

Beaufort Pays Large Chunk of Debt



Photo by Roy Eubanks

It was a happy day Wednesday as Beaufort officials paid off \$27,000 in bonds. Holding the bonds, left, is James H. Davis, cashier of the First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co., Beaufort, who handled the

The largest single retirement of bonds the town of Beaufort has ever made occurred last week. Mayor Clifford Lewis announced that \$27,000 in bonds were paid off at a cost to the town of \$25,785. By doing this, he explained, the town saved \$18,562.50 in interest because the bonds were not due until July 1, 1974. Each of the bonds was bought at \$955, or \$45 below face value. The town retired \$6,000 of its

debt in May. The current repayment brings the total debt repaid to \$33,000 within the last 90 days. This leaves Beaufort's debt at present at \$361,000. The \$27,000 retirement came on the eve of the seventh anniversary of Dan Walker's service as Beaufort town clerk. Mr. Walker was appointed town clerk Aug. 6, 1949. At that time the town's debt was \$470,732.01. Since that time \$109,732.01 of the debt has been paid, an average of \$14,247.43 a year.

transaction. Beaming at the check which went to the bondholder is Gerald Hill, finance commissioner. Seated is Mayor Clifford Lewis and at right is Dan Walker, town clerk, "beamingest" of all.

During that period the total saved in interest by repaying the bonds as opportunity arose was approximately \$35,000. Mr. Walker credited this achievement to folks' paying their taxes faithfully, and more strict adherence to the budget. He pointed out that the town had 17 employees in 1949 and now has 15, the reduction made possible by adding labor-saving machinery. The saving in salary, the clerk

explained, paid for the machinery and has also enabled the town crew to work fast and efficiently. For example, he cited the 3-foot sewer line laid three years ago to correct a drainage problem in the 700 block of Ann Street. Labor alone would have cost \$12,000 had the job been contracted, but the town was able to do it with its own equipment and men. Mayor Lewis commented that wise financial operation of the town brings many benefits, both seen and unseen, to all residents.

W. H. Potter, Beaufort, Gives Radiotelephone to Civil Defense

Conifer Gets New Skipper

Ledr. Arthur H. Sheppard, a veteran of 26 years' service in the Coast Guard, assumed command of the Coast Guard Cutter Conifer Friday morning at Fort Macon. He relieved Lt. Bob Davis, who returned to his post as executive officer aboard the buoy tender. Commander Sheppard served the past five years in Baltimore in Merchant Marine inspection. Prior to that time he spent 19 years on various seagoing craft, mainly buoy tenders. He succeeds Ledr. James Van Etten as commanding officer. He and his family, including his wife and two children, are living at 205 S. 21st St., Morehead City. His son, Arthur Jr., is 10 and his daughter, Romelda 16. Commander Sheppard was on the Conifer at the time she was built in Duluth, Minn., in 1942. It has been reported that a seagoing tug will be based at Fort Macon soon.

W. H. Potter, of Beaufort Fisheries, has given a marine radiotelephone to the County Civil Defense organization, Adam Mayer, communications officer, announced yesterday. Mr. Mayer said that Mr. Potter made the set available in June and since that time efforts have been underway to so equip it that it can be used as a contact point in the eastern part of the county during hurricanes. Cooperating in the project is Bob Slater of Machine and Supply Co., Beaufort. The radio is proposed for use at the Sea Level Hospital which is equipped with an emergency generator that would allow operation of the radio in case of power failure. Mr. Slater's firm has offered to provide the antenna and install the set without charge, Mr. Mayer said. James Denning, State Civil Defense communications officer, suggested that the radio be used as the county sheriff's network but this was not possible because the sheriff's network is FM and the radio AM. Mr. Slater suggested then that the radio be used on the Civilian Air Patrol network, but

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2,126 Receive Polio Shots At Free Clinics Last Week

P. H. Geer Jr. Will Act as Toastmaster

P. H. Geer Jr. will be toastmaster at the meeting of the Carteret County Toastmasters Club tomorrow night at the Beaufort Town Hall at 8:15. The invocation will be given by J. P. Harris Jr. Topic master for the meeting will be J. B. Eubanks. Clifford Faglie will be master critic. Prepared speakers for the meeting will be J. B. Eubanks, Dr. W. L. Woodard, Clifford Lewis, Bill Smith and Bill Pickard. Critics will be Gerald Hill, Jasper Bell, E. G. Phillips, Ted Rice and Oscar Allred.

