

Beaufort Will Pay Share to Fight Phone Rate Raise if Others Will

Beaufort will finance its proportionate share of fighting the phone rate raise if the county and other towns in the county do their part. This decision was made by the Beaufort town board at its meeting Monday night.

The East Carolina Phone Fight Committee, with Robert I. Powell, mayor of Clinton as chairman, asks interested towns to pay an assessment of 20 cents per phone to finance legal aid to contest Carolina Telephone Company's request for higher rates.

Dan Walker, clerk, said that 1,208 phones are listed on the Beaufort exchange, but only 820 of those are in town. At the rate of 20 cents a phone, Beaufort's share in the rate fight would be \$164.

Listed to the Morehead City exchange, he said, were 2,780 phones, of which 1,668 were in town. Morehead City's share of the cost would be \$333.60. (Morehead City has taken no action on the matter).

The commissioners said that they felt the county should finance the fight for persons living outside the

towns. (The county has taken no action).

Attorney Samuel Behrends Jr. has been employed to represent towns in the 41 eastern Carolina counties served by Carolina Telephone and Telegraph who object to the new rates.

Bonds Retired

The clerk reported that the town retired \$3,000 in bonds since July 1, 1957, leaving a bonded debt of \$358,000 as of Nov. 30, 1957. Retired in the eight years from June 30, 1949 to June 30, 1957 was a total of \$150,082.01.

The clerk commented that perhaps \$25,000 of \$42,000 in back taxes is collectible. The clerk's office is still working on setting up a machine system for keeping books. Mr. Walker said that by March the town should be able to keep an accurate record on parking meter violations and monthly financial reports will be forthcoming when the new machine system is operating properly.

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School Children to Aid In 1958 March of Dimes

Dr. Eure Wins Silver Beaver

All schools in the county have been supplied with containers in which money for the March of Dimes will be placed.

Mrs. John Johnson, campaign chairman, said that each school was given enough containers for each room. The room which collects the highest amount of money in each school will receive a \$5 cash prize.

Although the March of Dimes continues throughout the month of January, the principals may conduct the campaign in their schools the length of time they wish.

Theme of the March of Dimes this year is "Survival is Not Enough." Emphasis is being placed on rehabilitating and helping persons who are still crippled from polio.

March of Dimes funds will also be used in 1958 to continue and expand studies in the field of virus research which may lead to preventives of many other virus diseases.

Another objective of the March of Dimes is to finance the training of scientists, doctors and therapists in the care of the disabled.

The organization has assisted in the education of nearly 7,000 men and women in the field of polio and related studies, but the shortage of skilled hands is still acute.

20th Anniversary

Coinciding with the opening of the 1958 fund-raising drive, the National Foundation celebrated its 20th anniversary on Jan. 2.

In the 20-year period it not only sponsored the research that led to creation of the Salk Vaccine but also financed the care of 325,000 polio patients.

"The end of the era of epidemic polio," said Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation, "marks the beginning of an even more important, broader, more challenging era of achievement for the March of Dimes. The rehabilitation of polio patients is the first step toward our greater goal."

Two Accidents Occur Tuesday

Two wrecks were reported in Morehead City Tuesday. A school bus and car collided at 8:25 a.m. and at 3:35 p.m. a Marine truck hit a new Chrysler.

The first accident occurred at 17th and Bridges Streets. Mrs. Neta C. Andrews of Morehead City was driving west on Bridges Street when the school bus pulled out of 17th Street. The bus pulled too far into the street and hit her right rear fender.

Chief Herbert Griffin investigated the accident. He estimated damage to each vehicle at \$50. There were no charges.

The second accident occurred on Bridges Street at the Morehead City school. Mrs. Robin S. Arquette of Beaufort had stopped her new Chrysler for the traffic signal when the Marine truck ran into her.

C. E. Veilleux, driver of the truck, told police officers that his brakes failed. The front bumper of the big truck demolished the trunk and both rear fenders of the Chrysler. The truck was not damaged. There were no charges.

December Tax Collections Total \$29,737, Board Told

Tax collections during December totaled \$29,737.37. E. O. Moore, county tax collector informed the board of commissioners Monday morning.

Collected on the 1957 levy was \$27,626.96 and on 1956 and prior levies \$2,110.41. Percentage of the 1957 levy collected to date is 60.49.

E. L. Brinson, deputy collector of delinquent personal property taxes, collected \$1,037.97 during December.

Mr. Brinson told the commissioners that his job was not an easy one, that through the years Mr. Moore's office had done a thorough job — there were no "cream of the crop" delinquent taxes to collect, he remarked.

