

# Migrant Laborer Shot Thursday

## Board Considers National Guard Subsidy Request

### Morehead City Cab Drivers Granted Rate Rise to Go Into Effect June 3

The Morehead City town board, in session Thursday night at the municipal building, took under consideration a National Guard request for \$50 monthly from the town for operation of a National Guard unit.

Mayor George W. Dill read a letter to the board from Col. Winston H. Willis, 196th Field Artillery Group, Jacksonville. The letter stated that Maj. Gen. John H. Manning, commanding officer of the North Carolina National Guard, has recommended to the Army that the old shop building at the section base, Camp Glenn, be renovated as an armory.

Cost of renovation is estimated at \$8,000. The Morehead City unit would be a part of the 295th Field Artillery Battalion as is the present National Guard unit in Beaufort. The commissioners said that the \$50 monthly subsidy requested from the town would be considered when the budget is drawn up for the next fiscal year.

### Cab Fares Up

At the request of Parker Guthrie, Albert Way and Marvin Powers, taxi cab operators, the board allowed a 25 cent increase in rates.

The fare in town, between Newport River on the east and 24th Street on the west, will be 50 cents as at present but beyond 24th Street the fare will be 75 cents. Between Morehead City and Beaufort and Morehead and Atlantic Beach the fare will be \$1.25 instead of a dollar. The new rates become effective June 3.

The board requested that all cab drivers post their rates in their cabs.

### Wants Street Improved

C. N. Stroud of Stroud's Food Center, 18th Street, appeared before the board and asked that 18th Street between Arendell and Bridges be improved "and paved if possible." He said if the street were in better condition cars would not use the concrete drive, in front of his store, as a cut-off.

The commissioners said they would consider his request in drawing up the new budget.

At the request of residents in the 1400 block of Shackelford Avenue the board ordered a light put in a west alley. John Lashley, town clerk, and Dr. John Morris, commissioner, were authorized to survey the town Crab Point area with a view to installing street lights.

### Contract Awarded

The Star Electric Co., Wilmington, was low bidder on installation of traffic lights in the business district. The bid was \$5,000. Other bids were \$5,600 and \$6,100, the clerk reported. Installation will require three weeks. Work was scheduled to start yesterday.

The board also requested that J. V. Waters, street superintendent, paint Arendell intersections with pedestrian walkways.

The police commissioner, D. G. Bell, was authorized to establish loading zones on Arendell Street. Mr. Bell proposes establishment of zones in each Arendell Street business block, along the railroad, during the hours 6 a. m. to 10 a. m.

### To Close Alley

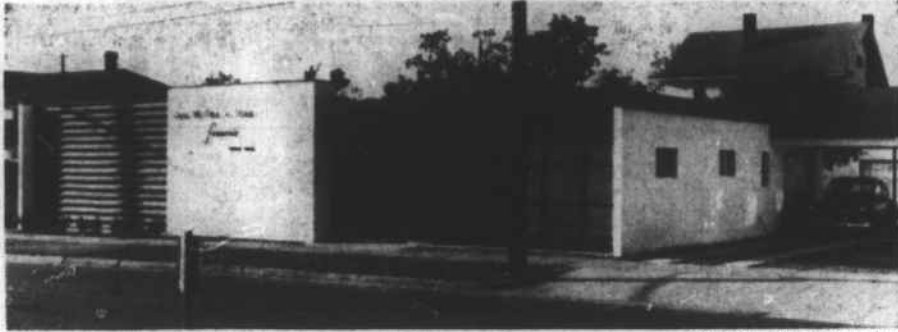
The board allowed temporary closure of an alley between the Willie York residence, 2005 Shepard St., and Phillip Ball residence, 2003 Shepard St. The alley leads to the sound. George McNeill, town attorney, said that the Balls and Yorks object to continual public use of the alley and want to extend the street curbing across the alley.

On behalf of Harvey Hamilton Jr., Mr. McNeill presented a request for reduction of back taxes on the Zennie Merrill property. Taxes owed total \$307.47. The property is valued at \$415. The board said that the matter should be taken to the county commissioners first and whatever they approve, the town will do likewise.

