

# Morehead City Town Board Sets Policy on Parking Meters

Members of the Morehead City town board tussled for three hours Thursday night in a special meeting. The subject? Parking meters. The meeting was called at the request of Police Commissioner D. G. Bell who said the board would have to set a policy on parking meters.

## Headline Hat



Syracuse, N. Y.—(AP)—This newspaper hat, worn by Alice F. Keegan, women's editor of the Syracuse Post-Standard, follows the continuity of her "By the Way" column which features unusual women's hats seen and worn about town. Miss Keegan wore the hat at a recent luncheon honoring the 11 Women of Achievement who received awards from the Post-Standard.

## Woman Found Guilty Tuesday

### Judge Orders Newport Defendant to Pay \$50 For Reckless Driving

Mrs. Helen Norris Jones, Newport, was found guilty of reckless driving in County Recorder's Court Tuesday. Judge L. R. Morris levied a \$50 fine and ordered Mrs. Jones to pay court costs in 60 days.

Mrs. Jones was cited for drunk driving by Highway Patrolman R. H. Brown March 2 after he had observed her car travelling in an irregular manner on highway 70 about a half mile from the Carteret-Craven county line. Patrolman Brown said he cited Mrs. Jones after her car pulled into a filling station along the highway. He told the court that she staggered in getting out of her car and he smelled alcohol on her breath.

He also said that when he took her home that she staggered going up to the house and stumbled over the steps to the porch. Time of the arrest was approximately 4:10 p.m. the patrolman said.

Mrs. Jones told the court that she was traveling from the home of a Mrs. Brown, her baby sitter, and that her car needed the front wheels aligned which caused her to weave on the road. She contributed her apparent condition to a "female disorder," which she said put her in a highly nervous state and made her ill.

### Had Passenger

In the car with her at the time, she said, was Mrs. Brown's son, Ernest, who was going to work on the car. They had pulled into the service station, she testified, to check the oil. Both Ernest Brown and Mrs. Brown told the court that Mrs. Jones was sober in their opinion. Mrs. Jones admitted to the court that she had drunk some beer around 3 p.m.

Mrs. Jones' lawyer, in questioning Mrs. Brown about Mrs. Jones' illness asked her if she knew about it. Mrs. Brown said that Mrs. Jones told her she was feeling bad. The lawyer said, "Oh, one of those things Lydia Pinkham's is supposed to alleviate, huh?" Mrs. Brown smiled and nodded her head.

Wiley Taylor Jr., solicitor, asked Mrs. Jones if her disorder effected her equilibrium. Mrs. Jones replied, "No." She said she staggered because of nervousness.

After consultation between the defense lawyer, the solicitor and Judge Morris, the court found Mrs. Jones not guilty of drunken driving but guilty of reckless driving.

### Sentences Suspended

Judge Morris gave a 90-day suspended sentence to Cleve Wilson, Clarence Wilson, and John Edward Wilson. The three defendants were charged with failing to comply with the sanitation law regarding the construction of privies.

The sentence will be suspended if the defendants construct a privy complying with the law and pay one-third court costs in 10 days.

Henry Joel Clark served notice of appeal to Judge Morris's decision that he pay \$50 and costs on a speeding charge. Judge Morris docketed the case for superior court and set bond at \$100.

Clark was cited by Highway Patrolman W. E. Pickard for speeding 65 miles per hour on March 18. Patrolman Pickard told the court that Clark was clocked at 65 in the vicinity of Bogue.

Clark maintained that he was not going over 55 at the time Patrolman Pickard said he was clocking him.

Edward Hyde Willis, charged with speeding, appealed also and Judge Morris set his bond at \$50. Willis was ordered to pay costs on a speeding charge.

The state did not prosecute Charlie Wallace, charged with stealing a dog. According to law, a person has to list his dog as taxable property before the court will recognize ownership.

If a person does not list his dog as personal property, then according to the State Supreme Court, he cannot seek redress through court if someone takes the dog. The owner of the dog Wallace allegedly stole had not listed him for taxes, according to court officials.

The state did not prosecute Edie Lee Collins, charged with driving after his license was suspended.

