

Harry Venters, 4-H Advisor, Will Go to Chowan

● David Warrick to Take His Place Here

● Resignation Becomes Effective Aug. 1

Harry Venters, boys' 4-H advisor for the county, has resigned effective Aug. 1, and will be replaced by David Warrick. Mr. Venters' resignation was read to the county commissioners yesterday and Mr. Warrick accepted as his replacement.

Mr. Venters, who has been with the agriculture extension service in this county three and a half years, has accepted the position as assistant agricultural agent in Chowan County.

John Piland, eastern district supervisor in the agriculture extension program, introduced Mr. Warrick, who is 28, a native of Northampton County and a graduate of State College.

Mr. Warrick majored in vocational education and specialized in poultry and horticulture.

Mr. Venters, a native of Onslow County, came to Carteret under a federal program whereby additional aid was given counties badly hit by hurricanes. When Fred Knott, former 4-H advisor, left, Mr. Venters assumed his duties.

Three Men Get One-Year Jail Terms Tuesday

Three men were sentenced to one-year jail sentences in county recorder's court Tuesday. Charlie King and Leroy Powell were convicted of larceny and drew a one-year sentence. James L. Carroll received the same for failing to comply with terms of a suspended sentence Jan. 15, 1958. Carroll was charged with disturbing the peace and possession of non-tax paid whiskey.

Nine defendants, all charged with violation of shrimping laws, forfeited bond when they were called and failed to appear before the court. The nine were L. N. Moore, Theodore Willis, Fulford Lewis, Fred Lewis, Alonzo Salter, Albert Lewis, Hubert McCain, Carl Smith, and Dolly Willis. Jasper Day, also charged with shrimp law violation, waived hearing and was bound over to superior court.

Other defendants and the findings of the court were: Willie Lee Reed, charged with failing to stop for a stop sign, bond forfeited for failing to appear.

Greer Hudgins, public drunkenness, court costs; Joseph Feton, public drunkenness, failed to appear, forfeited bond.

Leo Talmadge Mathis, careless and reckless driving, found guilty of speeding, \$10 fine and costs. Bevard Garner, careless and reckless driving and driving on the wrong side of the road, \$10 and costs.

Robert Lee Luther Jr., speeding, \$55 and costs.

Theodore Johnson, transporting non-tax paid whiskey, three months in jail suspended on payment of \$25 and costs.

James S. Vernon, no operator's license, not prosecuted. G. A. Ballew, speeding, court costs.

Bobby Gene Mason, speeding, court costs.

Michael Fulcher, littering the highway; failed to appear, forfeited bond.

Robert J. Reiner, no operator's license, failing to yield the right of way and driving on the wrong side of the road, \$10 and costs.

Samuel H. Bussey Jr., allowing an unlicensed person to drive, half costs.

Peter Schutz, speeding, having no operator's license and careless and reckless driving, \$25 and costs.

Harry Thomas and Doster Lewis, engaging in an affray, failed to appear, forfeited bond.

Sixty-five cases were continued until next week's term of court.

Beaufort Firemen Answer Three Weekend Alarms

Beaufort firemen answered three alarms over the weekend. One was a false alarm from box 42 at Pine and Queen Streets received at 12:30 a.m. Thursday.

A bed was on fire at the home of Mrs. Mattie Bell, 116 Pollock Street, Thursday night at 11:30. Firemen put the blaze out and reported damage was confined to the bed.

The awning at City Barber Shop was destroyed at 12:55 a.m. Saturday. Firemen put the fire out, but not before a large hole had burned in the awning making it useless.

Governor Likes It Smoked



Frank Baer, left, smokehouse operator, and Capt. Otis Purifoy get marlin meat ready for smoking.

Beaufort's New Mayor Sets Forth Two-Year Objectives

In an interview Friday, Beaufort's new mayor, W. H. Potter, outlined the following three points as the major objectives of his administration:

1. Incorporate the entire Beaufort area within Beaufort town limits.
2. Make adequate use of water facilities for commercial and marine activities.
3. Establish whatever recreation facilities are needed to attract people.

Mayor Potter pulled his wallet from his pocket and said, "Money never walks by itself. People have to bring it. If we get people here we'll get the hotels and restaurants. I think our future is tied completely to sensible utilization of our waters."

A starkly realistic budget recommended by Mayor Potter indicates that another one of his objectives is to see the town of Beaufort live within its income. Whether this can be done under the present tax rate, remains to be seen.

Opportunities for the town, in the mayor's opinion, are the following:

1. Construct adequate city hall.
2. Make available adequate harbor and dock facilities to handle marine traffic and encourage more use of Beaufort Harbor, Town Creek, Taylor's Creek, North River and the entire Newport River basin.
3. Extend city limits to include all areas eligible for annexation.
4. Aid and assist in adequate schools for the Beaufort school district.

