

Town Board Asked to OK Tax Statute of Limitations

Morehead City commissioners referred to their attorney, George McNeill, Thursday night a request for endorsement of a bill that would put a 10-year statute of limitations on tax collections. The board said it could probably make a decision on the matter in a week.

Herbert Phillips III, attorney, appeared to explain the bill to the board. He said he was representing Luther Hamilton Jr., county attorney.

Mr. Phillips stated that Newport, Beaufort and Atlantic Beach, as well as the county, would be included in the bill.

If passed, the law would go into effect July 1, 1963. It would provide that, after 10 years, if taxes had not been reduced to judgments (legal steps taken to collect) they would be uncollectible.

Mr. Phillips said it would, in his opinion, compel taxing units to make concerted efforts to collect taxes. Mayor George Dill commented that lawyers wouldn't have to search titles to property back more than 10 years, insofar as taxes are concerned, if the bill passes.

W. C. Wilkins appeared before

the board to state that he felt the town was overcharging him privilege tax. He said that he believes, since he has started paying the tax, that the town has overcharged him \$240. The matter was referred to the town attorney.

S. C. Holloway, finance commissioner, said that the town is still within its budget for the current fiscal year. The general fund balance was \$10,906.48 through May 12 and all bills had been paid. He expressed the hope that the town would be able to end the current fiscal year without borrowing any money from the debt service fund.

It was reported that the Carteret Collection agency had collected \$928.16 in delinquent personal property taxes. The agency gets a 25 per cent commission on all taxes collected.

The board approved a motion to investigate the possibility of the town's requiring a quarantine of dogs for a to-be-determined period to enable the town to get rid of dogs that are not locked up.

The motion is to be investigated further by the attorney. Mr. McNeill was re-employed as town attorney at a salary of \$75 monthly.

Bids from two auditors were

opened. A. M. Pullen & Co., New Bern, bid \$8 an hour on a senior accountant's doing the work and \$5 for an assistant. Williams and Wall bid \$40 a day on doing the work and set a \$1,000 maximum. The board requested that a representative of the New Bern firm meet with them to discuss its bid further.

Commissioner D. J. Hall said the town needs a new fire truck and he felt that with the funds saved from the previous year and what could be put in his budget this year, the truck could be ordered.

Federal funds appropriated for an armory in Morehead City were discussed. Mayor Dill said that the town would have to find about \$16,000 in matching funds. He expressed the opinion that it would be possible to borrow the money when the time comes.

He remarked that the armory would be under complete control of the National Guard, but the Guard could rent the building for any activities it wished.

Attending the meeting, in addition to those mentioned, were commissioners Bud Dixon, Russell Oulaw and Dom Femia.

Judge Says Beaufort Has to Provide Sewage Service to Outlying Section

Hearing Held at New Bern Thursday Afternoon

Judge Albert Cowper ruled Thursday at New Bern that Beaufort cannot proceed with its plan to annex outlying areas without providing sewage service to those areas.

The judge further stated, however, that those areas already served by sewer lines (there are two small sections of this type) could be annexed. The hearing took place Thursday afternoon in the Craven county courthouse where Judge Cowper has been holding superior court.

It was another procedure in the suit filed by G. W. Huntley Jr. and others who live out of town, to prevent the town from expanding by adopting an ordinance to effect the expansion. The case has been pending for more than a year.

Town attorney Claud Wheatly and Gene Smith, attorney for Huntley and others, agreed to draw an order setting forth the judge's ruling, which the judge is expected to sign within a few days.

Mr. Wheatly contended that none of the evidence protesting the town's action stipulated how any individual property owner would be damaged if taken in town. Mr. Smith said the supreme court had already ruled on that point, in favor of his clients.

Mr. Smith said that in the town's plans for expansion, they make no provision for extending sewer lines, have not indicated that contracts have been entered into for extension of such lines, and that to substitute septic tank cleaning does not fulfill the law because the town would have to buy the septic tanks now being used by the property owners.

Mr. Smith further argued:

1. Town has not showed that the area proposed for annexation is 60 per cent developed for urban purpose.
2. The town sets forth no manner in which it intends to finance municipal services to the outlying area (no bond election was held that would indicate funds were being borrowed for this purpose).
3. The town has no funds and is "virtually insolvent financially." After 60 per cent of the time for repaying its bonded debt has lapsed, less than a fourth of that debt has been repaid, he said.
4. The water company has already extended lines into the area proposed for annexation and the people there have paid for them.
5. Joining the town would be detrimental to the residents insofar as street maintenance and paving is concerned. The town has indicated in its expansion program no plan for maintenance.
6. No storm drainage has been proposed.
7. No provision for a fire alarm system or fire hydrants has been made.
8. Town's proposal to add one town employee and provide other services, including garbage collection, for \$9,000 is "not realistic."

