

Beaufort Commissioners Try to Cut Town's Budget

Farmers to Get Tobacco Cards

B. J. May, manager of the county PMA office, has announced that measurement of tobacco acreage in the county has been completed and tobacco marketing cards are ready. Tobacco farmers may pick up their marketing cards at the PMA office.

Mr. May said that a large number of growers in the county were found to have overplanted. The majority of them have destroyed the excess tobacco and are eligible to receive white marketing cards. Five farmers have elected to pay the penalty on the excess acreage and will be issued red marketing cards.

The penalty on the 1953 flue-cured tobacco crop is 20 cents per pound. Under present regulations, this penalty is determined on the basis of 40 per cent of the previous year's average sale price.

Mr. May said that a number of tobacco farmers in the county have sold tobacco this year on the Georgia markets, and others are now selling tobacco on the Border Belt markets which opened Monday. A number of the farmers have reported high averages on the Georgia markets while others have not done so well.

Tobacco sold on the Georgia market is not graded and there is a difference in the average price support there and on the North and South Carolina markets where grading is required.

The average price support for the 1953 flue-cured tobacco crop will be 47.9 cents per pound. Last year's average was 50.6 cents per pound. The average price paid for the 1953 crop was 50.3 cents per pound, which was in line with the average support.

Mr. May says that farmers in this county have not suffered as much from the drought as have farmers in other parts of the state. On the average, the tobacco crop in the county is about in line with an average year's crop.

Mr. May says that measurement of cotton acreage in the county will begin within a few days. He says that, based on the best available information, the work will be completed in a short time.

Exas T. Benson, secretary of agriculture, has indicated that marketing quotas will be declared on the 1954 cotton crop. If a surplus is found to exist beyond that allowed by law, the secretary is required to declare quotas.

Marketing quotas and acreage allotments are two different phases of crop control. Although both are ordinarily in effect at the same time, acreage allotment may be put into effect without marketing quotas.

A referendum on marketing quotas for wheat will be held on Aug. 14. Although there will be some wheat acreage allotments in the county, no Carteret county farmers will be eligible to vote on the question. Only farmers with acreage allotments of 15 acres or more will be allowed to vote. Mr. May says that no farmers in the county grow wheat in that quantity.

No polling places will be set up in the county. If it is found that some county farmers are eligible to vote in the election, they will be allowed to vote at the PMA office on the day of the election.

Newport Officials Hold Short Meeting

At a very short meeting Tuesday night, the Newport town board discussed the case of Bobby Currier who was recently injured while working for the town. It was reported that the town's insurance would take care of his expenses.

The members of the fire department invited the commissioners to a Dutch supper. The commissioners also discussed methods of sounding a fire alarm since the town's alarm system is out of order. It was decided to notify residents of the town to call several members of the department in case of fire.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Edgar Hibbs, Commissioners M. D. McCain, S. Early Mann, Charles Hill, D. Ira Garner and Wilbur Garner, Police Chief E. O. Mann, Attorney George Ball, Fire Chief Bill Duggee and Miss Edith Lockey, town clerk.

Noe Named Chairman Of Beaufort GOP Group

Jim Noe was recently elected chairman of the Beaufort Republican precinct committee at an organizational meeting attended by about 25 persons.

Other new officers are Hub Whitehurst, vice-chairman; Osborne Davis, secretary; and Cecil Peterson, treasurer.

The Beaufort town board, at a long meeting Monday night, studied the proposed town budget with an eye toward reducing some of the planned expenditures.

The board voted to cut \$500 from the amount earmarked for the purchase of equipment and to cut \$300 from the amount set aside for the police department. Other cuts proposed by Gerald Hill, finance commissioner, were voted down by the board.

Several of the commissioners expressed the opinion that it would be unwise to impair the town's services by making too many cuts in the budget. Dan Walker, town clerk, said that the budget can be met if revenue comes in as anticipated. The money cut from the budget will go into a contingent fund to cover unexpected expenses.

