

Atlantic Beach to Consider \$50,000 Fire-Fighting System

Members of the Atlantic Beach Town Board, in session Saturday morning at the beach, set 10 o'clock Saturday morning, July 17, as the time for a meeting of all beach residents. The meeting, to take place at the Heart of the Beach, will deal with a proposal to raise taxes so that a \$50,000 fire protection program can be undertaken.

George Franklin, general counsel for the North Carolina League of Municipalities, said Atlantic Beach must have its own fire-fighting equipment if the residents are to get lower insurance premiums on their property.

He estimated it would cost \$13,000 to put in a line for the water supply, plus \$25,000 for a storage tank and around \$2,000 for a second-hand fire truck. This would bring the total to approximately \$40,000 but the board decided to set the figure at \$50,000 to cover unforeseen expenses.

Mr. Franklin went on to say that this would mean about a 15-cent rise in each individual's taxes but the people would save more than that on their insurance premiums.

Commissioner Carl Lanier moved that a letter be written to each property owner of Atlantic Beach stating that the town meeting will be July 17. Included in this letter will be statistics on insurance evaluation, costs and savings. Commissioner L. T. White seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

In other business before the board Saturday, S. A. (Red) Horton asked for an extra 10 years on his franchise to handle the water system at Atlantic Beach. His present franchise has seven years to run but he wants to put in larger pumps, tanks, and lining in order to expand. He wants assurance of the extra 10 years on his franchise, he told the board.

Mayor A. B. Cooper stated that Mr. Horton had said he would give Atlantic Beach free water for their fire hydrants, if the fire system is installed.

Commissioner Lanier said that See BEACH BOARD, Page 2

County Crops Need Rain Badly

R. M. Williams, county farm agent, said yesterday that crops in the county are suffering badly from lack of rain.

The tobacco is stunted. Although it is being harvested and cured it has no body. Corn growth is slow and the dry weather is holding back the planting of sweet potatoes.

Most of the potatoes in the county have been harvested. Yesterday the Ball Brothers had about 40 more acres to dig. Many of the potatoes being harvested now at the tail end of the season are being shipped on consignment, said Mr. Williams.

This means, he added, that they are sent to market with the farmer willing to take anything he can get for them.

Some of the potatoes have been sold to potato chip manufacturers. Early diggers of potatoes got as high as \$3 a bag, but later prices were as low as \$1.80.

Ellis Fodrie of Beaufort RFD reported cotton blossoms last Wednesday. This says, Mr. Williams, is the first report of cotton blossoms in the county.

Fishing Students Hear Publisher

Henry Lyman, Boston, publisher of the Saltwater Sportsman magazine, delivered the graduation address to 35 students of the Salt Water Fishing Institute. The exercises were held Friday night in the dining hall on State property at Camp Glenn.

Mr. Lyman was given an honorary "deanship" by the institute. In his address, the publisher pointed out the relaxation value of salt water fishing and said that this type of fishing is a great help in letting people "slow down" their fast pace of living.

To strengthen his point Lyman referred to one survey which was taken among numerous people who were fishing at the time they were questioned. People were asked, "What are you thinking of?" Ninety-eight per cent replied "Nothing." He used the example to show that fishing is a wonderful way to "get away from it all."

Ted Davis, manager of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, was master of ceremonies.

Morehead Board Approves Transferral of Water System

New Machine Operates Here



Photo by Jerry Schumacher

A new kind of road equipment is being used to build the highway from Salter Path through the Emerald Isle Beach development on Bogue Banks. The machine, pictured above, is a Seaman Pulvi-Mixer. It is being used here for the first time in the state.

The unique part about the road monster is that it picks up sand in front, mixes it with asphalt and discharges this mixture at the rear as a ribbon of road.

Construction men in the picture are watching its operation. In the right foreground is Miss Carol Barnes of Morehead City.

Morehead City's town board granted the Carolina Water Co. the franchise for operating the town water system at a meeting Thursday night in the Municipal Building.

The franchise gives the Carolina Water Co. permission to operate the water properties of Morehead City for the next 40 years and stipulates no increase in rates for the first year. The franchise will go into effect at midnight June 30.

When the franchise goes into effect, Morehead City will be allowed to levy, if necessary, a fee for sewage disposal.

George McNeill, town attorney, read the franchise which includes a clause permitting the town to levy "any amount" for sewage disposal, the amount to be billed on the monthly water bill. Mayor George Dill commented that most towns have sewage disposal fees but Morehead City has not levied them in the past because there was no way in which they could be collected. He added that the town has always absorbed the cost of maintaining the sewage lines.

