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Council Again Votes
To 'Go To River';
Legal Action Seen

MSC's FM Station
Is On The Air

Morehead State College's new FM station, WMKY-FM, this week went on the air for the first time, after a period of program testing.

The station, with a range of approximately three miles, will operate from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

A complete schedule and other information about the new station may be found elsewhere in this issue of The Morehead News.

These Are The Water
Motions And Amendments

Body Votes 4-3
After Hearing
College Plan

Morehead has again decided to build its own water plant, using Licking River as a source of supply, but the possibility exists that legal action may be taken in an attempt to block the project.

By the same 4-3 vote which more than a year ago put Council on record as favoring a municipally owned and operated plant, the city's governing body Thursday night approved a motion by Councilman George Hill to proceed with plans for financing and constructing a treatment plant at Farmers and a distribution and storage system.

The same three members of Council (Hill, Robert Allen and Paul J. Reynolds) favored the municipal plant and the same three (Dr. N.C. Marsh, Wilburt Crager and Austin Riddle) opposed the move. Mayor Eldon T. Evans cast the tie-breaking vote, as he had when the plan was originally proposed early last year.

Hill's motion was necessary because of Council action two months ago when the group voted 3-2, with Reynolds absent, to rescind the original action and to enter into negotiations with Morehead State College for a new water supply contract.

Although the motion called for the city to move as rapidly as possible toward acquiring its own water supply, the situation was described this week as "very much up in the air," because of the possibility of legal action to restrain the City from taking any action to implement the decision.

At least one member of Council, along with a number of businessmen, have said publicly that they intend to seek an injunction restraining the city from constructing its own plant apparently on the basis that they believe water can be purchased more economically from the college.

It is known that representatives of the "anti" group have consulted attorneys who specialize in utilities and that the lawyers are now going over the information furnished them in an effort to determine how to

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN HILL

The resolution adopted by Council under date of April 13, 1965 which resolution rescinded earlier action by Council in constructing its independent water system be rescinded in its entirety and that the mayor take such steps as may be necessary to forthwith make application to the Public Service Commission for clearance and approval of the construction and operation of its water system, to advertise for bids for such construction and to instruct the fiscal agent to prepare necessary legislation for issue and sale of revenue bonds for the construction of a city-owned water system and distribution plant.

AMENDMENT BY COUNCILMAN MARSH

"Due to the several thousands of dollars that it will cost to re-finance the present gas and sewage bonds and the waste of this manipulation which will result in a higher rate of interest on all the bonds, I move that we amend the motion in question on any new bond issue and let the water system stand on its own merit, if it can; and I move that we not proceed with the amendment in question until we have established definitely what the water rate will be if we proceed with this program."

AMENDMENT BY COUNCILMAN RIDDLE

It has, in the past, been the policy of City Council to submit by informal referendum controversial questions, or issues, particularly when such decisions affect the financial and public services interests of the citizens of Morehead. Specifically, such referendums have been submitted to our people on fluoridation of our water, and even on a rate increase, and channel changes, on the television cable.

The people, under our democratic form of government, have the right to make the decision - emphatically so, since they are the ones who will pay the bill.

The existing critical purified water crisis in Morehead is the most important decision any Council, in our over 100 year history, has made. As a member of this Council I, for one, want to know the feeling and desire of the people, and if we can call an informal referendum on such minor matters as fluoridation and the T-V cable certainly we owe it to the people of Morehead to permit them an opportunity to vote on this. Not only does water rationing appear mandatory in the almost immediate future, but a rate increase for water of 100 to 300 percent is inevitable despite all these complicated, almost not understandable, formulas of debt and bond re-financing; a recall of existing outstanding bonds with penalty and at higher interest rates; re-mortgaging a Utility System that has paid its debt down to about \$700,000 plus considerable expansion of service, and retirement, from reserves, of some bonds that would not have matured for many years; increasing the debt, through difficult to comprehend procedures to more than \$2 1/4 million; and many other pencil and computing machine devices, including a sewage tax, per student, at Morehead State College without even consulting the President, or Board of Regents, of the college; which is the life-blood of this community and is a tax-free institution.

