

Beaufort Board Tells Chief To Quit

Mayor Is Head Of Police Force

Beaufort's Chief of Police M. E. Guy was dismissed by the town board at a special meeting Tuesday night. The motion that he "be dismissed immediately" was made by Mayor Clifford Lewis who relinquished his chair momentarily to Commissioner (Mayor Pro-Tem) W. G. Temple. As mayor Mr. Lewis could not have made the motion.

The second came from Commissioner James D. Rumley and the unanimous vote from Mayor Lewis and Commissioners Rumley, Temple, Gordon Hardesty and Gerald Hill. Commissioner Carl Hatsell was absent.

Mr. Hardesty, commissioner in charge of police, made a motion that every member of the police department be fired. There was no second.

Another motion by Mayor Lewis that Chief Guy be paid through Nov. 30 was passed unanimously. The commissioners then appointed Mayor Lewis as acting police chief.

Still Chief

But at press time Mr. Guy claimed that he was still chief. In a telephone statement to THE NEWS-TIMES late yesterday afternoon he said:

"I am still chief." Wednesday, by order of Acting Police Chief (Mayor) Lewis, Mr. Guy was stripped of his police car, his uniform, his gun and his badge.

Asked how he could function as police chief without badge, gun, uniform and police car he said he did not know but emphasized that he was "still police chief."

He contended that the special Tuesday night meeting was not technically legal in that the commissioners had not given 24 hours notice of the meeting as required by law.

"I still don't know what it's all about," Mr. Guy said. "I'd rather that this thing be done properly."

Under Beaufort's amended town corporation law of 1945 a chief of police may be appointed by the board of town commissioners and "serve at the will of the commissioners."

The commissioners' dismissal against Mr. Guy on Tuesday night is the outgrowth of town rumblings against wholesale police arrests for minor traffic violations and stiff penalties of \$21.50 court cost fines in the town's Recorder's Court and dissent in the police department itself.

A legal source said that Mr. Guy's refusal to accept dismissal on the grounds that the special meeting was a rump meeting "is

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County Red Cross Gets 75 Requests For Assistance

Central Headquarters Are At 402 Ann St., Beaufort; Four on Duty

The Carteret County Chapter of the Red Cross by Wednesday noon had received about 75 applications for aid, according to Frank Hollowell, Red Cross representative from Goldsboro who was sent to this area last Thursday night.

Mr. Hollowell said that he will be replaced here soon by Hudson Bacon, Chapel Hill, who has done considerable Red Cross disaster work.

The disaster headquarters for the entire county are now located at 402 Ann St., Beaufort. Mr. Hollowell explained that the new location gives them a more central position and is more efficient than having headquarters in both Morehead City and Beaufort. Four Red Cross workers are on duty there.

Mr. Hollowell said that the local chapter has had applications for just about every kind of aid, applications for roof repair, replacing household furnishing, clothing, for replacing homes, fish nets and fish boats.

Anyone desiring to make a contribution to the Red Cross for work in this area should send their contribution to the Carteret County Chapter Disaster Fund, Red Cross Headquarters, Beaufort, N. C.

Three Marines Hurt in Crash

Three men stationed at Camp Lejeune were injured at 1 o'clock Tuesday morning at the intersection of Highways 24 and 70 when the car in which they were riding clipped off a power company pole.

Driving the car was Henry Collins-McKenna and with him were James Moynihan and Raymond G. Going, all of Camp Lejeune. The men suffered severe cuts and bruises. They were taken to the Morehead City Hospital and later transferred to the hospital at Camp Lejeune.

State Highway Patrolman J. W. Sykes, who investigated, said that the car hurtled out of Highway 24, through a stop sign at Highway 70, roared across the road, knocked down a sign at a gasoline station and skidding sideways into a power pole, knocking it over.

The pole burned and there was no power in that area from the time of the accident until 10 a.m. when the pole was replaced.