5. Improve streets and sidewalks.
6. Correct inept zoning and restrictive regulations.
7. Rehabilitate streets and sidewalks where needed.
8. Correct Broad Street traffic hazards.
9. Activate Merchants Association.
10. Increase efficiency of administrative affairs.
11. Beautify our city by taking advantage of the natural assets of the area.
12. Encourage optimism of all the citizens.
13. Actively pursue a program attracting PEOPLE to Beaufort.
14. Improve hotel and motel facilities.
15. Study and improve contractual obligations of Beaufort in relation to public utilities.
16. Proper location of new bridge between Beaufort and Morehead City. Along with this, the proper utilization of the land adjacent to the new bridge.
17. Correct as necessary, with cooperation of NC highway department, bottleneck created between new bridge location and B&M Railroad, causing inadequate sewage and storm water drainage.
18. Correct unsightly and unsanitary conditions at trash and garbage dump.
19. Radio communication between city hall and street department vehicles.
20. Perpetual restoration of cemeteries with continuing care and beautification.

Gov. Luther Hodges on June 18, 1959 wrote to Capt. Otis Purifoy, Morehead City, thanking him for some marlin Captain Otis had sent to the governor's mansion. The governor's letter follows:

June 18, 1959

Dear Captain Purifoy: Our mutual friend, Wade Lucas, brought me some smoked marlin and fresh marlin which he said you were good enough to send. I appreciate it very much.

Last night I had some of the smoked marlin and it was perfectly delicious. Possibly the cook here did not do the fresh marlin correctly as it was quite tough and not too tasty. The smoked marlin was most tasty.

The number of blue marlin that you and others have brought in down there is remarkable and I congratulate you. It is going to mean a great deal to the whole North Carolina coast.

Sincerely yours,
Luther H. Hodges

County Board Considers Tax, Highway Matters Yesterday

County commissioners considered routine tax and road matters at their first meeting of the new fiscal year yesterday morning at the courthouse, Beaufort.

The board authorized payment of 10 per cent commission to E. L. Brinson, deputy tax collector, on 1958 delinquent personal property taxes he collects.

It was reported that nine properties at Salter Path, on which taxes have not been paid, were sold for

taxes and were bid in by the county. In another instance, the county attached a car of a Salter Path resident who owed taxes. The owner then paid the delinquent taxes he owed.

The board reaffirmed its intention to have Salter Path property listed and taxes collected on it. Heretofore, Salter Path persons have been claiming tax immunity.

The board authorized assignment of a tax certificate to William Edward Gillikin on lot No. 3 square 67 in Morehead City. The certificate gives Gillikin a first mortgage on the property, after Gillikin pays the taxes due on it from 1953. The lot is listed in the name of E. G. Gillikin heirs.

The commissioners also approved publication of names of persons who failed to list their personal property in January. If these persons do not list within 30 days after their names are published, a warrant will be issued for their arrest.

Also to be advertised by the county is property for which the county holds tax deeds. Persons living on this property will be notified by mail that the property will be sold after Aug. 3.

In the past, this property has not attracted buyers, but in view of the fact that property values in the county have increased, the board feels that the public should be given the opportunity to buy the property.

Also approved was a proposal that bids be requested on supplying fuel oil for the jail and health center.

The 1959-60 budget was approved and James D. Potter was named tax supervisor for the next two years.

Forwarded to the State Highway Commission was a request that a paved 2,550-foot road in the Forest Hills subdivision be taken over and maintained by the state. The road adjoins the Morehead City country club road.

The board took no action on the request for improvement to a road at Broad Creek because of lack of right-of-way. It was reported that one property owner has refused to grant the necessary right-of-way.

The road is a quarter of a mile long and runs from the Broad Creek loop road south to Bogue Sound.

A request that the Hall road at Mansfield be put on the state system was turned down because the road does not meet the requirement that a road be two-tenths of a mile long before it can be added to the system. The road is



J. L. Humphrey ... 35 years



D. C. Golden ... 28 years

Beaufort Town Board Studies Balanced Budget Last Night

County Survives Holiday Weekend Without Fatalities

Beauties Leave Today to Take Part in Contest

Peggy Jo Wallace, Miss Beaufort, and JoAnn Parson, Miss Morehead City, left this morning to take part in the Miss North Carolina pageant tomorrow through Saturday at Durham. Seventy-one contestants are vying for the Miss North Carolina title.

Escorting Miss Wallace will be Gehrman Holland Jr., of Beaufort, and Miss Parson's escort will be Gary Long, Morehead City.

Miss Wallace's talent is singing and Miss Parson's is drama. Miss Parson will do a scene from Macbeth, the Murder of Duncan.