Commissioner D. J. Hall said J. W. Sykes, 1711 Shepard St., asked if the town could take steps to prevent use of an alley in that block as a through street. Commissioner Hall said that the south end of 18th Street is in such bad shape that cars won't use it.

Commissioner Ted Garner and Dr. Morris were authorized to investigate and make recommendations. The commissioners authorized the clerk to write to CP&L and request that a water line be run along Bonner Avenue between Arendell and Bridges so that water could be supplied the Abbott Morris and William Yeager properties.

## Morehead City's New Funeral Home



The new George W. Dill & Sons Funeral Home, Morehead City, will open formally tomorrow. Stories on the new building, its owner and manager, appear in section 2 of today's paper.

## Board Tentatively OK's Waterworks Franchise; Cancels Bus Franchise

The Morehead City town board tentatively approved Thursday night the granting of the municipal water franchise to Carolina Waterworks Co. and cancelled the Community Bus Line franchise held by Marvin Powers and Carl Goodwin.

The transfer of the water franchise has been requested by Carolina Power and Light Co., present operators of the waterworks. CP&L has made arrangements for sale of the water properties serving Morehead City, Beaufort and Snow Hill. The transfer is scheduled to become effective at midnight June 30.

The Morehead City board did not give final approval Thursday night because they felt further study of the matter is desirable.

The board is concerned with the willingness of the new water company operators' collecting assessments for sewage disposal. Mayor George Dill explained that under the present franchise a more modern system of sewage disposal is impossible because the water company is not obligated to collect sewage assessments. Neither can the town finance a better sewage system under the present tax rate, he added.

"Water and sewage works together," he remarked.

Attending the meeting was Paul See BOARD, Page 7

## Massachusetts Men Prepare To Operate Waterworks

### Operations Begin To Save Cargo

A Wilmington firm, Heide & Co., announced Friday that salvage operations were to begin Saturday on the Honduran freighter, Omar Babun. Heide & Co are agents for the freighter which went aground May 14 three miles north of Rodanthe.

The Mary F., a 40-foot boat, has been chartered to salvage the cargo of heavy machinery and cement. The machinery was destined for Cuban sugar mills.

The Mary F. was reported stranded on a shoal outside Hatteras Inlet Friday, but she was expected to be afloat again by Saturday noon. Three crewmen were aboard.

The captain, Jose Villa, and crewmen aboard the Omar Babun were rescued by the Coast Guard.

Carolina Waterworks Co., which proposes to buy and operate the water systems in Beaufort, Morehead City and Snow Hill, will be owned and controlled by W. Frederick Spence of Belmont, Mass., and Homer A. Severne of Cohasset, Mass. Mr. Spence is vice-president and director of the General Waterworks Corp., a company operating many water systems and having assets of \$33,500,000.

Mr. Severne is second vice-president of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Boston and is in charge of the public utilities security department of that company which owns under his supervision over a billion dollars worth of public utilities securities including \$135,000,000 in securities of water companies.

The municipal water systems of the three towns were transferred from Tide Water Power Co. to Carolina Power and Light when CP&L expanded several years ago.

Louis V. Sutton, Raleigh, president of CP&L, said, "We are

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## 140 Attend Bridge Tourney At Dunes Club

One hundred forty persons attended the Atlantic Beach Bridge tournament at the Dunes Club during the weekend. The event was sponsored by the Carteret County Bridge League and directed by Wallace Jones, Richmond.

The K. P. B. Bonner gold cup, awarded annually to the winners in the open pair event was presented Sunday night to Miss Julia Skinner and Miss Laura White, both of Raleigh. The presentation was made by Dr. Bonner, Morehead City.

Second place winners in the open pair event were Dr. Charles Duffy, New Bern, and E. M. Dewey, Morehead City.

Winners in the team-of-four event were Herbert Gerst, Clarkson Meredith, Mrs. K. W. Rowell, Charles M. Mark, all of Norfolk. Two teams tied for second place. They were Lacie Lantz, Raleigh; Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis, New Bern; Mrs. Louise Poe and Dr. William Elliott, both of Raleigh; and Howard Hemric, Frank Owens, both of Kinston, and Earl Jones and Charles Lombard, both of Raleigh.