Through Friday 2,126 shots had been given at the free polio clinics which started last Monday. Dr. John Way, chairman of the County Medical Society polio committee, said the medical society, in cooperation with the health department is hoping to give at least 4,000 shots. The number of persons eligible for the shots is estimated to be 6,700. Dr. Way is especially concerned about the Negro children at Merrimon. It is estimated that 25 are eligible for the shots there and none showed up at the clinic Friday. There will be another clinic there, at the colored church, this Friday at 2:30 p.m. The clinics are being conducted all this week as well as next week. Communities being visited today are Salter Path and Atlantic Beach. Shots are being given in the health office, Beaufort, from 9 to 3 today. Tomorrow the following communities will be visited: Stella, Bogue, Broad Creek, Newport, Mill Creek, Wildwood and Mansfield. Shots will be given at the hospital annex in Morehead City from 9 to 3 Thursday. Clinics will be conducted Friday at Harkers Island, Otway, Bettie, Harlowe, North River, Merrimon and South River.

Auditor Reports on Health Center, Mosquito Funds

The county will borrow, on promissory note, \$12,000 to build the new county health center. James D. Potter, county auditor, said yesterday there will be four three-thousand-dollar four-year notes issued. He also said that Civil Defense has approved the county's application for mosquito control funds. The county applied for \$9,000.

ASC Office Wants Larger Quarters

B. J. May, manager of the county ASC office, appeared before the county board yesterday morning and requested that more space be found for the ASC office. The office is now located on the second floor of the Beaufort postoffice building. Accompanying him were members of the ASC committee, Roy Keller, Bettie, Clarence Millis, Newport, and J. C. Barker, Stella, also R. M. Williams, county agent. Mr. May read a letter from the state ASC committee, which outlined the economic value of the ASC office to the county. The office in Beaufort, he said, is the means of providing an income to the county of more than \$75,000 annually in cash payments to farmers and in salaries to personnel who work there. Mr. Williams said it would be best if all the county agriculture agencies were under one roof. Commissioner Skinner Chalk said that he doubted if such a building could be constructed in the near future. Commissioner Odell Merrill told the ASC committee that the only thing he could foresee in solving space problems would be to give the ASC office the offices now being used by the health department, after the health center is built. Moses Howard, chairman of the board, appointed Commissioner Merrill, Commissioner Chalk and James Potter, county auditor, as a committee to find more space for the ASC office.

Shipwreck Commissioner Reports on Omar Babun

Roy Eubanks, Beaufort, shipwreck commissioner, announced yesterday that the Omar Babun, a freighter beached east of the Morehead City Yacht Basin, has been labeled a menace to navigation by the Coast Guard. Mr. Eubanks said that it is now up to the Coast Guard and the U.S. District Attorney to serve papers on R. A. Canipe, owner of the ship. Mr. Eubanks says Canipe claims that he doesn't have to move the ship. The Omar Babun was wrecked at Rodanthe two years ago and was salvaged by the Canipes of Havelock. In October of 1955 it was towed to Morehead City and has been tied up since then at a salvage company on the Beaufort-Morehead City causeway.

