

Beaufort Board Reduces Parking Fine to 50 Cents

Moose Discuss Blood Bank

Lodge Contributes to Band; 12 Men Admitted At Monday Meeting

Morehead City Moose Lodge 1069 discussed the proposed lodge blood bank at a meeting Monday at the lodge hall. Duffy Guthrie, chairman of the blood bank committee, told the lodge that the hospital staff is over-worked and they cannot seem to find time to type blood of donors.

The other alternative he said, was to wait until the staff at the Morehead City Hospital had time to do the work. A motion was made from the floor to contact the Sea Level Community Hospital. Further action was tabled until that hospital is contacted.

Season Closes with Concert By Jane Hobson Tuesday

Chamber Gets 196 Requests

Dr. W. L. Woodard, chairman of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce utilities committee, reports that 196 applications for tele-phones in rural homes have been received.

Sheriff Says Two Stolen Cars Found

Sheriff Hugh Salter said yesterday that two cars which had been reported stolen during the past week have been recovered. He said he has been notified that the 1952 Pontiac allegedly taken from the premises of Leon W. Parker, Bogue, is again in possession of the owner.

Commissioners Also Give Merchants Permission to Display Wares Outdoors

The Beaufort town board in session Monday night reduced over-parking fines from \$1 to 50 cents and gave Front street businessmen the privilege of displaying their wares on the sidewalks. The 50 cent fine goes into effect April 16.

The action followed the reading of two petitions by Leslie Moore. The petitions were signed by Beaufort businessmen. Twenty-four attended the meeting.

Gene Smith, town attorney, told the petitioners that was illegal and he couldn't understand why they didn't comprehend that because it has been dealt with at length in the newspapers.

Mr. Moore said that of the 71 business people asked to sign their petition, 68 did so. He said he never saw the businessmen so unanimous in their opinion.

"Four or five years ago when you wanted to put parking meters in, I was bitterly opposed to them. Now I believe they're good but we were led to believe that their purpose was to control traffic, not raise revenue. The parking meters now are discouraging traffic completely," he told the board.

Paul Jones said he was not opposed to the meters' regulating traffic but he said the \$1 fine was too much. Twenty-five cents is enough.

Commissioner Gordon Hardisty said if the fine was only a quarter, a person would park all day, let the ticket stay on his windshield and when ready to move he'd go pay his 25 cents.

Commissioner Carl Hatsell said he would be willing to reduce the fine to 50 cents.

E. W. Downum commented that he felt the major objection was to the fine not the 5-cent meters. Mr. Moore also said that he was told by Wiley Taylor Jr. that it is illegal to park for an hour and put another nickel in the meter at the same spot for another hour.

The town attorney said that was true. James Potter said he spoke to the police chief and was told that the officers don't follow the letter.

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Jane Hobson, attractive mezzo-soprano, closed the current season of the Carteret Community Concerts with a concert Tuesday night in the Morehead City High School auditorium.

Miss Hobson's graciousness and charm won the admiration of the audience and the perfect control of her voice and her full tones were shown to full advantage in her selections.

Her first group included arias from operas, the Rondo-Gavotte from Mignon, and arias from the Marriage of Figaro and the Seguidilla from Carmen.

Her second group was a series of folk songs, He's Going Away, a North Carolina folk song, a Bally-nae Ballad, an Irish folk song, All Through the Night, a Welsh song, and The Disappointed Lover, a German song.

Her final number for the first half of the concert was an aria from Massenet's Herodiade.

Jaycees to Sponsor TV Show Wednesday

The Circle C Ranchhands from WNCN-TV will put on a stage show, starting at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Beaufort High School auditorium.

The show is sponsored by the Beaufort Jaycees, and tickets may be purchased from any member of the Jaycees or at the door. Proceeds will go to the high school athletic fund.

Wiley Taylor Jr. and Tom Potter are in charge of the committee engineering the show.

