

Mayor Appoints Fire Official

Beaufort Town Board Adopts Scratch-Off Ordinance Monday

Gerald Hill was appointed Beaufort fire commissioner by Mayor Clifford Lewis at a meeting of the Beaufort Town Board at the town hall Monday night. Mr. Hill succeeds Julius Duncan, whose resignation was accepted by the board.

Mr. Duncan sent a letter of resignation to the board prior to the December meeting. He did not state reasons for his resignation.

Town Attorney Gene Smith presented a "scratch-off" ordinance which the board had requested him to draw up. A fine of \$10 or 30 days in jail are maximum penalties for motorists who spin their wheels on town streets.

Fire Chief Charles B. Harrell presented the names of new officers in the fire department for approval of the board. They are Mr. Harrell, chief; Hub Whitehurst, assistant chief; Wardell Fillingame, captain; Clarence Davis Jr., lieutenant; and Gerald Woolard, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Woolard is also in charge of the rescue squad activities.

The board voted to bear the cost of the East Carolina firemen's convention which was sponsored by the Beaufort Fire Department Tuesday night. Estimated cost of the convention and supper was \$400.

Frank P. Wall and Glenn Poe of Williams and Wall, CPA, of Raleigh presented the results of their audit of town financial records. They complimented city clerk Dan Walker and Mrs. Mabel Cottingham on the excellent job they had done in preparing the records for auditing.

Mr. Wall suggested that the town buy a machine which keeps tax accounts for each person on a separate sheet. The machine would pay for itself in less than five years, he said. The machine would replace 30 ledgers now being used in the office.

He estimated cost and installation at \$5,000. Mr. Hill moved that Mr. Walker investigate the possibilities of the machine and make a report to the board as soon as possible.

J. P. Harris, a visitor, was recognized by the board. He suggested that the mayor's salary be increased. The salary now is \$600 yearly. The board will act on his suggestion at the next meeting.

Police Commissioner Math Chaplain reported that only 33 arrests were made during December. Chief Guy Springle said that it was the quietest Christmas season he could remember.

Commissioners present in addition to the ones mentioned were Otis Mades, James Rumley, and William Roy Hamilton.

Newport Rotarians Welcome Visitors

The Newport Rotary Club welcomed three visitors to their meeting at the PTA Center Monday night. J. P. Harris and Dr. David Farrior of Beaufort and Buck Matthews Jr. of Morehead City were making up meetings which they had missed at their own clubs.

Since President Bob Montague was sick, vice-president Dick Lockekey presided over a brief business session. Charles Long made program assignments through June 30. Each Rotarian has charge of making arrangements for the programs.

As program chairman, the member can invite a guest speaker or take charge of the program himself.

M. B. Taylor Blows Wife's Head Off, Kills Himself

350 Firemen Visit Beaufort



Firemen from all Eastern North Carolina enjoyed a seafood dinner at the Fish Meal dining room Tuesday night. Beaufort firemen and the town of Beaufort were hosts to the visitors.

The Beaufort Fire Department was host to 350 firemen of the East Carolina District Tuesday night. The visitors were treated to a seafood dinner at the Fish Meal plant, owned by Harvey Smith.

Volunteer firemen manned the serving line and pulled "KP" while Mr. Smith's cooking staff put out enough food to fill an army. The quantities of food that hungry firemen can put away compares with the amount of coal put into furnaces at a steel mill.

Despite the best efforts of the firemen, however, there was still some food left over! Fish roe, clam chowder, fish, corn bread, rolls, boiled shrimp, coffee, soft drinks, slaw, french fries, and all the trimmings were served to everybody who was ambitious enough to try a little bit of everything, and there were plenty who were willing.

An ice cold cola, red hot coffee, fish, fish roe, and everything else on the menu was stacked on and

around quite a number of plates. Beaufort firemen carried seconds to all the tables and kept dishing them out until no one could eat another bite.

After the meal, a short business session was conducted. Joe Haley, Kinston, last year's vice-president, was elected president of the district for 1957.

Since the conventions rotate on an alphabetical list, the Beaufort firemen estimate that the next one for Beaufort will be in 1970.

M. B. Taylor, route 1 Newport, blew his wife's head off with a double-barrel shotgun shortly before 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and then went into an adjoining room in his house and blew his own brains out.

Taylor, who was reported by neighbors to have been drinking more or less constantly during the past couple months, was 54 years old.

