

County Approves Four Bond Issues

Beaufort Board Exempts Town From Blue Law

- Railroad Defers Roadbed Repair Work
- Commissioners Get 1960-61 Audit

The Beaufort town board of commissioners, in session Monday night at the town hall, voted unanimously to exempt the town from state blue laws. Three members of the Beaufort Merchants association, J. O. Barbour, Gilbert Potter and Leslie Moore, appeared before the board and asked that the commissioners take the action that would allow Sunday business.

Under the blue law statute, which prohibits certain Sunday business, a town may exempt itself by a majority vote of its governing board.

Commissioner John Jones reported to the board that he had held another conversation with A. T. Leary concerning repairs to the railroad right of way on Broad street. The repairs, which were supposed to have been started by now, have been delayed until Jan. 15 due to loss of revenue to the railroad from the tanker Potomac fire, according to Mr. Jones.

Mr. Jones said that Mr. Leary wants the town to make temporary repairs on Broad street crossings and bill the railroad for the work. The board indicated that this would be done.

Town building inspector Gerald Woolard also appeared before the board to ask permission to remove condemned buildings on three properties. Mr. Woolard said that he has received reports of people staying in the houses at night and suggested that the town have the buildings removed at the owner's expense. Mr. Woolard was asked to delay action until town attorney Claude Wheatly could look into the matter.

Frank P. Wall of Williams and Wall, auditors, met with the board to go over details of his company's audit of the town's financial situation. The statement of the audit appears in today's paper. One suggestion tendered by Mr. Wall was that tax collections be deposited each time they reach \$250 as required by law. Previously these collections have been deposited on a weekly basis.

By a unanimous vote, the board approved transferring \$15,000 of the general fund surplus to the debt service fund for the retirement of outstanding bonds. This amount was specified as additional to the regular deposits in the debt service fund.

Present at the meeting, in addition to mayor W. H. (Piggle) Potter, commissioner Jones and town attorney Claude Wheatly, were commissioners W. R. Hamilton, Earl Mades, Frank Morning, and Dr. David Farrior.

Fish Boat, Two Cruisers Aided

The fishing boat Edna and cabin cruisers I Go II and Moselle were objects of Coast Guard assistance this week, according to Fort Macon assistance reports.

The Edna, a 29-foot fishing vessel, was towed from Beaufort inlet to the Sinclair docks, Morehead City, Monday afternoon by the Fort Macon 40-footer. Engine failure had stalled the Edna. Joseph D. Rose, Morehead City, is the boat's owner.

Assists to the I Go II and the Moselle were made Wednesday. The I Go II, a 33-foot cabin cruiser owned by James V. Igoe of New Jersey, developed engine failure in Core creek, near light No. 29 and had to be towed to the Morehead City yacht basin. Making the assist was the 40-footer.

The Moselle, a 28-foot cabin cruiser owned by D. E. Haven, Elkins Park, Pa., also developed engine failure Wednesday and was towed from Fleming's fishing pier to the Sinclair docks, Morehead City, by the 40-footer.

Coast Guard crewmen on the three assists were James Pittman, BM-1; Rethel Brannon, EN-3; Robert H. Woodard, SN, Quinn Alpline, BM-1; and Harold Snipes, EN-1.

Tissue Sale Planned

The Beaufort Junior Woman's club will sell face tissues door to door Monday night from 6:30 to 8:30, announces Mrs. Wiley Taylor Jr. The tissues are five boxes for \$1.

Dr. S. W. Hatcher Heads Chamber of Commerce

Dr. S. W. Hatcher was elected president of the greater Morehead City chamber of commerce Monday night and J. A. DuBois was re-elected as manager by the directors. Mr. DuBois was assured, by the new board of directors, that he would have adequate office help. Other officers are George Huntley Jr., vice-president, and Josiah Bailey, treasurer.

Ways of trimming the 1962 budget, without reducing effectiveness of the chamber's program, were discussed. It was agreed that the first step would be to take care of current obligations and balance the budget. A balance of \$733.61 was reported by the manager.



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Advertising expenditures of 1961 were reviewed and each member received a suggested outline of the program for 1962. The board expressed its appreciation to Norwood Young for his services as publicist and expressed the hope that he could be re-employed during the coming year.

Directors noted that the following sports-fishing connected businesses cooperated with the chamber during 1961:

- Triple-Ess pier, Oceanana pier, Sportsman's pier, Morehead Beach pier, Iron Steamer pier, Bogue Inlet pier.
- The Danco, the Carolina Queen, Otis Lucky 7, Dave and Leroy Gould, Ira Morris Kamp, Rainbow Inn.
- L. T. Smith's Fishing camp, Cape Lookout Boat Basin Sport Center, Bill Fox's Bait, Morehead City Yacht Basin, Anchorage Lodge.

