

Beaufort Board Endorses Plan for Fire Protection

What Happened to Dire Predictions About Bridge?

Beaufort businessmen enjoyed record retail sales during the last quarter of 1958.

The Front Street crepe hangers were busy at work after the site for the new bridge was selected. They cried that it would channel "all business" away from Beaufort's shopping district.

Holden Ballou, who operates Holden's Restaurant in Beaufort and Dora Dinettes in Beaufort and Morehead City, says the relocated bridge has had no ill effect on business in Beaufort.

"The fact that the bridge is a couple of blocks farther away from town now does not make people change shopping districts. For years engineers have tried to discover ways to make people change their driving habits in order to relieve congestion on crowded streets.

"They have discovered that habit is almost impossible to change. People who have been shopping in Beaufort surely won't let a couple of blocks stand in their way.

"Business during the last quarter of 1958 was substantially better than for the corresponding period of the year before. The increased business has continued into this year," he concluded.

J. S. Steed, manager of the Colonial Store, says his business was up 2 to 3 per cent during the last quarter of last year. "We had a very good Christmas and business has held up good since then," he reports.

The Vogue did "a little better" than for the same period of 1957 announces Mrs. Frank Leonard.

F. M. Thompson, manager of Rose's, reports at least 10 per cent more business than the store had in 1957. "We had a slow summer and were behind 1957 until the fall.

"Business began picking up about Labor Day and by the end of the year we were ahead of 1957 on the over-all chart," Mr. Thompson says.

The Beaufort town commissioners endorsed a plan for rural fire protection at their meeting at the town hall Monday night. Newport mayor Leon Mann and Lt. Larry Howard of the Newport fire department attended the meeting to explain the plan.

Mayor Mann said that the charter for the Newport Rural Fire Association would expire next year. He said that the Newport Fire Department would not ask to have the charter renewed.

He suggested that the county government enter into contract agreements with the municipal fire departments in the county whereby the county would pay those fire departments for fighting out-of-town fires.

The county would get these funds from a special tax assessed on property outside the city limits of towns that offer fire protection. Such a tax could be levied only after a vote by the people affected.

Beaufort fire chief Clarence Davis Jr. attended the meeting and reported that the fire hydrants were in ill repair. He said they had not been painted in many years and were getting rusty. He also commented that many of the hydrants were twisted out of position.

Town clerk Dan Walker asked for permission to pay under protest the part of the town water bill covering fire hydrants. The commissioners gave Mr. Walker their permission, not only because of the condition of the hydrants but because they felt that the water company was responsible for the lack of water at the fire on Front Street in December.

Driving the truck was William Bradley Butler, who lives on Bogue Sound. He told Patrolman Smith that as he lit a cigarette, the truck went off the shoulder of the road and went into a skid. Butler was uninjured. The truck was demolished.

At 9:45 p.m. Wednesday a 1955 Chevrolet convertible, driven by Ernest L. Ladig, Cherry Point, apparently skidded and went into a ditch. Patrolman Smith said the accident happened a mile and a half east of Newport on highway 70.

Ladig was trapped in the car. He and his two passengers got sopping wet from the water in the ditch. All were taken to the Cherry Point dispensary. The convertible was demolished.

A 1949 Ford, driven by Guy C. Mosley, 107 N. 10th St., Morehead City flipped over in front of Ol Lawrence's store at Otway at 3:15 a.m. yesterday. Mosley was found guilty of careless and reckless driving in county court yesterday.

Rash of Highway Mishaps Occur During Rain

● Four Cars Turn Over, Injuries Minor

● One Driver Found Guilty Yesterday

A rash of auto accidents broke out in the county Wednesday, as the spell of rainy weather was coming to a close.

At 3:30 p.m. Wednesday five miles west of Morehead City on highway 24, a 1952 Ford pickup truck collided with a 1950 Oldsmobile. Driving the pickup was James F. Hardison, route 1 Morehead City. Driving the Oldsmobile was William E. Mathis, route 1 Morehead City.

Patrolman J. W. Sykes said that Hardison had pulled into a man's yard to discharge a passenger, but as he backed out he collided with the Oldsmobile proceeding along the highway. Damage to the pickup was estimated at \$50. Damage to the car was estimated at \$200.

At 3:15 p.m. Wednesday a half mile east of Sea Level a 1956 Ford driven by Lala Morris Hill, Atlantic, skidded and turned over on its side. Mrs. Hill, who was alone, was not hurt.

Patrolman W. J. Smith Jr. said that the car had a slick tire. The accident occurred during a heavy rain. Damage to the car was about \$150.

At 9:20 p.m. Wednesday six miles south of Newport on the Nine-Foot Road a 1950 three-quarter-ton Chevrolet pickup truck went into a ditch and struck a bridge of pulpwood logs.

