

Senate Ups Appropriations For Waterways

Upper House Approves, Adds to N. C. Projects Okayed by Lower House

The Senate this week increased the appropriations approved by the House for river and harbor improvements in North Carolina. On five small projects, including Wallace Channel, Taylor's Creek, and Barden's Inlet, the Senate upped appropriations by half a million.

Because of the difference in the Senate and House action, a committee composed of members of both the House and Senate must meet to iron out the differences.

The following small navigation projects are among 54 selected by the U. S. Corps of Engineers as needing immediate attention:

- (1) Pasquotank River—\$150,000; (2) Smith's Creek at Oriental Harbor—\$102,000; (3) Back Sound at Lookout Bight (familarly known as Barden's Inlet)—\$105,000; (4) Wallace Channel near Ocracoke Inlet—\$107,000; and (5) Taylor's Creek—\$83,000.

Representative Graham A. Barden expressed gratification that five of the 19 projects plugged for by the North Carolina delegates to the recent National Rivers and Harbors Congress had been approved by Congress.

Congressman Barden recalled that one of the first measures he put through Congress during his freshman term in the House was the dredging of Barden's Inlet to a depth of 5 feet.

He said the new appropriation will enable the channel to be deepened so that boats can navigate in that area with more safety, especially during severe storms.

He also pointed out that the appropriation approved for Wallace Channel will permit a continuation of the dredging carried out on an emergency basis during the past year.

The Senate approved two projects in this state which were not given an okay by the House:

- (1) Wilmington Harbor—\$557,000, of which almost \$58,000 is to be used to reimburse the State for funds spent on dredging operations; and (2) Funds for a survey of the Cape Fear Valley with a view toward developing a flood control project in that area.

The Senate went along with the House in voting an appropriation of \$175,000 for the Rollinson breakwater project.

Forest Ranger Issues Warning

E. M. Foreman, county forest ranger, issued a warning yesterday to be careful with fire because woods are exceedingly dry. He asked people to be sure matches are out and to douse cigarettes in the car rather than throw them out the window.

Several small woods fires this week were stopped before spreading, but a blaze at Merrimon covered six acres.

A marsh caught fire at Turnagin Bay. It may have started as the result of a practice bombing run, but a fire-fighting helicopter from Cherry Point flew over and put the fire out before it could spread.

A ground fire near the intersection of Highways 70 and 24 was set Tuesday to burn underbrush and was being watched. Mr. Foreman termed it "controlled burning."

Two Smyrna FFA Members Attend State Convention

Donald Arthur and Darrell Piner, members of the Smyrna Future Farmers of America Chapter, have returned from the State FFA convention at Raleigh. They were accompanied on the trip by their advisor and agriculture instructor, Paul A. Long.

Greetings on the opening day of the convention were given by Bobby Futzell, national FFA vice-president. Other speakers that day were Gov. Luther Hodges and Dr. W. Amos Abrams, humorist.

Contests took place the following day. Prizes and scholarships were awarded. On the last day of the session, Friday, Carolina Farmer degrees were given 180 boys.

Meetings were held in Memorial Auditorium. Delegates and teachers of agriculture were housed in State College dormitories.

\$15,000 Collected

Dan Walker, Beaufort town clerk, reported yesterday that approximately \$15,000 in pre-paid 1955 taxes were collected in June. He said this is about \$2,000 behind collections last year.

Beaufort's Beauty



Barbara Piner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Piner, Beaufort, will be the representative of Beaufort at the Miss North Carolina Pageant in Wilmington. Miss Piner won the title of Miss Beaufort at the recent beauty pageant in the Beaufort High School auditorium. The pageant was sponsored by the Beaufort Jaycees.

Beauties on Parade

County's Entrants Will Go To Wilmington Next Week

Carteret's two beauty contest winners, Carolyn Guthrie of Morehead City, and Barbara Piner of Beaufort, will go to Wilmington next week to participate in the state pageant Wednesday through Saturday.

A tentative schedule for the pageant has been announced by Ernest Lane, chairman of the state event.

There will be registration Wednesday afternoon, rehearsals and first performances on Thursday and Friday, with the final performance and the crowning of the new Miss North Carolina of 1956 on Saturday night.