Henry A. Peysard, charged with speeding and J. H. Griffin, charged with failing to comply with a court order did not appear in court. Their bonds were forfeited.

### Costs Paid

The court ordered costs paid in the following: Mary Willis O'Conner, expired operator's license and driving without lights; and Henry Finn Kelly Jr., speeding.

Cases continued were Herbert H. Jones, Robert Mortimer Fisher Jr., Joseph E. Katz, James W. Watson, and Paul Bary Barger, all charged with speeding; Vernon Richard Bowen, overloading; Harold Neil Grossnickle, drunk driving and speeding; Vandie H. Alili.

He remarked that complaints were being received since the nickel meters went into operation and he felt that the board should get together and decide what's what.

Commissioner Bell first asked the commissioners, "Do we want parking meters or not?" The commissioners agreed that they should be retained. On that basis they decided that

1. Everybody parking in front of a meter must pay to park, except government cars on official business and the fire chief's private car when he is using it.
2. The meters are in effect in accordance with the rules on the meter head. This includes Wednesday afternoons.
3. If persons living in private homes wish to park in front of their home and a parking meter is located there, they too must pay to park. Letters notifying them of this ruling were mailed out Tuesday.

Commissioner Bell said that policemen patrolling the streets carry \$2 in change at all times and persons needing change for the meters may get it from the officers.

He added that people have complained that they returned to their car as an officer was writing a ticket and the officer still handed it to them. Commissioner Bell said that officers have been instructed that they are not to issue a ticket if the driver of the car returns prior to the time he has placed the ticket on their windshield.

He also said that since the nickel ruling has gone into effect, there are many meters left with time still on them. He suggested that motorists look at the meter before rushing around trying to find change because it may be that they can park without putting any money in the meter.

Commissioner Bell said that money should not be put elsewhere than in the meter. Placing a coin on the windshield, if the motorist expects to stay longer than an hour, encourages petty theft, he said.

Should someone take the coin, the motorist would claim that he had placed it there, the officer would claim that it was not there and the upshot would be an unsolvable controversy that could end up in court.

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### Legion Post Exceeds Quota

Beaufort Post No. 99 of the American Legion has exceeded its membership quota for 1954 according to information received from state headquarters of the American Legion in Raleigh.

James L. Range, commander of the post, has received a letter from the Legion adjutant, Nash McKee, expressing thanks to the membership chairman, post officers, and membership workers for their effort.

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### Address Unknown

Pageland, S. C. (AP) — The weekly Pageland Journal carries this warning for safe driving: "Subscribers to the paper are getting harder and harder to find, so we have to try like everything to keep the ones we have. Please, don't go get yourself banged into an eternal address—we can't send your paper there."

City, W. C. Matthews, Dr. B. F. Royal and Luther Hamilton last fall were contemplating purchase, but an option, granted to their agent, Sam Guthrie, expired in October. Upon deposit of \$15,000, an option was granted to the present owners Jan. 1, 1954.

The new owners are contemplating the building of a bridge which would connect the island with the mainland about three miles east of Swansboro. Should the all-seashore highway become a reality, it is contemplated that the route would follow the highway to be laid out on Bogue Island.

The former Ennett property owned by Mrs. Maulick is not included in the land transaction but the new owners have an easement which will permit the building of a bridge and necessary causeway construction.

Mrs. Maulick, whose husband died Jan. 16 of this year after three years of serious illness, arrived in the county Friday and left Tuesday night for Philadelphia after the deal was closed.

## List of Jaycee Nominees Grows Monday Night

Walter S. Morris and H. S. Gibbs Jr. accepted nominations from the floor for Jaycee officers at a meeting of the club Monday night at the Hotel Fort Macon.

Kenneth Wagner was nominated for the office of president. He will be included among candidates for that office selected by the nominating committee. They are Ralph Gardner, Sam Guthrie, Jasper Bell, and Russell Outlaw.

No nominations from the floor were made for the office of internal vice-president. Selected by the nominating committee are Paul Cordova, James Macy, and Herbert Phillips.

Charles Willis, Jerry Frazelle, and Dr. Norman Lange were nominated from the floor for external vice-president. Dr. Lange withdrew because he is leaving Morehead City in a couple of months.

