

Trawl Catches Turtle



Capt. Stanley Salter of the Edith M. II, an Otis Purifoy boat, shows the 427-pound leatherback turtle taken off Atlantic Beach while trawling for shrimp. This species of turtle is rarely found this far north.

Newport Officials Take Oath; Drainage Ditch Discussed

Wearing a snappy yellow bow tie, Newport's new mayor, Leon Mann Jr., took the oath of office Tuesday night at the first official board meeting of 1955-56.

Commissioners sworn in for a two-year term were Prentis Garner, Wilbur Garner, D. Ira Garner, Hilton Gurganus and Bennie R. Garner. D. Ira and Wilbur Garner were the only commissioners who served the 1953-55 term.

S. E. Mann, who refused to run for re-election, attended the meeting to close out his six years of perfect attendance. Mr. Mann, prior to the past six years, had served a previous two-year term on the board.

The new officials were sworn in by A. L. Wilson, justice of the peace, who had run against Mr. Mann for the office of mayor in May.

While Mr. Wilson and the town attorney, George Ball, were getting the oaths straightened out—and taking a few minutes to do so—the mayor-to-be commented, "This is as much trouble as getting married."

Mayor Mann opened the meeting by asking Commissioner Wilbur Garner to offer prayer. Following the prayer, the mayor outlined his views for a long-range town program, appointed a planning commission and assigned commissioners their duties.

New Group

Members of the planning commission are the Rev. J. H. Waldrop Jr., chairman, R. L. Pruitt, former school principal; Dalton B. Rhue, engineer of Burlington; Mrs. Floy Garner, home economics teacher; and Les Bercegeay, engineer.

The mayor requests that the commission meet with the town board every six months.

Commissioners were assigned the following posts: D. Ira Garner—mayor pro tem, sanitation commissioner in charge of garbage collection and disposal, health regulations and mosquito control.

Wilbur V. Garner—police and fire commissioner.

Hilton A. Gurganus—street commissioner in charge of all street problems, sidewalks, cemeteries, trees, street lighting, drainage and shrubbery.

Prentis Garner—administrative commissioner, supervises tax matters, legal affairs, bookkeeping.

Bennie R. Garner—water commissioner in charge of water system, arranging for cut-ins and collections, supervisor of equipment, maintenance of all town equipment.

In his opening remarks, the mayor remarked that the town has a great future and that improvement can be expected in every facility we have. He commended past town boards and mayors for the work they have done.

Two Needs

The two outstanding needs in Newport now, he said, are a rise in per capita income and a complete water system. Mayor Mann commented that the per capita income can be increased through industry and by attracting higher income people to build homes in Newport.

The mayor said it is important that water be provided all over town, water that is "soft, palatable and safe."

He asked each commissioner to "run his part of the show." He told commissioners not to hesitate to take action, not to wait to bring minor problems before the whole board, but to do what they think is right and the board would back them up.

The mayor requested permission to tear out an out-moded counter

Car Dealers Change Name

Detroit (AP)—The National Used Car Dealers Association has become the National Independent Automobile Dealers Assn. Some industry sources suggested the change meant there will be a lot more new car selling by dealers not franchised by the car makers.

Some used car dealers claim that despite statements that new car bootlegging is on the way out many new cars still are available to them on a wholesale basis. In new car bootlegging a dealer with excessive stocks sells at wholesale prices to used car retailers in distant areas.

Frequently the used car dealer then re-sells at prices below the prevailing figure in his area. This has resulted in loud protests from franchised dealers.

Court Receipts Last Month Totaled \$6,657.56

Court receipts in the county in May totaled \$6,657.56, according to A. H. James, clerk of Superior Court.

Received from county recorder's court was \$1,542.45, from Morehead City Recorder's Court \$720.50, Superior Court \$151.83 and probate and clerk's fees amounted to \$111.70.

Paid to the county was \$2,526.48.

Cop Captures Bull as It Surveys Old China Shop

Concord, N. H. (AP)—Police Officer Joseph Jolin "threw the bull" in a half-hour set-to with a wandering bovine. Investigating complaints a bull was blocking traffic on busy U.S. Route 3, Jolin said the animal appeared to be directing traffic.

After a 30-minute marathon around a nearby hill, the officer managed to snap a chain to a strap around the bull's neck and return it to owner John Lovell. At the time of the "arrest," the bull was standing in the yard of an antique shop which, the officer noted, contained much old china.

In the town hall, repair windows and doors, clean the place thoroughly and get a conference table. He also requested the town to purchase three 30-gallon garbage cans and have them lettered "Keep Newport Clean."

Minor repair is needed on the town truck and a legal size filing cabinet, to cost about \$30, is needed, he said. The board authorized the mayor to go ahead with the purchases. The metal cans will be placed in the business section of town.

The mayor sought permission to investigate a bookkeeping system for the town and to make arrangements for the town clerk to attend the Institute of Government's School at Chapel Hill this summer. The board gave its approval.

Appointment of a town attorney, town clerk and policeman was deferred until the next meeting. Persons presently serving were asked to remain until the board makes its decision, probably at a call meeting later this month.

The mayor said Cornell Garner had requested that a trash pile on the Nine-Foot Road be moved.

