

Morehead City Proposes Plan On Rural Fires

Commissioners Suggest That Rural Folks Get Additional Insurance

The Morehead City town board has suggested that persons living beyond the town limits of Morehead City obtain fire insurance to help cover the cost of the town fire department answering rural calls.

Mayor George W. Dill emphasized this week that the town's policy on answering out-of-town alarms has changed in no way whatever. Fire equipment will go out of town if permission is obtained from the fire chief or the mayor (as in the past), but under the proposed plan an additional fire insurance premium would help defray the cost of answering the call.

Letter Drafted

A letter, signed by the mayor and the fire chief, Eldon L. Nelson, has been printed and will be distributed to persons living within a limited radius of Morehead City.

The letter follows:
"You probably do not know that the insurance department will permit you to purchase from your Fire Insurance Agent an added protection on your property.

"For a service charge of \$1.50 added to your present fire insurance premium, you will be given fire protection from the Morehead City Fire Department at no extra cost to you.

"Under the terms of this agreement your Fire Insurance Company will pay the Fire Department for each call to a fire on your premises. The only cost to you is, as stated, a service charge of \$1.50 per year added to your present insurance premium.

"See or call your Fire Insurance Agent today and notify the Morehead City Fire Department when this has been done. This helps the Fire Department to help you with your fire protection problems."

Advantage Cited

Under the proposed plan, persons carrying the insurance would be listed with the fire department. If a fire occurs on their property, the equipment may go out of town immediately WITHOUT waiting for permission from the chief or mayor.

Mayor Dill explained that those carrying the insurance would, in effect, be entering into a contract with the town. He added, however, that state law will permit the fire department to enter into a limited number of contracts.

The town is investigating the extent of the limit. Should the limit be exceeded, fire underwriters would require that more equipment be obtained. Unless the equipment were bought, fire insurance rates would go up. The mayor said the town is not interested in expanding its fire-fighting facilities on the basis of servicing rural calls.

The rural areas affected, according to John Lashley, city clerk, are as follows: to the Airport Grill on highway 70, to Gales Creek on highway 24, all of Crab Point including the loop from the end of the Crab Point Road west by the golf course to highway 70, east to the Beaufort draw across Gallants Channel, Atlantic Beach east to Fort Macon and west through Salter Path.

The insurance proposal was presented to the town board by the fire chief Thursday night. The decision to inform rural property holders, by letter, of the method of getting added protection was made following a conference of John Baker, Morehead City insurance salesman, Fire Commissioner Ted Garner, the mayor and the city clerk.

Police Commissioner Warns Morehead City Motorists

D. G. Bell, Morehead City police commissioner, announced yesterday that 900 town tags have been sold in Morehead City and tomorrow will be the last day they may be obtained.

Beginning Monday motorists who do not have the town tags will be arrested.

Commissioner Bell said that since the nickel meters have been made legal there are fewer tickets issued for overtime parking. The fine now for failing to pay to park is \$1 if it is paid within 24 hours after the police give the motorist a ticket.

If the fine is not paid within 24 hours, the violator will receive a letter from the police department asking him to pay a total fine of \$2. Should that fail to bring in the fine, police will swear out a warrant for the motorist's arrest.

Commissioner Bell said the police department has a list of all county vehicles, their license numbers and owners and it will be a simple matter to track down the violator.