It has been proposed that the charter boats, fishing camps, fishing piers, yacht basins and launching ramps listed in the chamber's new brochure and vacation map will be restricted to these, as will photos and news releases to the press, radio and tv in 1962.

S. A. Chalk, retiring president of the chamber, commended retiring members of the board E. H. Swann and George McNeill for their services during the past three years. He also expressed appreciation to J. R. Sanders, retiring chamber treasurer, who has served in that office since May 7, 1956.

Mr. Chalk was given a vote of thanks for his services by all chamber members at the recent dinner at the Biltmore hotel.

Attending the board meeting, in addition to those mentioned, were Frank Cassiano, George D. Phillips, and Ben Alfred, new directors; W. E. Baughman, Garland Scruggs and Rufus Butner Jr.

Home Demonstration Club Members Get Perfect Attendance Awards

Home Demonstration Club members from eight clubs were presented perfect attendance awards at the achievement day program Thursday night. The program was held at the Eure building in Beaufort. Those receiving awards and the club they represented follow:

Wiregrass: Mrs. R. L. Searle and Mrs. E. M. Foreman, one year.

Russells Creek: Mrs. C. S. Rogers and Mrs. George Broda, one year; Mrs. Lee Garner, six years.

Broad Creek: Mrs. Merle Hickox, two years.

Crab Point: Mrs. Charles Stanley, twelve years; Miss Alice Laughton, ten years.

Wildwood: Mrs. G. C. Dunn and Mrs. Earl Dunn, three years.

Merrimon: Mrs. Guy Carraway, four years.

Bogue: Mrs. Effron Smith, one year.

Harlowe: Mrs. T. O. Brookings, Mrs. W. K. Williams, Mrs. John Ives and Mrs. E. C. McLawhorn, one year.

Members of the 4-H club who presented talent numbers were Becky and Sandra Davis of Harkers Island, who sang a duet, and Birdie Robinson and Edward Millis of Newport. Miss Robinson sang an original song and was accompanied by Millis. Mrs. Bobby Oglesby of the Crab Point club sang a solo and she and Mrs. Rubens Oglesby sang a duet.

Merchants who donated prizes for the two clubwomen of the Year, Mrs. R. L. Searle of Wiregrass and Mrs. R. P. Shrake of Harlowe, were:

Bell's drug store, City Appliance, Downum's, Guthrie-Jones drug store, Eastern Rulane, Hatsell's Electric, Herring's, Huntley's, Rose's, Hamilton's, Duchess beauty shop, Beaufort Florist, T. H. Potter Sinclair.

Beauty Bar, Beaufort Hardware, Colonial store, C. G. Gaskill Co., Bob and Sue shop, Shirley's beauty shop, Topsail service station, Red and White, Ideal Cleaners, A and P, Beaufort theatre, Western Auto, City Grocery and Bellzora's, all of Beaufort.

Tide Table		
Tides at the Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Friday, Nov. 10	LOW
9:01 a.m.		3:04 a.m.
9:29 p.m.		3:47 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 11		
9:45 a.m.		3:40 a.m.
10:22 p.m.		4:28 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 12		
10:39 a.m.		4:18 a.m.
11:24 p.m.		5:13 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 13		
11:41 a.m.		5:03 a.m.
		6:18 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 14		
12:27 a.m.		6:04 a.m.
12:24 p.m.		7:20 p.m.

Grand Jurors Repeat Request For Higher Pay

- Five Schools Cited In Report
- Improvements Sought At Airport

Grand jurors, in their report to judge Walter J. Bone Wednesday, again recommended that the fee paid grand jurors be raised to \$10 a day and travel expense be raised from 5 cents to 6 cents per mile. The former grand jury made a similar recommendation.

The jurors also asked that the sheriff's department take further steps for better law enforcement in the Cedar Point area.

Residents of that area requested more law enforcement this summer. The sheriff's department and state highway patrol have stepped up activities there.

The grand jury report of this week commented, "Since this area is on the edge of the county, the immediate availability of county law officers is difficult under present conditions. In view of these circumstances, it is recommended that the sheriff's department investigate the conditions with considerations made to providing deputies, additional military police patrols and other law enforcement as appropriate."

In addition to the "overcrowded conditions and inadequate facilities" at schools, which are "recognized by the communities," the grand jury made the following recommendations:

- Beaufort school—drainage of an area at the east end of the school yard, which during rainy weather floods to a distance 30 feet from the railroad trestle.
- Newport school—questioned effectiveness of fire extinguishers, which were last tested in September 1959.
- Morehead City school—cited fire hazards. Recommended that table be moved from in front of door where main electrical switch is located in lunchroom building; replacement of fire hose behind the stage, school buses parked too close and refueled too close to the building; arrangements should be made with fire department to permit development in the county.