The murder-suicide was discovered at 3:20 p.m. yesterday by Wallace R. Odum of the North Carolina Department of Revenue. Odum was making a call at the Taylor home which is located six miles west of Morehead City on Highway 24.

No one came to the door when he knocked and through the window he saw a man lying on the floor. He went across the highway and got Robert Lewis and Mrs. Carlton Taylor who went into the house with Mr. Odum.

In the kitchen they found Mrs. Taylor in a cotton dress and apron, sprawled on the floor. Blood was splattered all over the kitchen, from ceiling to floor on white kitchen cabinets. The table was set and Sheriff Hugh Salter said coffee was even perking on the stove.

The kitchen was located to the right of the front door. To the left was the living room and behind that the bedroom where Taylor was sprawled. The top of his head was blown completely away. The shotgun, double-barrel, lay at his feet.

H. A. Taylor, brother of the dead man, who lives nearby, said that Taylor has eight children. All except two, Lois and Vernon, who live at home, are married.

The Taylor home, a neat white frame building behind a white picket fence, is located diagonally across the highway from the Jump 'n Run Service Station.

Officers at the scene yesterday besides the sheriff were Deputy Sheriff Bruce Edwards, Deputy Sheriff Marshall Ayscue, Coroner Leslie Springle, and State Highway Patrolmen W. E. Pickard, R. H. Brown and J. W. Sykes.

Dr. M. B. Morey was called to examine the bodies. He said the brains were blown out of both. Bell's ambulance removed the bodies from the house at 4:35 p.m. It was learned that Taylor had bought a shotgun at a hardware store in Newport several weeks ago and hid it in the woods. Later he was asked to return the gun, which had been bought on credit, and it is believed that the gun he used yesterday was borrowed.

Mrs. Will Dail Leaves Today For Trip to United Nations

Police Seek Owner Of Dead Dog

Unless the owner of a small black and white dog run over in Morehead City Sunday night contacts the police station, Jessie Finch, 1005 Arendell St., will have to take rabies shots.

The dog was run over in front of Mr. Finch's house and when he went out to help the dog, it bit him. The dog died and there is no way now, police say, of learning whether the dog was mad. Police did not learn of the accident until Monday night.

If the dog had rabies shots, Mr. Finch will not have to take them, that's why the owner is being sought. Taking the shots is a painful process.

Rural Fire Association '57 Dues Payable Now

Dues in the Beaufort Rural Fire Association for 1957 are now payable.

They are \$5 a year per member. Money may be mailed or given to Mrs. W. J. Ipeck, Beaufort, secretary of the association.

Mrs. Will Dail, North River Home Demonstration Club member, will leave today for Raleigh on the first leg of a trip to the United Nations building, New York.

She will be one of 120 Home Demonstration Club members from North Carolina to leave by bus tomorrow morning from Raleigh to take part in the fourth annual North Carolina Home Demonstration United Nations Study Tour.

The purpose of the tour is to study the United Nations, its purpose, organization and policies, first hand. The tour is designed to teach Home Demonstration Club women about the United Nations so that they can return home and help others to become actively interested in supporting it, and to help build strong, well-informed citizens in the rural communities in North Carolina.

Some of the events of the tour other than United Nations sessions include dining in foreign restaurants, visiting the Statue of Liberty, riding subways, Radio City Music Hall performance, and free time to see some of the Broadway plays.

Highlights of the United Nations sessions which will be attended



Mrs. Will Dail
... Carteret delegate

by the women include speeches by Dr. Frank Graham, member of the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations, and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt; a tour of the United Nations building; special lectures; and a concert by the United Nations Glee Club.

The group will stay at the Taft Hotel and will return home next Thursday, Jan. 17.

Carteret Home Demonstration Club members who made the tour in previous years were Mrs. D. R. Arnold, 1953; Mrs. G. T. Spivey, 1954, and Mrs. R. L. Searle, 1955.

Crissie Wright Went Ashore 71 Years Ago Today - 1886

By F. C. SALISBURY

Most vivid in the mind of Sam Darling of Beaufort is an event that occurred 71 years ago today, Jan. 11, 1886, that of the wreck of the Crissie Wright, a three-mast schooner which went ashore off Shackleford Banks, about six miles from Beaufort, with a loss of six of its crew.

This wreck occurred during one of the coldest and stormy two-day periods in the history of the county. Even today the weather along the coast is often compared to "when the Crissie Wright went ashore."

