

Newport Board Combats Spring d-Rain-age Problems

The Newport Drainage Council (known in dry months as the town board) met head-on Tuesday night a barrage of requests for new ditches and cleaning of old ditches.

While residents of the older section of town have learned to live with low land and too much water, the newer residents in West Newport contend that the situation can and must be corrected.

Leslie Bercegeay of the Cherry Point Mutual Veterans Housing Association pointed out that thousands of dollars in streets in West Newport will wash away unless proper drainage is maintained.

Mr. Bercegeay pointed out that the lower area of West Newport has not had any maintenance work on ditches since last April. He said the drainage problems won't be corrected until an organized and consistent program of maintenance is carried out.

Mr. Bercegeay also said that the problem won't be solved by cleaning out a ditch here or digging a ditch there. "You can't attack the problem piecemeal," he declared.

The board agreed to spend \$300 to dig the perimeter ditch in West Newport. The Joe Hill packing plant and the veterans housing association will match that amount.

The past week of almost steady rain and drizzle was a factor contributing to the flood of requests for dry land.

E. R. Boone, West Newport, reported that "tile on the other side of Mr. Capps" was stopped up and water wouldn't drain through it. Mayor Leon Mann suggested that he, Commissioner J. M. Cox, and Mr. Bercegeay look at the situation the latter part of this week.

Walter Huff, E. Overcourt Street, said that his ditches needed cleaning. The mayor asked him to contact Street Commissioner H. C. Gurganus.

Mac Garner, also of E. Overcourt Street, described his drainage problem and as a result the board authorized the hiring of a man (if no prison labor is available) to work 80 hours to dig out the Overcourt Street ditches.

Hank Wilhelmson, Forest Drive, told of water troubles in his neighborhood.

Wants Weeds Cut
Mac Garner also suggested that the street department begin mosquito control operations now. He said that owners of weedy lots in the residential area should be made to cut the weeds, otherwise the town should cut the weeds and bill the lot owner.

It was reported that the town has run out of town tags.

G. D. Henderson appeared before the board and pointed out that large trucks parked in the "Mose Howard and C. M. Hill area" created a traffic hazard. Because of the way they park, motorists in cars can't see what's coming on the highway.

The problem was turned over to Police Commissioner Wilbur Garner and Mac Garner to solve.

Bills amounting to approximately \$675 were ordered paid, leaving a balance of \$2,938.21 in the general fund.

In addition to officials mentioned, Commissioner Bennie Garner, Miss Edith Lockey, clerk, and George Ball, town attorney, attended the meeting.

Jaycees Donate \$50 to Band

The Morehead City Jaycees have voted to contribute \$50 to the band drive which the high school is sponsoring to raise money to send the band to the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington next month.

The Jaycees voted the contribution at their meeting at the Hotel Fort Macon Monday night. Tickets for the March 30 dance at the Bogue Sound Club were also distributed.

The Jaycees and Junior Women's Club are co-sponsors of the event. The P. R. Jones Orchestra from New Bern has been engaged to play.

The nominations committee suggested four presidential candidates. They were Dr. Robert O. Barnum, Jerry J. Willis, L. G. Dunn, and Luther Lewis.

Car Helps Illustrate Safety



George Tewksbury, safety engineer for Nationwide Insurance, will give proof at 1:20 Monday afternoon that you can't "stop on a dime." He'll let students at Morehead City High School drive a demonstration car to see how quickly they can stop at 20 miles an hour.

Town Employs Substitute Fire Truck Driver

Because Allen Conway, one of the drivers for the Beaufort Fire Department, is suffering from burns, the town board authorized the hiring of Lonnie Smith until Mr. Conway recovers. The board met Monday night at the town hall.

Dan Walker, town clerk, reported that Mr. Conway's face was burned Saturday afternoon at his home when the gas tank on an old truck, being cut up for junk, exploded.

It is expected that Mr. Conway will be able to return to work in about 10 days.

Mr. Walker reported that the Dickinson lot, next to the Dey property on Front Street, has been offered to the town, providing it is used for recreational purposes only.

The board expressed its appreciation for the offer but took no action.

Expenses High
The clerk presented the financial report for February. He pointed out that the street department will go in the red this year. Storm drainage work has been expensive and an unexpected bill of \$1,048.25 was incurred for pipe at the new Beaufort bridge.