The town clerk reported that collections for the month of July amounted to \$9,038.23. Collections from tax receipts were \$6,729.30; from privilege licenses, \$791.80; from auto license tags, \$2; and from miscellaneous revenue, \$1,516.13. The commissioners asked the clerk to make a report on collections at each monthly meeting.

Commissioner Hill reported that the town has been able to buy some of its bonds due in 1974 at a considerable saving. The bonds, worth \$6,000, were purchased for \$5,010, a saving of \$990 plus interest for 20 years.

Mr. Walker has reported that interest on the bonds for 20 years would have amounted to \$4,642.40. The total saving is thus \$5,632.40. General refunding bonds due in 1974 and now outstanding amount to \$405,000.

Mr. Walker also reported on the \$8,551.22 received from the Powell street aid fund. He explained to the commissioners how the money had been used, and said that a report had been submitted to the state.

The board voted to accept the bid of Loftin Motor company on a new truck for the street department. The company's bid of \$1,994.95 for an eight-cylinder truck was the lowest submitted. Other bidders were Sound Chevrolet company and Paul Motor company. The price includes the trade-in on the old truck and the transfer of the dump body from the old truck to the new one.

The board also voted to ask for bids on a new police car. The action was taken after Chief M. E. Guy reported that the present police car is in pretty bad shape. The bid will be opened at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 13 at the town hall.

Halsey Paul was named chairman of the planning board and board of adjustment to replace See BEAUFORT, Page 2

Marine from Cherry Point Drowns Wednesday Night

Jack E. Whisenhunt, a Cherry Point marine, drowned Wednesday night around 10 o'clock while swimming at the point near Fort Macon.

One of a party of four marines and three girls, Whisenhunt was first missed shortly after 10 o'clock when a park service ranger asked the party to leave the area.

The accident happened between the jetties on the Fort Macon side of Beaufort Inlet. A companion of Whisenhunt reported that they were swimming and he thought it was too rough and called for Whisenhunt to come in.

Members of the party on the beach said they thought they heard him moaning but most of them seemed to think he was trying to swim around the jetty to the beach. After a check of the beach around both jetties, the Coast Guard was notified of the accident and beach patrols were dispatched at each changing tide. The body had not been found at press time yesterday.

Park rangers emphasized that the regular swimming area is up the beach from the inlet and closes at 6 o'clock. The park service pointed out that the area in the inlet is often very rough and unsafe for swimming.

Newport River Bridge Will Close to Boats

The drawspan of the highway bridge over the Newport river between Morehead City and the causeway will be closed to all boat traffic from Monday, Aug. 17, through Saturday, Aug. 23.

The closure was ordered by the corps of engineers upon the request of the state highway commission. During the period, the highway department will make repairs to the electrical system of the drawbridge and install new equipment.

A detour channel 100 feet wide with a controlling centerline depth of 10.4 feet is available for boats through Beaufort harbor and Galants channel.

Ruth Peeling Gets Degree Saturday

Tallahassee, Fla., Aug. 7—Miss Ruth Peeling, Beaufort, on leave of absence from THE NEWS-TIMES, will receive her master's degree in journalism during commencement exercises tomorrow night here at Florida State university.

Miss Peeling began her advanced studies at Florida State in September 1952. While there she



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taught courses in newspaper work and worked in the university public relations office.

She was initiated Tuesday as a member of Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic honorary society. The degree she will receive tomorrow night will be master of arts.

Miss Peeling did her undergraduate work in journalism at Syracuse University, graduating in 1946. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic honorary and while at Syracuse was a member of Eta Pi, senior women's honorary, and managing editor of the Daily Orange, the campus newspaper.

Upon graduation, she joined the editorial staff of The Beaufort News. She has also worked on the editorial staffs of The Gazette and Daily, York, Pa., and The South-west Times, Pulaski, Va.

Miss Peeling became executive editor of THE NEWS-TIMES May 18, 1948.