Patrolman Sykes said that three Lejeune Marines, hitch-hiking to the base, said they heard the car screaming toward them before they ever saw it. The eye-witnesses were J. E. Clark, Ralph LaFredo and Chris Ledrich.

Patrolman Sykes said that even though there was beer strewn all over the scene of the accident and everywhere in the car, McKenna did not seem drunk. He has been charged, however, with careless and reckless driving, speeding in excess of 55 miles an hour and failing to stop at a stop sign.

The car, a 1954 Ford, skid 255 feet and then turned over and over 110 feet more before splintering the power pole.

Two Cars Collide On Highway 24

Two cars collided at 7:35 a.m. Wednesday a half mile west of Broad Creek on Highway 24. No one was hurt but Mrs. Mattie H. Fulford, route 1 Supply, N. C., was charged with failure to yield the right-of-way.

Patrolman R. H. Brown, who investigated, said that Mrs. Fulford, driving a 1949 Ford was headed west and attempted to pass a 1950 Buick driven by James L. Rumfelt, Cherry Point, as Rumfelt was turning left.

Damage to the Ford was estimated at \$250 and damage to the Buick was estimated at \$200.

System Works
Morehead City's fire alarm system was back in working order Wednesday morning, according to E. L. Nelson, fire chief.

Heavy Truck Ban Prevents Bridge From Further Sag

Highway Department Puts Pilings Under Beaufort Draw to Strengthen It

The Beaufort drawbridge has stopped sinking since heavy trucks have been prohibited from crossing it, according to State Highway Patrolman J. W. Sykes.

The patrolmen are keeping an around-the-clock vigil at the bridge along with members of the Beaufort National Guard unit. The bridge supports were weakened during Friday's storm.

Trucks weighing three tons or over are prohibited from crossing the bridge. All heavy trucks have to be weighed on the state highway patrol's portable scales before they are allowed to cross.

Patrolman Sykes said the bridge was sinking at the rate of one inch every 24 hours while the heavy trucks were crossing.

The State Highway Department is now putting pilings under the bridge in an attempt to bolster the weak spot.

The highway department has also placed signs before reaching the bridge. The signs denote a "dip" in bridge and also issue a warning to trucks weighing three tons or more.

Patrolman Sykes said that drivers of heavy trucks who cross the bridge without first having the truck weighed will be indicted.

Stockholm Will Dock Tomorrow Morning at 8

The M.S. Stockholm is scheduled to arrive at Morehead City at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning after a week's cruise to Havana and Nassau. The liner is docking a day late due to the delay in sailing from Morehead City.

Six customs inspectors will be on hand to check the baggage of the 390 passengers, according to Walter Friederichs, assistant port manager. Most of the inspectors are coming to Morehead City from Norfolk.

Stevadores will move the luggage from the custom tables, which will be set up in the warehouse, to the passengers' cars.

The Morehead City Junior Woman's Club will provide transportation for the passengers from the customs checking point to the parking lot. Dan Walker, Beaufort, will be in charge of cars left at the port, when the ship sailed Sunday.

The docking of the Stockholm tomorrow will mark the end of the first trip, originating from Morehead City port, of a transatlantic liner. It will also bring to a close the sixth annual convention and assembly of the North Carolina Academy of General Practice which booked the cruise, for their meeting.

At 3 p.m. Saturday, the Stockholm will leave for Bermuda. Members of the N.C. Bottlers Association and the N.C. Beer Distributors will make up the majority of passengers.

The North Carolina Feed Manufacturers Association will take the third cruise, leaving Morehead City Oct. 28, and the North Carolina Pharmacists will sail Nov. 3.

George Stovall, manager of Carolina Power and Light Co. announced yesterday that the outage originally scheduled for Sunday has been postponed.

He said so many business places are in need of power as the result of the storm that the outage will be rescheduled later this year.