News of the wreck reaching Beaufort, a rescue crew was soon gathered to go to the aid of the schooner. The fishing boat, Nellie Dey, owned by C. P. Dey of Beaufort and captained by John Dudley was placed at the service of the rescue party, consisting of Sam Howland, Mart Mason and his three sons, Dick, John W. and Hal.

Young Darling, who was 15 years old, was among the crowd on the

dock to witness the departure of the Nellie Dey.

Heavy Seas
Knowing that a heavy sea was breaking over the bar of the inlet, some 25 barrels of kerosene were put aboard. When the bar was reached the oil was poured on the water to cut the heavy sea down. Then the boat followed the slick across the bar.

Reaching the scene of the wreck, the Nellie Dey stood by while the rescue party put out in a purse boat and were able to reach the stranded craft. First aboard was John W. Mason followed by his brother, Dick.

From the jib sail in which five of the crew had wrapped themselves, were found four frozen bodies, Jeb Collins, captain, John Blackman, mate, Sam Grover, seaman and Chester Simmons, cabin boy. The fifth man, Bob Johnson, ship's cook, had been found alive when a rescue party from the Banks had reached the ship before the arrival of the Nellie Dey.

Two other members of the crew,

James Boswell, ship's carpenter, and John Dozer, seaman, had been washed overboard while attempting to reach the jib sail. Later their bodies were found on the shore and buried on the Banks.

With the arrival of the Nellie Dey at Beaufort, the bodies of the four crewmen were taken to the Town Market building at the foot of Front and Turner streets. Coffins were made by John West Noye and the bodies buried in Oak Grove Cemetery. A short service was conducted by the Rev. N. M. Jurney.

Bodies Exhumed
A brother of Captain Collins, having been notified of his death, later came to Beaufort and had the bodies exhumed. That of Captain Collins and Mate Blackman were identified by the brother who had the bodies shipped to New York for burial. The bodies of seaman Grover and cabin boy Simmons are among the unmarked graves in the old cemetery.

Bob Johnson, ship's cook, the

C&D Gives Okay On Use of Park

Granted the Morehead City Centennial Committee this week was permission to use Port Macon as the site for an historical pageant during the centennial celebration Aug. 4-10.

Action was taken by the Conservation and Development board at its meeting in Raleigh and notification of approval was received by J. A. DuBois, centennial committee secretary.

In Raleigh this week also the board passed a resolution calling for legislation which would remove the requirement that the board meet once a year in Morehead City.

Governor Hodges said that the requirement "discriminates against other towns." The board's resolution asks for a law that would require it to hold one meeting in "coastal Carolina."

Morehead City Firemen Answer Calls Tuesday

Morehead City firemen answered two alarms Tuesday night. Both calls were made from the West End substation.

The first call was to Mitchell Village, where a brush fire was burning near Grady Rich's house.

The second was to the residence of Ray Andres, Bonner Avenue. Someone in the house was smoking in bed, firemen said, and caught a mattress on fire. The only damage was to the bedding.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Friday, Jan. 11	LOW
3:18 a.m.		10:19 a.m.
3:36 p.m.		10:18 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 12		
4:25 a.m.		11:13 a.m.
4:53 p.m.		11:14 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 13		
5:28 a.m.		12:07 p.m.
5:56 p.m.		
Monday, Jan. 14		
6:24 a.m.		12:09 a.m.
6:52 p.m.		12:59 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 15		
7:15 a.m.		1:04 a.m.
7:43 p.m.		1:50 p.m.

Beaufort School's Polio Pal



Six-year-old Joyce Womble of Lillington is this year's Polio Pal at Beaufort School. Joyce, a polio patient, is shown with her teddy bear at Greensboro Convalescent Hospital. Every Carteret school has a Polio Pal for which it will attempt to raise money in the March of Dimes Jan. 21-25. The school which raises the most money will be permitted to give its Pal a record player as a gift.

Marines Bound for Mediterranean; Usual 'Confusion' Reigns Tuesday

The three Navy ships which docked at state port, Morehead City, Tuesday morning are part of a carrier task force slated for duty in the Mediterranean. The USS Fremont, USS Olmstead, and USS Muliphen loaded equipment and men of the 2nd Battalion, Sixth Marines, Camp Lejeune.

The battalion, under the command of Lt. Col. Andrew I. Lyman, is slated to relieve the 3rd Battalion, Second Marines, which has served in the Mediterranean since September.