After a short visit here next week, Miss Peeling will spend several weeks at York, Pa., returning to the staff of THE NEWS-TIMES Sept. 9.

Football Field Near Completion

It was announced at Monday night's meeting of the Morehead City Jaycees that the new football field at Camp Glenn should be completed in the very near future.

The lighting units for the field were to be shipped Wednesday and the poles and transformers are to be shipped today. It is expected that construction will be completed within about ten days after the equipment arrives.

It was also announced that four new sections of bleachers have been ordered for the field. Dr. Russell Outlaw also announced that new parkas have been ordered for the members of the team.

It was reported that 17 of the football bonds have been sold. The club has issued \$8,000 in bonds to help defray the cost of the football field.

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Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Friday, Aug. 7	
6:31 a.m.	12:41 a.m.
6:54 p.m.	12:35 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 8	
7:19 a.m.	1:25 a.m.
7:35 p.m.	1:23 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 9	
8:00 a.m.	2:03 a.m.
8:13 p.m.	2:06 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 10	
8:38 a.m.	2:38 a.m.
8:40 p.m.	2:47 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 11	
9:15 a.m.	3:12 a.m.
9:24 p.m.	3:26 p.m.

Severe Storm Causes Little Serious Damage

Telephone Company Has Heaviest Damage From Rain, Lightning

The severe rain and electrical storm which struck the county early yesterday morning, although it did some damage, did not cause the amount expected by utilities company officials.

The heaviest damage was suffered by the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company. Company officials reported total failures of telephone service in Marshallberg and Atlantic. Persons attempting to call Atlantic yesterday morning were informed that there would be delays of one to two hours in placing the calls.

The company's Morehead City office also reported receiving several complaints about service failures in other points. Most of the cable trouble was caused by the severe lightning. L. A. Daniels, local manager, was working yesterday to restore service as soon as possible.

George Stovall, Carteret county manager for Carolina Power and Light company, reported that most of his company's trouble could be classified as minor nuisances.

He said that some wires were down at 18th and Bridges street, Morehead City, and that transformers were damaged at Ward's creek and on 20th street, Morehead City. He said that no major equipment was damaged.

Mr. Stovall said, "I'm surprised that all of our equipment wasn't burned out by the lightning. I don't know why it wasn't. That was about the worst storm that I have ever seen around here."

W. C. Carlton, manager of the Carteret-Craven Electric Membership corporation, said that the cooperative suffered little damage in the storm. He said that there was some minor damage to wires and meters but nothing approaching what had been expected.

Mr. Carlton, who was returning from a funeral in Pennsylvania, said that he reached Morehead City at 3 a.m. yesterday right at the worst of the storm. He said that lightning striking this area could be seen as far away as Rocky Mount.

He said that the severity of the lightning increased as he approached Morehead City. He said that he encountered some rain at Cherry Point but that the rain did not become heavy until he reached the junction of US 70 and NC 24 just west of Morehead City.

The Rev. R. H. Jackson, pastor of the Davis Free Will Baptist church, reported that a bolt of lightning struck the steeple of the church and shattered an ornamental spire.

Mr. Jackson also said that lightning struck the house of Manly Murphy in Davis and caused considerable damage to the furnishings. The bolt burned a hole through the roof and damaged the stove and other kitchen equipment.

The storm began about 1 a.m. and continued until about 7 a.m. The worst part of the storm ended about daylight although the rain and lightning continued for some time after that. At the height of the storm, the lightning flashes, coming one after another, kept most of the county as light as day.

Few residents of the county were able to sleep for any long periods of time during the early morning hours.

E. Stamey Davis, county weather observer, reported at noon yesterday that 3.5 inches of rain had fallen during the early morning storm.

In many places the rain fell faster than storm sewers could handle it. When the storm finally ended yesterday morning, water was still several inches deep on the 700 block of Ann street, Beaufort. The large pool of water had risen over the sidewalk and had flooded lawns and sidewalks in the neighborhood. Another pool of water had formed at Ann and Turner streets.