To keep expenses down, Mr. Walker said that the street crew would have to be cut back to regular strength for the rest of the fiscal year. "From now until May, taxes coming in will not be enough to meet the payroll, water and lights," the clerk remarked.

Patching Needed
Commissioner William Roy Hamilton commented on holes in the streets that need patching. Mr. Walker explained that there has not been time to fix the holes because of lack of manpower, and asphalt now has to be brought in from Kinston.

Commissioner Hamilton called the board's attention to the salt spray which pours over Front Street at certain places during high southwest winds. He said water action not only undermines the seawalls but prevents cars from parking along the street.

No solution to the problem was suggested other than trying to get federal funds to make repairs, building a bulkhead and filling in or building a riprap.

Commissioner Hamilton also suggested that the town be more diligent this summer in cutting grass between the curb and sidewalk throughout town.

As an outgrowth of the Conway incident, Mr. Walker said that an employee handbook should be prepared for town employees and sick leave allotted each employee. Commissioner Gerald Hill suggested that the town try to include in the budget for the next fiscal year three fire truck drivers instead of two.

New Bid Means School to be Put Up for Sale Again

A higher bid has been received for the Harkers Island School. John L. Cameron, Raleigh, has raised the \$4,700 bid submitted at the sale Feb. 22. The property will be advertised for sale again.

The County Board of Education authorized the sale at its meeting Monday afternoon in the courthouse annex. Top bids at the first two sales have been considered too low.

The new Harkers Island School building has been inspected by the state. Some final work remains but H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, said that the building probably will be occupied sometime this month.

The board passed a resolution requesting the governor and members of the General Assembly to provide funds, as requested by the State Board of Education, for the coming biennium.

The resolution points out that there is difficulty in obtaining qualified teachers, clerical help is needed for principals in the larger schools, more money is needed for utilities, and aid for children of low mentality is necessary.

Copies of the resolution were sent to the governor, Carl Venters, chairman of the House appropriations committee; J. C. Eagles, chairman of the Senate appropriations committee; D. G. Bell, representative from Carteret County; and Luther Hamilton, state senator from the seventh district.

A delegation from the Queen Street School appeared and thanked the board for recent improvements at the school. They also reminded the board that the school needs a gymnasium and that certain repairs are necessary.

have been invited to take an active part in the services.

Special prayers will be offered each night of service to include all classes of people, according to the minister.

Negro News Obituary

MISS DENISE TOOTLE

Miss Denise Tootle, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Tootle Jr. of Beaufort, died Wednesday morning in Morehead City Hospital.

She is survived by her parents, one sister, Debra, one brother, George, of the home; her maternal grandfather, Mr. George Sparrow, and her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Tootle Sr., all of Beaufort.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete at press time yesterday.

Births at Morehead City Hospital:

To Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Henry, Beaufort, a son, Glenn Shaw Jr., Monday, March 4.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Oden, Havelock, a daughter, Saturday, March 2.

Morehead City Hospital Admitted: Saturday, Atlantic Oden, Havelock; Pearl McClain, Beaufort; Sunday, Olivia Wallace, North River.

Monday, Lucy Henry, Beaufort; Alonza Johnson, Havelock; Tuesday, Denise Tootle, Beaufort.

Discharged: Monday, Atlantic Oden and daughter, Havelock; Lucille Carter and daughter, Havelock.

Tuesday, Pearl McClain, Beaufort; Elihue Reels, Merrimon; Wednesday, Olivia Wallace and daughter, North River.

Quarterly meeting services will be held Sunday at the St. Antioch Baptist Church, Adams Creek. The pastor, the Rev. W. C. Horton, will also celebrate his fifth anniversary as pastor of the church.

At the communion service at 3 p.m. the guest speaker will be the Rev. U. G. Moye of Kinston. Dinner will be served at the church and the public is invited to attend these services.

A county-wide religious meeting will begin Sunday night at St. Luke's Baptist Church, Morehead City, and will continue for two weeks. The minister conducting the services will be the Rev. U. G. Moye of Kinston, who is the moderator of the New Bern Eastern Missionary Baptist Association.

A similar service of this type was held last year at the same time and was considered by many to be one of the greatest religious gatherings ever to take place in the county.

According to Mr. Moye, the services this year will follow the same pattern as that of last year, only to a greater degree.

Churches throughout the county



March 5—Mr. Jackie Page, who is a student at Presbyterian Junior College, Maxton, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Willis.