Citations will also be issued for minor motor vehicle violations

Creosoting Plant Comes Here

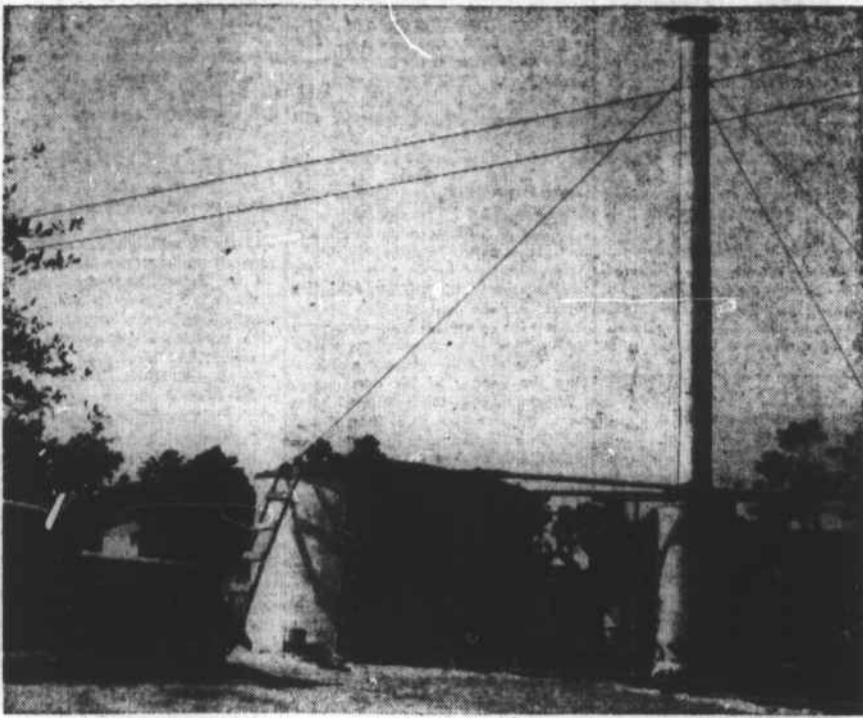


Photo by Roy Eubanks

A proposition that will prove a boon to farmers of this area is the new creosoting plant to be put in operation west of Morehead City near the junction of highway 70 and the loop road that leads to Crab Point.

Owners of the plant are Roy Eubanks, Beaufort, and Henry Holt, Beaufort-Morehead City causeway. The plant will be operated by Cecil Mason, Morehead City.

Mr. Eubanks and Mr. Holt

bought the plant from Joe Elkin of Durham and Cherry Point who started its erection several weeks ago. They said that they hope to have it in operation very soon, as soon as more equipment arrives.

R. M. Williams, county farm agent, said a creosoting plant in the county would be of benefit to farmers, especially the cattle farmers who do a lot of fencing. He commented on the fact that the pine for posts is readily available

but farmers have not been able to get them creosoted here. Creosoting the posts protects them against rot.

The posts, Mr. Williams said, can be peeled by the farmer and taken to the plant. There they are subjected to high steam cleansing then coated with creosote, a derivative of coal or wood tar.

Mr. Eubanks reports that Mr. Mason has had previous experience in the creosoting business.

Beaufort Jaycees Ditch Talent Show, Plan Two-Skit Program with Band

County Red Cross Drive To Open Monday, March 1

The County Red Cross drive will begin Monday, March 1, with Miss Mildred Whitehurst, Beaufort, and Oscar Joslyn, Morehead City, in charge of the campaign.

Irvin W. Davis, Davis, and Charles Willis, Morehead City, chairman and vice chairman of the County Red Cross chapter, said they are aiming for a collection of \$3,400 next month.

In addition to Miss Whitehurst and Mr. Joslyn, chairmen in Newport and communities east of Beaufort will be named within the next few days.

The Beaufort and Morehead City Red Cross chapters were consolidated early this year by action of the National Red Cross Board. Both chapters had been chartered in 1917 and the consolidation followed a petition to National headquarters for merging the two chapters was signed by 30 residents of the county.

Mrs. E. H. Potter, Beaufort, is treasurer of the county chapter, and Mrs. James Rumley, Beaufort, is home service chairman.

Persons wishing to contribute to the Red Cross should mail their checks or money orders to Miss Whitehurst, Box 321, Beaufort, Mr. Joslyn, 2806 Evans St., Morehead City, or to "1954 Red Cross Fund Drive" care of your local post-office.

When community chairmen are named, contributions may also be given to them.

The drive ends March 31.

Cars Collide Saturday Night

Two cars collided at 6:30 Saturday night at the Curve Inn on highway 70, Morehead City.

Eugene B. Fleming, Morehead City, driver of a 1952 Ford, has been charged with exceeding the 35 mile speed limit and Early Thomas Taylor, route 1 Newport, driving a 1941 Hudson, has been charged with failure to yield the right-of-way.

Fleming was proceeding west and said he applied his brakes and went off the right shoulder of the road when he saw an approaching automobile cut across in front of him, but he couldn't stop in time to avoid a collision.

Taylor who was cutting across the highway to the Curve Inn told police that he thought he had plenty of time to make the turn. Damage to his car was estimated at \$150 and to Fleming's car \$100.

Officers who investigated were Lt. Carl Blomberg and Patrolman C. E. Bunch.

Army Engineers Explain Proposal to Tax Fish Nets

Wilmington, N. C.—The Department of the Army's proposal to collect a fee for the right to use fish traps, pounds and similar equipment in navigable waters does not apply to drift and drag nets.

This announcement was made today by the Wilmington District, Corps of Engineers, which is charged with keeping navigable waters free of obstructions.