Beaufort Prize Winners Listed

Twenty-three persons received prizes at the firemen's movie at the East Drive-In Theatre Tuesday night. The winners of the prizes, and the donors are as follows: Dick Whitehurst, clock, Beaufort Fire Department; C. Z. Chapel, wrist watch, B. A. Bell, Jeweler; Jimmy Buttrey, three hair cuts and three bottles of tonie, Haywood's Barber Shop and City Barber Shop; Raymond Still, electric iron, City Appliance. Helen Van Etten, tie clasp, Jarvis Herring, Jeweler; G. M. Paul, desk lamp, Hamilton Furniture Co.; H. I. Holbrook, electric percolator; Miss Sallie Staniel, two dinners and one floor wax, The Coffee Shop and C. D. Jones Co. Jeanie Lewis, one wash and grease job, Lofin's Shell Service; Homer Lewis, one pair of boots, City Grocery; J. F. Flynn, one nylon slip and a dress, The Vogue and Potter's Dress Shop; Dorothy Dennis, two pair of socks, one T-shirt and a belt, Lipman Dept. Store, Beaufort Dept. Store and E. W. Downum. J. R. Ransom, candy dish and sport shirt, Stamper's Jewelry and Merrill's Men's Shop; Jackie Chaplain, cosmetic set and bath mat, set, Guthrie Jones Drug Store and Beaufort Hardware Co.; Horace Swain, hair cut and bottle tonie, Airport Barber Shop. Glen Conway, beverage set, Western Auto; Lester W. Gillikin, Parker 21 Pen and Pencil set, F. R. Bell Drug Store; William B. Golden, one wash and grease job, Willis Gulf Service, and Dave Hill, surprise package. The firemen extended thanks to all merchants who donated prizes, and to all those who bought tickets and made donations.

J. A. DuBois, chamber of commerce manager, recently contacted Mr. Eubanks relative to getting the ship moved because its present position poses a threat to the channel to the Morehead City Yacht basin and surrounding property. Canipe, said in the fall of 1955 that he planned to put diesel engines in the Omar Babun, a 97-foot vessel, and use it in salvage work. Chief Issues Warning Police Chief Guy Springle of Beaufort has announced that all trash cans in Beaufort shall not be over 30 gallons and must have tops. Chief Springle said that all violators of this law will be prosecuted.

Final Legal Hurdle Cleared On Building New Bridge

Coast Guard Makes Night Rescue of Four Fishermen

Army Engineer Issues Report

Three Dredging Jobs Completed at Ocracoke During July

Col. Henry C. Rowland Jr., who succeeds Col. R. L. Hill as head of the Wilmington District, Corps of Engineers, reports that during July three dredging jobs were completed at Ocracoke. One was a 7-foot channel in Wainwright Slough, the second a 10-foot channel in Silver Lake Harbor, and third, a 12-foot channel in Wallace Channel. Colonel Rowland also reports that the Corps of Engineers is requesting \$570,000 for a 14-foot channel through Oregon Inlet. This also includes a 12-foot channel from the inlet to deep water in Pamlico Sound. Congress okayed the Oregon Inlet project seven years ago, but never appropriated the money. According to Colonel Rowland, the Oregon Inlet project "heads the list" of eastern Carolina projects for the current fiscal year. In Carteret County, the Army is asking for funds to dredge 7-foot channels at the east and west ends of Harkers Island and a 6-foot channel and basin at Marshallberg. Congressman Barden announced in January that both of these projects were included in the federal budget drawn up by President Eisenhower and sent to Congress seven months ago. The 750-foot stone breakwater at Harkers harbor is reported to be 70 per cent complete. Stone for the job has been leaving Morehead City port by barge. Started in July, Colonel Rowland said, was the project of deepening Wilmington harbor to 34 feet at a cost of a million and a half dollars.

Four visitors to Carteret County are especially thankful that the Coast Guard is ever watchful. The four may have gone to watery graves when their 14-foot boat capsized, if it hadn't been for the men stationed at Fort Macon. Earl Sells, EN1, heard the men hollering for help Thursday at 9:30 p.m., and believing that the calls were coming from the beach, he and three other Coast Guardsmen boarded the base's one-ton truck and headed for the beach. They realized after they started out that the calls were coming from the water, so they got the 40-foot boat in the ocean at buoy 19 near Fort Macon State Park they fished out of the water Manor Pope, Goldsboro; and Ernest Miller, Jack Cloudy and Harold Benton, all of Winston-Salem. Miller was taken to Morehead City Hospital where he was treated for a broken rib, and Pope had to have three stitches taken in the right side of his head at his temple. Miller was discharged from the hospital Friday. According to the story told the Coast Guardsmen, the men were out fishing and were returning home. As they came in the inlet the seas broke over the boat and swamped them. The men, who said they were dumped into the water at 8:35 p.m. were picked up by Mr. Sells, Eugene Pond BMI, Earl Taylor EN2, and Bill Barbee, Sn. The frightened, drenched fishermen were being carried out by the tide when they were pulled to safety.