The transfer of the water franchise was requested by the present operators of the water system, Carolina Power and Light Co. CP&L has arranged the sale of the water systems here, in Beaufort and Snow Hill.

Representing the power company at the meeting were W. T. Joyner Jr. and Charles Rouse, attorneys with CP&L, and George Stovall, local CP&L manager.

In other business brought before the board, Herbert Phillips, attorney for Carl Godwin, was given one week to draw up a franchise for the Community Bus Line.

Clerk John Lashley presented request for street lights from residents of the Homes Drive area.

Mayor George Dill appointed a committee of three to investigate the matter. Committee members are D. G. Bell, police commissioner, Mr. Lashley, city clerk, and Mr. Slovall, manager of the power company. Mr. Lashley also reported that lights have been put up in the Huntley development, Crab Point.

Mayor Dill said "We want the lighting in Homes Drive to be comparable with that of other areas of the town."

It was also decided at the meeting that a study should be made concerning the placement of street trash cans. It was agreed that much of business traffic has shifted westward to the neighborhood of food supermarkets.

The need for a clean-up campaign was brought up by Commissioner Bell, who mentioned it as "something that certainly needs to be thought about."

The parking problem was discussed and it was pointed out by Mr. McNeill that there was a city ordinance against parking on the grass plots. The group decided to study the situation and discuss possible solutions at a later meeting.

A special meeting of the town board will be called for this week to study the budget. The bus franchise will also be taken up at the meeting.

Harkers Island Bridge Catches Fire Sunday

Several planks of the Harkers Island bridge caught fire at 10:15 Sunday night.

The Beaufort Fire Department answered the call but returned to the station in a short time. Damage was slight. It is not known how the fire started.

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Havelock Resident Drowns When Thrown from Skiff

Beauties Burlington-Bound



Photo by Jerry Schumacher

Miss Fay Merrill, left, and Miss Norma Swinson, right, will appear in the North Carolina Beauty Pageant July 15-17 at Burlington. Miss Merrill will represent Beaufort and Miss Swinson will represent Morehead City.

Wilber Harris Jenkins Wins State Scholarship

Babson Gives Outlook For Next Six Months

Appearing on page 2, section 1 of today's NEWS-TIMES is Roger Babson's financial outlook for the next six months.

Mr. Babson's forecast for the first six months of this year appeared in THE NEWS-TIMES in December.

121 Students Take Fine Arts Summer Courses

Gregory Ivey, director of the School of Fine Arts summer session, Woman's College, reported over the weekend that the enrollment has now reached 121. The school is being conducted in Beaufort.

Mr. Ivey said enrollments had exceeded his expectations, in view of the late announcement of the school's opening date. This announcement is normally released in February, but was not made this year until April due to the details involved in moving the school to Beaufort from Burnsville.

Director Ivey is particularly pleased with the co-operation he has received from the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce, county school officials, and the citizens of Beaufort. Their help contributed a great deal to our getting off to a smooth start on so short a notice, he said.

Mr. Ivey had hoped for an enrollment of approximately 100 students for the six weeks session, including 50 adults. A break-down of registration figures here today revealed an enrollment of 67 adults, and 54 children, the latter ranging in ages from five to 18.

A total of 44 undergraduate and graduate college students are attending the session. The remaining 23 consists of college and public school teachers, school supervisors, housewives, and others pursuing special interests.

Adult classes are held in fiction-writing, theater, music, dancing, art and an inter-departmental creative process course. The latter is a class touching on all phases of the current session.

Children are receiving instruction. See STUDENTS, Page 2

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Glenn E. Beaver, 37, 2-C Cahoque Dr., Havelock, drowned near the bulkhead separating Beaufort and Morehead City channels at 1 p.m. Saturday.

His body had not been recovered by 3:30 yesterday afternoon. Coroner Leslie D. Springle said that Beaver drowned when he and a companion fell out of a 12-foot skiff powered by a 12-horsepower outboard motor.

With Beaver was Robert O. Oakley of Newport, who was rescued by Rupert Atkiss, Raleigh. Atkiss was in the vicinity fishing when he saw the two men thrown into the water.

The coroner said they were running the motor fullspeed. They made a sharp turn to the left that hurled both men from the skiff. Coroner Springle said when the Coast Guard picked the skiff up later (it had drifted into a nearby marsh) the throttle was wide open.

After Atkiss picked up Oakley, he turned his boat to look for Beaver but Beaver was nowhere to be seen.

The Coast Guard began dragging for the body at 2 p.m. and discontinued operations at 8 p.m. They started dragging again Sunday morning.