Winners in the women's pair event were Mrs. Alvah Hamilton, Morehead City, and Mrs. J. S. Steed, Beaufort. Second place was won by Mrs. E. M. Patterson and Mrs. J. R. Dodson, both of Greensboro.

Winners in mixed pair: Clarkson Meredith and Mrs. K. W. Rodwell, both of Norfolk; second, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Brown, Richmond.

Men's pair: J. F. Patterson, Beaufort, and Leon Powell, Cherry Point; second, Ed Stovall and J. P. Lumpkin, Louisburg.

Special game: north, south, first Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hiker, Raleigh; second, Mrs. Harold Hemric and Mrs. R. S. Langley, both of Kinston; east - west, Clarkson Meredith, Mrs. K. W. Rodwell, both of Norfolk; second, Mrs. Roney High, Miss Sallie Boyce, both of Wilson.

Top place winners received silver dishes.

The director said that the tournament was very successful.

## Dies in Hospital; Husband Held on Murder Charge

Alfair Kelly McCray, 23-year-old Negro migrant worker, was shot at 10 o'clock Thursday night and died at 8 p. m. Sunday in the Morehead City Hospital. Her husband, Elijah, who was apprehended by Sheriff Hugh Salter and Chief of Police M. E. Guy, Beaufort, at 1:15 a. m. Friday, has been charged with murder.

He is being held without bond in the county jail and will be transferred to New Bern jail tomorrow.

### Beaufort Jaycees Offer Election Day Car Service

Beaufort Jaycees are sponsoring a pick-up service in connection with their "get out the vote" campaign, announces Horace Loftin, president.

To see that everyone votes, the Beaufort Jaycees will have cars available to take persons to the polls, said Mr. Loftin.

Anyone wanting a ride to and from the polls Saturday should call 2-3711 and a car will be sent to the person's home.

## Hubert Woman Hurt in Wreck

Mrs. Eugene Clifton Guin, Hubert, was slightly injured at 11:45 p. m. Saturday in an automobile accident a mile east of Swansboro on highway 24. She received a cut over the eye when the car in which she was riding bumped into the rear of another.

Driving the car, a 1947 Studebaker, was her husband. She was treated at the Jacksonville Hospital.

The other car involved was a 1951 Ford driven by Horace Clyde Webb, Swansboro. State Highway Patrolman W. E. Pickard said Webb had slowed down at a driveway and Guin applied his brakes but not soon enough to avoid the collision.

Damage to each of the cars was estimated at \$300. No charges were preferred.

## Civic Groups to Dedicate New Playground at 5 Sunday

### 3-Year-Old Boy Killed Saturday

Gerald Thomas Echenfel Jr., 3-year-old son of a Cherry Point Marine lieutenant, was instantly killed Saturday afternoon in Slocum Village near Havelock, when he darted in front of the automobile of Master Sgt. Joseph J. Babayak, who also lives in Slocum Village.

Craven Coroner Frank Ballard says evidence indicates Babyak's car was traveling approximately 15 miles an hour. The child chased a beach ball into the street, and the driver wasn't aware of the child's presence until his wife screamed that the youngster had been struck.

Coroner Ballard says no charges will be preferred.

### Temperatures Rise After Brief Shower

Soaring temperature followed Thursday's rainfall of 45 inches, reports Stamey Davis, weather observer.

After the rain the temperature dropped temporarily but rose to 78 Saturday and Sunday. Thursday's high was 77 followed by a dip to 72 Friday.

Temperature readings follow:

	Max.	Min.
Thursday	77	59
Friday	72	53
Saturday	78	54
Sunday	78	53

### Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar

	HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, May 25		
1:52 a. m.		7:27 a. m.
1:40 p. m.		8:05 p. m.
Wednesday, May 26		
2:05 a. m.		8:25 a. m.
2:43 p. m.		9:13 p. m.
Thursday, May 27		
3:09 a. m.		9:25 a. m.
3:46 p. m.		10:18 p. m.
Friday, May 28		
4:13 a. m.		10:23 a. m.
4:47 p. m.		11:19 p. m.

Beaufort's new playground, to be named "Park by the Sea," will be dedicated at a special program at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The playground is located south of the Beaufort draw bridge by Gallants Channel.

Mrs. Wiley Taylor Jr., publicity chairman for the Junior Woman's Club, announced yesterday that a picnic supper will follow the dedication program. Everyone in town is invited to bring a lunch and join in the event.