Mr. and Mrs. Blakely Wade of Beaufort were visitors in Smyrna Sunday.

Mrs. Gladys Harker of Harkers Island attended church services at the Baptist Church Sunday morning.

Mr. Osborn Holland of Morehead City was a visitor with Mrs. Mable Wade Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Simpson were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Guion Simpson Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jettie Willis visited Mrs. Mary Simpson in the Morehead City Hospital Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dunham have returned to Pascahoula, Miss., after spending two weeks with their daughter, Mrs. Earl Davis, and family.

County Collects \$33,439 In Taxes Last Month

E. O. Moore, tax collector, reported to county commissioners Monday that \$33,439.87 was collected in taxes during February.

Received on the 1956 levy was \$29,870.76 and on 1955 and prior levies \$3,569.11. Percentage of the 1956 levy collected to date is 79.03.

The area of Greenland is 736,518 square miles. Its population is an estimated 18,000.

Seven Drunk Driving Cases Called in Court

Seven drunk driving cases were on the docket at Morehead City recorder's court Monday. Four convictions were handed down, one defendant requested jury trial, one case was not prosecuted due to lack of evidence, and one defendant was found not guilty.

Ervin Lee Barr was fined \$100 and costs, given a 90-day suspended sentence, and put on one year's good behavior. Charles William Weibel was fined \$125 and costs for driving drunk and running a stop sign. He, too, was given a 90-day suspended sentence and put on one year's good behavior.

Donald Lewis Oliver was convicted of his second drunken driving offense and of driving after his license had been revoked. He was fined \$200 and costs. Wilbur Young was convicted for driving without a license and driving drunk. He was fined \$100 and costs.

Daniel Benjamin Alford posted \$150 bond and requested a jury trial on a drunk driving count.

Amanda Morton Erwin was found not guilty of driving drunk but was fined \$75 and costs for careless and reckless driving. The state did not have sufficient evidence to try George M. Hall for drunken driving and driving without a license, but he was charged court costs for public drunkenness.

African natives make beer from the fruit of the umganu tree.

Coast Guard Meets Italian Cargo Ship Six Miles Offshore

The Fort Macon Coast Guard station's 38-footer met an Italian cargo ship, Gella, six miles offshore Wednesday afternoon to bring a sick sailor to Morehead City.

BM-1 Eugene Poole, EN-2 Ronald Quidley, SN Allison Day, and SN Sebastian House manned the Coast Guard boat. They left Fort Macon at 12:15 p.m., picked up Frederico Camia, and had him at state port at 2:25, where he was picked up by an ambulance and carried to the hospital.

Dr. John Way diagnosed his case as infective jaundice and said that he would be in the hospital for several days. The captain of the Gella made arrangements for Camia to fly to meet the ship when he is able to travel.

Principal Reports On Band Campaign
Lenwood Lee, principal of the Morehead City School, reported yesterday that \$985 in cash has been collected for the band's trip to Washington, D. C., April 2-5. Pledged is \$424, making a total of \$817.

Mr. Lee asks that everyone interested in boosting the band send a contribution to J. R. Sanders, treasurer of the band association, or directly to the school.

Between 10 and 12 tomorrow morning a radio-phone program will be conducted to raise money. Band members will be dispatched to homes throughout town to pick up the cash offered.

Arthur Colston Waives Hearing

Arthur Colston Jr., Mobile, Ala., charged with the pistol slaying of Grover Mills Feb. 23, waived preliminary hearing in Morehead City recorder's court Monday.

Three witnesses to the murder, Annie Mae Hinson, Alto Lee, and Robert Mills Jr. were ordered held under \$500 bond for appearance at the trial.

Lee, who had been charged with carrying a concealed weapon, was found not guilty. The weapon in question was a .32 calibre revolver allegedly used by Colston.

Colston is being held without bond in the county jail to await trial.

Motorist Cited Following Wreck

George Davis Garner, Beaufort was charged with failure to yield the right-of-way, following a crash a mile east of the Morehead City bridge on Highway 70 at 2:10 p.m. Wednesday.

According to Highway Patrolman J. W. Sykes, Garner was headed toward Morehead City in a 1951 Kaiser when he started to turn left into the Phillips 66 Service Station.

As he did so, he collided with a 1956 Ford, headed toward Beaufort, and driven by Dr. Earl Deubler Jr., Beaufort. No one was hurt but damage to the Kaiser was estimated at \$150 and to the Ford \$250.

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