Coroner Springle said no inquest will be held unless evidence of foul play is noted when Beaver's body is recovered.

Beaver is survived by his wife and four children, Claudine Mildred 17, Gerry Beaver 15, Lynda Kay 12 and Diane 10. Gerry, the son, was with Oakley and his father when they left Nelson's Fishing Pier, Beaufort, at 5 a.m. Saturday, bound for Shackleford Banks.

The three returned to Beaufort about 11:30 and later asked Edward Nelson, owner and operator of the fishing pier if they could borrow the 12-foot skiff to try out the 12 hp. motor.

Beaver's son decided not to accompany the two men on the trial run which resulted in Beaver's death.

Jurors awarding damages were Manley Smith, Donald Gilgo, P. F. Carraway, Willis Jones, Lester Pigott, V. M. Rhee, James Congleton, Walter Williams, Stanley Lockhart, and Bert Pittman.

Judge Williams ruled that the State Supreme Court decision of Oct. 21, 1953 shall stand in the D. C. Richardson versus Nellie Richardson Cooke action. The suit involves controversy over ownership of a home on Ann Street, Beaufort.

Robert L. Smith was awarded \$125 from Dalton Davis and Davis was ordered to pay costs. Smith charged that Davis killed his dog.

Jurors on this case were Charles Mason, Harry Hamilton, Alex Moore, H. D. Paul, Gilbert Clancey, Alex Truitt, Will Arrington, Prentiss Garner, J. H. Wallace, W. A. Murdoch, and Conrad Merrill.

Mary R. Lewis was awarded \$350 with interest from June 9, 1953 from J. T. Whitley.

Marshall Johnson, administrator for the estate of Edward Earl Johnson, was awarded \$1,640 from Marvin Britt, when the jury found that E. E. Johnson was injured and killed by Britt's negligence.

Jurors hearing this case were See COURT, Page 2

North Carolina Wine Control Association Meets at Beach



W. Capers White ... directs activities of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Morehead City.

Guests were introduced by Director White. Among them were Senator and Mrs. Cameron S. Weeks, Tarboro; Mr. and Mrs. Libby Ward, New Bern; Frank K. Simms Jr., chairman of the Mecklenburg County ABC Board; See WINE, Page 2

Shrimp Prices Stay at Low Ebb

Prices of shrimp are low this year compared to the same period last year, fisheries officials report.

Shrimpers are getting from 15 to 18 cents a pound. C. Gehrmann Holland, assistant commercial fisheries commissioner, said last week that the quality of shrimp was improving and the catches were slightly better.

Prices, however, are not near the 25 to 28 cents a pound shrimpers were getting at this time last year.

In addition to a general overall decline in prices, it is believed that the depressed market may be due to a large amount of frozen shrimp being moved before the fresh shrimp are bought; and because of imports of shrimp from Mexico and the South Pacific.

W. A. Ellison, head of the Institute of Fisheries Research, said that something new is happening in the shrimp world. The ocean shrimp are smaller than those being caught in inland waters and he says no one seems to be able to explain why. Usually ocean shrimp at this time of year are larger than those caught inland.

Tide Table		Tides at Beaufort	
HIGH	LOW	Tuesday, June 22	Wednesday, June 23
12:19 a.m.	6:07 a.m.	12:39 a.m.	6:58 a.m.
1:17 p.m.	7:44 p.m.	1:38 a.m.	7:55 a.m.
		2:19 p.m.	8:53 p.m.
Thursday, June 24		Friday, June 25	
1:38 a.m.	7:55 a.m.	2:42 a.m.	8:55 a.m.
2:19 p.m.	8:53 p.m.	3:25 p.m.	10:00 p.m.

Laborer Leaves Hospital, Ends Up in Jail Friday

Early Williams, 42-year-old Negro laborer who was hospitalized Wednesday due to knife wounds was discharged from the Morehead City Hospital Friday and is now in the county jail.

Sheriff Hugh Salter said Williams left the hospital and turned up at the county jail "to see his girl friend," Minnie Ruth Ashley, who is charged with knifing him.

When he called at the jail, Jailor Em Chaplain locked him up on a charge of engaging in a fight. Williams was wounded Wednesday morning when he allegedly got in a fracas with the Ashley woman while she was hanging out clothes at a labor camp on highway 101. Officers say both she and

107-Foot Carmac Docks At Morehead Yacht Basin

The Carmac, a 107-foot inspection yacht of Cargill Carriers Incorporated of New York, docked at the Morehead City Yacht Basin Thursday.

According to the yacht's skipper, Captain Russell, company officials were aboard. It sailed for Wrightsville Beach Friday morning.