

Newport Sets \$1.20 Tax Rate

Newport town board set its tax rate at \$1.20 Tuesday night at the town hall, a 10-cent increase over last year. Commissioners beat down a budget proposing a 20-cent increase, which would have made the rate \$1.30. The town's assessed valuation is \$929,176.

The board objected to a proposal that part of the ABC funds be used to supplement pay of high school teachers and the deficit in the general budget then be met by a tax increase.

Commissioner Dick Lockett said people don't want to pay higher taxes. Mayor Leon Mann pointed out that there is a critical need for improving the quality of teaching.

Commissioner Lockett declared, "Those teachers won't get any better and they'll be there until they die. If you're going to increase pay, let the whole township help pay for it."

The mayor pointed out that taxes are getting higher but the people are getting more services too. There is better fire equipment, he said, the town has expanded, more streets have been added and a town water system installed.

Commissioner Wilbur G. Garner said that if the town board provides money for teacher salaries, people would say the board was taking over something that was not its business.

The mayor said, "If you don't want better education, we'll forget it."

Commissioner Leslie Bercegeay asked why a supplement was recommended only for high school teachers. The mayor said that the school board felt it was needed there most, as far as quality of instruction is concerned.

Mayor Mann contended that in several years the supplements would attract better teachers.

Commissioner Garner said he was not in favor of running the town in the red to pay teachers.

The \$1,250 item, earmarked for high school teacher pay supplement, was stricken from the budget.

The commissioners again discussed the town's decreased ABC store revenue. It is estimated that in the coming year it will be \$3,000, down a thousand from last year.

The mayor said the county ABC board claims that Newport's sales are dropping but overhead remains stable, thus causing the decrease in profit.

Mayor Mann charged, however, that the store is making illegal sales of liquor. He said sales are being made to habitual drunks. "I want to see it stopped or get rid of the store," he declared.

Commissioner Bercegeay said he had been receiving complaints about the water being cut off June 27. Water commissioner Bennie Garner said a 2-inch line had to be tapped in, the work was not done as he had instructed it be done and in the ensuing emergency, all the water had to be cut off.

Mayor Mann suggested that in the future if a cut-off is absolutely necessary, the work be planned in advance so that people can be notified.

Dewey Phipps of West Newport appeared to inquire if there were foundation to rumors that police protection would be done away with. He was informed that police services will be the same as they always have been.

The commissioners said that police chief Dan Bell will

1. Answer a call from any one at any time he's on duty and that people need not call a commissioner first to get permission for the chief to answer a call

2. Chief Bell's Saturday hours as police officer are 4 to 10 p.m.

The board said that the rumors probably arose from a misunderstanding on the part of the police officer as a result of instructions at the June meeting. A large portion of Tuesday night's meeting was devoted to a conference with chief Bell and definition of his duties.

The board also stated that the

Big Day at Fish Fry



Hundreds attended the fish fry at the Sea Level Community Hospital Saturday, July 4. The heaping plates of seafood were devoured at study tables roofed with canvas. (Photos by Joe DuBois)



On display at the fish fry was this model of the type of windmill which used to be a common sight on the Carteret coast.

Negro News

Morehead City Hospital
Admitted: Saturday, Mr. James Stevenson, Beaufort.
Sunday, Mr. Willard Godette, Havelock.
Monday, Mr. Frank Comer, CGC Chula; Master Mathew Jones, Newport; Mr. Lonnie Nolan, Havelock.
Tuesday, Mr. Herbert Baum, Beaufort.
Discharged: Saturday, Mrs. Lillian Henry, Beaufort; Mrs. Marie Penner, Morehead City; Mrs. Mary Jones, Havelock.
Sunday, Mr. James Stevenson, Beaufort.
Monday, Miss Irene Frazier, Havelock; Mr. Marcus Shopshire, Morehead City.
Tuesday, Mr. Willard Godette, Havelock; Mr. Frank Comer, CGC Chula.
Wednesday, Master Stacy Johnson, Beaufort.

chief is available to drive the fire department rescue truck in an emergency. But during the day when he has other town duties and 24 town firemen are available for driving the truck, he shouldn't be called from his regular duties for a job that someone else can perform.

It was reported that the Newport Community Development Association is completing an industrial survey.