The playground is a joint project of the Junior Woman's Club and the Chamber of Commerce. Its construction is part of the town's finer Carolina program.

The play area is approximately 100 by 100 feet and is located on property made available by Harvey Smith, Beaufort. There are 11 swings, one 8-foot and one 12-foot sliding board, two teeter-boards, a shaded sand box and a gym set. Equipment is designed for use by tiny tots and other children up to 8 years of age.

A shelter will be built outside the fenced-in part where mothers may sit in the shade while youngsters play. There is also ample parking space.

At the dedication the Junior Woman's Club will present the playground to the town. Mayor Clifford Lewis will accept it. The picnic supper will be spread on picnic tables on the grounds.

## Morehead City Recreation Program to Begin June 3

The Morehead City Summer Recreation program at the Recreation Center will start June 3 and run for 10 weeks, announces Fred G. Lewis, director.

Mr. Lewis and Ralph Wade will have charge of children 10 years and up, and Mrs. Robert Taylor will have charge of the 6 to 9 age group.

Mrs. Walter Sandy will be program assistant and John T. Willis will be custodian.

The Negro recreation program will also start soon after completion of the school year with John Richard Thomas in charge. Headquarters will be the Negro Masonic hall.

### Girl Seriously Hurt in Wreck

Bessie Brock, 21, Newport, was seriously injured at 12:45 a. m. Sunday in an automobile accident on highway 70 seven miles west of Morehead City. She was taken to Morehead City Hospital in the George Dill ambulance.

The girl was in a fair condition yesterday, according to her physician, Dr. M. B. Morey. She is suffering from a crushed pelvis and internal injuries.

She was riding in a car driven by Purvis L. Bryant, 24, Newport. Bryant told State Highway Patrolman J. W. Sykes that he thought an approaching car was coming too far on his side, so he eased off to the right, skidded 300 feet back to the left, ran off the road and turned over.

The car, a 1950 Mercury, was demolished. Bryant has been charged with having non tax-paid whiskey in the car, no operator's license, and driving carelessly.

The patrolman said he was also told that another passenger, "Cat Tracks" Brock, father of the girl, was also in the car, but took off after the accident occurred.

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Alternates are Faye Mason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Mason; Ada Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lewis; Henry Safrin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Safrin; and Bruce Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Edwards.

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The shooting took place at the Chicken Shack, Queen Street, Beaufort. According to the sheriff, Mrs. McCray was in the Chicken Shack talking to some men at the piccolo. Soon her husband came in and sat down. Then, according to witnesses, he got up, walked over to her and slapped her down. When she got up off the floor he pulled out a .32 automatic pistol and shot her.

Then, according to Sheriff Salter, McCray waved the gun in the direction of everyone else in the place and told them to stay away. With that, Clarence Washington went up to him and took the gun away. Washington called the police while Otis Sharpe, owner of the Shack, took the woman to the hospital.

She was operated on by Dr. John Way at 2 o'clock Friday morning. The bullet entered her left side below the heart. Dr. Way said that the internal injuries were severe.

After Washington notified police, the sheriff, Deputy Sheriffs Bobby Bell and Marshall Ayscue, the Beaufort chief of police and Patrolman Steve Beachem were called.

McCray was finally located by the sheriff and Chief Guy at Jesse Wade's migrant labor camp two miles east of Beaufort on highway 70. McCray was found inside one of the houses sitting on a fish box. Sheriff Salter said he went with the officers without offering resistance.

McCray later told officers that his wife had a knife but a knife could not be found on her and none of the witnesses reported seeing her with a knife, said the sheriff.

Borrowed Pistol

The pistol used by McCray was borrowed, he said, from Thomas Holmes, another migrant worker. Holmes said that McCray had given him \$2 in partial payment for the pistol when they were in South Carolina. McCray said he was always accustomed to carrying a gun.

Holmes had no permit for the weapon and has been charged with being an accessory before the slaying.

The McCrays who have three children, all girls aged 2, 3 and 4, were living in trucks behind the Chicken Shack. Their home address was given by the sheriff as Salter, S. C. Mrs. McCray's father came to Beaufort Sunday from Kingstree, S. C.