Mr. Smith summed up his arguments by saying that the town has failed to follow the law which requires that it show how it will provide major services in the to-be-annexed areas.

Mr. Wheatly's major argument against the sewer question was that the present town system is "outlawed by the state stream sanitation regulations."

He contended that Mr. Smith has only two arguments: Has the town failed on the sewage question and has the town failed to show how it will pay for such sewage if installed?

"We can't buy septic tanks already in use there unless we buy a man's property," Mr. Wheatly said. "But we're trying to offer them service." (The town has equipment to flush and clean septic tanks and grease traps).

Mr. Wheatly said that as of Jan. 1, 1964, the town must stop dumping its sewage into surrounding waters. "After that date, it will be illegal to flush a commode in the town of Beaufort," Mr. Wheatly said. "The outlying areas serving

will be Mrs. Mamie Taylor, director. Hours will be from 9 a.m. to noon with Wednesday and Friday nights for dancing.

The summer programs will end July 29. Mr. Monroe will have an assistant, yet to be employed. Assisting Mrs. Taylor will be Mrs. Roper Van Horn and Jim Swann, a physical education student at State college, who was a member of the recreation staff last summer.

A program to train majorettes is

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County NCEA Unit Installs New Officers

Officers of the county unit of the North Carolina Education association were installed at the annual NCEA meeting Saturday night at the Billmore Hotel, Morehead City.

They were installed by R. L. Fritz, Beaufort, past president of the NCEA.

The installation concluded a turkey dinner and a program arranged by Ralph Wade, Morehead City.

Group singing was led by Mr. Wade with Mrs. Leland Day, Morehead City as pianist. Mrs. Pearl Alligood, Smyrna, gave an original recitation on how much children learn in school.

H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, sang a solo, "When Big Profunda Sang Low C," accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Joslyn.

Mrs. Bill Lockard, teacher at Morehead City school, sang "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes," accompanied by her husband at the piano. Miss Renee Kemp gave several readings, "Thoughts on Teaching," from the Bible, and "Henry Van Dyke's Tribute to the Unknown Teacher."

Lenwood Lee, retiring president of the organization, gave the welcome and introduced guests. They were Mr. and Mrs. Moses Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Safrit and T. B. Allen. Mr. Howard is chairman of the board of county commissioners and Mr. Safrit and Mr.

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Mother Gets Additional \$115

Mrs. Henry Godette of Adams Creek, whose family is being helped through a fund established by THE NEWS-TIMES, was presented a check for \$115.25 Saturday at Morehead City hospital.

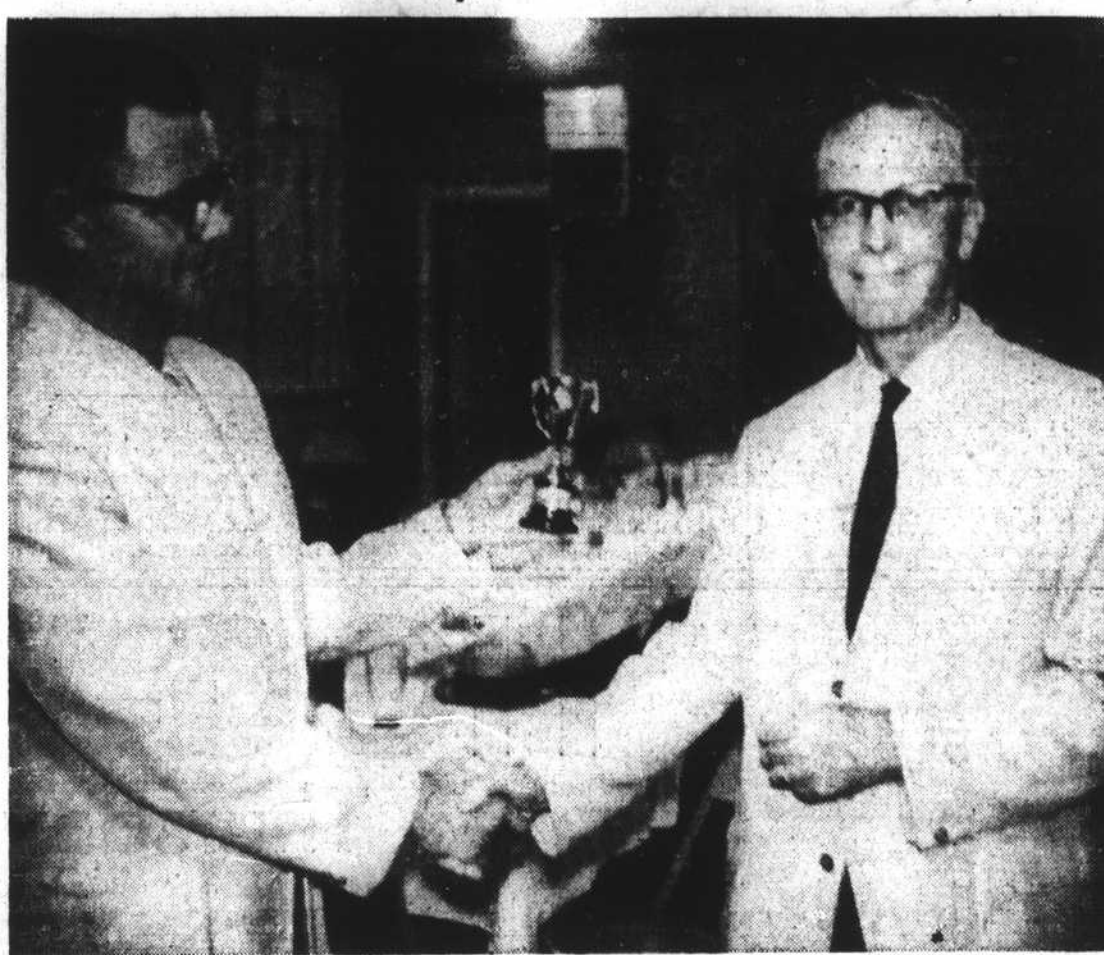
Mrs. Godette's son, Therman, 9, remains in serious condition at the hospital, where he is recovering from lockjaw. Daniel, 5, another son, was killed by a car Sunday, May 14.