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Honored by Lions

Edward Swindell of Cameron, La., son of Mrs. E. R. Swindell of Morehead City, was named Lion of the Year by the Cameron Lions club last week. Since Mr. and Mrs. Swindell are visiting here, the award, in the form of a plaque, was accepted by his daughter, Mrs. Hugh Smith of Cameron. Mr. Swindell was notified of the honor by telephone.

Superintendent of Louisiana Menhaden Co. in Cameron, Mr. Swindell has been active in the Fur and Wildlife festival, served in school organizations, civic clubs and is a steward of Wakefield Memorial Methodist church in Cameron.

The Swindells have two children, Mrs. Smith and Edward Jr., a student at LSU.

Jack Shell Biddix, Beaufort, has been notified by the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles of the revocation of his driver's license for drunk driving.

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Vote Split Evenly on State Bonds For Local Hospital Construction

Carteret voted for four of the ten bond issues — ports, mental hospitals, colleges and state correctional schools — and split even on hospital bonds, according to official returns from all of the county's 27 precincts. The 10 issues were defeated statewide.

The county elections board met yesterday afternoon to canvass the votes and declare the results official.

The largest number of votes cast was for port bonds, 3,342, in a day of light voting. The number who went to the polls was about a third of the turnout in the 1960 presidential election.

Port bonds carried by 878 votes. Votes cast for were 2,110 and against, 1,232.

The next most popular issue was mental hospitals, carried by 731 votes. Voting for these bonds were 2,026, and against 1,295.

The other two issues, for colleges and correctional schools, carried by less than 150 votes. On the hospital bonds, 1,645 voted for and 1,645 voted against.

The tabulation follows:

Bond Issue	For	Against
Capitol Buildings	1,100	2,150
Correctional schools	1,699	1,778
College buildings	1,704	1,600
Community colleges	1,486	1,753
Library and Archives building	962	2,138
Ports	2,110	1,232
Mental hospitals	2,026	1,295
Hospital construction	1,645	1,645
C&D improvements	1,358	1,866
Agriculture research	1,312	1,883

The tabulation by precincts will appear in Tuesday's paper.

George W. Dill, mayor of Morehead City, attributes failure of the bond issues, statewide, to "lack of understanding and a bad selling job at the upper level." He said that he felt people did not pay enough attention to state treasurer Edwin Gill's statement that no new taxes would be involved.

"The intent of the bond issue was progressive — ports, mental hospitals and institutions of higher education," the mayor said. "The administration will have to dig down and make provisions for our population explosion."

He said he felt the returns indicate that "government is still in the hands of the people."

D. G. Bell, Morehead City, who was in the legislature when the proposal to put the bond issues before the people was approved, said yesterday that the bonds got beat "for so many reasons."

He said he felt that the vote was an indication of resentment against additional taxes. The widespread opposition was not anticipated and therefore intense effort to promote the bonds was not exerted.

A lot of people didn't understand the bond issues — that this is the only way the state can finance capital improvements if it can't finance them out of surplus funds, the former legislator said.

Among the "gainers" were those who are always opposed to any progress, Mr. Bell commented, plus those who are "anti-administration," and even though they understood the bond issues and the need, "egged the ignorant ones on" in opposition.

The State Ports Authority now plans to finance its needed improvements through sale of revenue bonds.

This path was not originally pursued by the SPA, Mr. Bell said, because the interest rate on bonds, backed by the entire state, would be less than that charged on bonds sold with only port revenue as security.

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Newport Board Bans Fire Trucks From Two Areas

After Dec. 31 of this year trucks from the Newport fire department will not answer calls to Broad Creek and Mill Creek unless residents of those areas make some agreement to help finance the fire program. Action was taken by Newport town commissioners Tuesday night at the town hall.

The board discussed the fact that residents in the two areas have not responded to calls for financial help from the fire association. They agreed that trips to the outlying areas by fire trucks are too expensive, without receiving compensation.

The board also discussed the contract with the rural fire association, which ends Dec. 31. The board favors the association putting the \$1,200 it now has into a fund for new fire equipment. If this is done, the town would agree to receive no compensation for fighting rural fires until July 1, 1962.

In other action, Robert K. Berg appeared before the board to protest a horse stable being built too close to his home. The commissioners authorized police chief Dan Bell to talk to the owner of the stable, Robert Thompson, and advise him of regulations covering the matter.