Annual Church Picnic Will be Held July 15

The annual Sunday school picnic of First Methodist Church will be held Wednesday, July 15, at 6 p. m. If the weather is good the picnic will be held at Fort Macon state park and in case of bad weather it will be held in the church educational building.

Mr. Stamey Davis is picnic chairman. Serving with him are Mrs. Robert Gaskill, Mrs. Malcolm Collins and Mr. Ted Garner.

Sunday school members are invited to come and bring their friends and neighbors.

Hospital Asks Firemen To Stop 'Fire Out' Alarm

In compliance with a request from the Morehead City Hospital the Morehead City fire department announces that it will cease to sound a "fire out" signal after a fire alarm.

Alarms will continue to be sounded in the usual manner. Elimination of the second signal is to prevent noise from disturbing hospital patients.

Vegetarian's Delight
Walla Walla, Wash. (AP)—Walla Walla College, operated by the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, has opened a new \$200,000 vegetarian cafeteria—described as the largest vegetarian eating place in the world.

Morehead City Board Tightens Sanitary Code

- Board Endorses Vendors For Highway Job
- Recreation Commission Gets New Members

The Morehead City town board, meeting Tuesday night at the town hall, adopted an amendment to the municipal code concerning health protection and disease prevention.

The new amendment states that groups or organizations holding meetings of any sort, whether indoors or out, where crowds are permitted to gather, will be required to furnish sanitary facilities for the groups assembled.

Separate facilities are required for men and women and must be connected to the city sewer system, if one is in the block, or to an approved septic tank installation.

Violators are subject to a fine of not more than \$50 or imprisonment of not more than 30 days or both. Each day's violation constitutes a separate offense.

Adoption of such an ordinance was deemed necessary after residents complained of non-sanitary conditions existing at tent meetings held in past summers within the town limits.

The board passed a resolution endorsing Victor Venters as a highway commissioner. Mr. Dill said that he and D. G. Bell had attended the county commissioners' meeting and that the county had passed a similar resolution supporting Venters. Both resolutions will be sent to Governor Hodges.

A petition was presented, signed by five persons, requesting a light in the west alley of the 1200 block, between Avery and Bay. The matter was turned over to commissioner Bud Dixon. Mr. Dixon authorized a street light for the corner of Noyes Avenue and Taylor Street.

A letter from the recreation commission recommended George Mizsko and Gibbie Sanderson as new members for three-year terms. The recommendations were accepted and the clerk was directed to write the new members advising them of their appointment.

Commissioner Walter Morris reported that summer uniforms have been ordered for the paid firemen. They will be grey shirts and pants with the fire department patch on the back of the shirt. The fireman's name and job will be written over the pockets in the front.

They will be laundered by the company supplying them and tears will be mended at no cost. Losses will be paid for out of the salary of the person losing a garment.

Winter uniforms will be replaced on a piece-by-piece basis with old pieces being turned in as new ones are received.

Decals were suggested as a means of helping police determine which cars belong to volunteer firemen. Mr. Morris said that firemen would like to have a special meeting with the board soon to consider by-laws.

Mr. Dixon presented a list of 21 house trailers parked in residential sections of the city and asked that the county sanitarian or his assistant check them to see if they are connected to an approved sewer line. It was suggested that street superintendent J. V. Waters accompany them to point out the city sewer lines.

Dr. Russell Outlaw reported that eight new tops had been placed on garbage cans at the city park and are now in use. He said that the new bathrooms had been opened and that police would lock them each night about 8. He also reported that a man had been hired to work three hours each day cleaning the park.

Clerk John Lashley said that he is checking with the water company in an effort to adjust sewer tap fees and is trying to collect more of them.

Mr. Dixon was asked to see what could be done about the garbage cans in the business district and about painting the fire zone in front of the fire house. He was also authorized to have the streets identified with new paint on the street markers.

The traffic situation at the beach intersection was discussed and Mr. Lashley announced that a flasher had been ordered. The light will be placed somewhere west of 24th street on Arendell in an effort to slow beach traffic.

Mayor Dill was requested to see the chairman of the county ABC board relative to hours of the Morehead City ABC store.

Because most of the business is going to stores that stay open at night and Morehead City Hospital is losing revenue it receives from the town's ABC dividends, Mayor Dill will ask that the store stay open on Wednesday afternoons and nightly until 9 p. m. except Sundays.