Board Takes Steps to Get Property Back

The Beaufort town board Monday night made an official request that Congressman Graham A. Barden introduce a bill to Congress that would restore to the town the "Coast Guard property" which the town sold to the federal government for \$1.

The property is located at Lennoxville at the east end of Front street. Gene Smith, town attorney, read the commissioner's letter he has received on the matter. He has been informed that General Services must declare the property "excess."

An investigation which will take from 60 to 90 days was started March 12 and if the property is found to be of no further use to the government it may be bought by a state or municipality for recreational purposes at 50 per cent of the fair market price.

Because that amount would be far in excess of what the town would be able to pay and since the property was turned over to the federal government for only a dollar, the board felt that some other method should be used to regain title to the property.

Mr. Smith suggested legislation. A letter from the congressman indicated that he was most sympathetic in helping the town regain the property.

The town attorney reported that on a recent visit to Raleigh he talked with William Rogers, chief engineer of the highway department. They talked of the Beaufort-Morehead City causeway and the two drawbridges. Mr. Rogers said the highway department is "familial" with how extensively traveled the causeway is and Mr. Smith said that there is speculation on moving the causeway to the north of the railroad tracks.

There was a bit of discussion as to whether the highway would run from Bridges street in Morehead City to Broad in Beaufort, or farther north from Crab Point to the West Beaufort Road. Feeling that the changes, if any, are in the "far distant future," the board went on with other business.

Gray Hassell, town engineer, reported on progress of drainage work between Ann and Broad streets. Commissioner James Rumley called attention to an "old well" behind the Otis Willis house on Marsh street which he says is open and full of stagnant water. Mr. Hassell said the place would be covered over.

Dan Walker, town clerk, told the board that there was only slight response from businessmen who received notices to pay their privilege taxes. The taxes were due July 1 last year. The board directed that all taxes incur a 10 per cent penalty per month beginning May 1.

Two to Investigate The town attorney and town engineer were instructed to investigate a request from a person (not identified) who wants to lease property at the end of Broad street for an oyster house. Commission- See MEETING, Page 2

Town Board Sets Thursday For Hearing on Re-Zoning

The Morehead City town board, in special session Tuesday afternoon, set Thursday night as the date for a public hearing on changing the zoning laws affecting two areas of the town.

The commissioners were called together Tuesday to consider a recommendation from the zoning board that lots 1, 2, 3 in block 170 be re-zoned as business property. Located there is the Webb Memorial Presbyterian Church. Attending the afternoon meeting was the Rev. Priestley Conyers III, pastor of the church, who represented church committees working on expansion plans.

Also to be acted on at Thursday's public hearing is another request that lots 1, 2, 3 in square 64,

Track Owners Ready Appeal

Judge Malcolm Paul Monday Upholds Injunction Closing Moyock

Currituck, N. C. (AP) — The North Carolina Racing Assoc., owners of the Moyock dog racing track here, Tuesday was readying an appeal from a judge's ruling Monday that the track be closed permanently and the property sold at auction.

Judge Malcolm Paul, in chambers, upheld an injunction closing the track and ordered Currituck Sheriff K. L. Dozier to sell the property at auction within a year and to deny the owners the use of the land for the same period.

A 1949 General Assembly act following pari-mutuel betting at the track recently was declared unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court. A temporary restraining order was then signed against the track which Judge Paul made permanent Monday.

Lawyers for the track announced they will appeal the ruling to the State Supreme Court in an effort to get an appeal before the United States Supreme Court.

Judge Paul also ordered that Frank Aycock, the lawyer who prosecuted the case for J. A. Sumrell, Currituck farmer who instigated the proceedings, be paid \$7,500 from the sale money.

Judge Paul said a state law allows this fee to the lawyer who successfully prosecutes a case in which a business is closed as a public nuisance.

The Currituck Racing Commission submitted its annual report to the county commissioners and said it now is defunct.