When she received the check, Mrs. Godette said she was extremely grateful to everyone. "I just didn't know what we would do, so I prayed to the Lord to send us some help. I am so thankful," the mother said.

A total of \$195.25 has been donated to the family. Contributions continue to come to the newspaper office. Persons who would like to assist the family in the crisis are invited to mail their donation to THE NEWS-TIMES. Checks may be made payable to the newspaper and earmarked for the Godette family.

The hospital reported yesterday that Therman's condition is slightly improved. He can control his muscles a little better and is taking some nourishment through his mouth.

Rotary Honors Visitor



James Hutchins, right, of Uxbridge, England, was presented the Beaufort Rotary club Good Neighbor Award Tuesday night at the club meeting at the Scout building. Club president Holden Ballou, left, made the presentation.

The award, in the form of a loving cup, was given in recognition of Mr. Hutchins' contribution toward promoting better international relations between his club and the American clubs he has visited.

The Englishman visited the Beaufort and Morehead City clubs while in Carteret as the

Migrant Ministry Committee Will Meet for Luncheon Tomorrow

The county migrant ministry committee, the migrant minister, Harry Patterson, and his wife will meet at noon tomorrow for luncheon in the Eure building, Ann Street Methodist church, Beaufort.

The luncheon will be served by three members of Circle No. 9 of the church and will be \$1 a person. The circle members are Mrs. Jethro Quiddle, Mrs. Geddy Bennett and Mrs. Clinton Lewis.

At the migrant committee meeting Thursday at the Eure building, the Rev. J. P. Mansfield, chairman, showed committee members the trailer set up to be taken throughout the migrant camps to give medical service to the migrants.

He said several doctors of the county and nurses have agreed to make the trip with the trailer one night a week, from 7:30 p.m. until 9.

According to Miss Georgia P. Hughes, welfare superintendent, two "homemakers" are now at work in the camp. One is Mrs. Harry Patterson and the other Mrs. Cary Johnson.

They teach good homemaking habits, how to care for children and are paid by the state department of public welfare.

Bible school supplies and health kits are arriving at the Ann Street

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League Officials Confer With Morehead Board

John Morrissey and Jim Burgess of the League of Municipalities met yesterday morning at the Morehead City municipal building with Morehead City town commissioners.

Mr. Burgess will be here this week to investigate the operations of each municipal department and put in writing what each department does and the responsibilities of the head of the department.

Mr. Morrissey said that every town is confronted with the problem of how to get the most out of the machinery of town government.

After Mr. Burgess's survey, he said that the commissioners have to make a hard decision as to whether the town's form of government should be changed and the possibility of giving up some of their present powers.

He posed the questions, does the old form of government lend itself to a modern town; should one person be responsible for town operation; is the commissioner-heading-each-department idea out of date?

Mr. Burgess suggested that an administrative officer could be in

clerk-manager or town administrator. In small towns, he said, the responsibility is usually given the town clerk.

In most instances, he said in answer to a question, the administrator does not have the power to hire and fire. He said the board would make decisions and the clerk or whoever has the job, would carry out the will of the board.

He said it would be this officer's duty to consult with department heads and draw up the budget annually. Mr. Burgess added that it would be desirable for board members to draw up their work program at the beginning of each year.

