

## Newport Board Reviews Audit For 1957-58

Newport commissioners, at their January meeting last week, were presented the audit for the 1957-58 fiscal year.

As of June 30, 1958, the audit showed \$5,309.29 in the general fund and \$3,102.83 in the Powell Bill fund with \$120,000 payable in water bonds.

Total revenue for the year was \$15,527.13. Expenses were \$14,816.54, leaving an excess of \$710.59 in revenue over expenses.

Property and poll taxes collected amounted to \$8,577.86; schedule "B" licenses, \$432.48; revenue from ABC store, \$4,041.96; beer, wine rebate, \$990.68; town auto tag fees, \$217; mayor's court fines and costs, \$212.68; cemetery lot sales, \$60; sale of municipal real estate, \$750; miscellaneous receipts, \$294.91 and interest received, \$39.56.

On the water bonds, the audit reported that all interest and principal due June 1, 1958 had been paid.

Expenses included administrative costs of \$3,331.14; street and police department, \$6,237.88; fire department, \$647.58; town hall maintenance, \$372.99; bond issue expense, \$222.87.

Expenditures of Powell Bill funds on streets was \$4,316.74, or \$413.31 more than the Powell Bill grant of \$3,903.43.

Sales of water to customers amounted to \$2,449.60. Expenses were \$2,382.30, showing a net profit of \$67.30 on operations. Interest and bond expense totaled \$5,194.93.

Departmental expenses included \$1,639.71 in administrative salaries; \$3,300 in street and police salaries; \$500 for attorney's fees and legal costs; \$1,097.70 for street and other lighting; and \$200 for firemen's memberships.

Other costs included \$300 for auditing, \$543.67 for insurance; \$351.31 for civic promotion and advertising, \$287.18 for mosquito control and \$106 to the librarian.

The audit was prepared by Josiah W. Bailey, CPA.

## German Scientist Pursues Unusual Studies at Duke



Photo by Bob Seymour

Dr. Rolf Siepmann holds tubes containing mud he scooped from the floor of the ocean, nearly three miles below the surface. He "hatches" samples of the mud in the incubator behind him, then studies the forms of life that grow.

Dr. Rolf Siepmann, Neudeck, Germany, is carrying on a unusual research program at Duke Marine laboratory, Pivers Island. Working in the new laboratory completed last summer, Dr. Siepmann is busy "hatching" mud he collected from nearly three miles under the surface of the ocean.

Dr. Siepmann came to North Carolina last September. After receiving his doctorate from the University of Kiel in 1957, Dr. Siepmann discovered that opportunities for biologists were very limited in Europe.

He applied for and received a grant to come to this county and do research with Duke. After spending two months at the campus near Durham, Dr. Siepmann went on a cruise with a crew from Woods Hole, Mass.

It was on this cruise that he collected mud from the floor of the ocean near Bermuda. The mud was placed in sterile tubes and has been kept under refrigeration ever since.

Dr. Siepmann takes small samples of the mud and incubates them until microscopic growth begins. At this point, his research really begins. Dr. Siepmann says he is attempting to isolate and classify the various types of growths.

The educational system in Germany is different from that of the United States. Dr. Siepmann got a diploma equivalent to a junior college degree when he finished public school.

After working in a dairy products factory, he entered the University of Kiel, where he spent seven years working for his doctorate. He majored in microbiology, with minors in chemistry and botany.

Though he speaks English well, Dr. Siepmann says he had only three years of English in public school.

Dr. Siepmann came to the United States on an immigration visa. This means he can stay here and eventually earn his citizenship if he is able to support himself—obviously no problem for a man of his training and talents.

His fiancée, Miss Jutta Zerahn, a pharmacist, has applied for a visa and the couple plan to get married when she arrives in March.

Though he is very pleased with American life, Dr. Siepmann recalls that he was slightly disappointed with America when he first arrived.

"The first thing I noticed when I arrived in New York was the piers. They were not very pretty—just like piers in any other large city," he says.

