

Newport Town Board Says Water Tank Should be Fixed

Fisheries Commissioner Releases Report for May

C. G. Holland, assistant commercial fisheries commissioner, has released his report for May.

He said "The month of May saw very little production in seafoods. Commercial fishermen in the Cape Lookout area report good signs of blues and mackerel, but the strong southwest winds made the sea too rough to fish regularly.

"The shrimp season opened May 10 with very poor production. In our opinion this spring has been too cool for shrimp to grow properly.

"We have had quite a few requests from out-of-state boats for licenses, but none have been issued for inland waters. The menhaden fleet of Beaufort began operating this month with fair catches."

Commissioner Holland attended the National Fisheries Institute Convention in Cleveland May 2-5. The convention was attended by more than a thousand representatives of the fishing industry from points as distant as Norway and Ireland.

Commissioner Holland said that his presence at the meeting showed that North Carolina was interested in the industry and that his experience there was beneficial to him as a commercial fisheries officer.

His report continues:

Our oyster seed and shell planting is about completed. We have planted 34,043 tubs of oysters in the following places: Carteret County Point of Marsh, 5,945 tubs; Pamlico County, Oyster Creek, 7,660 tubs; Hyde County, Shell Point, 5,890 and Shell Bay, 1,500 tubs; Onslow County, New River, 3,199 tubs; Pender County, Sloop Point Bay, 3,329 tubs; New Hanover County, Masonboro Bay, 3,155 tubs; Brunswick County, Shallotte River, 990; Saucan, 1,100 and Old Sound, 1,275 tubs.

"We are not in a position to give the exact data on shell planting because the project has not been finished, but so far we have planted 40,000 tubs. We have approximately 15,000 tubs of shells to plant and expect to finish planting by June 10, weather permitting."

Lions to Pay State Blind Commission Case Worker

Morehead City Lions will sponsor a county case worker from the State Commission for the Blind for one year.

The case worker will visit families of 80 blind persons, registered with the commission, once a month and report to the Lions. Suggestions will be made in the report on how the club could assist these families during the coming year.

This action by the Lions Club followed a talk given Thursday by Mrs. Gertrude Anderson, Greenville, N. C., representing the social service division of the State Blind Commission, at a meeting in the Recreation Center.

Mrs. Anderson told the club of the organization of the commission and outlined functions of the blind rehabilitation, home industry, medical, and social service divisions of the commission.

She told Lions that 80 blind persons of the county were registered with the commission. Of these, 53 were receiving financial assistance.

Mrs. Anderson suggested that the club sponsor a case worker one day a month for a year to help

Farmers Attend Tobacco Clinic

There was "a good representation" of county tobacco growers at the tobacco disease clinic in Newport Thursday, reported R. M. Williams, county farm agent.

J. C. Wells, extension plant pathologist, Raleigh, discussed treatment of tobacco diseases, emphasizing blue mold, which is prevalent in the county.

Farmers brought specimens of their plants. Mr. Wells made culture slides of the diseased areas. Farmers were asked to look at disease-carrying viruses under the microscope.

Diseases other than blue mold were identified and methods of preventing and controlling them were discussed.

Due to wet weather there has been an outbreak of blue mold in the fields. Mr. Williams said that areas affected are Crab Point, Wildwood, and Newport.

Louis J. Norris Jr.

To Receive MD Degree

Louis J. Norris Jr., Morehead City, is a candidate to receive a degree at New York University's 122nd annual commencement tomorrow on Ohio Field at NYU's University Heights campus in the Bronx.

Dr. Henry T. Heald, chancellor of the University, will confer the degrees at the morning exercises. Dr. Carter Davidson, president of Union College and chancellor of the University, is to deliver the commencement address. Eight public figures will be invested with honorary degrees, and six alumni leaders will receive meritorious service awards. More than 15,000 persons are expected to attend the ceremony.

Mr. Norris is a candidate for a Doctor of Medicine degree from NYU.

County Agent Gives Talk at Pelletier Friday

A talk on poultry and turkey production, illustrated with slides, was given Friday night at Pelletier by R. M. Williams, county farm agent, at a rural meeting designed to aid county farmers.

Al Newsome, assistant agent, was to assist Mr. Williams and answer questions.

The meeting was sponsored by the Pelletier Booster Club.

Types of partial deafness vary, some causing failure to hear low tones, others failure to hear high tones.

Because Newport's water tank is leaking a gallon and a half a minute or 2,160 gallons a day, the town board authorized the street superintendent and chief of police, Ormsby Mann, to contact a man to repair it.

The authorization was made by the town board at a meeting Thursday night at the town hall.

The pump has been repaired but the town board said Thursday there was no need to keep pumping the tank full if it's all leaking out. None of the homes in the Newport area are serviced by the town system. All get water from wells.