State to Ask Army to Study Park Erosion

The first glimmer of hope that the state is actively interested in protecting Fort Macon State Park from ocean invasion came last week with a statement from the governor's office.

Announcing that federal and state experts will search for methods to protect Ocracoke from hurricane and storm tide damage, a statement prepared by Ed Rankin, secretary to the governor, said, "A similar situation, perhaps even worse has developed on the island near Morehead City on which Fort Macon State Park is located."

The governor will ask the Beach Erosion Board of the Army Corps of Engineers to cooperate in a study to determine the best method to protect the state park and adjacent areas.

The Ocracoke study is being financed by \$10,500 in state funds and \$30,500 in federal funds.

Ocracoke is an important link in the proposed all-seashore highway and unless a highway can be protected from storm tides, an all-seashore route along the coast may be jeopardized.

Governor Hodges has also announced that the Corps of Engineers will close the inlet at Long Beach opened by Hurricane Hazel.

He said the inlet cut in the Brunswick County beach had caused loss of revenue to the county and to individual property owners.

Truck Collides With Car Monday

Henry Allen, Camp Lejeune truck driver, was charged with failing to give a proper turn signal after his truck collided with a 1957 Oldsmobile at midnight Monday on Highway 70 across from the Carolina race track.

Driving the Oldsmobile was R. W. Davis, Morehead City. No one was hurt.

Patrolman W. E. Pickard said both vehicles were headed east when the truck pulled to the left to enter a service station. Just as the truck pulled to the left, the Oldsmobile attempted to pass. Patrolman Pickard said the truck driver told him he signaled a left turn about 50 feet prior to turning. It was raining hard at the time.

Damage to the truck was minor. Damage to the Oldsmobile was estimated at \$150.

Shipyards Fire

Morehead City firemen were called to the Morehead City Shipbuilding Co. at 3:15 a.m. yesterday. A fire had started in a trash can and had caught the floor on fire when the firemen got there. There was little damage, firemen said.

Judge Sentences Two To 90-Day Jail Terms

Two defendants drew jail terms in Morehead City recorder's court Monday. Willie Robinson and Houston M. Allison got 90 days each for larceny.

Robinson was convicted of stealing \$15 from C. F. Buck and Allison was found guilty of shoplifting at the A&P store.

Gladys D. Jones was fined \$100 and costs for driving drunk and she appealed the verdict to superior court. Bond was set at \$150.

Andrew Midgett requested a jury trial. He is charged with driving drunk and failing to yield the right of way. His bond was set at \$150.

Fined \$100, Costs

A third defendant charged with driving drunk, Pete Forbes, accepted a \$100 and costs fine. He was given time to raise the money.

Henry Clay Jones was fined \$50 and costs for careless and reckless driving. Donald D. Harrelson was charged costs and had to surrender his license for 30 days for reckless driving.

Eddie Lee Howell was fined \$15 and costs for speeding. Harvey Lewis was fined \$25 and costs for larceny. James Wilson was fined \$25 and costs for having an expired license and expired registration.

Guilt on Three Counts

Willie Acklin was found guilty of speeding, careless and reckless driving and running two stop signs. He had been charged with driving without a license but showed Monday that he had a valid license at

Sale of 1958 Auto Tags Totaled 1,052 Yesterday

Sale of 1958 auto tags at the First Citizens loan department, Morehead City, totaled 1,052 at 1:30 p.m. yesterday.

Auto tags sold numbered 882, trucks 115, and trailer plates 55. All vehicles must have 1958 tags by Feb. 16.

For Clarity's Sake

An editorial in today's paper comments on the increase in use of accounting machines in local government offices. Some readers may interpret the editorial as stating that such a machine has been ordered for use in the Morehead City town hall. That is not the case. Commissioners listened to one sales proposal on an accounting machine and took no action.

C&D Approves Seaplane to Aid Fisheries Unit

Fisheries Hearing Will Be Held at Morehead City April 12

The State Board of Conservation and Development has given its blessing to a request for a seaplane to help in enforcement of state fisheries regulations.

The request was made by C. G. Holland, state fisheries commissioner, at the C&D meeting Monday at Raleigh.

The seaplane would cost about \$7,500. Commissioner Holland pointed out that his department will have a \$20,000 surplus at the close of the current fiscal year—enough to buy the plane and pay a pilot.

The money, he said, will revert to the state's general fund, if not used.

