the report stated.

"In a few places," it continued, "there was a concentration of so-called heavy minerals, but the titanium oxide content of these heavy metals was found to be very low in comparison with deposits further south that have been considered commercial. Therefore, it is our considered judgment, after studying these areas, that no com-

mercial production of titanium minerals will ever be profitable in that area."

The lead company's mineral department seconded the DuPont report and stated that "the lands within these boundaries have no economic value to us at this time and furthermore, it is not our intention to acquire these lands."

Thomas H. Miller, acting director of the Bureau of Mines of the federal government, also gave a negative report on the possibilities of heavy metal deposits in the area from a commercial standpoint.

Titanium and other heavy metals have been developed largely since 1940 and are in short supply due to defense and civilian demands.