Bobby Jones asked the board for a right-of-way from his home to the Nine-Foot road, across town property. Jones already has an outlet, but would like another in front of his home. The board granted the right-of-way on condition that should the town ever want to close the road in the future, it could do so.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Leon Mann Jr., the clerk, Miss Edith Lockett, town attorney George Ball and commissioners Raymond Edwards, Steve Smith, C. H. Lockett and John B. Kelly.

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County Approves Lease On Front Street Building

County commissioners approved a lease Monday afternoon with Leslie Moore for rental from Oct. 2, 1961 to June 2, 1962 of Mr. Moore's front street building, Beaufort.

The building is the former C. D. Jones store and will be used as a surplus food distribution center. The rent is \$103 a month.

The board approved payment of the \$1,000 it had budgeted for civil defense radio. Machine and Supply Co., Beaufort, was low bidder on the equipment.

Luther Hamilton Jr., county attorney, was asked to contact Morehead City Shipbuilding's referee in bankruptcy relative to getting the property back on a tax-paying basis and also collecting back taxes.

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Woman, Charged with Murder, Freed

Nancy Marie Debrix, Beaufort, indicted by the grand jury this week for the murder of John Tyson Aug. 14, was freed by a jury at 11:40 a.m. Wednesday. The jury deliberated for more than two hours.

Judge Walter J. Bone finished his charge to the jury after 5 p.m. Tuesday. The jury retired as soon as court resumed Wednesday morning.

The state had asked that the jury find the Debrix woman "guilty of second degree murder or manslaughter as the facts may warrant." Judge Bone told the jury it could make its choice among three possible decisions: guilty of murder in the second degree (intentional killing of another person with malice), manslaughter, or not guilty.

Tyson died as the result of a shotgun wound in his side.

Solicitor Robert N. Rouse Jr., relative to the defendant's contention that she shot in self-defense, told the jury it had to determine whether she actually acted in self-defense. He contended that Nancy

was not telling the truth and recited four different versions she gave of the shooting.

He said that the first doubt arises in Nancy's refusing to leave the house where she and Tyson, her common-law husband lived, when Beaufort's police chief, Guy Springle, was summoned there by Tyson. He said testimony revealed that John wouldn't let her leave the house, but when she could have gone "under the protection of the police chief," she didn't.

He recalled testimony by the witness wherein she told a neighbor, after she had shot Tyson, "I was tired of John. Every time he got to drinking, he beat me up. If I hadn't done something to him, he would have done something to me."

Then she told the police chief, the solicitor recalled, that John "was coming at me with a knife." But the only knife the chief could find, Mr. Rouse commented, was a folded-up pocket knife in his pants pocket.

"Now a man, shot in the side,

with his entrails hanging out, couldn't calmly fold his knife up and put it back in his pocket, could he?" Mr. Rouse asked the jurors.

Another story she told, the solicitor said, was that John didn't come after her with a knife, but with a brick hammer (a tool used to tap bricks into place as they're laid).

Still another version that she related, the solicitor continued, was that he came at her with "balled up fists."

Mr. Rouse demonstrated, with the .12-gauge single barrel shotgun used in the killing, that she couldn't have "picked-up the gun and fired without meaning to shoot him."

"In anger, she got the gun and fired at him," the solicitor asserted.

He referred to the statements by the defense attorney, judge Luther Hamilton, that Nancy was of good reputation. Mr. Rouse said that a woman with a string of convictions for liquor violations, who was living with a man out of wedlock,

was "not a virtuous woman."

The solicitor told the jurors, "None of us is safe if one can shoot down another and then merely cite as an excuse 'self-defense.'"

Judge Bone, reviewing the evidence, commented that chief Springle had been called to the Tyson house, told them to settle their argument peacefully, and about 40 minutes later had received a call from Evelyn Garrison, reporting that Tyson had been shot.

Before the shooting, Nancy had taken broken eye glasses and some of her clothing to the Garrison house and told Evelyn that she was going to move out.

After the shooting, Nancy asked Evelyn to come sit with her. Evelyn asked permission to go look at John, who was lying on the floor in the house, about 15 feet from the front door. Evelyn said that when she went in, John raised up slightly, and said, "Mama."

Evelyn also testified that there was a mark on Nancy's face where her glasses had been before John allegedly knocked them off and broke them.

The judge recalled testimony

that Nancy had said she "had taken all she could," that she had been living with Tyson 10 years and had been in their present house a year, both of them buying furniture for it.

Judge Bone mentioned testimony to the effect that during the course of the argument between the two, John locked the door and then knocked Nancy down; that as Nancy reached back to open the door, her hand touched the gun. When she held the gun on him, he told her it was not loaded.

The judge commented that the defendant said Tyson had once stabbed her in the back and one time had choked her until she was unconscious.

Both chief