Miss Morehead City's chaperone will be Mrs. Rufus Butner, Morehead City, and Miss Beaufort's chaperone will be Miss Jean Chadwick, Beaufort.

Both contestants said yesterday that they were excited as well as a bit nervous.

The pageant gets under way tomorrow morning with a parade at 10. The finals will be Saturday night.

Competition starts tomorrow night at 8 at the high school, with the second and third performances Thursday and Friday nights.

Headquarters for contestants is the Washington-Duke Hotel. The Pageant is sponsored annually by North Carolina Jaycees.

Cars Collide

Minor damage was done Friday afternoon to two cars when Nicholas Walker of Morehead City backed his car from the curb into a car driven by Mazie Ellis of Morehead City, police said. The mishap occurred in front of the postoffice. There were no charges filed against the driver.

It was a quiet Fourth.

That's the opinion of law enforcement officers and most others in a position to know.

The few accidents that occurred were minor. There were no highway fatalities and no other violent deaths.

Large crowds attended both the pony penning at Cedar Island and the fish fry at Sea Level. The Sea Level Light attendant station, USCG, had on display Coast Guard equipment at the fish fry. Also on display was a model of a windmill, the type that once was used in this section.

The day was cool. An overcast sky and brisk northeast breeze kept the temperature in the 80's. The weather also kept people off the bathing beaches. They took to indoor recreation rather than brave the cool air.

Highway patrolmen said traffic was very heavy but drivers, apparently, were being extremely careful.

Patrolmen on duty in the county over the weekend included Nathan Robinson of Craven County and Sgt. Ernest Guthrie, New Bern.

Near-Drowning Occurs, Coast Guardsmen Called

Two trucks and the 30-footer from Fort Macon Coast Guard Station were called out Sunday afternoon at 12:50 when a telephone call was received from Mrs. R. L. Duke saying that a man was drowning near Oceanana pier.

When Coast Guardsmen arrived on the scene witnesses said the man had been pulled from the water and had left the scene accompanied by persons believed to be his parents. He seemed to be in a state of shock, witnesses reported.

Aboard the 30-footer were Aulcie Farmer, BM3, and H. L. Hosley, SN. Aboard the trucks were G. Burbage, WE, Earl Sells, ENC, R. Mitchell, CS 2, and Albert Gillikin, SN.

In an attempt to operate the town of Beaufort within limits of its income, Mayor W. H. Potter last night presented a balanced budget for adoption by the board of commissioners. Beaufort for many years has been unable to meet current expenses with current income.

To balance the budget, mayor Potter recommended dropping one clerk at the administrative level, the radio switchboard operator, persons in the street department, elimination of \$600 to the county library annually, and several minor changes.

Since the budget need not be adopted until the latter part of July, decisions made last night were termed tentative.

Members of the county library board and other residents of Beaufort appeared to request the town officials to leave in the budget the \$600 library item. Without that money, library officials said they would be unable to pay the help presently employed at the library.

Mayor Potter, in an interview Friday, said that the \$600, in the past, has been in the budget as a building maintenance item. He said that should the item be put back in the budget, it would definitely be earmarked for the library. He suggested that the \$600 be raised by public subscription.

The total budget for 1959-60 is \$77,920, a reduction from \$89,010 for 1958-59. The budget is based on 91 per cent collection of taxes. The tax rate is \$1.75 per hundred based on 3 3/4 million valuation. Set aside for payment of bonded indebtedness is \$20,780.

Estimates of expenses of departments follow: administrative (salaries, office supplies, etc.), \$11,225, a reduction of over \$4,000 from the previous year; administrative (insurance, building maintenance, utilities, mosquito control, election expenses, etc.), \$13,763, a reduction of more than \$7,000 from the previous year.

Fire department, \$10,310, a reduction of \$760; police department, \$18,482, a reduction of \$2,600, the major portion of this cut being elimination of Beaufort's share in paying the police radio operator salary at the central police switchboard in Morehead City.

Department of streets and public works, \$23,540, a reduction of \$7,000 from the previous year. A new department, known as trade and civic affairs, was proposed by the mayor with expenses totaling \$600.

Mayor Potter said he will divert his salary of \$630 annually to meet expenses in this new department.

Two Hurt When Autos Collide

Two girls, Brenda Bailey of Raleigh and Leisa Weathers of Wendell were admitted to Morehead City Hospital early Saturday morning for observation and x-rays as the result of a three-car accident at 24th and Evans Streets at 12:30 a.m. Saturday.

A 1949 Ford driven by Clifton Wright of Raleigh was going east on Evans Street and ran a stop light at 24th, police said. A 1956 Studebaker, driven by Joseph Skeen of Asheboro, was going south on 24th and hit Wright.