Mr. Morrissey said that to change the form of operation would require no bill-passing in Raleigh.

Mr. Burgess said he had no intention of making a recommendation for either a clerk-manager type of government or city manager. He then went into detail with the commissioners as to how he would make his survey.

Mayor George Dill presided. Commissioners present were S. C.

Shrimp season in state-controlled waters of the coast will open at 1 minute after midnight Sunday, at 12:01 a.m. Monday, May 29, according to C. G. Holland, state fisheries commissioner. But certain waters will remain closed.

The decision to open the season was made yesterday morning. It is opening about a week later this year than it did last.

The following areas will be closed: Newport river, Bill's creek, Graham creek, Harlowe and Oyster creek, Cross Rocks, "all of the bays and creeks in back," Core sound, including North river and Ward's creek, all of the tributaries of Bogue sound, including the White Oak river and Queen's creek and all other areas that are producing small shrimp.

Barring these areas to shrimpers will enable the young shrimp in them to grow to marketable size, according to the commissioner.

Shrimp now being marketed are

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Equipment Displayed



Branches of the armed forces displayed in Morehead City Friday their equipment and weapons. This is a "space" display, featured for the first time this year. The display was at the municipal park, Morehead City.

Beaufort Merchants Thank Units in Friday's Parade

The Beaufort Merchants association has expressed appreciation to everyone who took part in the Armed Forces Day parade in Beaufort Friday afternoon. Frank Cassiano of Morehead City was county parade chairman and Holden Ballou was Beaufort parade chairman.

The merchants thanked the Second Marine Aircraft Wing band, the combined Second MAW and MCAS honor guards, the Woman Marine platoon, all from Cherry Point, the company from the 82nd Airborne Division from Fort Bragg.

Force troops, FMF Atlantic, drum and bugle corps, and Co. L, third battalion, Second Marines, all from Camp Lejeune, the Morehead City National Guard unit, the Coast Guardsmen from Fort Magon, and high school bands from Beaufort, W. S. King, Queen Street and Morehead City schools.

After the parade, refreshments were served the participants. The refreshments were donated by American Bakeries, Do-Nut House, Pepsi-Cola, and Tom's Peanuts. They were served by Linda Lewis, Gerri Willis and Carol Betters of Beaufort.

There were ten present: Mrs. John Gainey, Mrs. Champ Lewis, Mrs. Garland Scruggs, Mrs. Hugh Salter, Mrs. Rufus Butler, Mrs. Albert Chappell, Mrs. D. F. Merrill, Mrs. Julius Duncan Jr., Mrs. Ronald Earl Mason and Mrs. O. G. Duke Jr.

A nominating committee was appointed to present a slate of officers at the meeting in June. The June meeting will be held at the courthouse. Mrs. Doris Cromartie, vice-chairman of the state Democratic executive committee, is expected to attend.

Announcement of the time will be made later.

High Point Club Sponsors Talent Search

The Woman's club of High Point is sponsoring this year the seventh annual Tarheel Talent Search. Auditions will be held Aug. 12 at 9 a.m. at the High Point college auditorium.

Registrants are required to send their name, address, telephone number and classification of talent to Chairman, Tar Heel Talent Search, High Point. Contestants must be residents of North Carolina and amateurs between 15 and 25. Prizes of \$50 savings bonds will be awarded winners in four

Two Boys Hurt In Sunday Crash

A Corvette sports car was demolished and two persons were seriously injured in an accident at 8:45 p.m. Sunday on the Merrimon road. Injured are Jackie Simpson, Beaufort, and Andrew Reels, Merrimon.

Highway patrolman W. E. Pickard said John C. Gaskill of Beaufort was the driver of the car. It failed to make a curve, ran off the road, up a ditch and turned over. Gaskill and his two passengers were thrown out.

Dr. John Morris said yesterday that both Simpson and Reels, in the Morehead City hospital, had suffered severe head injuries and were in critical condition. Gaskill was not hurt.

The patrolman said the car broke into pieces. Charges against Gaskill are pending.

Morehead City Youth To Appear on Program

Scheduled to appear between 7 and 7:30 a.m. tomorrow on the Carolina Today program, WNCN, is Fred Oglesby, specialist fourth class.

Fred, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Oglesby, Morehead City, was interviewed in Germany and the film of the interview is to be shown as a part of the tv program, according to information from WNCN program directors.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar		
HIGH		LOW
Tuesday, May 23		
2:12 a.m.		9:11 a.m.
3:08 p.m.		9:41 p.m.
Wednesday, May 24		
3:06 a.m.		10:00 a.m.
4:00 p.m.		10:32 p.m.
Thursday, May 25		

On Committees

Carteret's two representatives in the general assembly are serving on the finance sub-committee, D.