All performances will be held at Brodgen Hall in the Memorial Building.

Official hostesses for the event will be three former Miss Wilmington's who are now residing in the city, according to Bill Morris, Jaycee host committee chairman.

They are Miss Geraldine Colkitt, 1955; Miss Evelyn Bergen, 1954; and Miss Shirley Council, 1952.

The hostesses will greet the 35 beauty contestants and help them adjust themselves to the rapid pace that will be necessary to complete the pageant in three days.

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Another outboard speedboat regatta will be staged the latter part of August or first of September and a banker pony rodeo will take place in October.

Chairman of the regatta will be Ray Cummins, assisted by Glenn Adair, Clarence Guthrie and Halsey Paul.

Ronald Earl Mason will be chairman of the rodeo, assisted by William Roy Hamilton and Odell Merrill.

Gerald Hill was named chairman of the 1955-56 membership campaign. On the committee with him are Lonnie Dill and Odell Merrill.

Heading the budget committee for the coming year is Holden Ballou. Serving with him are Paul Jones and Mr. Hamilton.

Mr. Ballou told the directors that he will open, the latter part of this month, a dinette on Front Street. Breakfasts and lunch will be served in the location formerly held by the William Smith appliance store.

The directors expressed appreciation of service given by two recently-retired directors, C. G. Gaskill and G. T. Spivey. They also asked that a letter be written WBMA expressing appreciation for assistance in staging the recent regatta and gave checks of \$25 each to Mrs. Ray Cummins and Miss Pat Springle, chamber secretary, for their assistance.

Attending the meeting were Norwood Young, president; Ronald Earl Mason, Glenn Adair, Holden Ballou, Ray Cummins, Paul Jones, Halsey Paul, Dr. W. L. Woodard and Miss Springle.

Tide Table

Table with columns for HIGH, LOW, and times for Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

Morehead Youth Solves 'Mystery'

Fifteen-year-old Herbert Griffin Jr., Morehead City, has solved a mystery. In California, he had reported a hole which had disappeared into the ground.

The Morehead City lad, son of the chief of police, started the garden hose running the other day and stuck the nozzle in the ground. In a short while 4 feet of the hose had disappeared.

A post-hole digger and the help of his mother was needed to pull the hose to the surface again.

Herbert informed his Dad that day, "I've solved a mystery!" Given loose soil and a stream of water, most anything can be sunk. Pilings for piers can be put down that way, as folks in this area well know.

Agent Reminds Farmers of Laws

After July 22 the new law limiting the amount of spray or dust residue on vegetables will go into effect. R. M. Williams, county farm agent, announced yesterday. He also reminded swine growers that a new law requires obtaining a permit for hog cholera vaccine.

Details on these regulations, which carry heavy penalties if violated, will appear in Tuesday's paper.

Mr. Williams said approximately 25 tobacco harvesting machines are in use in the county now. The machines reduce the number of field hands required and have become quite popular due to the labor shortage.

The farm agent commented that the tobacco crop looks good. Farmers down east are planting sweet potatoes now that the Irish potato harvest is over.

Early crops of cobbles did not bring too good a price, only \$2.25 to \$2.50 per hundred pounds, but the later variety, Canso, brought prices from \$3 to \$3.25. Mr. Williams estimated that 75 per cent of the county acreage this year was in the Canso potato.

The current dry spell is not too serious as yet, but Mr. Williams said farmers could use rain.

Lack of rain, he added, will reduce the corn yield.

Newport Prepares to Conduct Mayor's Court at Town Hall

Commissioners Launch New Program; Chief Quits

As soon as preliminaries are ironed out, mayor's court will be conducted in the Newport town hall Saturday mornings beginning at 9 a.m.

Although Newport seldom has many law-breakers, the court will be on the calendar for Saturdays.

Chief of Police Bill Dugee, who is also constable of Newport township, told the board Tuesday night that they could find a new police chief. When presented with a list of the duties the commissioners made for him, he declined reappointment.

Discussion of the chief's duties prolonged the board meeting until 11:30 p.m. The chief commented recently that he had no intention of working eight hours a day "and half the night too."