The commission turned over \$64,507.49 to the county school fund, \$32,253.75 to the county welfare fund, and \$32,253.74 to the county general fund. The commission said \$140,221.30 was the county's share of the 1953 season and the difference between the total and that reported Monday went to salaries and auditors fees.

Newport Rotary Hears UN Talk

The Rev. J. H. Waldrop Jr., Newport, spoke on the operation of the United Nations at a meeting of the Newport Rotary Club Monday in the former Newport school cafeteria.

Mr. Waldrop, program chairman, outlined the functions of the different committees and organizations within the UN. He also explained the duties of the Security Council, telling the club that it had the final say on action initiated in the committees.

Mr. Waldrop introduced Emmet Harris of New York, who gave a talk on the problem of seating Red China in the UN.

Rotary lapel buttons were given to Harry Lockey and William Murray of Newport, who recently became members.

Visiting the club was George McNeill of the Morehead City Rotary.

Red Cross Fund Totals \$2,152.53

A total of \$2,152.53 has been reported collected to date toward the Red Cross drive. Mrs. James Rumley, campaign fund chairman, said. The report is not complete, however.

Those reporting during the past week were Newport, \$83.16; Marshallberg, \$75.20; Harkers Island, \$12.23; and Stacy, \$7.50.

Morehead City has reported \$498.68 and Beaufort's total has been added to \$886.56. Goal for the 1954 drive is \$3,400.

Signs Lighted

Lighted this week is the new sign pointing to Atlantic Beach. The sign, in green and red neon, is located at 24th and Arendell streets, Morehead City. It was erected last week by Atlantic Beach.

Persons interested in the re-zoning proposals may obtain further information at the clerk's office in the municipal building.

The zoning board also reported in minutes read to the town board that John R. Eubanks, 707 Bay St., has been given permission to build at the rear of his property a house that goes within 3 feet of the property line.

Following the meeting, commissioners went to 11th street where the York Construction Co., has proposed that the street be widened to relieve traffic congestion. The commissioners looked the situation over but made no decision.

Double Funeral Conducted For Two Men Killed Monday

Former Governor Scott To Speak Here Tuesday

Former Governor Kerr Scott, now seeking nomination to the United States Senate from North Carolina, will be the speaker at the Beaufort Rotary Club Farmer-Rotarian meeting at 6:45 Tuesday night at the Inlet Inn.

This will be Governor Scott's first visit here in several years. He will be introduced by Gene Smith, president of the club. Program chairman is Gerald Hill.

Farmers Invited County farmers who have been invited are Bill Pigott, Roland Salter, Roy Keller, Robert Smith, Neola Avery, Kearney Merrill Jr., Neal Campen, Miss Georgina Yeatman.

Raymond Ball, Bill Oglesby, W. J. Blair, Cleveland Gillikin, Wallace Garner, Carl Garner, Lonnie Howard, Floyd Garner, Curt Cannon, Julian Weeks.

Allen Vinson, Milton Truckner, Jim Young, Lionel Pelletier, Earl Taylor, Roy T. Garner, K. W. Wright and L. D. Springle.

At this week's Rotary meeting the speaker was Bill Wall, New Bern, Boy Scout field representative for this area. He talked on the duties of organizations which sponsor Boy Scout troops.

Visitors at the meeting were C. H. Norman, Rocky Mount; William W. Smith, Raleigh; Alvah Hamilton, H. S. Gibbs Jr., Grady Rich, and H. Earle Mobley, all of Morehead City.

Jaycees Discuss Banquet Plans

The Morehead City Jaycees discussed plans for their installation banquet May 3 at a meeting Monday at the Hotel Fort Macon dining room.

Details were referred to the banquet committee headed by Julian Murphy. The club decided to sell tickets in advance for the affair at the Blue Ribbon Club.

At the banquet the Key Man, outstanding committee chairman, and other prominent Jaycees will be recognized. The Jaycees will vote for the Key Man on election night, April 19.