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Chamber Directors Endorse Proposed School Bond Issue

Beyond the Call of Duty . . .



Raymond Spring Jr., Beaufort, right, sold 175 pop bottles to Clyde Owens, left, at Broad Street Grocery and turned in the \$3.50 he collected to the March of Dimes. Then Raymond went from door to door with his sister Susan and collected \$3.55 more for the March of Dimes. He's in the fourth grade at Beaufort School.

Auditor Commends County On Rate of Tax Collection

Frank P. Wall, auditor, commended the county on its rate of tax collection when he presented the 1957-58 audit at the Monday meeting of the county commissioners.

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Vote Will be Taken Next Month on Chamber Name

The proposed school bond issue was endorsed by a 2 to 1 majority Monday night at a meeting of the Morehead City chamber of commerce directors and committee chairmen.

The group agreed that immediate action on schools was necessary and that they should support the bond plan since no other workable plan had been proposed.

At the March meeting directors will vote on one of the following names for the chamber, which is soon to be incorporated: Carteret County Chamber of Commerce, Morehead City - Atlantic Beach Chamber of Commerce, Central Coastal Chamber of Commerce, Cape Lookout Area Chamber of Commerce, Greater Morehead City Chamber of Commerce.

Thursday, March 5, has been set as the date for the spring banquet. Organization of a Propeller Club, which would include longshoremen, shippers, pilots and other port-connected interests was discussed.

At the suggestion of S. A. Chalk Jr., the board recommended that the town be asked to provide permanent suction line connections along the waterfront to allow pumping of saltwater in case of fire, should the fresh water source fail.

It was also suggested that a corporation be sponsored by the chamber for the purpose of raising funds for a convention hall. J. M. Davis, president, recommended further study of the proposal, as well as further study of the plan to equip the recreation building so that it might be used this year by large convention groups.

Dr. S. W. Hatcher said a sign is needed on US 17 at Maysville, directing traffic to Morehead City and Atlantic Beach. Dick Parker showed a proof of a new brochure.

J. R. Sanders, treasurer, was directed to pay \$75 for an ad in the NC Travel Book and \$75 to Seashore Transportation Co. for buses used during last summer's Travel Council meeting here.

Attending the meeting, in addition to those mentioned, were Bud Dixon, Walter Morris, W. B. Chalk, W. J. Ipeck, Roy Eubanks, Shelby Freeman, Henry White, Edgar Swann, George McNeill, Dr. Russell Outlaw, P. H. Geer Jr., and Joe DuBois, chamber manager.

MOD Funds Total \$3,185.37

March of Dimes collections by Wednesday had totaled \$3,185.37, Mrs. C. L. Beam, chapter treasurer reported. This already exceeds last year's collections and more money is yet to come in.

Contributed by school pupils was the following: Newport \$141.62, Harkers Island \$84.42, Atlantic \$39.92, W. S. King \$29.03, Beaufort \$459.20, Queen Street \$92.73, Smyrna \$266.08, Camp Glenn \$269.91, Morehead City School \$87.41 and St. Egbert's \$13.70.

Mothers march collections in the Negro section of Beaufort amounted to \$6.16. Special contributions were \$15.20 from the Mt. Zion Sunday School class and \$4 from the Community Civic Club.

Helping on the march were Harriet Mathewson, Millie Hargett, Randall Hartley, Myrtle Turner, Sylvia Potter, Sylvia Oden, and Ingrid Ellison.

Other Mothers March receipts in Beaufort totaled \$289.74. Morehead City parking meters yielded \$20.95 and over \$900 was collected on the telephone.

Blue Crutch receipts from Cub Pack 61, Newport, amounted to \$28.77. Persons who have not yet contributed to the March of Dimes may mail their checks to Mrs. C. L. Beam, Beaufort.

Table with 3 columns: Day, Max. Wind, Min. Wind. Sunday: 44-40 NE, Monday: 39-33 NE, Tuesday: 53-30 NE, Wednesday: 60-49 NE.

Group Analyzes Carteret Farmers' Needs, Proposes Possible Solutions

Captain Stevens Killed in Crash

Capt. Charles W. Stevens Jr., USAF, 41, was one of three airmen killed in the crash of a stratoljet bomber Tuesday night near Little Rock, Ark. Captain Stevens, whose hometown was Beaufort, was commander of the B-47.

The Associated Press says the bomber struck the earth and exploded while approaching the base for a landing after completion of a training flight.

Wreckage was flung over a wide section of heavily wooded country about two miles east of US Highway 67 between Jacksonville and Cabot.

Although the remains of the airmen have not been found, they have been declared officially dead. Funeral arrangements for Captain Stevens were not complete yesterday.