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Modified Plan
For Sabbatical
Attracts Many

Numerous Morehead State College faculty members will be on leaves-of-absence during the 1965-66 school year doing doctoral work under the new Modified Sabbatical Leave Program established this spring by the Board of Regents. The program was established so young faculty members chosen by the Board could, upon completing three years on the Morehead State College faculty, obtain a 15-month leave-of-absence at half salary. The stipulation is that they must return to positions on the Morehead faculty for at least two years upon completion of the 15-month leave-of-absence.

Those working toward the doctorate under this program are Don Flatt, instructor in social science; Rex Chaney, coach and instructor in health and physical education; Joyce B. Chaney, instructor in English; Nan K. Ward instructor in physical education at Breckinridge Training School; Charles Ray, instructor in business administration; and James Earl Davis, instructor in English.

Flatt, Chaney and Mrs. Chaney are attending Indiana University at Bloomington while Mrs. Ward and Ray are at the University of Kentucky and Davis is at Florida State University, Tallahassee.

Also on leave-of-absence for the 1965-66 school year are John Duncan, instructor in social science who is attending Indiana University; and Bill Pierce, who is attending the University of Kentucky.

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tion of a stolen car) and parole violation. He was scheduled to appear in Catlettsburg Federal Court Monday on a second Dyer Act charge. He was free on bond when the shooting occurred. After giving up to Treasury agents, Johnson was taken to Boyd County Jail.

Moreheadian's Trial Is Put Off At Maysville

The third trial of Cecil Johnson, Morehead and Buddy Muse, Flemingsburg, scheduled for this week at Maysville has been continued due to the recent illness of Johnson's attorney, John Young Brown, Lexington. Circuit Judge John A. Breslin will set a new date for the trial. Johnson and Muse were indicted for armed robbery at the Charles Arnold home in Maysville on Jan. 5, 1964. The first trial ended in a life sentence for both but a new trial was granted. The second hearing terminated in a hung jury. Both men are at liberty under \$10,000 bond each.

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The Council has been deadlocked on this issue, 3-3, for more than a year; and 18 months have elapsed since this critical problem was brought to the attention of this Council and the public. In view of the existing crisis; the vast amount of money involved which our people must pay off for the next 40 years at interest rates that will total far more than the principal, or money borrowed; plus the undisputed fact that if these bonds are issued the Utility Plant Board will have no reserve funds for expansion and improvement, or even mandatory procedures such as re-locating the utility lines along the Morehead-Flemingsburg road when Interstate 64 is built - I move that in true, honorable and democratic processes of government that a referendum ballot be enclosed with each water and/or gas bill to consumers residing within the City limits, that is mailed on, or about, July 1, 1965. This informal referendum should serve, as it has in the past, a helpful guide and expression to members of this Council of the true wishes, and desire, of the consumers and taxpayers on this critical matter. Included with this motion is that the referendum ballot should read:

Are you in favor of renegotiating with Morehead State College for purified water, or are you in favor of the City constructing its own purification plant and pumping water from Licking River.

- ☐ ... Renegotiate with Morehead State College.
- ☐ ... City building its own plant and pumping water from Licking River.

(Important - Do not return this ballot when you mail, or pay your water, or gas, bill. It MUST be returned to the City Clerk in the enclosed stamped, addressed envelope). Citizens of Morehead have contracted me in person, by telephone, and otherwise, stating that if they are not allowed the opportunity to express their views at a public, properly publicized, public hearing, or through a referendum as proposed in this motion, it is their intention to employ legal counsel, and immediately take legal action in the courts to protect their interests and investments in their homes and businesses. As a member of Council I make this motion, and want to be placed on official record that I am convinced it is only fair, honorable, proper and just that the taxpayers and consumers of city-owned utilities be given the opportunity to state, or vote, their convictions on this all important matter that is a crisis today and will vitally affect our community in other generations.