Reports were heard on the proposed Jaycee blood bank and on arrangements for the district meeting to be held in Morehead City April 24 and 25.

Jasper Bell, reporting on the district meeting, told the club that a place for the dance has not been chosen. Dr. W. M. Brady, reporting on the blood bank, said that the difficulty lies in getting blood donors typed.

P. H. Geer Jr., president, appointed Jerry Rowe to head the membership promotion campaign for the balance of the club year. Cy Adams and Russell Outlaw were appointed as a committee to see to the reseeding of the football field.

Mr. Geer also announced that the state convention will be May 14, 15, and 16 in Raleigh. Planning to attend are James Macy, Russell Outlaw, L. G. Dunn, H. O. Phillips, Jasper Bell, and Ralph Gardner.

Ed Bass was a visitor, a guest of Jerry Frazelle.

75 Attend Organizational Meeting Of Sea Level Chamber of Commerce

All of the 16 down-east communities eligible for membership in the Sea Level Community Chamber of Commerce were represented among the 75 persons who met for the chamber's organizational meeting Tuesday night at the former Sea Level School.

A director was elected from each of the communities and from the directors, officers were chosen. The president is Theodore B. Smith, Davis. R. Stanley Wahab, Ocracoke is vice-president, and Clayton Fulcher Jr., Atlantic, treasurer.

The speaker, Frank A. Pierson, executive secretary of the Durham Chamber of Commerce for the past 23 years, spoke of the possibilities of developing this coastal area and emphasized the need for a strong and effective Chamber of Commerce.

He especially spoke of the value in promoting this section as an area for retired folks.

He mentioned the value of the Chamber of Commerce and the need for active cooperation from all members.

Mr. DuBois read a telegram from D. E. Taylor, president of the West India Fruit and Steamship Co., congratulating the chamber and praising its aims and objectives. He requested that his firm be issued a membership in the amount of \$500.

Directors Chosen Directors are Mr. Fulcher, Atlantic; Mr. Smith, Davis; Leo Lawrence, Otway; Mr. Wahab, Ocracoke; H. G. Willis, Smyrna; Marshall Whisnant, Sea Level. E. A. Mason, Bette; Elwood Willis, Marshallberg; Sam Leffers, Straits; Elmer Willis, Williston; Leland Yeomans, Harkers Island; Hugh Salter, Beaufort; Earl Day,

Double funeral rites were conducted at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon for Charles Claude Cummings, 41, and Ivey Nelson Taylor, 52, both of Harlowe, who died as the result of a truck crash at 1:55 p.m. Monday afternoon at Havelock.

The services were conducted in the Harlowe Methodist Church with the Rev. J. H. Waldrop Jr., pastor of the Newport Methodist Church, and the Rev. A. L. Benton, pastor of the Marshallberg Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was in the church yard. The bodies lay in state in the church from noon until 2 o'clock.

Three Trucks Involved The accident in which the men were fatally injured involved three trucks. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Cummings were in a 1952 Chevrolet pick-up truck proceeding east when their truck was struck by a Kraft foods truck driven by Willard Haith of Greensboro.

The foods truck was proceeding west and, according to Coroner Frank Ballard of Craven County, a truck in front of Haith signaled a left turn.

He said he applied his brakes as the truck in front of him slowed down, but the brakes failed and he swerved to the left to avoid hitting it. When he entered the other lane of traffic he hit the oncoming pick-up occupied by Mr. Cummings and Mr. Taylor who was driving.

The truck in front of Haith which he tried to avoid was a truck owned by Mr. Taylor's son who is affiliated with a service station at Havelock. The truck was driven by Roy Nicholson, Havelock. He was only slightly injured. He was treated for a cut over his left ear and a bruised left arm at Morehead City Hospital.

Mr. Cummings and Mr. Taylor were removed from the scene in an ambulance. Mr. Taylor was reported killed instantly but Mr. Cummings died a short time later in Kafer Hospital, New Bern.