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Morehead Man in First Group Freed from Red Prison Camps

Bridge Opening Date Is Uncertain

Highway commission officials still do not know when the new bridge from Morehead City to Atlantic Beach will be opened.

J. B. Cutchin, engineer in New Bern, reported yesterday that the electrical equipment for the swing-span has been installed and that the necessary electrical wiring should be completed before this weekend is past.

"After that," he said, "it may take three days to three weeks to get the kinks out of the span operation." Earlier it had been reported the bridge might be in operation around Aug. 10.

Mr. Cutchin pointed out that there are so many interlocking parts to be checked and electrical relays to test before the operation of the span will be accepted by the highway commission. The operation of the bridge will be "thoroughly tested" before the commission takes the bridge from the contractors, he emphasized.

While the contractors and electricians are sweating over their part in opening the bridge, city officials in Morehead City and Atlantic Beach are busy setting up plans for a big celebration to officially open the bridge. George W. Dill, jr., mayor of Morehead City, and Alfred B. Cooper, mayor

of Atlantic Beach, are co-chairmen of the general committee planning the celebration.

Once the highway commission has set the date that the bridge will be ready for operation, the local committees will begin inviting state officials and others to participate in the opening of the bridge. Present plans call for a speaker's platform to be erected at the Morehead City end of the bridge where several brief speeches will be made and a ribbon across the bridge will be cut officially opening it.

Governor William B. Umstead will be invited to cut the ribbon.

The Beaufort band will play at the ceremony and tentative plans call for band concerts during the afternoon. A luncheon for all guests at the ceremony will be given at the Heart of the Beach. Beach merchants are sponsoring a free street dance that night from 8:30 to 12:30 to be interrupted by a mammoth aerial fireworks display at 10 o'clock which will climax the entertainment.

Committees of beach merchants have been appointed and are working on the preparations so that the celebration can be held whenever the highway commission gives its notice that the bridge is nearing the point where it may be opened.

'Opposed to Gambling,' Says Governor Umstead

Borden's Trial Set for Monday

Arnold Borden will go on trial Monday afternoon in Morehead City recorder's court on five charges growing out of an automobile accident June 25 on Arendell street, Morehead City.

Borden is charged with speeding in excess of 75 miles per hour, exceeding the speed limit in a 35-mile-per-hour zone, exceeding the highway speed limit of 55 miles per hour, careless and reckless driving and assault with a deadly weapon, an automobile.

Borden, who was recently released from the hospital, is free under \$2,000 bond.

Six persons were injured in the crash which occurred when Borden's car struck the rear of one being driven by Mrs. Reynolds May of Greenville. Most seriously injured were Mrs. May and her daughter, Mary, 11.

The accident occurred when Borden struck Mrs. May's car and drove it into a telephone pole, a tree and a parked car. Witnesses have estimated that Borden's car was traveling at more than 75 miles per hour at the time of the accident.

Mrs. May received multiple fractures in the accident, including fractures of several ribs, both shoulder blades, her spine and her collar bone. She is still undergoing treatment in the Morehead City hospital.

Her daughter suffered a ruptured spleen, a ruptured liver and a broken arm in the crash. An emergency operation was performed on her shortly after the accident, and she received several blood transfusions. For several days after the accident, it was doubted that she would recover. The girl was released from the hospital about two weeks ago.

Borden received lacerations of the head, face and arms and possible chest injuries. After treatment at the Morehead City hospital, he was taken to Memorial hospital, Chapel Hill, for a further check-up.

Others injured in the accident were Mrs. May's mother, Mrs. Vina Mae Garris of Greenville, Louis May, 14, and Sue Parrish, 12, who suffered minor injuries. Mrs. Garris was released from the hospital with her granddaughter, and the others were treated and released after the accident.