His first dealings with American customs officials was somewhat unimpressive. He arrived with nearly 100 fungi cultures, which he had failed to notify customs he was bringing.

Rather than make him discard the cultures, customs officials put in a special call to the department of agriculture and got Dr. Siepmann to describe the cultures to experts in Washington. They told customs to let the cultures pass.

He was then taken to the international student house, supported by the government, and spent two days there seeing New York. Then he came to North Carolina.

Dr. Siepmann will stay at Pivers Island through July, at which time he plans to move and continue his research with another university.

## Defendant Pays \$125, Costs In County Court

Morris J. Watkins drew the heaviest fine in county recorder's court Thursday. Judge Lambert Morris ordered him to pay a fine of \$125 plus court costs after he was convicted of driving drunk, speeding, careless and reckless driving and damage to private property.

Nelson E. Stratton was fined \$25 plus costs for speeding and driving without a license. Sidney E. Perrigoue, who had been fined \$10 and ordered to pay costs for speeding, appealed the judgment and posted a \$50 bond to appear in superior court.

Royce L. Horne paid \$15 plus court costs after he was found guilty of failing to yield the right of way.

Charles W. Chapman was ordered to pay \$10 plus costs for public drunkenness.

Two defendants were ordered to support their minor children. James Hardesty was ordered to pay \$5 a week and Charles Edward Lee was ordered to pay \$10 a week.

Three defendants were ordered to honor bad checks and pay court costs. They were William B. Duke, Dewey Price and W. J. Gregory.

Three defendants were ordered to pay court costs. They were Robert B. Fulcher, speeding; Thomas Hester Jr., driving on the wrong side of the road; and Lathan Willis, failing to yield the right of way.

Paying one-half costs for violation of fishing laws were Wardie Fulcher, Frank Harvey and Seymour Davis. The state continued 41 cases.

## Beach Town Board Proceeds With Plans to Expand North

### \$2 Six Building Permits Issued; '58 Summarized

By F. C. SALISBURY

During the month of December six building permits were issued by A. B. Roberts, building inspector of Morehead City. Cost of construction as covered by the permits, total \$15,250. Permits cover the erection of three houses; E. C. Weeks, Calico Drive, \$7,500, and two by Frank Pigford, Bay Street, \$2,500 and 15th Street, \$2,000.

Henry White built a warehouse in the rear of the store occupied by Sears at a cost of \$2,500. Vernon Smith made alteration on his house costing \$250 and Ted Garner built a car port at a cost of \$500.

Construction work in the town for 1958 showed a large increase over the preceding year, totaling \$651,530, against the sum of \$130,830 for 1957. Included in the year's total is the sum of \$400,000 for the erection of a warehouse at the port terminal.

Aside from this item, building permits covered the erection of 21 houses at a cost of \$52,700; commercial structures, \$182,515; alterations and repairs, \$15,285, and garages, \$1,050.

Of the 21 houses only three showed a cost of over \$5,000; E. C. Weeks, \$7,500, Davis Gould, \$7,000 and J. O. Fussell, \$6,500. Commercial buildings for the year (not including the warehouse) exceeded those of 1957 by nearly a cost of \$100,000.

Construction costs on commercial structures exceeding \$5,000, included Bell and Munden funeral home, \$50,000; First-Citizens Bank, altering front of building, \$40,000; A. & W. Developing company, business block, \$19,800; Styron's business block, \$15,000; Jasper Bell, business block, \$15,000; W. P. Freeman, dock, machine shop and repairing building, \$8,100; W. Ray Pool, office building, \$12,500, in course of construction.

Minor alterations and repairs to houses and business places totaled \$15,285. Garages, \$1,050. No permits were required for repairing or rebuilding the damage caused by the hurricane. The amount of damage caused by that storm is estimated at over \$100,000, of which the sum of \$21,000 covered the cost of rebuilding the warehouse of the W. P. Freeman Wholesale Co.

Summary for 1957: New houses built, 9, costing \$23,770; commercial structures, \$94,645; additions and repairs \$12,115; garages, \$300.