Final approval of the plan will lie with the Council of State and the budget bureau. Commissioner Holland said the plane would help with enforcement of fisheries laws on the 6,000 square miles of North Carolina waters.

Hearing Date

A fisheries hearing at Morehead City was set for 2 p.m. Saturday, April 12. At that time a request to prohibit Saturday shrimping in state-controlled waters will be considered. The no-shrimping Saturday proposal has been made by the North Carolina Fisheries Association.

Also to be considered at the hearing is a request to permit fishing in waters from the Albemarle Bridge on Highway 32 at Pea Ridge to the Norfolk Southern railroad bridge over Highway 17. Permission to use three-inch and larger nets was requested in those waters.

One Quart Limit

The fisheries committee changed a regulation allowing an individual to have one gallon of shucked oysters for "personal use" to only one quart.

Commissioner Holland explained that individuals peddle shucked oysters, but the oysters have not been opened under approved sanitary conditions; thus reducing the amount of shucked oysters allowed in possession will deter the peddling.

Permission went to Commissioner Holland to start an educational program designed to prevent the pollution of oyster beds by bilge water and sewage from oyster boats passing over them.

It is expected that a sanitary toilet will be required on all commercial fishing boats in the future to comply with federal regulations regarding shellfish taken from North Carolina waters.

The commissioner said he hoped oystermen would comply voluntarily. The restriction is required by the federal government and applies wherever oysters are sold out of state.

Nothing, it was stated, could be done about pleasure and sport craft operating in the waters.

Commissioner Holland attended a budget meeting Wednesday in Raleigh. Others in Raleigh for the C&D meeting Monday and Tuesday were Cecil Morris, chairman of the commercial fisheries committee; Dr. A. F. Chestnut, Institute of Fisheries Research, and Leon K. Thomas of the state fisheries division.

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First Week of Tax Listing Passes

Listing of taxes appears to be proceeding at normal pace, county officials reported yesterday.

Listing started Thursday in each of the townships in the county. Friday, Jan. 31, will be the last day for listing real and personal property, and for men to register for poll tax.

Persons who fail to list or who attempt to conceal property in an effort to evade taxation may be fined up to \$50 or be imprisoned for as many as 30 days.

Tax listers and the communities for which they are listing are Walter Smith, Atlantic; U. E. Swann and C. Z. Chappell, Beaufort; Mrs. Dora Day, Cedar Island; Mrs. Delia Davis, Davis and Stacy.

Charles W. Hancock, Harkers Island; Mrs. S. E. Wilkinson, Harlowe; James Gillikin, Marshallberg; George Hardy, Merrimon; John Baker and Jerry Willis, Morehead.

Prentiss Garner, Newport; Mrs. Blanche Willis, Sea Level; Mrs. Dolly Taylor, Smyrna; Theodore Willis, Straits; and Sam B. Meadows, White Oak.

Trains Again Move over Bridge

Beaufort and Morehead Railroad cars resumed trips back and forth between Beaufort and Morehead City at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

A crane on a barge, pulled by a tug, ran into the Newport River railroad draw about 1:15 p.m. Tuesday. Damage to the draw made it impossible for trains to cross.

Temporary repairs have been made. Guy Smith Jr., reported from the B&M office yesterday morning that full damage cannot be estimated until permanent repair work starts. There may be damage to pilings that cannot be seen from the surface.

The tug and its tow were going south, believed to be destined for Florida. The tug belonged to Barbours Boat Works, New Bern. The tug and the barge are now tied up in a canal north of the bridge.

The company owning the tug will be asked to post bond to assure that repairs to the bridge will be paid for, before the tug and its tow will be allowed to proceed.

Firemen's Meeting

Ten Newport firemen will go to the quarterly meeting of the East Carolina Firemen's Association Tuesday night at Clinton.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Friday, Jan. 10	LOW
11:46 a.m.		5:25 a.m.
		5:58 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 11		
12:24 a.m.		6:27 a.m.
12:42 p.m.		6:58 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 12		
1:20 a.m.		7:40 a.m.
1:40 p.m.		8:05 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 13		
2:19 a.m.		8:53 a.m.
2:40 p.m.		9:12 p.m.

Farmers Will Start Sign-Up Monday for Soil Bank

County farmers will begin signing up for the acreage reserve phase of the soil bank program at 8 a.m. Monday. B. J. May, county ASC office manager, says that all tobacco and cotton farmers will be eligible to sign up this year.