The two others killed in the crash were Capt. Robert S. McCoy, 34, Des Moines, Ia., and First Lt. J. W. Smith, 24 of Little Neck, N. Y. Surviving Captain Stevens are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Stevens Sr. of Beaufort; his wife, Mrs. Norma Brown Stevens; one daughter, Pamela of the home; three sons, Charles Keith of the home and Richard and Wayne of Charlotte; two sisters, Mrs. C. R. Ward of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. Neal T. McKinnon of Somerset, Mass., and one brother, John H. Stevens of Gloucester, Va.

Industry Will Be BCDC Topic

Persons who fail to attend the Beaufort Development Corp. meeting at 7:30 Monday night will miss hearing the largest concentration of "small industry" brains in this area. W. H. Potter, president of the organization said yesterday.

The major speaker will be G. F. Albright of the small industries division, Department of Conservation and Development. Following his talk, representatives of Carolina Power and Light, banks, railroads, loan departments and chambers of commerce will participate in a round-table discussion.

Also invited to take part in the discussion are town officials of Morehead City, Beaufort, Newport and county officials. Accompanying Mr. Albright will be John Johnson of C&D, J. O. Barbour Jr., Odell Merrill and Braxton Adair will take Mr. Albright and Mr. Johnson to dinner prior to the meeting.

Tug Experienced Steering Trouble

John R. Mayberry, bridge tender on duty at the Atlantic Beach drawbridge Saturday night, said the barge that drifted ashore that night did not break loose from the tug as reported.

Mr. Mayberry said the master of the tug, Carolina, told him after the incident that the steering gear on the tug had broken.

White Oak Spokesman Gives Report on Beaufort Visit

Milton Truckner, spokesman for the White Oak delegation which visited the county board of education Monday, said that the main thing they requested was that the Carteret board of education meet with the Onslow board and discuss financial arrangements involving Carteret students going to Onslow schools.

Mr. Truckner said the Carteret board agreed. He said that no specific amount of money was requested from Carteret for payment to Onslow.

The Carteret board told the White Oak delegation it would have an answer for them in March. Mr. Truckner also said that asking Carteret for money was solely the idea of the White Oak citizens. He said that the idea for the petition did not come from Swansboro or Onslow County. He did say, however, that the Onslow people would be happy to accept any funds from Carteret to help pay for the schooling of Carteret pupils in Onslow schools.

Flyers to Bomb Pamlico Targets

Cherry Point warns Pamlico Sound navigators that practice bombing will take place in that area tomorrow, Saturday.

Bombing and strafing runs are scheduled for the Maw-Mays Point and Point of Marsh target areas from sunrise to sunset tomorrow. The Maw-Mays Point location is latitude 35°08' N and longitude 76°32'23" west.

Location of Point of Marsh target is latitude 35°01'59" N and longitude 76°27'59" west in Rattan Bay.

The surface danger area is within 4,000-foot radius from the target center. The ordnance used will be practice type, Cherry Point announces.

Farm Report The ESC farm labor office reports cabbage planting in full swing. Growers that planted cabbage early are having to re-set; split stem has started to show up from the cold weather. Cabbage planting is 35 per cent complete. Contract price per acre for planting is \$16. Labor is being used from North River, Harlowe and Lumberton.

Tide Table

Table with 2 columns: Tides at the Beaufort Bar, HIGH, LOW. Friday, Feb. 6: 7:11 a.m. 12:35 a.m., 7:37 p.m. 1:32 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7: 7:58 a.m. 1:45 a.m., 8:23 p.m. 2:18 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8: 8:41 a.m. 2:32 a.m., 9:08 p.m. 3:01 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9: 9:25 a.m. 3:16 a.m., 9:53 p.m. 3:41 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10: 10:08 a.m. 3:56 a.m., 10:37 p.m. 4:18 p.m.

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Extension Course To Begin Soon

A graduate-level course, techniques of teaching in the elementary school, will be offered in the county. The first class meeting is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at Camp Glenn School.

Dr. Douglas Jones of East Carolina College will be instructor for the course, which will give three-quarters of an hour credit toward certification, certificate renewal or a master's degree. The course will consist of 10 weekly classes. County school supervisor Fred Lewis says anyone interested in taking the course can enroll at the first meeting. About 30 county teachers, as well as teachers from Swansboro and Havelock, are expected to enroll. The cost is \$18.

Four PTA's Will Meet Monday at Morehead

Four Parent-Teacher Associations will meet at 7:30 Monday night, at Morehead City School to hear Dr. Allen S. Hurlburt, professor of education, Duke University.

The PTA's who will meet are Beaufort, Newport, Camp Glenn and Morehead City. Dr. Hurlburt, who recently spoke to the Morehead City Rotary Club, will talk on education.

Last Month's Court Receipts Total \$2,698

January court receipts were \$2,698.08, A. H. James, clerk of superior court, reported to county commissioners Monday. Received by superior court was \$248.38, through recorder's court \$2,311.25 and probate and clerk's fees amounted to \$138.45.