Sgt. Bruce Edwards of the Morehead City police, who conducted the investigation of the accident, said that Borden has been unable to explain how the accident happened.

Gov. William B. Umstead told reporters at a press conference Tuesday that he is opposed to the two dog racing tracks which operate in the state.

The governor made the statement when asked for comment on the recent legislative investigation of the tracks at Morehead City and Moyoek.

"If you're asking me for my personal opinion, I've never been in favor of legalized gambling," he said. The governor added that he had received no official information about the tracks and that he had never visited either of them.

During his campaign last year, Governor Umstead made no mention of the race tracks, although he did call for a state-wide referendum on the sale of alcoholic beverages in the state.

The bill for such a referendum, like that seeking to allow further elections on the dog tracks, was killed in a legislative committee.

The newest development in the race track question came Monday when Judge Chester Morris in Elizabeth City refused to grant an injunction closing the track at Moyoek. The injunction was sought by J. A. Sumrell of Harbinger on the grounds that the legislative act allowing the track is unconstitutional.

Judge Morris said that the proper method of determining the validity of the act would be to arrest someone who gambles at the track and carry the case through the criminal courts. He said that by this procedure the validity of the act could be studied by the state supreme court.

The judge ruled that the question of the constitutionality of the act could not be raised in the civil action.

Morton Takes Top Prizes In Photography Contest

Pictures to the right and pictures to the left was the enviable plight of the judges who Tuesday afternoon chose the winners in the photography contest held after the Miss North Carolina beauty pageant with Miss N. C. as model.

Hugh Morton, Wilmington businessman who is also one of the state's leading photographers, took May, 14, and Sue Parrish, 12, who suffered minor injuries. Mrs. Garris was released from the hospital with her granddaughter, and the others were treated and released after the accident.

Members of the association were notified of the results through their president, Lawrence Wofford of Raleigh.

Camera-men from all over the state who spent three days photographing beauty queens at the pageant devoted all day Sunday, July 19, following the pageant to taking pictures of Barbara Ann Crockett, Miss North Carolina of 1953.

Prizes for the best pictures published were offered by the Morehead City Jaycees and the Carolina

Annexation Vote Set Tomorrow

The fireworks expected to be produced by tomorrow's Morehead City annexation election have fizzled out, and the only question which now remains to be settled appears to be which side can get the most voters to the polls.

Proponents of the annexation are confident that they will be successful in their second attempt to expand the city west of its present boundaries.

Most of their confidence is based upon the number of persons who signed the two petitions which brought about the election. The petition asking for annexation was signed by 108 residents of the area, while only 54 signed the petition opposing the expansion.

The proponents hope that some of those who originally opposed the annexation will vote for it in tomorrow's election. They say that they are shooting for a unanimous vote although they doubt that this will happen.

The optimism of the proponents has been heightened by the legal rebuffs met by the opponents during the pre-election campaign. Most of the points raised by the opponents were over-ruled by the state board of elections. Although the opponents of annexation are still carrying on their fight to block it, they appear to have lost some of their confidence.

Last Saturday's challenges of registrations were expected to produce most of the pre-election fireworks, but the fireworks failed to materialize as only nine voters were challenged. Five of the challenges were made by the registrar on the grounds that the persons in question had voted by absentee ballots in other states in the last general election.

Opponents of the annexation challenged only the five persons who had already been challenged by John Conner, the registrar. The proponents challenged four residents of a trailer camp in the area on the grounds that they are only temporary residents.

The challenges were passed on by the county board of elections at a meeting last night at the polling place, Clyde Jones' show room, 2800 Arendell street.

The polls will open at 6:30 tomorrow morning and will close at 6:30 tomorrow night. The results will be certified by the county board at a meeting early next week. Election officials in addition to Mr. Conner are Luther Norris and Jerry Rowe, who will serve as judges. The officials were appointed by the county board.