The proposal was posted in prominent locations throughout the coastal area a few weeks ago. Its intent is to reclaim, through the collecting of fees, some of the cost of issuing permits for the building of piers, wharves, and similar structures on navigable waters.

Even though the original notice included "Fish Nets and Pounds—Gill Nets—\$25.00 (and) Traps and Pounds—\$50.00," it was not intended that the proposal apply to drift nets, drag nets and such other equipment which is not stationary and thus may be moved so as not to impede navigation.

It is intended that the proposal apply to those areas where a permit is required to fish with stationary traps and nets.

C. Gehrmann Holland, assistant fisheries commissioner, told THE NEWS-TIMES yesterday that he has taken the matter of fee payment up with the attorney general and has asked the three congressmen of the coastal area, Caspary,

Bonner and Barden look into the matter.

He expressed the opinion that if fees must be paid to the Army Engineers they will not be on an annual basis, but will be paid only once. He added that there may be only one place in this state where the engineers' proposed ruling would apply.

Any objections to the fee proposal should be directed to the Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army, Washington 25, D. C.

Methodist Minister Speaks on Brotherhood

The Rev. J. D. Young, pastor of the Ann Street Methodist Church, Beaufort, spoke on Brotherhood at the meeting of the Beaufort Rotary Tuesday night at the Inlet Inn.

Mr. Young was introduced by Dr. David Farrar, program chairman. His talk was in observance of National Brotherhood Week, which ends Sunday.

It was announced at the meeting that Farmers and Fishermen's Night will be held April 30. Farmers and fishermen will be invited to meet with the club on that date.

Mrs. Phillip Ball, Morehead City, has announced that the World Day of Prayer church service in Morehead City will begin at 10 a.m. next Friday in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2007 Arendell St.

State Tells Newport Group New Highway to By-Pass Town

Power Fails Wednesday Night

George Stovall, CP&L Manager, Announces Planned Outages

Power throughout the county went off for more than an hour Wednesday night. George Stovall, manager of Carolina Power & Light Co. in this area, said that the trouble originated at Camp Lejeune.

Navy circuits went out, causing power failure throughout the area surrounding Camp Lejeune. New Bern was also blacked out.

The power failed at 11:12 p.m. It was restored in Morehead City at 12:18 a.m. and in Beaufort and points east at 12:44 a.m. During the hour's interruption, no long distance phone calls came into or could go out of the county. Phone service within the county was normal.

Mr. Stovall also announced yesterday that there will be a series of planned outages during the coming week. They are as follows:

Atlantic Beach (except the causeway and the beach bridge), 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 3, and again from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. March 4.

Morehead City, Atlantic Beach and highway 70 to Newport, 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. Sunday, March 7. This will not affect the town of Newport.

Beaufort and all points east including Atlantic, highway 101, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 7. This will not affect the Beaufort-Morehead City causeway.

The outages are necessary to put in new higher voltage transformers, emergency equipment and safety devices.

Presbyterians Raise \$60,380

Pledged in last weekend's campaign to raise money for a new Webb Memorial Presbyterian Church was \$60,380.

The Rev. Priestley Conyers III, pastor of the Morehead City Church, said the congregation is well pleased with the results. The large amount pledged means that most everyone in the congregation is sacrificing and denying themselves other things in order to support the building program, he said.

A plans committee will be appointed immediately, he reported. That committee will work on both site and drawings.

Payment of pledges will begin Sunday, March 7, with the pledges scheduled to be met in three years. A service of Thanksgiving at the church Tuesday night concluded the special drive. The service was well-attended.

R. B. Howard was canvas committee chairman. Team captains were D. Cordova, Dr. Eugene Roelofs, Dr. S. W. Thompson and R. W. Wells.

Canvassers were John Alford, A. L. Awtry, Bill Brittingham, Dr. A. F. Chestnut, J. A. DuBois, Ralph Gardner, J. D. Holt, T. C. Hyman, H. L. Joslyn, Bill Marrow, Kenneth W. Prest, Charles Summerlin, Gannon Talbert and Hendrix Wells.

They called on church members Saturday, Sunday and Monday nights. They reported back to the church at 9:30 each night where snack suppers were served by Mrs. Hyman, Mrs. Holt and Mrs. Cordova.

County Temperature Highs Reach 64 Degrees

The mercury still hovered around 64 following a weekend rain that continued through Monday. Rainfall totaled .32 inches, according to Stacey Davis, weather observer.