Mr. Stovall expressed appreciation to the Beaufort and Morehead City fire departments for washing the salt off transformers and other equipment at sub-stations. Mr. Stovall said Tuesday that he was hoping for rain because the salt spray had covered lines to such an extent that the company "was barely able" to keep power flowing.

"We'll probably lose a lot of transformers if it doesn't rain," he declared.

The brief power interruptions in Beaufort and Morehead City were necessary while water was being shot on the sub-station equipment.

Carteret, 1954 A. H. (After Hazel)



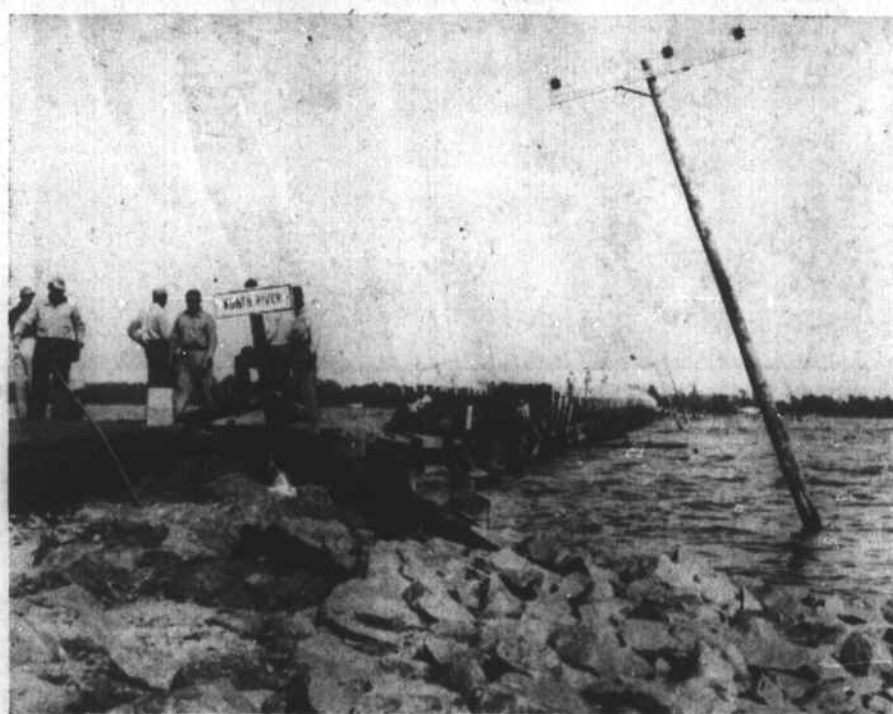
Waves crashed like breakers across Front Street, Beaufort, last Friday morning. This picture was taken before the water reached its highest level which was a few inches down from the parking meter heads. All Front Street businesses on ground level had extensive water damage.



The roof of Freeman Brothers store, in the 700 block of Arendell Street, Morehead City, crashed to the street about noon Friday. Fortunately no one was injured when the heavy mass fell down. Those who heard it said it "made an awful roar." The debris mangled the sign on the theatre and smashed the plate glass window in Belk's.



Debris like this littered each side of the causeway between Morehead City and Beaufort. State Highway crews were clearing the highway right-of-way this week after those who lost property in the storm salvaged what they could.



The State Highway crews performed a supreme engineering feat at North River by repairing the bridge in just five days. This shows the west end of the bridge as it appeared Saturday afternoon after crews started work.



In the right foreground above is all that remains of the skating rink on Shepard Street in Morehead City. At the left a tin roof has crashed between two cedar trees, knocking down the porch of the brown-shingled house.

Legislature Candidate Believes in Democrats

D. G. Bell, Morehead City, whose grandfather, "Uncle Jimmy" Bell of Harlowe, always said, "Next to the church, the Democratic party is the most important thing in the world," is running on the Democratic ticket for the legislature.