Paying of the outgoing mayor's salary was deferred until the next meeting. The mayor's salary is set at the discretion of the board.

A ditch dispute again consumed a large part of the Newport Town Board meeting Tuesday night.

Mr. Phipps and Mr. Shook of the veterans housing development attended the meeting. The drainage ditch in question runs through their property. After almost an hour discussion, the town attorney, George Ball, was requested to go look at the ditch some time soon.

Wilbur Garner, one of the commissioners appointed to investigate the problem at the May meeting, told Mr. Phipps, as the unhappy property owner left, "Don't think we're dropping this. We're going to keep on it."

Mr. Phipps said the ditch is 8 feet deep, has been caving in, is a hazard, he didn't give permission for it to be dug and he wants the town to fix it or else give him permission to cover it up.

Commissioner Wilbur Garner said that to cover the ditch, the file, bricks, labor and three catch basins would cost \$1,500. The town board said that they didn't have the money for such an undertaking and that lots of ditches in town were in just as bad shape.

Dug for Drainage

Les Bercegeay of the Cherry Point Veterans Mutual Housing Association said the ditch was dug to drain the housing project. It was dug under contract by the Barrus Construction Co., and payment was made by both the town and the veterans association.

The town attorney commented on the legal aspects of the issue. He said the town is obligated to take care of surface water but not ditches on private property. When Mr. Phipps asked if he could fill in the ditch, Mr. Ball said he wasn't sure. If the ditch drains several properties, private property owners may not be within legal rights to close it, the lawyer said.

After the Phipps-Shook discussion was closed, Harry Gerock asked that a ditch for drainage, behind the Friendly Diner and adjoining properties be opened. Mayor Leon Mann Jr. asked that Commissioner Gurganus check on how to get the ditch opened the cheapest but best way, and report at the next meeting.

Mr. Gerock reminded the board that he wanted his street paved too. Moses Howard, a member of the Newport Businessmen's Association, asked the board for financial assistance on placing street markers. The board said that if they were presented with figures on how much may be needed they would be happy to help out.

Mr. Howard also said that the state had agreed to put in drain tile at the church providing the telephone pole is moved. (Mr. Howard is county road commissioner).

Commissioner Bennie Garner reported that he was offered \$20 for the old tires on the town truck. The offer was accepted. The board approved purchase of a new mower and Commissioner Ira Garner asked that grass in the old cemetery be cut.

Commissioner Gurganus was authorized to hire a man to cut the grass.

The board requested that letters be written to Walter Mann and to recently-retired town officials. Mr. Mann has been seriously ill. He is a former town commissioner. Letters to the recently-retired town officials are to express gratitude for their service on the board.

The clerk reported a balance of \$1,522.02 as of June 1 and receipt of \$45.95 from the state in rebate on franchise taxes. The commissioners ordered the bills paid and adjourned.

State Will Play Support Role In Mock Attack

Raleigh — No North Carolina city will receive mock attack during the scheduled nation-wide test exercise "Operation Alert, 1955" next Wednesday and Thursday, Gen. Edward F. Griffin, state civil defense director said today, but the state is cast in a major support role.

Communications between state civil defense headquarters and participating local communities will be maintained by telephone, amateur radio and civil air patrol radio.

The exercise will start at 11 a.m. Wednesday and end at 1 p.m. Thursday, Eastern Standard Time.

CP&L Official Pleased With Newport's Progress

George Stovall, manager of Carolina Power and Light Co., here, was pleased with the report on Newport's finer Carolina projects he received this week. The report was one of the monthly ones filed by Leon Mann Jr., publicity chairman.

It covered the following: Extension of water mains—with the placing of the last fire hydrant scheduled for June 4, the 1,975 feet of water main planned for the 1955 project will be completed. However, plans are now being made to lay 850 feet more which

will take the system to the edge of town.

"When this is completed, finer Carolina will have been responsible," Mr. Mann commented, "for over 30 per cent of the planned water system, laid at about \$800 cost to the town."

The town paid for the materials and the labor was provided by Newport firemen and other citizens. They dug the ditches and women of the town provided refreshments for the men.

Radios for Trucks

Radios for fire trucks—radios

are on order and should arrive next month.

Improved recreational facilities—the town's junior baseball team now has 70 players and only five of these will be unable to continue due to their helping their parents with the tobacco crop. Several adults are working with the team. Rather than haul in several tons of clay to top the "sand lot" now being used, another lot is being considered.

One of the local churches added recreational facilities inside its educational building during May. Street markers for the town—project being worked on by Newport Businessmen's Association.

Beautifying Town

Beautification of town with emphasis on Highway 70—the Atlantic and East Carolina Railway gave the Legion Auxiliary permission to

use part of the railroad property.

They have cleaned the lot up and a monument in honor of war dead is planned for temporary display there on Memorial Day. Work has been completed on one service station which was formerly an old fire trap.

The telephone project in the veterans housing area has been completed. Modern dial phones were put in and the publicity chairman reports that the telephone project for Pine Acres, about two miles west of town is coming along fine.

Firemen Called

Morehead City firemen were called Monday night at 6 p.m. to the Beaufort-Morehead causeway when a five-gallon can of gasoline caught fire. The fire was under control by the time firemen arrived.

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