## Commissioners Suggest Hearing on Matter in March

Atlantic Beach town commissioners, in session Saturday afternoon at the town hall, authorized advertising of a public hearing, the first step toward expanding the town limits northward to Bogue Sound.

Notice of the hearing will be published for four weeks, setting date of the hearing for March. George McNeill, town attorney, said that if 15 per cent of the persons in the area affected request a referendum, the board then sets a date for a vote on the matter.

If 15 per cent do not request a referendum, the board can annex the area by resolution.

Persons in the area were invited to the Saturday meeting. Three attended. They were Dom Femia, Mrs. Joyce Chambers and S. K. Hedgecock.

Mr. Femia, who operates Dom-El's drive-in, located on the beach causeway north of the present town limits, said he was opposed to becoming part of the town because a town ordinance requires businesses to close at 1 a.m.

He told the board that he does most of his business after midnight. The board told him that the ordinance was passed to limit noise and disturbance in the "amusement area" in the beach triangle, which is surrounded by motels and cottages, and further, that allowing the businesses in the congested area to stay open all night meant that the police force would have to be enlarged.

## Methodists Plan Workers School For Feb. 15-18

The board of managers of the Carteret County Workers School, sponsored by the Methodist Churches of the Carteret area, met Sunday afternoon at Ann Street Methodist Church in Beaufort. The group planned this year's Workers School which will be held Feb. 15-18 at First Methodist Church, Morehead City.

Members of the board present were the Rev. John Cline, Beaufort, chairman; the Rev. W. M. Jeffries, dean, Marshallberg; Skinner Chalk, Morehead City, chairman of local arrangements; the Rev. Virgil Moore, Camp Glenn, housing; the Rev. D. M. Tyson, Williston, treasurer; and the Rev. Ralph L. Fleming Jr., publicity.

Mr. Jeffries reported that the following courses would be taught: primary laboratory session for primary teachers and helpers, The Methodist Youth Fellowship for adult workers and teachers of youth and teaching juniors.

There will be three courses of general interest to laymen and laywomen as well as teachers and church leaders, Christian evangelism, Christian stewardship, and how to read and study the Bible.

The next meeting of the board of managers which is made up of all Carteret Methodist ministers, Sunday school superintendents and education commission chairmen will be held Sunday, Jan. 25 at 3 p.m. at First Methodist Church, Morehead City.

## Postoffice Business Up

Beaufort postoffice receipts for 1958 showed an increase of \$2,634.36 over 1957, J. P. Betts, postmaster, announced yesterday. Total receipts for 1958 were \$38,364.89 as compared with \$35,730.53 for 1957.

Mr. Betts said about 15 per cent of the increase can be attributed to the higher postal rates which went into effect in July.

The Christmas mail volume was about the same as 1957, the postmaster estimated. He believes that the 3-cent cost of mailing Christmas cards cut down a bit on the number of cards mailed. Until July the cost of mailing the cards was 2 cents a piece.

A new rural route was added, beginning Jan. 1, the new route is Beaufort route 2. This may cause an increase in the amount of postoffice business this year, the postmaster said. He said that the new route operation is proceeding satisfactorily and patrons seem pleased with the improvement.

## Postoffice Business Up

Total receipts at the Morehead City postoffice for 1958 were \$80,487.88, Harold Webb, postmaster, announced yesterday. This exceeds by about \$8,000 the amount of business done by the postoffice in 1957. The 1957 receipts were \$72,055.56.

Included in those figures are postage stamp sales, bulk mail permits, box rent and second class mail receipts. Not included are money order sales.

The volume of Christmas mail at the postoffice exceeded 1957's also, postmaster Webb said. Six substitute clerks were needed to handle the business this Christmas as compared with five in 1957.

"And I think they did a mighty fine job," Mr. Webb added.

The amount of business done at the postoffice is significant, in that 1958 was a year that contained a recession for many other parts of the country.