Mr. Bell, who founded Dee Gee's Gift Shop in Morehead City, in 1934, is now a member of the Morehead City Town Board, having been elected for three consecutive terms since 1947.

Born in Morehead City in 1913, he was graduated from Morehead City High School in 1932 and less than two years later started his own photographic and gift shop business.

The son of Mrs. Madie Bell and the late Dan G. Bell, he comes from a family who has always been active in business, civic and political affairs.

Past JC President
Carteret's Democratic candidate for the legislature is a past president of the Morehead City Jaycees, a past president of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce and holder of the Jaycee man-of-the-year award.

For three years he was publicity chairman for the Chamber of Commerce. At present he is police

commissioner for Morehead City and mayor pro-tem. Upon election to the town board in 1947 he was instrumental in departmentalizing town affairs with a commissioner supervising each department, street, police, fire, and finance.

He is a member of The First Methodist Church in Morehead City and served on its Board of Stewards for several years.

Mr. Bell volunteered for service in the Coast Guard in 1942 and was given a commission as ensign. Prior to that time he had organized the Coast Guard auxiliary as a preparatory measure should war be declared.

During the first part of the second world war he was in charge of purchase of small craft for the Coast Guard and the year prior to his discharge, which was in 1946, was assistant captain of the port at Mobile, Ala.

Discharged with the rating of lieutenant senior grade, he was made lieutenant commander in the Coast Guard Reserve in 1953.

Command Reserve Unit
He is now the commanding officer of the Coast Guard Reserve Training Unit, Morehead City, a position he has held since its organization in 1952.

After his discharge from the Coast Guard in 1946, Mr. Bell continued his gift shop business.

Interested in the growth of the county through its waterways and shipping facilities, Mr. Bell is a member of the mayor's Port Advisory Committee, Morehead City, and in April represented North Carolina, by gubernatorial appointment, at the Rivers and Harbors Congress in Washington.

Mr. Bell is firm in his belief that the Democratic party is the party of the people. "They may have made mistakes but basically the intentions and the platform of the Democratic party has been to do the most good for the most people," he declares.

"I feel that to be a representative means just that — that you are to represent the people, their desires and their wishes," the Democratic candidate commented.

"It means more," he added, "than just going up to Raleigh and waiting for things to vote on. It means that you should work for the things to help develop the county you represent."

"I believe that issues of benefit to this county should be brought to the attention of the legislature — things such as a so-called mosquito control program, legislation advantageous to fishermen, laws helpful to the development of this county as a resort section."

"I believe a legislator should see what should be done and then WORK to see that those things happen. If elected to the legislature Nov. 2, I intend to do just that," he said.

Education Board Reviews Bids
The County Board of Education met Wednesday to review bids submitted on a six-classroom addition to the Queen Street School, Beaufort, and an eight-classroom and primary playroom addition to the Beaufort School.

H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, said that the bids accepted by the board will have to be approved by the State Board of Education.

Bids accepted are as follows: Queen Street School, O. C. Lawrence, general contractor, \$43,160.32 plus \$1,676 for acoustical tile; Harry Whitehurst, plumbing, \$3,898; J. T. Pearson Co., heating, \$6,882, and Carl Hatsell, electrical work, \$1,781.75.

Beaufort School, M. L. Skinner, general contractor, \$66,769; Howell Plumbing, \$4,425; J. T. Pearson Co., heating, \$6,642 and Carl Hatsell, electrical work, \$2,582.14.

Postmaster Betts Thanks National Guardsmen
Postmaster J. P. Betts, Beaufort, yesterday expressed his appreciation to the Beaufort unit of the National Guard for supplying a truck and driver to deliver mail this week east of the North River Bridge.

Mr. Betts said Ralph Davis, a clerk at the Beaufort postoffice, rode with the Guardsmen to make RFD deliveries.

Lt. Mike Mason of the National Guard supervised the operation.

Tide Table
Tides at the Beaufort Bar

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