

County Tax Rate Set By Board at \$1.75

Court Action Knocks Out School Building Fund

Josiah Bailey Makes Comment

When Josiah Bailey, candidate for mayor in Morehead City's recent election, was asked yesterday if he expected to run in 1963, he said, "I hope it won't be necessary."

Mr. Bailey added, "I feel strongly about the conditions in Morehead City and sincerely believe what I said in the campaign. If, in the future, I feel I have something to offer, I don't feel I could live with myself and not offer my services."

The candidate continued, "It is with no sense of defeat that I congratulate Mr. Dill and the people of Morehead City on his re-election. I am satisfied that the issues were clearly defined and effectively presented to the voters and they were afforded an opportunity to express their will."

He expressed appreciation to those who contributed time and money to his campaign and to those who voted for him. He said, "I urge them not to be frustrated with thought of what might have been, but to take pride in the actual accomplishment."

"I am confident that our efforts have ushered in a reign of responsible government in Morehead City; and, if that is so, it doesn't matter who the reigning mayor is." He congratulated mayor Dill and his supporters and offered them "my continued friendship."

Visitor Falls. Walter Bagwell, Raleigh, was taken by ambulance to his home yesterday, after he slipped and suffered a leg fracture yesterday morning in the Jefferson hotel.

The county tax rate for the coming fiscal year will be \$1.75, a 10-cent increase over last year's rate. The tax rate was set at Monday's county board meeting, Beaufort. Ninety cents of the levy will be set aside for payment of the county debt. This complies with an agreement made with bondholders in 1937.

Last year 35 cents was levied to pay off the debt and slightly more than 41 cents was put aside for construction of school buildings. The money for school buildings cannot be set aside this year, nor can a 5-cent levy be continued in the budget for county buildings and grounds maintenance, according to J. D. Potter county auditor.

These funds have to go toward making up the 90-cent debt levy. The county commissioners say the 10-cent tax rate increase and levying of 90 cents for debt service has been forced by the court action over the county hospital.

To guard against litigation regarding the bondholder's agreement, the board feels that 90 cents must be levied. To do that there must be cuts in the budget and the tax rate increased, commissioners point out.

Mr. Potter said that by levying 90 cents per hundred dollars valuation, all the refunding bonds owed by the county will be paid off by next June. The only debt remaining will be \$117,000 in school notes which can probably be paid off by December 1962, he said.

The commissioners hope to restore in the budget for the 1962-63 fiscal year, funds for school construction and the buildings and grounds maintenance levy.

Levied for schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1961 will be 25 cents to meet current school expenses.

Ninety cents for paying bonded debt has not been levied since 1956 because bond interest and payment of bonds could be met with See TAX, Page 8

Electric Tree



Not many towns have an Electric Tree. Botanists may call it something else, but this poor old shade tree in front of the Morehead City postoffice has fuse boxes mounted on it, wires running in and out of it, insulators in it, and apparently is serving in a jack-leg manner as a power pole. (Arrow points to switch boxes).

How long have things been this way? So long that if all the electrical contraptions on the tree were removed, it would probably be unable to survive the shock!

Education Board Sets Calendar For School Year

The county board of education adopted the calendar for 1961-62 school year at its meeting Monday in the education office, courthouse annex, Beaufort.

The calendar follows:
Aug. 28-29—Pre-school preparation
Aug. 30—School opens. First month ends Sept. 27. Labor Day will be a holiday.

Sept. 28-Oct. 26—Second month of school. Holiday for pupils to be set for NCEA and NCTA teachers meetings.

Oct. 27-Nov. 27—Third month. Thanksgiving holidays will be Nov. 23 and 24.

Nov. 28-Jan. 3—Fourth month. Christmas holidays, Dec. 22 through Jan 1.

Jan. 4-Jan. 31—Fifth month
Feb. 1-Feb. 28—Sixth month
March 1-March 28—Seventh month

March 29-April 30—Eighth month. Easter holidays, April 20-24.

May 1-May 28—Ninth month.
May 29—Post school closing.

The board pointed out that any days lost due to weather or other conditions will be made up during the Easter holidays.

The board requested H. L. Joslyn, superintendent of schools to request Dr. J. L. Pierce, director of the division of school planning, to come to the county and survey future school needs.

Letters were read from the town of Newport and the Newport Rotary club endorsing the Newport PTA's proposal for a western Carteret school district.

It was also ordered that night-watch lights be installed on the Atlantic and Newport school grounds.

Following the meeting, the board went to the county commissioners' meeting and presented its budget for 1961-62.

Supreme Court To Take Hospital Case This Month

The state supreme court decided Wednesday to hear the Carteret county hospital case Tuesday, May 23.