Selected by the nominating committee for this office were Bill Norwood and Marion Mills.

Julian Murphy, Charles Summerlin and J. C. Harvell were nominated for treasurer. Selected by the committee were James Cratch and L. G. Dunn.

Allen Colenda, James Webb, and Floyd Chadwick Jr. were added to the candidates for board of directors. Candidates proposed by the nominating committee were Gerald Murdoch, Jerry Rowe, Frank Cassiano, and Charles Summerlin.

Defeated candidates of the other offices will be put on the list of candidates for board of directors. Four new directors will be elected.

Election of officers will be held Monday, April 19. Installation of officers and banquet will take place Monday, May 3, at the Blue Ribbon Club. Charles Willis will be in charge of awards and program and Julian Murphy will be in charge of arrangements.

They were appointed by P. H. Geer Jr., Jaycee president. Awards will be made at that time to the Key Man and the outstanding committee.

Jasper Bell and Jerry Frazelle, co-chairmen for the district meeting, reported that plans for the meeting, to be held April 24 and 25 in Morehead City, were progressing slowly.

The club voted to sponsor the membership and personnel award for the State Jaycee organization again this year. The state organization selects a club that has taken in the most members and has done the most for its community with personnel available in the past year.

An award, a plaque, is given the club.

The club also discussed prospects for their Woman of the Year nominee. A vote was taken and the nominee will be announced later.

A final report was made by James Cratch, in charge of ticket sales for the Bubbles Becker Show. He reported that ticket sales amounted to \$201, leaving a deficit of \$165.

Dr. Lange reported that all but three basketball goals for children throughout town were up. He asked for volunteers to install the remaining three this week.

Ray Cummins and Ed Walston, both of Morehead City, attended the meeting. Campaign speeches by various candidates for office were given at the close of the session.

### Family Sentence

Little Rock (AP) — When a 95-year-old Negro was sentenced to a night in jail for contempt of court in a property dispute, his 70-year-old wife told the judge: "God may take him away from me but nobody else is going to." And she proved it by spending the night in Pulaski County jail with him.

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## Chairman Reports Progress In Putting Down Water Main

By LEON MANN Jr.

Bennie B. Garner, project chairman of Newport's finer Carolina water main project reports good progress. The project involves laying 1,474 feet of 6-inch water main from the town water tank to the business district.

The fire department is the sponsor of the project, but the community pitched in with a big hand. Work actually began about 6 o'clock Saturday morning, March 29. The pipe laying crews swung into action using a "low boy" loaned by L. W. Howard who as one fellow said, "didn't even live in town."

The ditch-digging volunteers spearheaded by Allen Elliott, Charles Masters, and Cary Mann began hacking downward 6 feet in front of Fred White's and it wasn't long before things began looking up.

The plumbers, headed by Chief plumber Milton Warren began yarning and leading the joints and by mid-morning the 334 feet from the tower to the Nine-Foot Road had been laid and mostly leaded. Mid-morning refreshments were

serviced by the young ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Street Commissioner Early Mann and Mayor Edgar Hibbs came by in time to see the first section of pipe tested. There was only one minor leak in the first joint.

After dinner the plumbers lead and calked joints laid in some of the ditch which had been dug by Willie Roberts who loaned himself and his ditching machine.

Many onlookers came up to look and joined in the work. Some of the committee members had contacted citizens prior to the working day and those who didn't work the first Saturday are scheduled for the second Saturday. Many pledged donations to be used on the project. A good proportion of the colored citizens of the town showed up and worked several hours.

Late Saturday evening found the first hydrant installed and a total of 608 feet laid. This leaves 806 feet to go.

Mid-afternoon work was interrupted when L. W. Howard and Lionel Garner got in a discussion about how much a section of 21' 6" pipe weighed. Howard bet 2 to 1 that

it weighed less than 500, so a section of pipe was reloaded on his truck and carried up to the coal yard and weighed. Garner lost. The pipe weighed 471 pounds.

Commissioner Willie Garner brought some much needed Tom's Toasted Peanuts up about 4 o'clock for the weary diggers.

An estimated total of 50 people showed up Saturday. Bennie is much encouraged. In fact, he is already figuring out which color to paint the hydrants.

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