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However, under Hill's motion Council is committed to move ahead, seeking State Public Service Commission approval of plans and rates and advertising for bids on bonds with which to finance the \$1,550,000 project. Also involved in refinancing of \$710,000 in existing utility bonds, which must be included in any new bond issue for this purpose here.

Council--by the same 4-3 vote--beat back amendments to Hill's motion by Dr. Marsh and Riddle.

Marsh's motion sought to amend Hill's to provide that gas and sewage be divorced from water for financing purposes and that all of the proposed rate increase be applied to water. This would have made a water rate hike of about 66 percent necessary, as compared to an average of 19 percent on gas, water and sewage together, under the proposal which Council approved. Hill, Allen and Reynolds voted against the move, while Crager, Marsh and Riddle favored it. The mayor again cast the tie-breaker.

Riddle, citing precedent in TV cable and fluoridation controversies, sought to amend Hill's motion by asking that the question be submitted to an informal referendum, with ballots to be mailed with July 1 utility bills.

Riddle's amendment also failed, by the same 4-3 margin with the lineup for and against identical with that which defeated Marsh's amendments.

(The complete text of Hill's motion and the proposed amendments by Marsh and Riddle appear elsewhere in this issue of The Morehead News).

Hill's motion set off a noisy--and at one time angry--decision between members of Council themselves and between spectators and members of Council.

When Mayor Evans was able to bring the meeting back to order, Council routinely voted 4-3 against both amendments and then gave its approval to Hill's motion.

Prior to Hill's move, Council and persons in the packed chamber, had heard Morehead State College President, Dr.

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\$4,873,000 INVESTED

Rowan Motorists Spend \$807 Annually For Auto Operation

With many Rowan County families planning to take automobile trips to various parts of the country this summer, the question of cost gets top consideration. The indications are that travel costs will be only slightly greater than they were last year. The basic expenses--for food and for overnight lodging--will be about the same. On the other hand, highway tolls and charges on gasoline and other items will run somewhat higher in certain areas. The figures on travel costs

come from the American Automobile Association and the Commerce Clearing House. On the basis of their findings, Rowan County residents must count on a daily budget of \$31 to cover necessary expenditures for two people. This assumes that they travel 300 miles a day and that they get 15 miles to the gallon of gas. Included in the \$31 daily cost are \$11 for overnight accommodations, \$10.50 for meals and snacks, \$7 for oil and gas and \$2.50 for tips and miscellaneous needs.

It is pointed out that this does not make any provision for amusements, souvenirs of recreation. In connection with its report on vacation costs, the AAA has issued new figures on the annualship and operation of a car. For the typical driver of a standard-size car in the popular price range, driven the average amount of 10,000 miles a year, it comes to \$1,177, equivalent to 11.8 cents a mile. This compares with 11.6 cents last year. For the number of passenger (Continued on page 9)

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Dr. C. Nelson man of the Divis Arts at Morehead has been nan scholar at the Michigan Institut and University A Dr. Grote will sj on the Ann Arbo 50 other college from through States at the institute. The adminstra with resource l the basic probl and university ad Guestlecturers will include co versity president Graduate Studi and numerous and university ad Dr. Grote has head State Colle and holds the Ed the University of

45 Students Make Perfect Standings For 2nd Semester

Morehead State College had 45 students who made perfect 4.0 standings the second semester.

They were among 704 students who made the Dean's List by earning a 3.0 standing or better.

Students making perfect standings were: Marcella Jo Adams, Ashland; Dannilee Anderson, Coody; Connie Armstrong, Blue Creek, O.; Judy Carol Bailey, Sharpsburg; William Purdy Bedford, Cynthia; Sherri Lynn Braner, Louisville; Nancy Karin Byman, Loveland, O.; Rhea Margaret Casebolt, Mousie; Pritchard Farley Collins, Aberdeen, Md.; Denver Gordon Compton, Louisa; Bobby Sue Conley, Mousie; Etta Carolyn Cornett, Greenville, O.; Helen Davis, Load; Diana Lee Diehl, Monroe, O.; Dale Allen Dummitt, Camp Dix; Patricia Ann Gee, Massillon, O.; Nancy Goldy, Sharpsburg; Marvela June Haggard, Independence; Joseph G. Halsey, Sewell; Johnna Lynn Hasler, Vanceburg; Harolretta Gwen Henry, Salyersville; Carl Edgar Huntzman, Osgood, Ind. and Lonnie Ray Jackson, Flemingsburg.