The force of the impact knocked Wright's car into a car coming north on 24th, driven by Dannie Skinner of Wilson. Both of the injured girls were passengers in the Wright vehicle, which police reported as a total loss.

Lt. Joe Smith of the Morehead City police department investigated the wreck and charged Wright with running a stop sign.

Damage to both the Skeen car and the Skinner vehicle was estimated at \$500.

The same intersection was the scene of another accident Sunday afternoon during the height of Fourth of July traffic to Atlantic Beach.

A 1959 Ford driven by Richard Coughlin, Jacksonville, Fla., headed west on Evans, was making a left hand turn onto 24th when he collided with a 1954 Ford driven by George Courie of Wilson. Courie was going south on 24th.

Police investigator, Sgt. William J. Condie, estimated the damage to the Courie auto to be \$500 and that to the Coughlin vehicle at \$300. There were no charges filed against either driver.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, July 7	
9:14 a.m.	3:17 a.m.
9:13 p.m.	3:13 p.m.
Wednesday, July 8	
9:55 a.m.	3:52 a.m.
9:52 p.m.	3:48 p.m.
Thursday, July 9	
10:38 a.m.	4:25 a.m.
10:34 p.m.	4:23 p.m.
Friday, July 10	
11:24 a.m.	4:58 a.m.
11:21 p.m.	5:02 p.m.

Mayor Potter Designates Duties At Swearing-In

● Commissioners Get Their Assignments

● Trade, Civic Affairs Department Created

Mayor W. H. Potter, who with new Beaufort commissioners, took the oath of office last night at the Beaufort town hall, made the following appointments:

Math Chaplain, police commissioner; Dr. David Farrior, fire, health and welfare commissioner; William Davis, street commissioner; W. R. Hamilton, trade and civic affairs commissioner; and Bert Brooks, port and harbor commissioner, and finance officer.

Mayor Potter also suggested that Mr. Brooks serve as mayor pro tem.

In remarks preceding the mimeographed budget proposal, Mayor Potter said, "Responsibility of office is the first requirement for successful service. . . . All of the efforts of this administration depend on cooperation. No duty can be neglected, no task left undone."

The post of port and harbor commissioner is a new one. Even though the town charter authorizes a port and harbor commission, this agency has rarely been active. Mayor Potter suggested that the following serve under Mr. Brooks as a port and harbor commissioner: J. O. Barbour Jr., H. G. Simpson, Charles L. Davis, and David Beveridge.

In addition to his duties as fire commissioner, Dr. Farrior's health and welfare duties will cover regulations concerning animals and pets.

Mayor Potter terms the office of street commissioner of utmost importance. Among the objectives of this department is the improvement of Broad Street through the B&M Railroad, whose track centers the street. This has been an objective of many town administrations, most of whom met with little success.

The new trade and civic affairs department, under which will come zoning and planning, will have a committee of seven members named by commissioner Hamilton.

The mayor defines this department's job as follows:

It will be responsible for "selling" Beaufort. It will take the lead in effecting school improvements, and uniting business people for better service and higher sales. The mayor recommended appointment of Dan Walker as city clerk, treasurer, and tax collector. Gene Smith as county attorney, and re-employment of present town employees with the exception of those necessarily dropped due to lack of funds.

Other recommendations:

1. Appointment of zoning and planning board consisting of those now serving.
2. Removal of the set-back line on the north side of Cedar Street.
3. Immediate restudy of zoning regulations relative to the waterfront between Queen Street and the postoffice.
4. Sixty-foot alley running east-west through middle of blocks between Front and Ann Streets and extending from Turner to Pollock.
5. Spoils from Town Creek north of school be deposited in such a manner as to increase the school campus.

Burglars Enter Merrill Station Sunday Night

A break-in at Wilbur Merrill's service station, Core Creek, was under investigation yesterday morning by sheriff Hugh Salter.

Stolen Sunday night, according to the sheriff, were two watches valued at \$3.98 and some cigarettes. Entrance to the station was gained through a window.

This is the second time within a year that the station has been burglarized, the sheriff remarked.

Jaycees to New Bern

Five Beaufort Jaycees are planning to go to New Bern tomorrow night to a workshop at the Treat Pines Club, George Murray Thomas, announced yesterday.

County Highway Men Honored



Retiring from the State Highway Commission last week were these three Carteret men who have compiled a total of 83 years service among them. Left to right, they are J. C. Norris, 38 years; S. D. Weeks, 15 years; and S. E. Mann, 30 years. The trio was honored Thursday night at a dinner held at Mrs. Russell Willis's Restaurant, Morehead City. J. C. Humphrey, right, county road superintendent, received a service button for his 35 years with the commission and D. C. Golden a button for 26 years.

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