Sheriff Salter said that prior to striking his wife McCray, according to witnesses, told her to go home and take care of the children. When she said they were being taken care of, he hit her.

The sheriff said McCray had had something to drink but was not drunk.

Coroner Leslie D. Springle swore in a jury Sunday night and an inquest was held at the courthouse at 8 o'clock last night. On the jury are D. F. Merrill, Elmore Davis, Fred Davis, T. P. Allen, James Rumley, all of Beaufort, and M. M. Ayscue, Morehead City.

Two lost their lives in the crash. The other victim was Beryl B. Sessions, co-pilot. Capt. Hofmeister was pilot of the AD-5 Skyraider attack bomber which fell from the sky shortly after take off from Cherry Point enroute for Miami, Fla.

Wreckage was scattered over a quarter-mile area between highway 101 and the Neuse River about six miles from Harlowe. Both victims were stationed at Miami. Bodies were returned to Cherry Point.

Services for Captain Hofmeister were conducted from the Long Mortuary, Anita, Iowa, and services for Captain Sessions were held in Tulsa, Okla.

Receives Award

James Bryan Gillikin, Atlantic, was presented an award recently for production and costume designing at a program of the University of North Carolina Department of Dramatic Art.

## Three Injured In Head-On Crash Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Goodwin, Cedar Island, and George Ball, Harlowe, were injured at 9:15 Saturday morning in a head-on collision at Bettie.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin sustained chest injuries and Mr. Ball has a broken arm.

State Highway Patrolman W. J. Smith Jr. said the accident occurred when Mr. Goodwin turned into the left lane of traffic to avoid hitting a 1942 Plymouth driven by Ned Gray Golden, 17, of Bettie.

Mr. Goodwin was traveling west and Mr. Ball, in a 1953 Chevrolet pickup truck was going east. Golden was pulling out of Pake's Service Station. The Goodwin and Ball vehicles hit head-on. Both are beyond repair. Goodwin was driving a 1951 Ford.

The Goodwins were taken to the Sea Level Hospital where they were X-rayed. Golden has been charged with failure to yield the right-of-way. Patrolman Smith said that Golden backed up when he saw the Goodwin car coming but it was not in time to prevent Mr. Goodwin from turning into the left lane of traffic.

9-Year-Old Boy Struck by Car

Jerry Lee Faircloth, 9-year-old son of Jerry Faircloth, Harkers Island, was critically injured at 1:05 p. m. Sunday when he was struck by a car on the Harkers Island Road.

The child had not regained consciousness by yesterday afternoon. He has a multiple fracture of the right leg and a brain concussion.

Driving the car which hit him was Troy Goodwin, Cedar Island. According to State Highway Patrolman W. E. Pickard, Mr. Goodwin was proceeding east when the child ran out in front of his car. Mr. Goodwin was driving a 1951 Chevrolet.

Jerry was on one side of the road and he is reported to have started to run across the road when his cousin, in an automobile on the other side, offered to ride him to another part of the island to play.

He was rushed to the hospital by James Gillikin, Harkers Island.

Collections Amount to \$270

James H. Davis, treasurer of the Beaufort Summer Recreation program, announced yesterday that \$270 has been received thus far for the program which will begin the middle of June and run until the middle of August.

Letters asking for donations have been sent out by a committee from the Beaufort Book Club, Mrs. H. G. Loftin, chairman.

Hugh C. Gordon Jr., new high school football coach, will direct the program, which will provide supervised baseball, swimming and dancing.

The program, open to all children from the age of 8 on up, is supported by fraternal and civic organizations and donations from private individuals.

Persons wishing to contribute to the program, whether they have been contacted or not, should send their checks to Mr. Davis, care of the First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co., Beaufort.

Fire Department Answers Call to W. A. Cole Store

The Beaufort fire department was called to W. A. Cole's store, Marsh and Pine Streets, at 6:45 yesterday morning to put out a fire caused by a flooded oil burner.

The alarm was phoned in. Firemen returned to the station in 10 minutes. The fire caused no damage.

Holds Office

Lena Taylor, Sea Level, is vice-president of the Robert H. Wright chapter of East Carolina College Future Teachers of America Club, which recently won a banner award as an outstanding chapter.