Mayor Edgar Hibbs reported that a state health inspector warned one household in the Newport area that none of their water should be drunk unless it is boiled.

Firemen Lay Line

Laying of a water main from the tank to the center of town has been undertaken by the town fire department. While the main was laid principally to provide water for fire-fighting, the town is contemplating letting home-owners near it tap on.

The mayor said that permission has been obtained from C. Y. Griffin, New Bern, an official of the state highway department, to run the water main under highway 70. He added, however, that the work must be done within the next couple weeks because the state specifies that 60 days shall be allowed to complete the job after permission is given.

In cooperation with the state which is widening highway 70 through Newport, the town authorized the Clerk, Miss Edith Lockey, to request Carolina Power and Light to move light poles along the highway north of town.

Budget Presented

Fire Chief Leon Mann Jr. presented the fire department's budget for 1954-55. The town board said they would consider it when they make up their budget in July.

Attorney George Ball commented on the tax sale which will take place at noon next Monday at the town hall. All property on which 1953 taxes are due will be sold at auction. Property not bought will be bid in by the town.

A judgment will be entered against the property and after six months judgment will be executed and the owner who failed to pay taxes will lose his property.

A list of those owing taxes appears in the second section of today's NEWS-TIMES.

The town attorney was authorized to contact the A&EC Railroad in regard to installing tile to correct a drainage problem on Railroad Street.

The commissioners discussed electricians' coming into town and doing work without a privilege license. How to prevent them from doing so concerned the board. But action on the matter was deferred.

Phillip K. Ball, surveyor, was authorized to make a map of town streets in compliance with the state's request for information in relation to Powell Bill funds.

Commissioner Early Mann requested the street superintendent to contact J. L. Humphrey, county road superintendent, relative to fixing Church Street.

Blade Bought

The board authorized purchase of a rotary blade for the town mower at a cost of \$110.

Commissioner Ira Garner said that the weed-covered lots in town should be cut. Chief of Police Ormsby Mann was authorized to notify owners of such lots and tell them if they don't cut the weeds, the town will cut them and put the charge on their tax bill.

Commissioner Garner also requested that the bushes on the old cemetery be cut.

Taxes and listings of Ivy Haskett and Jim Kirby were discussed. Miss Lockey said the Haskett matter has been "straightened out" and the Kirby matter concerned inclusion of farm acreage in the town which Mr. Kirby claimed was out of town.

The deed granting the town the street by Roy T. Garner's was reported received. The street has been named "Town Line Street." The name was suggested by the town attorney.

The board authorized all bills paid with the exception of the bill owed Carolina Power and Light Co. which they said was too high. The clerk reported a balance June 1 of \$1,929.88.

Road Official Reports on Work Throughout County

J. L. Humphrey, county road superintendent, said yesterday that the Barrus Construction Co., started pouring curbs and gutters on the new section of Arendell Street (highway 70) in Morehead City yesterday morning.

He said this work will require two to three weeks. The day after that is completed, the state will finish up and the new highway will be open on both the north and south sides.

The highway department is grading the road at South River preparatory to paving and dirt roads just north of Beaufort are being widened to 24 feet.

The state has also been working on the road through Highland Park from highway 70 to the Lennoxville Road.

Board

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the store is in a rented building on Turner Street.

Request Denied

The board refused a request for a license from Mrs. N. Smith, Allendale, S. C., to practice palmistry in the county.

John Brooks of the auditor's office was asked to investigate a request for tax reduction on the Beaufort property of Alonzo Williams, heirs.

Leo Lawrence, Otway, requested an adjustment in back taxes, a total of \$123.93 for the years 1929-36. The board authorized a reduction to \$81.96.

A letter from Belk's was read by the clerk, Irvin W. Davis. The letter gave figures on the cost of the building and property in Morehead City, relative to a March request made by Belk's for reduction in valuation. The board decided to let the valuation remain at \$30,000.

To Attend Meeting

Mr. Davis, the auditor, and Commissioner Moses Howard were appointed to go to a civil defense meeting at Raleigh Thursday and attend a pageant at the Coliseum that night. An invitation to the civil defense meeting was sent the county board by Governor Umstead, Dr. K. P. B. Bonner, chairman of the board, said he felt it imperative that this county be represented.

The board also received a special invitation to see the pageant on Home Demonstration work which is being given as a part of Farm and Home Week observance.

The commissioners accepted the report on unpaid personal property taxes submitted by Eugene Moore, tax collector. They requested Mr. Moore to continue to try to collect the taxes, a total of \$8,000 for 1953. The tax collector said the portion of the total 1953 levy collected was 90 per cent.

Budgets Presented

Budget requests presented by the health department, the county veterans service officer and E. M. Foreman, forest ranger, were tentatively accepted.

The auditor was instructed to draw up the budget on the basis of last year's. The general fund figure last year was \$162,367.