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State Beauty Arrives Sunday

Miss North Carolina, Joan S. Melton of Albemarle, arrived at the Beaufort-Morehead City Airport at 5:15 p.m. Sunday. She was greeted by Mayor George Dill of Morehead City and Mayor Clifford Lewis of Beaufort. Also on hand were L. G. Dunn and L. E. Kelly, chairmen of the Morehead City Jaycee committee supervising Miss North Carolina's vacation in Morehead City and Atlantic Beach this week. Sirens shrieked as Miss Melton was escorted by police cars to the Atlantic Beach Hotel, where she is staying. Vacationing with the state beauty is an ECC classmate, Miss Alice Horne of Tabor City. Yesterday they had breakfast at the Lighthouse Restaurant and then Miss Melton posed for photographers at Atlantic Beach. She had lunch at Mrs. Russell Willis's Bar-B-Q and Steak House and last night was the guest at the Jaycee meeting at the Hotel Fort Macon. Later she played miniature golf at the Little Nine course. Today she will be the guest of Beaufort Jaycees. Miss Horne is included in all the entertainment planned for Miss Melton.

Five County Men Will Be Inducted Tomorrow

Five county residents have been ordered to report for induction into the Army tomorrow by the County Draft Board. They will be sent from here to Raleigh. They are Allen Murray Jr. and Romeo Ward, Morehead City; Clyde T. Crooms, Beaufort; Horace L. Turner, Newport; and Ervin Gary Morris, Atlantic. At present, the club is out of debt, according to W. C. Carlton, who read the year's audit report. Its total assets were valued at between \$102,000 and \$106,000. Unsold building lots on the club property are valued at about \$51,000. Dr. Theodore Salter, Beaufort, president of the club, explained that with the \$65,000 the entire clubhouse could not be completely finished inside, but architects and contractors recommended that the shell of the building be put up and inside finishing completed as money becomes available. This, he continued, is termed of more value economically than putting up a small building, then adding wings. Neither would the money borrowed cover cost of furnishings. The finance committee studying the clubhouse proposal recommended that a swimming pool be built as soon as possible after the building is constructed. The next step, Dr. Salter said, will be to request the architect, Robert Stephens, New Bern, to in-

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, Aug. 7	
8:37 a.m.	2:30 a.m.
9:01 p.m.	2:49 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 8	
23 a.m.	3:17 a.m.
9:50 p.m.	3:40 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 9	
10:18 a.m.	4:03 a.m.
10:38 p.m.	4:33 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 10	
11:08 a.m.	4:51 a.m.
11:28 p.m.	5:27 p.m.

Officer Resigns From Police Force

Murphy Jenkins, Beach Police Chief, to Take Bruce Edwards' Place

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Cars Collide West of Newport

Two cars collided at 8:15 p.m. Thursday on Highway 70 two miles west of Newport. No one was hurt. State Highway Patrolman W. E. Pickard reported that a 1956 Ford, driven by John R. King, Cherry Point, banged into a 1948 Pontiac driven by H. D. Andrews, also of Cherry Point. According to the patrolman, King was headed east and as he was approaching Smith's Drive-in, a car backed out in front of him. He swerved to avoid hitting the car and collided with the Pontiac which was going west. Andrews had turned too, in an attempt to avoid the collision. The left front of the Ford hit the left rear of the Pontiac. Damage to each car was estimated at \$100. No charges were preferred.