The board hopes to have a new chief by July 19.

Commissioners approved a resolution providing for an auditor to set up a new system of bookkeeping. They have also requested that a financial report be submitted to them at every meeting, covering the previous month's income and expenses.

As directed by the new town board, the clerk, Miss Edith Lockey, will collect taxes only on Saturday mornings from 9 to 12 at the town hall. The board has also specified that all town records shall be kept in the municipal building.

In the past the clerk has kept her records and conducted town business at the W. H. Bell residence.

The board has reappointed Miss Lockey town clerk but the clerk said she is not sure she will accept the position. She told the commissioners she wanted to get a better picture of her new duties before saying yes.

The 1955-56 budget was tentatively adopted. Expenses for the current year were estimated at \$9,332 and income at \$10,528. All salaries remained at the same figure. The street budget was set at \$3,800, including \$1,800 paid to the police chief who also serves as

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Two Accidents Occur at Same Spot Saturday

Motorcycle Rider Hurt When He Hits Stopped Patrol Car

Two accidents, one the result of another, occurred Saturday night on Highway 70 west of Morehead City near the Pine Tree Inn.

In the second, at 11:45 p.m., W. B. Eubanks, Manteo Negro, was injured when he ran into the door of a State Highway Patrol car. The car was parked in the middle of the road, its red light blinking, as a warning to motorists to drive around the scene of the first accident.

Eubanks, 42, was riding a 1949 Harley-Davidson motorcycle toward Morehead City. He saw the stopped patrol car in time to skirt it, but struck the door which was standing open and flew over into the yard of the Pine Tree Inn where he hit a parked 1949 Plymouth.

The Plymouth was owned by Gordon McQueen, route 1 Morehead City. Its damage was estimated at \$100. Damage to the patrol car was estimated at \$5 and damage to the motorcycle \$25.

Eubanks had stitches taken in his arm at the Morehead City Hospital and was discharged. He was tried Monday on charges of driving drunk and careless and reckless driving. He pleaded guilty, paid a \$100 fine and \$21.50 costs.

The accident was investigated by Patrolman R. H. Brown.

The first accident occurred at 11:15 p.m. when a 1950 Plymouth convertible piled into the rear of a 1954 Ford coupe driven by Peggy V. Pittman, Rocky Mount.

Driver of the convertible, Everett S. Vanderveer, Camp Lejeune, was charged with driving drunk. With him was his wife and another couple.

According to State Highway Patrolman J. W. Sykes, the Ford had stopped because a car ahead of it was signaling for a left turn. All cars were proceeding east.

A girl riding in the Ford suffered a neck injury. She was not identified. Damage to the Ford was estimated at \$300 and to the Plymouth \$350.

Project Altered; Launch Site Made

Ronald Earl Mason, Beaufort, Finner Carolina chairman, announced today that the town's alternate project, tourist promotion, has been substituted for the fifth project, beautification.

In connection with tourist promotion, a small boat launching site has been established south of the Beaufort draw bridge. A large sign has been placed there informing the public that the launching site is located at that point.

The side of the bank was dug out with town equipment to allow placing boats in the water. Cost of the sign was \$30.

Town crewmen recently mowed the playground nearby and Jaycees set up sandbox and picnic shelters which had been toppled over by last fall's hurricane.

Cash, Beer Stolen From Cedar Point Place

One hundred dollars in cash and some beer were stolen Monday night from the Cedar Point Drive-In, a refreshment stand in the western part of the county.

Sheriff Hugh Salter said entry was gained by prying open the back door. Fingerprinters were obtained. Deputy Sheriff Bobby Bell investigated.

Seashore Packing Co. Produces Chicken Feed

The new Seashore Packing Corp., West Beaufort, is now in partial operation, Charles Davis, president, reported yesterday.

Scrap fish are being dehydrated and the product made into meal for chicken feed. When a better grade of scrap fish is obtainable the plant plans to package cat food.

Service Station Robbed Tuesday

Burglars Escape with \$145 From Whaley's; Neighbor Notifies Police

Burglars took \$145 in cash from the safe in Whaley's Texaco Service Station, 24th and Bridges Streets, at 3 a.m. Tuesday.