Others achieving 4.0 standings were: Lorraine H. Kendall, Raceland; Bessie Mae Lee,

Lloyd Cassity On Committee For Bond Issue

Max B. Hurt, Kirksey, has been elected chairman of the Citizens Committee for Higher Education, a group organized in support of the \$176 million bond issue to be voted on the November ballot.

Hurt is an alumnus of Murray State College. Vice chairman of the committee is Dr. Merrill Schell, Owensboro, an alumnus of Western Kentucky State College.

Members of the executive committee include Dr. John Reeves, University of Kentucky, Lexington; Dr. Hoyt Gardner, University of Louisville; Lloyd Cassity, Ashland, Morehead State College; John O'Rourke of Lexington, Kentucky State College alumnus, and Otis Amis, also of Lexington, Eastern State College alumnus.

The bond issue contains an allocation of \$17.1 million which

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Adron Doran, explain the college's position in the water controversy which has racked the community for more than 18 months.

Basically, Dr. Doran told the group, the college would rather not be in the water business, but that if it had to be it would make provision to supply the city with adequate water, provided the city is prepared to pay its share of the cost of expanding the college treatment plant.

Doran read at length from the written record of negotiations between the city and the college on the water matter and also read to the gathering the terms of the contract under which the college now furnishes water to the city.

The MSC president said that 34¢ per 1,000 gallons of filtered and treated water, or 35¢ for the same water with fluoride added, was the lowest price which the college would be able to charge and still amortize the \$675,000 worth of bonds, which would be sold to expand the college treatment plant.

At one point, he told Council, in response to a question, that he knew nothing about a proposed rural water district, but added that if "somebody were offering to sell me water at 34¢ a 1,000 and somebody else were offering it to me at 30¢ (the price quoted by sponsors of the rural water district) I would be inclined to buy from the 30¢ man."

"However," Doran said, "I would certainly look into the medicine man who was proposing to sell it at 30¢ to see what kind of a proposition he had."

The college president pointed out that MSC's position in the matter is one which has been set out by the Board of Regents as a matter of policy.

"I am not here tonight to defend this policy; neither am I here to try to sell it to anyone. I am here at the invitation of City Council to try to answer any questions which you may have about it," he explained.

With approval of Hill's motion to "go to the river," as the municipal plant plan has been termed, Council's session was adjourned.

Thus, the city is back in the same position as it was two months ago when the move to renew negotiations with the college was approved.

The city has a complete set of plans--approved by the State Department of Health--for the treatment plant, and is obligated to the extent of some



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Flora Tackett Cooper Dies

In Lexington

Mrs. Flora Tackett Cooper, known to perhaps as many Rowan Countians as any other person, died Monday in Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington after a long illness. She was 56. Mrs. Cooper, the wife of Herman Cooper, was a assistant postmaster at Morehead for more than 30 years, and was employed at the Morehead Post Office for 36 years before the illness which eventually claimed her life forced her retirement in 1964.

A member of the Morehead Woman's Club and the First Baptist Church of Morehead, Mrs. Cooper was born Jan. 10, 1909 in Rowan County. She was a daughter of Charles Tackett and the late Lula Littleton Tackett.

Surviving, in addition to the father and her husband are a son, Robert Lee Cooper, Fairborn, O.; two brothers, Robert Tackett and Harvey Tackett, both of Morehead; and two sisters, Mrs. Alice Brown Jones, Dayton, O.; and Mrs. Edna Hiles, Indianapolis, Ind.

Funeral services were held Wednesday in the First Baptist Church. Rev. B.H. Kazee and Rev. Kenneth Cole officiated at the rites.

Burial was in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens under the direction of Stucky Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Archie Williams, Jack Parker, Roy Caudill, Gilbert Jones, Robert Bishop and Clyde White.