The health department budget provides for a county health officer. Dr. K. P. B. Bonner said that a Dr. Bailey, who is soon to retire from Army service, has agreed to serve as the county health officer. He is to report here Aug. 7.

The budget was presented by Mrs. Leota Hammer and Mrs. Beatrice Lewis along with a report on the department's activities for the past year.

Gets Refund

B. B. Winfield, who requested several months ago a refund of taxes on property which he did not own, appeared again. The board granted him a refund of \$278.06 in return for a quitclaim deed giving the county any interest he may have in the land.

Arnold Lawrence, Otway, requested that a three-quarter mile road from David Lawrence's to the community highway in Otway be paved. The board said that C. Y. Griffin, state highway official, would be asked to look into the matter.

Commissioner Moses Howard was delegated to ask the state to take over the Oak Road which runs from highway 70 in Newport to the Mann Road. A petition to have the road put on the state system was presented to the board. It had 26 signatures.

A problem raised by Gene Smith, town attorney, relative to the county releasing a lien they have on property in Morehead City was referred to the county attorney, Alvah Hamilton.

The board gave final approval to a resolution requesting further restoration of Fort Macon.

Ikie Guthrie, Harkers Island, appeared before the board to request a job as deputy sheriff. No action was taken.

Tilton Davis, Harkers Island, a commissioner who has not attended meetings for the past six months, attended yesterday's meeting. Other commissioners present were Walter Yeomans, Mr. Howard, E. H. Potter and the board chairman, Dr. Bonner.

Beaufort Police Make 18 Arrests

Eighteen arrests were made in Beaufort during the first seven days of June.

Apprehended June 1 were Donald J. Disoway and Johnnie Teel charged with going through stop signs; June 2, John W. Joyner, going through stop sign; Leamon Sharp, driving without a license; Willie Patterson, public drunkenness; June 3, H. G. Phillips, going past a stop sign, and a boy under 18 arrested on a charge of theft.

June 4, Edward Tyson Jr., William A. Smith, Harry Gaskill Jr., and Leonard Saffit, stop sign violations; Linwood R. Hall, improper muffler; Thomas Young, public drunkenness; June 5, Charles Jones, stop sign violation.

June 6, Bobby W. Salter, stop sign violation and speeding; Estelle Holmes, failing to stop at a stop sign; James King, public drunkenness, and Earl Swindell, improper muffler.

Beaufort Firemen Proceed With Building 'Iron' Lung

Construction of an "iron" lung, sponsored by the Beaufort Fire Department, will start immediately, says Charles Harrell, fire chief.

Arvis McGee and Ed Nelson, of Beaufort, were appointed to build the lung at a meeting of the department Thursday night. Clarence Davis Jr., chairman of the iron lung committee, reported that the rubber gaskets, necessary for construction, and the diaphragm have been received.

The diaphragm was donated by Ben's Bicycle Shop, Beaufort. When completed the lung will be available for use by any county needing it, firemen said.

Chief Harrell reported that the committee appointed recently to study and re-vamp the department's by-laws hasn't had time to make its study and report.

Roma Willis and John Parkin, who recently attended the fire college in Charlotte, N. C., reported on the college's courses. They also brought back with them suggestions on improving fire fighting methods.

They told the department of new equipment and its use. They studied and worked with this equipment while attending the college.

Mr. Davis and J. P. Harris were appointed to get necessary material for re-painting the fire station's upstairs floor.

The department decided to meet at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month instead of 8 p.m. It will have a training program and fire drill every Thursday night starting at 8.

Gerald Woolard, secretary, was instructed to write to each member of the department eligible for the honorary list to get their views on whether or not they want to be retired from active duty.

This is being done, Mr. Woolard explained, in order that new firemen may be added to the roll. Several applications have been received lately, he said. The department can carry only a limited number of members.

Visitors were C. T. Lewis, mayor of Beaufort; Brady Gillikin, Clayton Murphy, and Ernest Cole, all of Beaufort.

After the meeting gasoline fires were touched off in front of the

station and put out with foam to demonstrate the use of foam as a fire fighting weapon.

Firemen then went to E. F. Glenn's home at Front and Fulford Streets to try out a new two and one-half inch fog nozzle. The nozzle is used in fighting oil fires.

Mr. Glenn reported that he was pleased with the good job the department did in watering his lawn—and the department is pleased with the new nozzle.

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Seven Counties Receive Degrees at State College

Seven persons from this county were among the 737 students who were candidates for degrees at the North Carolina State College Commencement Sunday.

They were Gene Tamney Willis, architecture, and Frederick Linwood Broadhurst, industrial arts education, both of Morehead City; Donald Earl Davis, Davis, Archie Rudolph Miller, Newport, and Giles Whitehurst Willis Jr., Gloucester, all in electrical engineering; John William Hurst, Swansboro, mechanical engineering; and Thurston Wade Arnold, Beaufort, forest management.

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