County Considers Leasing of Land

Moses Howard, chairman of the county board of commissioners, yesterday appointed a committee to investigate a request to lease county property in West Beaufort. The request was presented by Wiley Taylor, attorney, on behalf of the Seashore Packing Co., which has a fish dehydrating plant in the area. Accompanying Mr. Taylor were Charles Davis and E. W. Copeland of the Seashore Packing Co., who propose a fishing pond for the area in question. Requested for lease, or sale, is property beginning at the foot of the West Beaufort bridge and running a thousand feet west to the Seashore Packing Co. property. Mr. Taylor said his clients are interested in a long-term lease, probably 50 years, and would pay an annual rental. Mr. Davis said his firm would be interested in buying the property if the county would offer it for sale. The committee appointed by Chairman Howard to investigate the proposal consists of Commissioners Odell Merrill, Skinner Chalk and Alvah Hamilton, county attorney.

Stockholders Okay Plan To Borrow Clubhouse Fund

Members of the Morehead City Golf and Country Club approved a proposal Friday night to borrow \$65,000 to build a clubhouse. The clubhouse will be located on Newport River north of the golf shop. Approval was given by a vote of 57 to 9 by the stockholders at their annual meeting in the Morehead City Municipal Building. The vote followed reading of a report by the clubhouse finance committee. The committee recommended that the money be borrowed and be repaid in 10 years. No Debt At present, the club is out of debt, according to W. C. Carlton, who read the year's audit report. Its total assets were valued at between \$102,000 and \$106,000. Unsold building lots on the club property are valued at about \$51,000. Dr. Theodore Salter, Beaufort, president of the club, explained that with the \$65,000 the entire clubhouse could not be completely finished inside, but architects and contractors recommended that the shell of the building be put up and inside finishing completed as money becomes available. This, he continued, is termed of more value economically than putting up a small building, then adding wings. Neither would the money borrowed cover cost of furnishings. The finance committee studying the clubhouse proposal recommended that a swimming pool be built as soon as possible after the building is constructed. The next step, Dr. Salter said, will be to request the architect, Robert Stephens, New Bern, to in-

August Brings Lots of Rain

August started off wet, says E. Stamey Davis, weather observer. A total rainfall of over an inch and a quarter greeted county residents from the first of the month through Sunday. The high temperature was recorded Thursday with a reading of 88 degrees. The low of 68 degrees was registered Saturday. The high and low temperatures plus the wind directions for the beginning of the month were as follows:

Max. Min. Winds
Wednesday 85 71 SE
Thursday 88 78 SSW
Friday 81 73 NE
Saturday 82 68 NE
Sunday 85 70 SW

Board Considers Request To Improve Acoustics

County commissioners yesterday took under consideration a proposal to put acoustical tile on the county courtroom ceiling. The proposal was presented by Wiley Taylor on behalf of the County Bar Association. He presented an estimate of \$1,410 on the job and said the work would be guaranteed for five years. Bettering of the acoustics was necessary, Mr. Taylor said, because nobody can hear what a witness says except the judge.

Resolution Passed

Prior to the highway officials' arrival, the county board had passed a resolution recommending that the bridge be built if the state finds it feasible. Accompanying Mr. Hamilton were Elwood Willis, Henry Whitehurst, Norman Chadwick, Donald Chadwick, C. D. Harris Jr. and Charles Davis. Mr. Hicks told them the same thing he told a delegation from Beaufort who went to see him at Greenville several weeks ago. He said state engineers will look into the possibility of building a bridge from Lennoxville to Straits "but to give you encouragement on building the bridge would be just foolish talk," Mr. Hicks said. "I would like to see the bridge built," he continued, "but state highway revenue is not sufficient." He said a survey on making the North River Bridge more durable is underway, but no money has been appropriated for that project either. Money Saved? Mr. Hamilton said that his clients felt that the state might be saving money by considering the Straits to Lennoxville bridge rather than investing a lot of money in the present North River Bridge. Roy Keller, of Bettie, who was present, said that folks in his area "could get up a petition that would make the other one look sick," a petition asking that the North River bridge be made a permanent, durable structure. The "other petition" he was referring to was the one requesting a Lennoxville-Straits bridge. Mr. Hicks said he would like to see both bridges built. He estimated cost of the Lennoxville to Straits bridge at \$3 million. He also pointed out that the Morehead City Bridge has to be replaced and no funds have been appropriated as yet for that. Commissioner Skinner Chalk expressed appreciation to the State Highway Commission for the work it is doing in this county.