

Town Residents Cast Ballots Today

Tough Problem Faces New Atlantic Beach Aldermen

New Building Violates Law

The Atlantic Beach town commissioners were faced with a knotty problem minutes after they were sworn in at 10 a.m. Friday. As soon as A. H. James, county clerk of court, swore them in and left the sun room of the Atlantic Beach Hotel, Mayor A. B. Cooper introduced Mr. and Mrs. Gus Davis, Morehead City.

Mr. Davis had begun construction of a building which would violate town zoning ordinances. All buildings along the south side of the beach circle must be built 15 feet from the curb. The new building was begun at the edge of the sidewalk only 6 feet from the curb.

Mr. Davis had failed to get a building permit and claimed he did not know of the ordinance. The building was about 18 inches too close to the west boardwalk, violating a second ordinance.

Attorney Appears

Attorney Luther Hamilton Jr. represented Mr. Davis and asked the commissioners to waive the ordinance. The commissioners agreed to waive the 18 inches, but they said that the wall facing the street would have to be set back the required 15 feet to avoid congestion.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis left the meeting but came back a few minutes later saying that one-third of their building would be lost if they had to move the wall.

The commissioners struck their previous decision from the record and agreed to give the matter further consideration. Construction on the building has been suspended.

Mayor Cooper appointed commissioners for the following offices: mayor pro-tem, Milton G. Coyle; streets, drain and sanitation commissioner, A. F. Fleming; building inspector, R. A. Barefoot; and public relations, Dr. N. Edward Bizzell.

Dr. Bizzell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barefoot, that the town buy a half page ad in the Morehead City centennial booklet. The motion was passed unanimously.

The commissioners accepted last year's tax schedule for businesses at the beach. Tax collections will begin in June.

To Attend Lectures

Commissioners Coyle and Bizzell announced that they plan to attend the Institute of Government lectures at Chapel Hill this year. The manager of the League of Municipalities will be invited to attend a board meeting at his convenience.

Mayor Cooper said that three of the biggest problems faced by the board are traffic and parking, fire control, and street paving and repairs.

"The cooperation of boating parties in Bogue Sound could ease the traffic problems on Sunday afternoon," the mayor said. "If boaters would go through the drawbridge only when absolutely necessary, traffic could move much faster."

All town property owners will receive letters from the commissioners asking them to keep their land cleaned up. The board suggests that everyone build garbage can racks to keep the wind from

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Dredge to Put Spoilage Along Town Sea Wall

Eroded Area, Beaufort Waterfront, Will Be Built Back

Mayor C. T. Lewis, Beaufort, announced yesterday that spoilage from maintenance dredging in Taylor's Creek will be deposited next to the seawall from Orange Street to Gordon Street.

Mayor Lewis said that arrangements for building up the marsh area next to the town were made in cooperation with L. D. Nuchols of the Neuse Engineering and Dredging Co. and residents living along Front Street.

All residents signed an agreement releasing the United States government from damage claims and the town board met in special session at the town hall Saturday afternoon and passed a resolution freeing the government from any claims which could be made by the town.

Much of the area along the Taylor's Creek side of the seawall was washed away during the storms of 1955 and 1956, endangering the condition of the wall. If the wall topples, the street and property to the north would suffer.

Property owners signed the release before Mrs. G. W. Duncan, notary public. The placing of spoilage along the wall was expected to get underway yesterday. The dredge was temporarily put out of commission late last week when it was hit by the menhaden boat, Pauline.

Daylight Saving Figures in News

Daylight saving time is in North Carolina news more prominently than ever before.

Today the residents of Wilmington will vote on whether the city council should be given the authority to say, "Move the clocks ahead."

In the House at Raleigh Thursday Rep. F. L. Gobble of Forsyth County introduced a bill which would put the state under daylight saving time. The bill provides that the new time will begin Saturday, May 18, and end at midnight on the last Saturday of October this year.

After this year, the state would go on daylight saving time at the same time as other states, at midnight on the last Saturday in April.

The bill also provides that no county, city or town in North Carolina could exempt itself from daylight saving time through local ordinance, resolution or rule.

Persons who would like to express their opinion on the state-wide proposal may write Representative Gobble, care of the House of Representatives, Raleigh, N. C.

Louis Johnson Has Operation

Louis Johnson, 9-year-old Beaufort boy who is suffering from a serious heart condition, underwent an operation to correct the condition yesterday.

Louis, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Johnson, is a patient at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore. A "blue baby" at birth, Louis is suffering from Fallot's tetralogy which consists of four abnormalities of the heart.