The budget was discussed and each department made an effort to cut expenses and help balance the budget. It will be reconsidered at a special meeting and the board hopes to balance and adopt it then.

Defendant Will Serve Jail Term For Non-Support

Dan Clark was convicted of abandonment and non-support Tuesday in Carteret County recorder's court and received a sentence of one year in jail. The court also recommended medical treatment for the defendant.

Violation of strapping laws brought bond forfeiture to three defendants when they failed to appear. The three were Harold Stevenson, Lewis Taylor, and Joseph Willis. Harry G. Taylor also forfeited bond on charges of fishing law violations.

Tra Culpepper was ordered to pay costs for strapping law violation and appealed his case to the next term of Superior Court. His bond was set at \$50.

Other defendants and the findings of the court were as follows:

George LeGrande Haggerty — Drunk driving; not prosecuted.

Jasper Eugene Jones — Permitting a minor to drive; court costs.

Norman Coulson — Drunk driving, no operator's license and false identification; not prosecuted.

John A. Smith — Improper use of dealer's plates and improper operator's license; court costs.

Beatrice Mae Hooper — Failing to stop at a stop sign; court costs.

Ransom C. Batten — Speeding; \$15 and court costs.

Richard Lovick — Speeding; court costs.

King Quick — Speeding; \$25 and court costs.

Johnny Cannon — Speeding; \$35 and court costs.

L. V. Jones — Transporting non-taxpaid whiskey. Found guilty of illegal possession of whiskey; \$100 and court costs.

Harry Lynch — Public drunkenness; not prosecuted.

Edward Barrett, Virgil Gillikin and O. G. Elliott — Public drunkenness; called and failed to appear, forfeited bond.

Jeffrey Smith — Driving on the wrong side of the road and having no registration card; called and failed to appear, forfeited bond.

Jarvis M. Piner — Non-support; not prosecuted.

James E. Calloway — Having no operator's license and failing to dim lights; not prosecuted on the first charge but found guilty of failing to dim lights. Court costs.

C. H. Stringer and James Stewart — Engaging in an affray and assaulting one another; \$15 and one-half court costs to each.

Agnew Gillikin — Public drunkenness and possession of non-taxpaid whiskey; \$15 and court costs.

Julian Weeks — Following too close, resulting in an accident; court costs.

Eleanor Wright Rhue — Drunk driving; not prosecuted.

George L. Fisk Jr. — Drunk driving; found guilty of careless and reckless driving and ordered to pay \$50 and court costs.

Wilma Lee Burton — Engaging in an affray and assault; one year in jail and roadwork suspended on payment of \$10 and one-third court costs and four years' good behavior.

There were 65 cases continued until next week's term of court.

Pet Corner

Mrs. Berkley Piner would like to find a good home for a three-month-old female puppy. The puppy has been raised by the Piners and will make a wonderful pet, says Mrs. Piner. Her telephone number is PA-8-4757.

Persons who would like to give pets away or acquire them at no cost are invited to use the Pet Corner free of charge. Just phone THE NEWS-TIMES, PA 6-4175.

Theatre Reports Profit on Play

Final accounting on Bonnie Blue Sweetheart, a drama presented by the Carteret Community Theatre in June, shows a profit of \$679.33. Mrs. Frank Carlson, treasurer, reported on production costs Wednesday night at a theatre meeting at the recreation center.

Total cost of the production was \$525.54. The theatre voted a contribution of \$25 to the Morehead City recreation commission in appreciation for the help the commission and Fred Lewis, recreation director, gave in staging the drama.

The theatre also authorized a contribution of \$5 to the County Council of Home Demonstration Club Women in appreciation for two Home Demonstration Club women making costumes.

The theatre members considered a proposal to partially reimburse female cast members for costumes they bought. Some members of the cast said they didn't want reimbursement, others said they wanted to keep their costumes, so to avoid possible complications the theatre voted to accept the costumes if the cast members wanted to give them and if they didn't, they were welcome to keep them.

Three hundred dollars of the net profit was ordered placed in a savings account. The remainder will be used for operation of the theatre during the coming season.

New scenery and lighting equipment is badly needed, according to Miss Ruth Peeling, president. An executive board meeting has been set for Wednesday, July 22, to discuss the needs.