## New Bern Lions Visit Beaufort

Three members of the New Bern Lions Club met with the Beaufort Lions Thursday night in the home of Lion Edward Nelson. Dr. Nat M. Baxter, zone chairman, Ed Berry and Jake Hooks urged the Beaufort Lions to send representatives to the state convention in June.

President Hobert Kelly appointed Charles Peterson, Edgar Cole and Charles Hassell to make recommendations for a permanent meeting place.

Allen Godbee was appointed publicity chairman. He, Mr. Hassell and Jesse Taylor were appointed to the membership committee.

Mr. Kelly agreed to obtain a speaker from the welfare department to discuss work with the blind for the next meeting. The principal project for the Lions is to help persons with visual defects.

## Scouts Collect \$208 for MOD

Beaufort and Morehead City Scouts who conducted the Block of Dimes events in Beaufort and Morehead City Saturday raised \$208.75, Mrs. Lockwood Phillips, chairman of the March of Dimes chapter, reported yesterday.

Troop 130, Morehead City, Ethan Davis, Scoutmaster, collected \$116.50. Troop 201, Beaufort, Roy N. Vickery, Scoutmaster, collected \$92.25. Mrs. Phillips commended both troops and was pleased with the results.

Girls will sell blue crutches on the streets of Beaufort and Morehead City Saturday. In return for a contribution to the March of Dimes, a blue crutch pin will be given.

The blue crutch event in Newport will be handled by Cub pack 61.

Grayden Paul, chairman of the campaign, has been showing the movie, The Challenge, to civic groups. He invites any group that would like to see the film to call him at PA 8-4443 or PA 8-4898.

Mr. Paul will show the film to the Beaufort Rotary Club tonight, to Morehead City Rotary Thursday night and to the Morehead City Lions Thursday, Jan. 22.

## AAUW to Meet

The American Association of University Women will meet at 8 p.m. Friday at the civic center, Morehead City.

## Josiah Bailey Speaks Friday

Josiah Bailey gave his fellow Citizens an account of his job as a public accountant at the club meeting at Mrs. Russell Willis' Restaurant Friday noon.

Mr. Bailey described the types of services an accountant offers and explained the obligation an accountant has to his client. He spoke at the invitation of program chairman Walter Morris.

Project's chairman Jasper Bell reported that he had contacted Lenwood Lee at the high school concerning student day. This day is dedicated to teaching school students more about city government.

The students elect a mayor, commissioners and other town officials who actually do the tasks of those officials for one day.

Fruitcake sale chairman Warren Beck reported that the club still has fruitcakes for sale. He said that people still owed nearly \$100 for cakes they bought on credit.

One guest attended the meeting. He was J. E. Montgomery, guest of Mr. Beck and Roper Van Horn.

## Woman Injured in Two-Car Collision Near Wildwood



Photo by Donald Edwards

Driving this 1952 Pontiac, which collided with another car Saturday was Frederick Taylor, Morehead City, who has been put in jail, charged with motor vehicle violations.

Mrs. Justin Robinson, Morehead City, driver of the 1952 Pontiac which collided with the Mercury, said his legs hurt.

The injured were taken to the Morehead City Hospital in the Bell and Munden ambulance. Mrs. Robinson was at home yesterday.

According to patrolman Pickard, the Robinsons were going west and the Pontiac was headed east. Taylor was apparently going at a high rate of speed, failed to make a curve, ran off to the right, skidded back to the left and hit the Mercury. The Pontiac glanced off the Mercury and ended up in a ditch on the right.

Taylor has been charged with driving drunk, speeding and driving on the wrong side of the road. He's in the county jail.

Damage to both cars exceeded \$500.

Joint Meeting

Beaufort and Morehead City town commissioners will meet at 7:45 p.m. Friday, night at the Morehead City municipal building to discuss sewage disposal plants.

## Club Sends Lion To Convention

Morehead City Lions, at their meeting at the Hotel Fort Macon Thursday night, voted \$25 in expenses to O. J. Morrow to attend the mid-winter Lions convention at Rocky Mount this week.