The operation is extremely serious but the surgeons who performed it have been successful in 85 per cent of such operations.

Louis and his parents went to Johns Hopkins April 24 where the lad has been under observation. His father is principal of Queen Street School.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar (Eastern Standard Time)

HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, May 7	
1:50 a.m.	8:33 a.m.
2:33 p.m.	9:06 p.m.
Wednesday, May 8	
2:53 a.m.	9:35 a.m.
3:37 p.m.	10:10 p.m.
Thursday, May 9	
3:59 a.m.	10:31 a.m.
4:39 p.m.	11:06 p.m.
Friday, May 10	
5:04 a.m.	11:22 a.m.
5:36 p.m.	11:59 p.m.

Gaston Smith, Atlantic, Heads Sea Level Chamber for '57

Gaston Smith, Atlantic, was elected president of the Sea Level Chamber of Commerce Friday night. The election was conducted by the board of directors immediately after the annual membership banquet at the Sea Level Inn.

Other officers elected were Henry Wilder, Ocracoke, vice-president; Dr. H. M. Peacock, Atlantic, treasurer; and Charles Caudell, Sea Level, secretary.

Eric W. Rodgers was principal speaker at the banquet. Mr. Rodgers is publisher of the Scotland Neck Commonwealth. He has been active for many years in the development of eastern North Carolina.

Mr. Rodgers said that figures prove only one inquiry in 400 to a chamber resulting in an outside industry's locating in a town. "The answer to this," Mr. Rodgers said, "is to establish your own industries."

"The Department of Conservation and Development has a list of articles imported into North Carolina which could be manufactured in the state. The processing of sea-grown crops is in its infancy in North Carolina. You have a chance to get in early."

Planning Essential

Mr. Rodgers says that careful planning is the most important part in bringing an industry to a town or in establishing a new one. He mentioned the fact that lots of land is not suitable for industrial development because it won't support the foundation of a large building.

He discussed ways of encouraging tourists to visit the down east area. "Advertising is the key to the success of a tourist program," he said. "You have hunting, fishing, water sports and the attraction of the outer banks—a ready-made tourist paradise," he continued. "All you have to do is let people know about it."

Joe DuBois, manager of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, gave a progress report on the Morehead City Centennial. Mr. DuBois said that the celebration should bring many people to the county and large numbers of them would visit down east. He congratulated the chamber on its record for the past year and praised the officers for their work in making the program successful.

Progress Report

Secretary Joe Mason gave the chamber's "conscience" for the past year. Among the projects supported by the chamber were the following:

The chamber went before the county commissioners asking for support in a mosquito control program.

It cooperated with the Down East Lions Club and Sea Level Hospital in a pony penning that netted \$500 for the hospital.

It sent resolutions to political leaders concerning Ocracoke Inlet, Drum Inlet, the Seashore Highway and outer banks rehabilitation.

It promoted the US 70 Association and built a sign at the end of the highway that got state-wide publicity.

Mr. Mason gave the treasurer's report in the absence of treasurer Lester Gaskill. It follows:

Receipts, \$1,321.09; advertising, \$813.50; stationery and supplies, \$111.75; mosquito control, \$166.03; labor, \$55; dues and donations,

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Kitchen Catches Fire



Photo by Jerry Schumacher

Ernest Lewis and Wilbur Willis, left to right, help put out a fire in the kitchen of the Chatter Box Restaurant near the west city limits of Morehead City, Highway 70-A. The fire began at 6 p.m. Thursday when a cooking stove overheated. The kitchen was a mess, according to Morehead City firemen, but the actual damage was not too great.

'Mother' Ballots Must Be In by 10 A.M. Tomorrow

Community Club Sees Program

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Salisbury, Morehead City, gave an illustrated talk, Rambling Through Carteret, at the meeting of the Bogue-Cedar Point-Ocean Community Club Wednesday night at the Methodist Church, Bogue.

The program followed a business session at which Joe Weeks, president, presided. The club's two major projects are a playground and a community building.

Glenn Winberry, chairman of the site committee, said that obtaining a portion of Bogue Field would not be possible. He and his committee were asked to look further for a site for the community building.

The planning committee was asked to present plans for a 32 by 70 foot building at the June meeting.

Mrs. Fred D. Mezas and Mrs. Oscar Arthur reported that they consulted with Roy Dennis, U. S. forest ranger, who said that timber up to 15,000 feet would be donated for the building. It will be marked and cut if the club proceeds with its building plans.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. The next meeting will be June 5 in the Methodist Church, Bogue.