The theatre decided to present Gaslight (Angel Street) as its first production in the fall. Jimmy Wheatley will be the director.

The August meeting will be in the form of a beach party Wednesday, Aug. 12. The party will be planned by the executive board.

Five visitors at Wednesday night's meeting were Connie Willis, Anne Marie Lewis, Bill Davis, Martha Gibbs and Pat Hall.



M. R. Willis Jr To Get Award

SP4 (E-4) Malcolm Ray Willis Jr., route 1, Morehead City, has been nominated by the commanding officer of the Morehead City National Guard unit to receive the 30th Division (Old Hickory Division) meritorious service award. The division commanding general approves the nominations of one enlisted member from each company or battery unit each year for meritorious services above that required of their duty assignment.

First Lt. Merritt E. Bridgman, commanding officer, stated it was a hard decision to nominate any one member because all of the men certainly had done more than was required and performed all their assigned duties in a superior manner.

Lieutenant Bridgman said he would ask the division artillery commanding general (Brig. Gen. Weston H. Willis) of Jacksonville, who is a Carteret county native, to make the presentation at a later date.

SP4 Willis was also named the Soldier of the Quarter for the period 1 April-30 June 1959. Willis will receive a \$25 certificate from Hill's, Morehead City, which was presented by Hill's manager, Charles C. Willis Thursday night.

SP4 Vernon Leroy Guthrie of Satter Path was the Soldier of the Quarter for the first quarter of 1959.

Beaufort Orders Auto Tags Bought

Police chief Guy Springle of the Beaufort police department announced that all residents of Beaufort owning automobiles will be required to purchase Beaufort tags and display them on their cars. Anyone not having a tag by the 15th of this month will be issued a citation, according to chief Springle.

Chief Springle also announced that people who ignore parking tickets will be summoned to court after the 15th.

The Beaufort tags may be purchased at the town hall for \$1 each.

Two Darrel Lawrence

The Darrell Lawrence who appeared in county recorder's court Tuesday, June 23, was a resident of route 1 Beaufort, and was not Darrell Lawrence of route 2 Beaufort.

Audit Says K&A Deficit Nearly \$4 Million

Auditors of the Kirchofer and Arnold investment firm say the blame for a nearly four million dollar "bust" to the firm's venture into building of shrimp trawlers at Morehead City.

The firm, which owned and operated the Morehead City Shipbuilding Co. filed a petition admitting insolvency in March and was granted permission to continue operations under direction of a creditor's committee.

The shipbuilding firm for several years built and financed "Hatteras" trawlers. It ceased operation the latter part of 1958, maintaining only a skeleton force until the early part of this year.

Auditors, after working four months on the books of Kirchofer and Arnold, Raleigh investment firm, placed assets at \$3,217,454, as against liabilities of \$5,910,080. The auditors, A. T. Allen and Co., Raleigh, said that considerable losses could be foreseen among listed "assets" which would push the deficit to at least \$3.6 million and possibly more.

To finance trawlers, the investment firm sold mortgage participation notes on the vessels to scores of investors, promising some of them as high a return as 18 per cent.

A dozen or more \$33,000 trawlers were sold in Mexico. Debts on them are represented by bills of foreign exchange, the value of which are in doubt.

A list of stockholders, contained in the audit, shows that R. C. Kirchofer, president of K & A, and his wife owned the majority of the common stock.

Among those owning preferred stock were Glenn H. Adair, Rosa M. Adair and Mrs. Julius F. Duncan Jr., all of Beaufort. Shares held by the Adairs totaled 53 and by Mrs. Duncan 19.

E. O. Moore Reports On June Tax Collections

Total tax collections by the county in June were \$144,595.97, according to E. O. Moore, tax collector. Received on the 1959 levy was \$134,355.97, on the 1958 levy, \$5,354.89, on 1957 and prior levies, \$2,790.01. Collected in business license fees was \$2,006.

The percentage of the 1959 levy collected by June 30 was 92.31.

E. L. Brinson, deputy collector of delinquent personal property taxes collected \$603.32 on 1967 and prior levies.

Topic Announced

The Rev. C. L. Kirby, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, announces that his topic for the 11 a. m. worship services Sunday will be Are You a Christian Citizen? The scripture will be taken from Romans 13:1-10.

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