Tuesday the mercury dipped to 60 during the day and fell to 43 during the night. Wednesday saw the mercury climb back to 64.

Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Friday, Feb. 26	LOW
1:45 a.m.		8:20 a.m.
1:59 p.m.		8:18 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 27		
2:46 a.m.		9:23 a.m.
3:05 p.m.		9:23 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 28		
3:49 a.m.		10:23 a.m.
4:06 p.m.		10:27 p.m.
Monday, March 1		
4:50 a.m.		11:58 a.m.
5:10 p.m.		11:26 p.m.
Tuesday, March 2		
5:45 a.m.		12:00 a.m.
6:04 p.m.		12:06 p.m.

A delegation of 25 Newport residents, headed by Mayor Edgar Hibbs, was told recently by State Highway officials at Greenville that the new highway 70 from New Bern to Morehead City will by-pass Newport.

Five carloads of Newport folks appeared before Mayor Hibbs and R. Markham, district highway officials, in Mr. Markham's office at Greenville. A state highway engineer was also present.

Mayor Hibbs said the officials told them that the highway will be laid out as it is presently surveyed. Newport businessmen and others in the town were of the opinion that the highway should go through Newport, following its present route.

Mr. Markham told the Newport people that it would probably be several years before actual work on the highway begins.

The route highway 70 follows at present is through the town of Newport. State highway engineers say it would be impractical to try to put a dual-lane highway there. The proposed route skirts Newport on the west. At present, highway 70 approaches Newport from Cherry Point and the north, then from Newport it curves eastward.



Ed Walston ... new president

secretary; Walton Hamilton, Beaufort, treasurer; and Mrs. Wiley Taylor Jr., business manager.

Mr. Walston, a native of Greene County, came to Carteret in 1952 as driver examiner for the state. He is a former member of the Morehead City Jaycees and teaches a children's class in the First Methodist Sunday School, Morehead City.

The new theatre president, who succeeds Horace Loftin, Beaufort, is a 32nd degree Mason, a Shriner and a past Sunday School superintendent of the Brooks Frizzelle Memorial Church at Maury. He has been a state employee for the past seven years.

Mr. Walston played the part of Major Cooper in the recent play, One Foot in Heaven.

Members of the theatre ratified the constitution as well as elected officers. In the future, the group will meet at the call of the executive board rather than weekly, as has been the custom since the theatre was organized four months ago.

Members of the constitution committee were Mr. Walston, Jim Lucas, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Sammy Daniels and Miss Edith Lewis.

The W. S. King PTA and St. Stephen's AME Zion Church realized \$25 each through sponsorship of the play, One Foot in Heaven, at the W. S. King School Tuesday night.

The theatre is planning now for its second production. Plays are being read and a report will be made to the president in the near future.

March of Dimes Totals \$8,156

Mrs. C. L. Beam, March of Dimes treasurer, announced yesterday that the final total in the county March of Dimes is \$8,156.21.

Forty-five dollars was received from basketball games arranged by the Beaufort Terrers. The Terrers played Beaufort and Atlantic High School teams.

Playing for the Terrers were Mickey Woolard, Kemp Guthrie, Otis Jefferson, Bobby Martin and Pierson Willis. On the girls' team are Carroll Ann Downum, Janice Willis, Betty Lou Merrill, Bobbie Dennis, Jackie Dickinson and Betsy Fulford.

At Atlantic however, the Atlantic High School girls played Atlantic All-Stars instead of the Terrerettes.

The games were arranged by Mayor Clifford Lewis of Beaufort and Mr. Jefferson in cooperation with the high schools.

Recent contributions to the March of Dimes include \$13 from the Core Creek Sunday School, \$10 from St. Stephen's AME Zion Church, Morehead City, and contributed earlier in the campaign was \$10 from the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Beaufort.

Jaycees Put Up Basketball Goals For Children

Father Paul Byron Speaks To Jaycees Monday On Religious Tolerance

Members of the Morehead City Jaycees Wednesday night installed basketball goal standards on various lots throughout the town as the first step in the club's athletic program for grade school children.

This program is also tied in with the Finer Carolina Contest project of improving the recreational facilities of Morehead City. The recreation project is being supervised by the Jaycees.

Vacant lots in the town have been made available to the club for outdoor basketball courts. Future plans call for the organizing of a midget basketball league in which grade school children will participate.

Announcement of the erection of the standards was made at a meeting of the Jaycees Monday in the Hotel Fort Macon dining room, by Norman Lange, project chairman.