This is a date much earlier than the case normally would be heard if it went through the usual procedure that cases follow in going before the supreme court.

Luther Hamilton Jr., county attorney, put a motion before the court asking that the case be heard as soon as possible because of its "general public interest."

The case will be the last heard at the court's May term. Mr. Hamilton said Thursday that he didn't know how soon the court would render its decision after reviewing the case. He said the decision would be forthcoming "as soon after May 23 as possible."

Morehead City Firemen Elect Officers Monday

The Morehead City fire department met Monday night at the fire station and elected officers for the coming year.

Lindsay Guthrie was re-elected chief. Other officers are El Nelson, assistant chief; Doyce Rice, captain; Sammy Hughes, lieutenant; and Dan Swindell, secretary-treasurer.

New Museum Opens



This is a part of the Waterfront Museum which opened this week on the waterfront in Morehead City, across from Carteret Ice and Coal Co. It is operated by Mr. and Mrs. Owen Dall, who last summer had their museum in the "Treasure Ship" on the Atlantic Beach causeway.

Board, Election Officials Hear Request for Recount



If you wanted to find anybody in Morehead City Tuesday, nine chances out of ten you found them in or around the city hall. Among those "on duty" above are A. L. (Bull) Brinson, Charles Edwards, D. J. Hall, Bud Dixon, Dr. Russell Outlaw, Bill Wilkins, John Lashley and Bernard Leary.



At work at the polls in Beaufort Tuesday were Mrs. Bill Willis, Mrs. Nell McLaren, Miss Rebecca Robinson, Mrs. Irene Whitehurst and Mrs. Addie Robinson.

Four Forfeit Bond at Beach

Four defendants forfeited bond in Atlantic Beach mayor's court Tuesday night.

They were William G. Mullen, Cherry Point, charged with public drunkenness, loud and profane language; Roger H. Gibson, Donaldsonville, La., charged with public drunkenness; Douglas Gurganus, charged with public drunkenness, disturbing the peace and resisting arrest; and R. A. Merrell, Morehead City, fighting in public.

Victor A. Birkeland and Al V. Mondragon, Cherry Point, were turned over to their commanding officer for reprimanding. Mondragon, who was charged with public drunkenness and use of profane language, was ordered to stay off the beach until Labor Day.

Birkeland was charged with fighting in public.

Thomas Tew, Havelock, paid costs on a public drunkenness charge. Also paying costs were Pete Forbes, Morehead City, careless and reckless driving, and Watson H. Hale, Kinston, failing to stop for a stop sign, and driving 40 miles an hour in a 20-mile zone.

Continued was the case of Larry C. Guthrie, Salter Path, charged with driving 55 in a 35-mile-an-hour zone. Mayor A. B. Cooper presided.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar

Friday, May 5	Friday, May 5	Friday, May 5
HIGH	LOW	LOW
12:03 a.m.	5:43 a.m.	5:42 p.m.
Saturday, May 6	Saturday, May 6	Saturday, May 6
12:16 a.m.	6:47 a.m.	7:01 p.m.
1:03 p.m.		
Sunday, May 7	Sunday, May 7	Sunday, May 7
1:18 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:25 p.m.
2:03 p.m.		
Monday, May 8	Monday, May 8	Monday, May 8
2:20 a.m.	9:06 a.m.	9:35 p.m.
3:06 p.m.		
Tuesday, May 9	Tuesday, May 9	Tuesday, May 9
3:26 a.m.	10:04 a.m.	10:35 p.m.
4:09 p.m.		



Judge Herbert Phillips casts his ballot in Morehead City municipal building. He's not really stuffing the ballot box, it just looks that way.

Two Court Officials Ask County for Increase in Pay

Two recorder's court officers, judge Lambert Morris, and solicitor Wiley Taylor Jr., appeared before county commissioners Monday afternoon and requested an increase in pay.

Judge Morris pointed out that the \$6 judge's fee collected during the past fiscal year as "court costs" totaled \$4,927 and his salary amounted to \$4,458.96. Mr. Taylor said that the \$8 solicitor's fee included in "court costs" amounted to a total of \$6,377.76 during the past year and his salary was \$2,940.

Judge Morris suggested that each of them should get at least \$100 more a month. Mr. Taylor said that he felt his salary increase should be at least \$150. He claimed his private law practice was suffering because of the work he has to do as solicitor.

Members of the Morehead City town board who served the past two years, met Wednesday noon at the municipal building with election officials and heard Josiah Bailey, defeated candidate for mayor, request a recount of the ballots.

The recount took place at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday and placed the margin between Mr. Bailey and mayor George Dill, who was re-elected, at 12 votes.

Mr. Bailey based his request for a recount on "the closeness of the votes." Prior to the recount, the margin between the two candidates was 17 votes. (See elections story elsewhere on this page).