The departing unit, reinforced by attached personnel from the 2nd Service Regiment, Tenth Marines, and 2nd Medical, 2nd Engineer, 2nd Tank, Headquarters, 2nd Shore Party, and 2nd Motor Transport battalions, will number close to 1500 men.

The 2nd Combat Service Group will also reinforce the battalion. In preparation for its overseas assignment the battalion has held firing maneuvers as well as conducted tactical exercises.

Included in the training for each company were maneuvers at "combat village" and grenade throwing practice at the range on Camp Lejeune.

The Marines will train with the carrier task force, of which they will be the amphibious arm. They will have time out from the training to visit many colorful ports "and to continue the Marines' role of good will ambassadors in the Mediterranean countries," according to a Marine Corps release.

AAUW Invites Public to Meeting At 8 Tonight

Dr. Helton McAndrew and Dr. Frances Henry will be the speakers at the open meeting of the American Association of University Women at 8 o'clock tonight at the civic center, Morehead City.

They will speak on special education programs for the child unable to fit in the regular public school program.

Dr. McAndrew, psychologist with the State Department of Public Welfare, will introduce Dr. Henry. Dr. Henry is associate professor in special education, East Carolina College.

She completed work on her doctor's degree at the University of Michigan last summer and has conducted the speech clinic at East Carolina College for the past two summers.

Dr. McAndrew did her undergraduate work at Ward Belmont and Mary Baldwin Colleges and her graduate work at Northwestern University, Iowa State and Duke. She received her doctorate in psychology and sociology at Duke.

Prior to taking the position with the North Carolina Department of Public Welfare, she was with the Veterans Administration and the Department of Public Welfare, Richmond, Va.

She is a member of numerous professional societies and the American Psychological Association.

Principals, teachers, parents and all others interested in special education are invited to the meeting.

Beaufort Fisheries Boats Work in Nearby Waters

Menhaden boats fishing for Beaufort Fisheries have been doing fairly well during the past two weeks.

W. H. Potter of Beaufort Fisheries said yesterday that the boats had two good days last week and two good days this week. They are taking small fish between Beaufort bar and Bogue Inlet.

Beaufort Fisheries is the only plant which operates the year around. Boats fishing for other factories left just before Christmas.

Tobacco Meeting
S. N. Hawks, extension tobacco specialist, will be at Newport High School at 10 a.m. today. He will explain current recommended production practices.

The order of the day at state port Tuesday was mass confusion in exchange for a bottle, a Marine sergeant offered to tell everything he knew—absolutely nothing. Everyone knew that the 2nd Battalion, Sixth Marines was going to the Mediterranean.

The big question was how would they do it! The privates, as usual, had all the answers—except the right ones. Some were sure that the trip would be a pleasure cruise, while others were convinced that less than half would come back alive.

It was the first trip to sea for many of the Marines, and they expressed in no uncertain terms their doubts as to the Navy's ability to get them where they were going.

One of the few men who remained calm through the ordeal was Marine Capt. G. O. Gordon, combat cargo officer of the USS Muliphen. Captain Gordon, a veteran of 17 years with the Marine Corps, said that he had no idea how long it would take for the ships to get loaded and underway, but he didn't seem worried about it.

Captain Gordon, a native of Augusta, Ga., has been stationed on the Muliphen for 20 months. During that time he has seen loading time vary from 24 to 72 hours. Constantly changing personnel betsets him with new men to train for each loading.

This is just another routine assignment for him.

Beaufort Firemen Answer 70 Calls

Beaufort Fire Chief Charles Harrell has reported on the activities of the fire department for 1956. Firemen answered a total of 70 alarms.

Four of these were false alarms, 25 were for out of town fires, and 40 were in town. The largest fire of the year was at the Colonial Store at Turner and Front Streets. Six calls were answered by the rescue truck.

According to auditor's figures, the fire department spent \$13,683.43 during the year. This was \$3,980.90 above the allotted \$9,702.53. New hose and supplies cost well over \$4,000, when \$1,000 had been allocated.

Library Director Gives Route of Bookmobile

Mrs. Dorothy Avery, director of the county public library, has announced the bookmobile route for Monday and Tuesday.

The bookmobile will stop at Cedar Island, Atlantic and Sea Level Monday, and at Otway, Bettie, Smyrna and Marshallberg Tuesday.