Herbert Griffin, chief of police, said entry was gained by jimmying the front door. The safe was not damaged. It was opened evidently by the men working with the combination.

The cash was in a cigar box in the safe, most of it in quarters and dimes. Chief Griffin said a Mrs. Chadwick, a neighbor, got up about 3 o'clock to take some medicine and she heard banging and pounding coming from the station.

Then she told police she saw two men run back of a car and hide until a car coming south on 24th Street passed. She called her son but meanwhile the men left the station and jumped in an old model car parked on Bridges between 24th and 25th Streets.

Mrs. Chadwick's son tried to follow the car, but lost it. Then the police were notified.

John Edwards of the State Bureau of Investigation was called. He obtained fingerprints and the investigation was continuing yesterday.

Woman Injured In Monday Wreck

As the result of a three-car pile-up, a New Bern woman was injured Monday afternoon west of Morehead City and her daughter was charged with following too closely, resulting in an accident.

Mrs. Mary Rolison, 912 Pollock St., New Bern, was thrown against the windshield of the car in which she was riding. She was treated at Morehead City Hospital for cuts on the face.

The accident occurred at 3 p.m. a mile west of Morehead City on Highway 70 by the Ocean Park Drive-In theatre.

Irene T. Rolison, driver of a 1953 Ford, ran into the rear of a 1950 Pontiac and knocked that into the rear of a 1950 Chevrolet, according to State Highway Patrolman R. H. Brown. All cars were going west.

The Pontiac was driven by William Harris Thomas, route 2 Wendell, and the Chevrolet by Betsy Ann Davis, 1011 Arendell St., Morehead City.

The Chevrolet had stopped to make a left turn, according to the patrolman. Its damage was estimated at \$50. Damage to the Pontiac amounted to \$200 and damage to the Rolison car \$500.

Letter Boxes Will Be Painted Red, White, Blue

Postmaster General Summerfield made a Fourth of July announcement: Letter boxes across the nation are going to be painted red, white and blue.

Mr. Summerfield said the present olive drab street letter boxes will be repainted or replaced gradually.

Within a year, 30 per cent of the boxes will be painted blue, with red tops and white lettering.

State Charges Six Men With Sunday Shrimping

Continued in County Recorder's Court Tuesday were cases against six men charged with shrimping on Sunday. The defendants are James Taylor, Willie R. Guthrie, Earl Hamilton, Clem Gaskill, John Taylor and Luke Styron.

Twenty-three other cases were also continued. Judge Lambert R. Morris heard 16.

Durwood A. Fulcher, charged with driving drunk, requested a jury trial and bond for his appearance in Superior Court was set at \$150.

Robert Dudley was given a three-month suspended sentence and ordered to pay \$125 and costs within 30 days on charges of no operator's license and driving drunk.

For following too closely and failing to yield the right-of-way, Robert Lee Jordan paid \$25 and costs. Ivey G. Piner, charged with non-support, was given a year in

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Health Officer Releases Rates on Meat Markets

Dr. Luther Fulcher, county health officer, today released the meat market ratings for the period ending June 30, 1955. These ratings were made by county sanitarians, A. D. Fulford.

The rating of 90 to 100 gives a rating of A; 80 to 89, B; 70 to 79, C. All establishments that receive a sanitary rating less than 70 are closed.

Ratings follow: Atlantic—Sea Level Grocery, 90; Luther Smith, 81.5.

Beaufort and RFD—A&P Grocery, 95; City Grocery, 94.5; Fresh Air Produce Market, 93.5; Colonial Store, 93.

Potter's Grocery Market, 91; Hardesty's Grocery, 90.5; Peterson's Grocery, 90.5; Simmons Grocery, 90.5; C. D. Jones Grocery, 90.

Woodrow Chadwick's Market, 90; Fulcher's Grocery Market, 88.5; Broad Street Grocery, 83; M. T. Owens Grocery, 80.

Morehead City & RFD—Lindsay

New Principal



T. Lenwood Lee, a native of Dunn, has been named principal of the Morehead City School. He will begin his duties there in the fall, succeeding G. T. Windell.