An announcement was also made concerning the Lions Club bingo party to be held Friday, March 5 at the Recreation Center. Funds from the bingo party will be used toward obtaining street markers, a Finer Carolina project undertaken by the Lions Club.

Reports were also heard from the attendance membership and the Lite-A-Lawns committee.

The fourth quarterly board meeting is to be held in Morehead City. Committees will be set up and chairmen named, possibly at the next meeting, P. H. Geer Jr., president, announced.

Speaker for the evening was the Rev. Father Paul Byron, rector of St. Eibert's Catholic Church in Morehead City. Father Byron spoke to the club on religious freedom in America pointing out that it really began with George Washington and the Continental Army.

The Army was 38 per cent Irish, he said. They brought the Catholic religion with them. He pointed out the genius of Washington in his ability to get an organized fighting force from the mixed nationalities and creeds to defeat England.

He also said that in the early days government arose out of the confusion of creeds and nationalities to what it is today. He praised the great minds of that bygone era which brought order out of chaos.

In closing he said that we have evolved from a nation of religious intolerance to a nation where religious freedom is one of our ideals.

Bob Cantelli, program chairman, introduced the guest speaker. Also a guest of the club was Malcolm Sullivan of Morehead City.

A board of directors meeting was held after the regular meeting.

County Agent Reports on Trip To Washington

While visiting Washington D. C. Thursday and Friday of last week as a guest of the State and American Farm Bureau Federation, R. M. Williams, county farm agent, observed the national farm organization in action.

During a meeting of the organization Mr. Williams listened to Jack Lynn, legislative director of the national farm organization, discuss a number of major legislative issues on agriculture that will be presented to Congress.

Legislative Director Lynn pointed out that it was very important to study carefully all bills introduced into Congress. Sometimes Mr. Lynn said that something pertaining to agriculture would be added to the end of a bill that was not always in the best interest of the farmer.

The Farm Bureau leader said that when our leadership is altogether we have never failed to block a bill that was unfavorable to agriculture or to get one passed which was favorable to our needs.

Friday night, the North Carolina Congressmen were guests at a banquet of the North Carolina Farm Bureau delegation. R. Flake Shaw, executive vice-president of the State Farm Bureau, discussed agricultural problems of state, national, and international scope that "need to be given serious thought in formulating a farm program to meet the needs of the people," commented Mr. Williams.

Mr. Shaw reported that the leading economists of our nation do not feel that there is any justification for us to move into the

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Ed Carraway, Newport, Heads County Association

Ed Carraway of Newport was elected president of the Carteret County School Board Association Monday night at a meeting in the Newport school cafeteria.

Other officers elected were E. W. Downum of Beaufort, vice-president; and E. B. Comer, Newport, secretary.

Mr. Carraway succeeds Dr. Darden J. Eure as president. The newly-elected officers will serve for one year.

H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, announced Monday that the district meeting of school boards and principals will be held in April at Smyrna.

Mr. Joslyn stated that four to five hundred persons were expected. Dallan Herring, of Eastern Carolina College, will be the principal speaker.

Special speaker at Monday's meeting was the Rev. Priestley Conyers, pastor of the Morehead City Webb Memorial Presbyterian Church, who spoke on "Levels of the Mind."

Coast Guard Brings Ill Seaman to Hospital

Nils Arne Gustafson, 20-year-old Swedish seaman, was brought to Morehead City Hospital Wednesday by the Coast Guard who picked him up at sea from the motorship Arawak.

Song Convention to Aid In Raising Building Fund

A singing convention will take place in the Pentecostal Holiness Church, Bridges street, Morehead City, at 2:30 Sunday afternoon.

A collection will be taken for the congregation of Graham's Chapel, Mill Creek. It will be applied to the church building fund. Graham's Chapel was destroyed by fire the night of Dec. 16.

The Rev. J. Paul Jones, pastor of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, invites the public to the convention.

Fire Warden Reports On Harkers Island Blazes

Fires on Harkers Island Friday and Saturday were control fires, E. M. Foreman, county fire warden, reported this week.

Last Wednesday, however, 78 acres of young timber growth and marshland burned on the island. Mr. Foreman said the fire probably was caused by a lighted cigarette being thrown in the woods.

The fire was discovered Wednesday afternoon and burned 14 hours before it was brought under control by plowing fire lanes.

A spaghetti supper will be served at the Morehead City Golf and Country Club at 7 p.m. Saturday, J. Warren Beck, Morehead City, announced Wednesday.