Their truck caught fire after they were taken from it. The truck Nicholson was driving turned over. The foods truck was reported slightly damaged by Patrolman C. C. Jones who investigated. Its driver, Haith, was uninjured.

Coroner Ballard has scheduled an inquest for 8 o'clock Monday night at the courthouse in New Bern.

Surviving Mr. Cummings is his wife, Cora Lee Willis Cummings; a daughter, Mrs. Lewis Woodard, Chapel Hill; two sons, Donald and Jimmy of the home; his mother, Mrs. Bessie Cummings; three brothers, Paul, Cleo and Graham, a sister, Mrs. Evelyn Benton, all of Holly Springs, and a granddaughter.

Mr. Taylor is survived by his wife, Magnolia, two sons, Robert William of Harlowe and A. G. of California; two daughters, Mrs. Mildred Harrison, New Bern, S. L. of the home; two sisters, Mrs. R. P. Gooding, Beaufort, Mrs. S. J. Conner, Harlowe; a brother, Bill, Beaufort RFD; his mother, Mrs. Emma Oglesby, Newport RFD, and three grandchildren.

Both Mr. Taylor and Mr. Cummings were carpenters. Mr. Cummings owned a farm and Mr. Taylor until three years ago operated a service station at Harlowe. Both were well-known throughout the county as musicians at the Harlowe square dances.

William Henry Hill, charged with drunk driving, was found guilty of reckless driving. Judge Morris ordered Hill to pay \$25 and costs of court. Hill served notice of appeal to superior court. Bond was set at \$50.

William E. Caldwell, charged with speeding, failing to stop at a stop sign and reckless driving, was fined \$15 and costs. Thomas Edward White, charged with speeding, was fined \$10 and costs.

John T. Powell, charged with speeding, failed to appear in court and forfeited bond. Court costs were ordered paid in the following: James W. Watson and Mary Mimbs, speeding; Fred Holm Stouffer, no operator's license; Mel Kahn, expired license plate; and Paul Winegate Lewis, following too closely.

Cases Continued Cases continued were Herbert H. Jones, Robert Mortimer Fisher Jr., Joseph E. Katz, and Fisher Bary Barger, all charged with speeding.

Harold Neil Grossnickle, speeding and drunk driving; Vandie H. Allgood, non-support and abandonment; Glenn Charles Clark, improper muffler; James Henry Merrill, no operator's license; Ted Day, bad check.

Harold Paschal, drunk driving; Abraham Williams, non-support; David Laren Hagstrom, no lights; William Riley Willis, failing to stop at a stop sign; Roderick Moore, assault; Kenneth T. Rapp, no operator's license; and Laurie Simmons Tucker, speeding and improper muffler.

Newport Deals With Street Problem The Newport town board held a special meeting at the town hall last night to consider the State Highway Department's proposal that highway 70 through Newport be widened to 32 feet.

If that much footage is granted, the state will curb and gutter the street from the railroad 1,800 feet westward.

Newport town officials conferred with Maynard Hicks and R. Markham, officials of this division, at Greenville Wednesday. They were Mayor Edgar Hibbs, Commissioners Ira and Wilbur Garner.

C. Moses Howard, a member of the county board of commissioners, accompanied them.

Clinic Tomorrow The orthopedic clinic sponsored monthly by the Morehead City Rotary Club will start at 8:30 tomorrow morning in the hospital annex, 9th street, Morehead City. Dr. Lenox Baker, Duke Hospital, will be in charge.

Newport Firemen Put Out Grass Fire Tuesday Newport firemen put out a grass fire in the western section of town at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon. No damage was caused by the blaze which is reported to have started in a pile of trash.

A false alarm was phoned in during the firemen's meeting Monday night. Fire department officers have warned people that to turn in a false alarm not only could result in injuries to firemen but persons apprehended for turning in a false alarm will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.