17 Reservists To Leave Today

Seventeen members of the Morehead City Coast Guard Reserve Unit will leave today for two weeks' training.

The following will go to Cape May, N. J., for boot training: Jerry Nance and Bob C. White, Beaufort; Andrew R. Nance and Andrew Searle, Morehead City RFD; Earle K. Wade and Kenneth Putnam, Morehead City, and George Gooding, Beaufort RFD.

The following will take captain of the port training at Norfolk: Chief Petty Officers Joseph D. Rose Jr., Lesta N. Willis and Walter Patrick, all of Morehead City; Clarence A. Bell, Morehead City; Milton E. Bell, Swansboro; Clayton F. Russell, Newport; James Owens, Donald Austin and Donald T. Willis, Beaufort; and Etheridge Davis and John T. Lewis,arkers Island.

Lt. Cmdr. D. G. Bell, commanding officer of the unit, said 10 more men will go to Norfolk for training in August. Officers and men in the unit now number 44.

Chamber Executives Will Attend Three-Day Meeting

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Chamber of Commerce Executives will start at the Atlantic Beach Hotel Sunday and continue through Tuesday.

Registration for the three-day affair will be held Sunday at 4 o'clock in the lobby of the hotel. There will be a reception at 6 p.m. and a smorgasbord at 6:30. The highlight of the first day will be a moonlight cruise aboard the Carolina Queen.

Monday will be devoted to a tour of the state port at Morehead City and a tour of the Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Point. At the base, all types of aircraft will be shown.

Speakers at Monday's sessions will be Harry Krusz, U. S. Chamber of Commerce; Bill Sharpe, State Magazine, Raleigh; J. D. Holt, director, Morehead City Port, and Roy Munde, manager, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, U. S. Department of Commerce, Richmond.

Dr. J. D. Messick, President of East Carolina College, will be guest speaker at 7 o'clock Monday evening.

A total of six trips aboard Gulf-stream head boats will be awarded to lucky executives Tuesday morning. There will also be business reports by the different committee chairmen that morning.

Ted Davis, manager of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, will be official host.

Truck Hits Parked Car in Morehead

A truck driven by James C. Bell, route 5 New Bern, ran into a parked car on Arendell Street, Morehead City, at 4:15 Wednesday afternoon.

Damage to the car, a 1950 Ford, was estimated at \$75. The car was owned by Mrs. Thalia D. Faircloth and was parked in front of 1507 Arendell St.

According to Patrolman Joe Smith, Bell was proceeding east on Arendell when he pulled too far to the right as a car passed him. He hit the parked automobile.

The truck, owned by T. I. Davis of the Davis Transit Co., was not damaged. No charges were filed.

Escape Artist To Appear Tonight

An escape artist will put on an hour-and-a-half show at 8 o'clock tonight at the Beaufort School. Dr. Earl Lockman and his wife will present an evening of entertainment under sponsorship of the Jones-Austin Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Sheriff Hugh Salter and Deputy Sheriff Marshall Ayscue have been retained as a supporting cast to wrap Dr. Lockman in chains and strait jacket. But the showman says he's never yet met a sheriff who can keep him locked up.

Proceeds will go to the VFW building fund, announced Roy Eubanks, chairman of the show arrangements.

Other entertainments, in addition to the escape acts, will be staged. Tickets may be bought at the door.

Board to Survey Breeding Grounds Of Coast Mosquito

Raleigh (AP) — A preliminary survey will begin next week to determine the extent of the breeding grounds of coastal North Carolina's salt marsh mosquitoes.

Plans for the survey were outlined this week at the first meeting of the Salt Marsh Mosquito Commission created by the recent General Assembly to study possible ways of controlling the pesky mosquito.

Edward G. McKinley, 2717 Arvon Ave., Morehead City, is a member of the commission. He is in charge of mosquito control at Cherry Point Marine Air Station.

Charles White, chief of the State Board of Health's Insect and Rodent Control Section, was elected permanent chairman of the commission. Mr. White said the commission will plan its next move following the preliminary survey, which should take about a week.