Mr. May adds that unlike last year, there is no set amount that a county can receive. "We will take applications on a first-come-first-served basis. As long as there is money in the federal budget for the soil bank, farmers can keep on signing up," he explains.

Under the acreage reserve phase of the soil bank, a farmer can get up to \$293 per acre for not planting tobacco or up to \$63 per acre for not planting cotton.

Minimums Set

Payments are determined by an average yield of the three best crops raised by a farmer between 1950 and 1956. The minimum payments are \$191 per acre for tobacco and \$46 per acre for cotton.

Last year county farmers received \$73,552.92 from the soil bank. There were 121 tobacco farmers and 24 cotton farmers who signed up.

The conservation reserve phase of the program has not received the wide-spread acceptance accorded the acreage reserve phase. "Farmers are reluctant to lease their land to the government for a period of years," Mr. May says.

No Sign-Up

The current sign-up period for the conservation phase will expire Feb. 15. It has been running for several weeks and no county farmers have signed up.

The county ASC committee met Tuesday and reviewed new regulations governing the cost of pre-measurement and re-measurement of land planted in cotton, wheat, tobacco and peanuts.

Pre-measurement and re-measurement rates are \$1 per acre with a minimum of \$8 per farm.

If a farmer is found to have an excess acreage of one of these crops the following prices will apply for the disposition of that acreage: tobacco — \$1 per tenth acre with a \$5 per farm minimum; wheat — \$1 per acre with a \$5 per farm minimum; cotton or peanuts — 25 cents per tenth acre with a \$5 per farm minimum.

Mr. May pointed out that farmers can grow up to an acre of peanuts and do anything they want to with them. "If a farmer grows more than an acre of peanuts this year he will have to pay the minimum charge of \$5 per farm to have a witness come see how he disposes of the peanuts," he says.

"Many farmers grow peanuts for their hogs. It will still cost them \$5 to pay a witness to come to see that the peanut field is 'hogged off' and no peanuts are sold," he concluded.

Beaufort Board to Consider Rezoning Proposal Monday

Beaufort town fathers will hear opinions of citizens on re-zoning Cedar Street when they meet at the town hall at 7:30 Monday night.

The town planning board has recommended that lots on both sides of the street (which will be the new Highway 70 through town) should be zoned for business. It is proposed that the first block after crossing the new bridge, already zoned industrial on the north side, remain as it is.

Specific recommendations follow:

1. Establishment of a building setback line 50 feet from the center of Cedar Street, both sides of the street, its entire length.
2. Re-zoning of Cedar Street to a business district, to a depth of 110 feet north of the north right of way line of said street, and to a depth of 110 feet south of the south right of way line of said street, from its western terminus to Live Oak Street, except those portions thereof already zoned for industrial purposes.

The planning board chairman, Halsey Paul, asked in December that the town board name two alternates for the planning board. The town board, at its meeting Monday night, took no action.

The board deferred action until this coming Monday night on a request by Esso that would allow easier access to the Esso station on Front Street.

R. E. Riddle, spokesman for Esso, said that the town parking arrangement discourages motorists' use of the station. Chief of Police Guy Springle and Clerk Dan Walker suggested that the two angle parking spaces east of the station be made into one parallel parking space and that the curbing at the northwest corner of the station be removed to allow cars easier entrance from the west.

Appearing with Mr. Riddle were C. V. Carraker and Linwood Gillikin. Mr. Gillikin operates the station. Mr. Riddle pointed out that Esso invested \$25,000 two and a half years ago to remodel the station and since that time the station has done less business than prior to the remodeling.

He said that lack of access to the station was one of the difficulties.

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Newport Board to Advertise, Sell Property of Delinquent Taxpayers

Newport town commissioners voted Tuesday night at their meeting in the town hall to advertise property on which 1957 taxes have not been paid and follow through with execution of judgments and sale.

When the town advertised property of delinquent taxpayers several years ago, the commissioners decided not to issue executions or go through with the final sale.

This year, the board says, the letter of the law will be followed and 1957 delinquents who do not pay their taxes will lose their property. If not bought by individuals, the town will buy it and re-sell later if it chooses to do so.

Collection Percentage

According to a letter from the auditor, read by Mayor Leon Mann Jr., the town's next budget should be set up on only 64 per cent collection of the tax levy, for that is the average amount being collected each year.

Commissioner Dick Lockey said that persons have been complaining to him that they pay their taxes, while others get away with not paying.

The property will be advertised in the spring. Tax certificates will be issued, taken to the clerk of

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