Citing his reason for a recount, Mr. Bailey said, "If errors were not made, it would be miraculous. Voters are entitled to know for a

New officials of Morehead City were sworn in at the municipal building yesterday morning at 10 o'clock by A. H. James, clerk of superior court. The town board will meet at 7:30 Tuesday night at the municipal building.

certainty what the outcome was." He commended the elections officials and said that the election was "very well run."

E. W. Olschner, registrar, presided at the meeting. He asked mayor George Dill for his comments. The mayor said, "Rather than have any doubt, I would not object to a recount. If a recount were denied, people may feel they were denied an opportunity they were due. It looked to me as though the votes were accurately tallied."

George McNeill, town attorney, was asked his opinion. "This thing is in the hands of elections officials until the results are certified. They alone can decide to recount. The law seems to require that there must be more than just closeness of balloting to go through a recount. But as Joe Bailey said, there may be human error."

The elections officials, Mr. Olschner, Bruce Goodwin and Clayton Guthrie then retired to another office to decide whether they would recount.

In 20 minutes they returned. Mr. Olschner commented that he conferred with Mr. McNeill in the morning concerning a recount and that Mr. McNeill, in addition to studying statutes had phoned the attorney general's office in Raleigh for further information.

Mr. McNeill repeated that the law states that there should be other reasons than "closeness of vote" to merit a recount. Mr. Bailey commented that the lighting was not good where the votes were being tallied, there was confusion and the strain under which the tallying was done could have caused error.

He said there was seven-tenths of 1 per cent difference in the vote, "therefore if there is an error, it would alter the outcome of the election." If Mr. Bailey could have picked up on a recount nine of the votes credited to his opponent, he would have been elected mayor by a one-vote margin. (Prior to the recount, Mr. Bailey's votes were 682 and mayor Dill's 679).

Mr. Olschner asked Mr. Bailey if he would withdraw his request for a recount. Mr. Bailey said that he would not. The margin of difference, he insisted, was too narrow to ignore the possibility that human error might determine the outcome. "The people," he said, "deserve a recount."

At this point, Luther Hamilton Jr. appeared to join Mr. Bailey in his recount request. Mr. Hamilton said that he doubted "that in the course of counting, the elections officials examined each ballot."

Official counters assisting the elections officials Tuesday night (the counting went on from the time the polls closed until 11:30 p.m.) were Bill Baughman and Roper Van Horn.

Mr. Bailey pointed out that 1,354 votes were cast. As of the Tuesday night tally, votes cast for mayor were 1,341. Mr. Hamilton commented that the difference of 13 votes between those cast and the total for mayor was due to the ballot not being marked for mayor or was otherwise spoiled and not counted.

He inferred that these ought to be re-checked. After conferring briefly with Mr. Goodwin, an elections judge, Mr. Olschner announced that a recount would be made that afternoon.

Truck Seat Burns. Morehead City firemen were called Wednesday night to the Edgewater hotel to extinguish a fire in the front seat of an Allied van truck parked in front of the hotel. Damage was confined to the seat.

Greater Numbers Than Predicted Go to Polls in Tuesday's Election

The number of persons voting Tuesday in Beaufort, Morehead City and Newport was more than predicted.

More than 300 went to the polls in Beaufort. In Morehead City 88 per cent of those registered cast ballots and in Newport 177 voted. Newport's registration is about 325.

Commissioner W. R. Hamilton led the ticket in Beaufort with 313 votes. Mayor W. H. Potter ran second. Dr. David Farrow was re-elected. New commissioners are

Beaufort

Mayor	Commissioners
W. H. Potter	303
W. R. Hamilton	313
Earl Mades	292
John Jones	275
David Farrow	261
Frank Morning	230
M. T. Lewis	183
Tommy Willis	47

Morehead City

Mayor	Commissioners
George W. Dill Jr.	679
Josiah W. Bailey	660
Russell Outlaw	878
Bud Dixon	856
S. C. Holloway	832
D. J. Hall	802
Dom Femia	743
Walter Morris	672
Joe Collins	623
Ray Kennedy	340
O. J. Morrow	331
Bill Wilkins	202
James Nobles	64
Judge	
Herbert Phillips III	982
Clerk of Court	
Mary Hughes	759
Vernon O. Paul	533
Hospital Trustees	
John L. Crump	1010
Mrs. J. C. Taylor	1086

Newport

Mayor	Commissioners
Leon Mann Jr.	140
John B. Kelly	151
Raymond Edwards	122
John H. Thrower	103
C. H. (Dick) Lockey	98
James (Steve) Smith	77
Gilbert Slaughter	75
Leslie Bercegeay	70
Bennie R. Garner	67
George Green	47
Brantly Mears	32