Honorary pallbearers were active and retired employees of the Morehead Post Office.

Offices To Be Closed For Holiday

All Federal, State and County offices, along with most businesses will be closed here Monday in observance of the Independence Day holiday. Since July 4th falls on Sunday, the official holiday is Monday.

Dog Licenses Go On Sale Here July 1

State dog licenses go on sale July 1, Commissioner of Agriculture Wendell P. Butler has informed Kentucky dog owners. According to Butler, the State dog law requires that all dogs six months of age or older must be licensed.

The \$1.50 tags will be on sale in all the 120 counties. County dog wardens or sheriffs will handle the sales.

The county judge's office, is in charge of the sale of tags in Rowan County.

Any person operating a kennel may, in lieu of obtaining a license for each dog, apply to the dog warden for a kennel license. A license fee of \$10 is required to keep ten dogs or less; a fee of \$15 is charged to keep more than ten dogs.

In noting the sale of 1965 tags, Butler said the purpose of the law is to eliminate stray dogs and to control rabies. Along with the requirement that dogs be licensed, the State Board of Health requires that all dogs six months old or older be vaccinated for rabies.

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Federal Money Involved In

Postponement

Any further move by the City of Morehead toward the building of its water system has been ordered held in abeyance for the next three weeks to a month.

City Council took this action Tuesday after hearing reports from Mayor Eldon Evans and Utility Plant Board Superintendent Clint Johnson that they have been advised that Federal funds under which the city may obtain a cost-sharing grant may soon become available.

Both Evans and Johnson told Council they had been told to hold up further moves toward obtaining State Public Service Commission approval of the project "at least for the next three or four weeks."

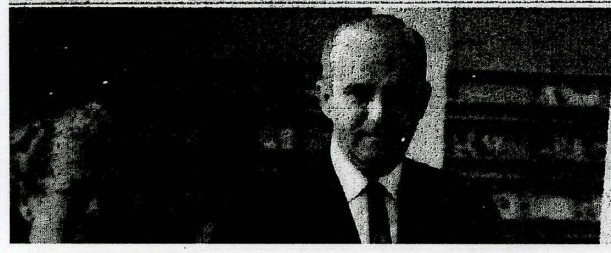
They indicated that Congress is expected to approve a \$400,000,000 Accelerated Public Works program, and Johnson said he had been told that Morehead's application "stands at or near the top of the list because of the fact that we have plans completed and approved."

Council took no formal action on the plan to delay any further moves; rather, it came as an informal agreement among the five members present at Tuesday's special session.

At the same time, the city's governing body gave approval to a 1965-66 budget totaling \$130,899.33. It contains pay increases for the chief of police, other members of the police department and for police radio operators.

The chief will receive 10¢ per hour more, individual patrolmen 10¢ per hour more and radio operators an undetermined amount. The raise for the latter was included as a last minute amendment to the budget.

Everett T. (Buck) Amburgey was formally approved for the new job of building inspector and codes enforcement officer for one-year term at a salary of \$3,600 a year. Amburgey will



MOREHEAD'S MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS

The argument of private versus public utilities has been one of the many controversies in big business that have started since the war.

It is agreed in most places that the private utilities can actually can, for the most part, successfully compete with the municipal plants.

It is certainly true that in many cities the private utilities can actually provide their products cheaper than a publicly owned plant.

The Morehead Municipal Waterworks is a fine example of the public utilities succeeding probably much better than would the private. This waterworks which is owned by the city, without indebtedness has paid for itself more than once, besides giving the consumer water rates that are anything but exorbitant. This low rate has been combined with very satisfactory service, and water that has favorably come up to every sanitation test.

A study of the existing rates in most neighboring towns and in Morehead reveal that with but two exceptions Morehead provides the cheaper water.

Perhaps you have had a voucher on the City of Morehead. They are worth exactly one hundred cents on the dollar. Through the Municipal Waterworks this has been made possible. The waterworks is a money-making proposition for the Morehead taxpayer.

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