Building Burns

A small two-room building at Safrit Lumber Co., Beaufort, burned to the ground Sunday night. The Beaufort Fire Department was called to the fire, but Robert Safrit, owner, asked the firemen to let it burn since it was already ruined and he wanted to put a new building on the spot.

From 6:30 this morning to 6:30 tonight residents of Newport, Morehead City and Beaufort will ballot for town officials. Those elected will serve two-year terms.

Running for mayor at Newport are Mayor Leon Mann Jr. and R. S. Jones. Candidates for the five-man town board are Dick Locke, Wilbur V. Garner, Dewey Phipps, E. B. Comer, Bennie R. Garner, L. E. Sanders, Jeff J. Garner, Hilton G. Gurganus, J. Wheeler Smith, Douglas Henderson, Louis M. Hibbs and Lester M. Garner.

In Morehead City George W. Dill is running unopposed for mayor. The commissioners face no opposition. They are S. C. Holloway, D. J. Hall, Gibbie Sanderson, Jasper Bell and Ted Garner.

Opposing John Lashley, recorder's court clerk, is Grady Bell. Running for the two seats on the Morehead City Hospital Board of Trustees are James R. Sanders, Mrs. Walter Freeman and Mrs. E. A. Council.

Herbert Phillips III is running unopposed for judge of recorder's court.

Mayor Clifford T. Lewis is unopposed in Beaufort. Six men, however, are seeking the five positions on the board. They are William Roy Hamilton, William J. Mishaal, Gerald D. Hill, Otis Mades, James D. Rumley and R. Math Chaplain.

Presiding at the polls at Newport will be Miss Margaret Bell, registrar, Miss Ada Allen and Mrs. Dale Parrish. At Morehead City will be L. F. Tuten, registrar, Clayton Guthrie and James B. Willis.

Elmore Davis, registrar, will be at the polls in Beaufort, as well as the two judges, U. E. Swann and W. H. Taylor Sr.

The polling place in each town is in the town hall.

Board Hears Road Requests

Two road matters were considered by the county board at its meeting yesterday morning in the courthouse, Beaufort.

Charles Styron, Morehead City, presented a petition asking that a road extending from Raleigh Avenue in Morehead Bluffs, to Pelletier Creek be made passable and maintained. The county board approved the request and will forward it to the highway commission.

Gerald Mitchell and Douglas West requested maintenance on the loop road at Coral Point. Although one property owner refused to give right-of-way approval, the board, by a 3 to 2 vote, agreed to approve the petition pending the obtaining of the lacking signature.

Chairman Moses Howard announced that the maintenance requested on the Lockhart road west of Morehead City has been approved.

Related to road petitions was the request by Luby Hardison, New Bern, that the board endorse George Ipeck, Craven County, as an appointee from this area to the new state highway commission.

The board took the matter under consideration but Chairman Howard said he was personally in favor of Maynard Hicks, present road commissioner, if Mr. Hicks is interested in the job.

Chamber Okays Photo Business

The photography firm publicized in Friday's NEWS-TIMES as not being approved for doing business in Morehead City was cleared yesterday morning by the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce and the Morehead City town clerk's office.

J. A. DuBois, chamber manager, said the photographer, operating out of Chattanooga, Tenn., showed him his credentials which include membership in the United States Chamber of Commerce and the Better Business Bureau.

Mr. DuBois said that should a contract made by the photographer be broken, the person damaged should contact the chamber office, 6-3404.

Mr. DuBois informed THE NEWS-TIMES Thursday afternoon that after checking with the town clerk, he learned the firm had not received a license to do business here. A re-check yesterday morning showed that the photographer bought a license in Morehead City June 4, 1956. The license does not expire until June of this year.

The sittings for pictures have been scheduled at the Jefferson Hotel and the American Legion Building, Beaufort. Appointments are being made by phone through a representative of the photo studio in Morehead City.



Photo by Bob Seymour

Mayor A. B. Cooper, Atlantic Beach, third from the right, and the new town commissioners of Atlantic Beach get acquainted at their first meeting Friday morning. The commissioners are, left to right, A. F. Fleming, R. A. Barefoot, Milton G. Coyle, Mayor Cooper, Dr. N. Edward Bizzell, and H. M. Eure, clerk. Police Chief Bill Moore stands at the rear.



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Eric Rodgers, center, is welcomed to the Sea Level Chamber of Commerce banquet Friday night by Cecil Morris, left, and Clayton Fletcher, president of the chamber. Mr. Rodgers, who was principal speaker, is publisher of the Scotland Neck Commonwealth.