The area proposed for annexation is west of the present city limits. It is bounded on the north by the highway and the railroad tracks and on the south by Bogue sound. The western boundary is the western limit of the state property at Camp Glenn. The old rifle range has been included in the area at the request of the county board of education.

Tomorrow's election will be the second on the question within the past three months. An earlier proposal for annexation was defeated by 11 votes in a special election in May.

The area covered in the May election was much larger than that covered by the present proposal. By changing the size of the area, proponents of annexation were then able to hold another election within one year of the first one.

Edwards Released After Two Years

Cpl. Archie L. Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Edwards, 1810 Fisher street, Morehead City, was among the first group of American prisoners of war freed from communist prison camps since the Korean armistice.

Corporal Edwards was one of 35 Americans in the first group which reached Panmunjom Tuesday. About 400 UN troops were due for release on the first day of the prisoner for more than two years.

Corporal Edwards, a member of the 25th division, had been in Korea almost since the beginning of the fighting and had been a prisoner for more than two years.

His parents were notified in May, 1951, that he had been captured on April 25 of that year. The first word that they received from him was in February, 1952, when they received a letter from a North Korean prison camp. The letter, written Nov. 4, 1951, was the first since April 21, 1951.

In his first letter, Corporal Edwards told his parents that he was well and asked that his friends in Morehead City write to him. Since that time, his parents have heard from him about every three months.

Mrs. Edwards said, when informed of her son's release, "I'm just too thrilled to talk." She later said that she feels much better now that her son has been released, although she "can't really tell anyone just how I feel."

She said that she and her husband last heard from Corporal Edwards the second week in July. In that letter, written May 4, he said that he was doing as well as could be expected considering the kind of place he was in.

Corporal Edwards joined the Army on Nov. 19, 1948. After completing his training he was assigned to occupation duty in Japan. He was sent to Korea in July, 1950, shortly after the outbreak of the war. Before entering the Army, he was employed by the state.

Marine Captain Held in Slaying

Capt. Obie W. Stover of Cherry Point waived hearing Monday before U.S. Commissioner Matilda Turner in New Bern on a charge that he murdered his wife, Frances, June 6 at the air station.

Stover, who is being held in Wil son jail, will be tried Oct. 19 before Judge Don Gilliam of Tarboro when Eastern District court convenes in New Bern.

Capt. Stover's belated booking on the murder charge followed nearly two months of investigation by FBI agents. During that time he has been held by authorities at Cherry Point. He was arrested Monday morning by U.S. Marshal Ben Buck and taken to the Federal building in New Bern for the preliminary hearing.

Stover was represented at the hearing by military counsel. He made no statement about the fatal shooting of his wife, continuing the silence which he has maintained since her death. He did, however, answer routine questions put to him by William Gibson, FBI agent.

Stover's two sons, William and Stephen, were in their parents' home on the air station when the fatal shooting occurred. According to reports from neighbors, Stover and his wife had been drinking and arguing before she was shot with a 38-caliber pistol.

It is believed that the prosecution will rely upon the testimony of medical experts. Three of the witnesses listed on the warrant are physicians. They are Dr. H. R. Noer and Dr. C. E. Kieley of Cherry Point and Dr. G. E. Meader of Camp Lejeune. The other witnesses are Capt. O. L. Marx and Sgt. R. E. Breeden, both of Cherry Point.

Before obtaining quarters at the base, Stover and his wife lived for a time on Ann street, Beaufort. Stover is a native of Crossett, Ark., and his wife was from Spring Hill, La.

Traffic Manager Looks Over Port Facilities

J. B. Gillis, general traffic manager of Tennessee Eastman, Kingsport, Tenn., spent last week in Morehead City examining the facilities of the port terminal for possible use by his firm.

A subsidiary of Eastman Kodak, Rochester, N. Y., Tennessee Eastman imports many ores and manufactures acetates, film, and other synthetics based on chemical operations.

Mr. Gillis stayed on Atlantic Beach and during his visit took a deep-sea fishing trip. He left this morning to return to Kingsport.