The convention started yesterday and ends today. The club also voted to extend an invitation to the Lions to hold their mid-winter convention at Morehead City in January 1960.

The club voted to spend \$100 in campaign expenses in June at the New Bern convention to help elect Jim Crowe, a member of the Morehead City Lions Club, as governor of district II.

The club approved Wallace I. West, Wilmington, as international director. It was reported that the club had received a letter from the chamber of commerce, thanking members for attending the Nov. 20 chamber membership meeting.

Harry Van Horn was named chairman of a broom sale to be conducted in the spring. The club voted to pay \$50 in bills, including \$29 for eye examinations and glasses for two persons.

The club voted to extend an invitation to state cosmetologists to meet in Morehead City in 1960. At the request of Jaycees, Lions are considering candidates for a Teen-Ager of the year award.

## Carl Knott Heads East Carolina Council, BSA

Carl T. Knott, district scout executive of Greenville, has been appointed field staff director for the East Carolina Council, Boy Scouts of America, according to a joint statement by council president Joe E. Eagles of Crisp, N. C., and Scout executive O. B. Roberts of Wilson.

Mr. Knott has been employed by the council for the past four years and has served as district scout executive for Pitt district. During this time he also served Roanoke-Chowan and Carteret districts.

As field staff director, Mr. Knott will assist the ten field and district Scout executives in planning and carrying out their duties in the 21 county area.

He will move from Greenville to Wilson, the council headquarters office in the very near future.

## This is State Symphony Week

This is North Carolina Symphony Week.

Persons interested in bringing fine music to this area are invited to join the North Carolina Symphony society. Workers selling memberships can be reached at PA 8-3155 or PA 6-4383.

A single membership is \$3, a joint membership for two adults at the same address \$5. A student membership (for anyone in public school or college) is \$1. An "active" membership of \$10 entitles the holder to hold office in the state symphony society and gives the holder four adult memberships.

A donor membership, \$25 or more, entitles the holder to 10 adult memberships or 25 student memberships.

Members of the symphony society are entitled to attend concerts by the North Carolina symphony orchestra. If sufficient memberships are sold in this county, the orchestra will give an adult and free children's concert here in the spring.

## District Methodists Will Meet in Beaufort Friday

Lay and clerical leaders, several hundred strong, from the Methodist Churches of the New Bern district will converge on Beaufort Friday of this week for the district conference. The New Bern district comprises an area whose outer limits include Jacksonville, Richlands, Kinston, Greenville—to the Atlantic ocean.

Host church is Ann-Street Methodist Church of which the Rev. John M. Cline is pastor, Albert C. Gaskill, lay leader, and T. D. Eure, chairman of the official board; a large number of the members of Ann Street Church are serving on committees in preparation for the conference.

Dr. A. J. Hobbs, district superintendent, will preside over the sessions which will run from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The conference will convene with a devotional message by the Rev. T. R. Jenkins, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church, Jacksonville.

Statistical reports will be presented, pointing up the progress and achievements of the churches of the New Bern District in every phase of their work. Methodist leaders in the fields of evangelism, Christian education, missions, temperance, and the tv ministry will speak on their area of responsibility.

The morning session will close with an address by Dr. Allen P. Brantley, district superintendent of the Burlington District. Lunch will be served the conference in the N. F. Eure educational building.

Several young men will find this

## Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar		
HIGH		LOW
Tuesday, Jan. 13		
11:25 a.m.		5:02 a.m.
		5:31 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 14		
12:01 a.m.		5:49 a.m.
12:16 p.m.		6:17 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 15		
12:46 a.m.		6:42 a.m.
12:54 p.m.		7:08 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 16		
1:32 a.m.		7:46 a.m.
1:38 p.m.		8:07 p.m.

## Figure Incorrect

In an article setting forth opinions on the bond issue in Friday's paper, the \$100,000 mentioned as going to schools from court fines and bond forfeitures was incorrect. That amount for the past year was only \$32,000. This, plus approximately \$90,000 derived from taxes (at 20 cents per hundred) for school operation, totaled \$122,000.