

Committees Note City's Expansion

The membership and projects committees of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, meeting jointly during the past several weeks, have noted that new businesses and businessmen in this area equal and exceed the present membership in the Chamber of Commerce. Dr. John Morris, president, revealed today.

"This indicates the rapid growth Morehead City is experiencing," he commented.

At a special meeting of the board of directors Tuesday night the 1948-49 budget was approved and 25 wooden benches were ordered for placement on the waterfront.

The benches will be used by townspeople and visitors and will provide seating for sailboat race spectators.

Members of the membership committee who will direct this year's membership campaign are A. B. Cooper, chairman, I. E. Pittman, Lou Gore, H. P. Scripture, C. N. Bennett, W. C. Matthews, and W. C. Carlton.

Members of the projects committee are George Ball, chairman, A. B. (Jack) Roberts, Warren Beck, Stinner Chalk Jr., Sam Adler, and D. G. Bell.

Comprising the Chamber's advisory council are Tony Seamon, Mr. Bell, John Crump, George Stovall, George R. Wallace, and Bruce Goodwin.

Uncle Billy Can Sleep Well Now

By BILL SHARPE
SALUDA, N. C. — Uncle Billy Morris can sleep well in his Friendship Church grave, because his niece, Ida Owens, is keeping his precious fire going, the same fire laid by Uncle Billy's great-grandfather in 1790 and never extinguished to this day. He might make an irritable whirl or two about his beloved dogs, but the fire is o.k. On a brisk Monday, Mrs. Owens, now 72, had it leaping place high and she had nothing but harsh words for sore fellow or other who, on the radio, said the fire would die out.

"Not as long as I live," she said, a sentiment echoed by her husband, who is 78. "And I've heired this place to my baby boy, Wendell. He's 39 and works for a hosiery mill at Spartanburg, and he'll take over when we can't keep going."

The fire which blazes so cheerfully in the ancient log cabin here on Green River road is a family heirloom. After a century of tradition that the "Morris fire never went out," it came to be a point of family honor to keep it going. Uncle Billy, a bachelor, was its keeper for many years, dying at 84 a few years ago. Mrs. Owens tended him in his illness and inherited both cabin and fire.

She has wrought many changes, while keeping the fire intact. The century-old log cabin is now insulated with packing board, tacked onto the logs by her husband, Alexander Hampton Owens. She was born in this cabin, but Uncle Billy since had let the chinks drop out something terrible until it was as cold as yonder saw.

Uncle Billy's fiddle—it is a real Italian fiddle, Mrs. Owens says — has been preserved. The two dogs, greatly beloved of Uncle Billy, are gone, but there are two cats in their place. The St. Bernard died of "the something-like pneumonia," three weeks after his master passed away. The other, "we'll just call him but he ain't a collie," was discovered to be an egg-sucker. "We missed the eggs and noticed he didn't eat hearty, and just put 2 and 2 together." It made 4 and the egg-sucking "ain't a collie" was given away.

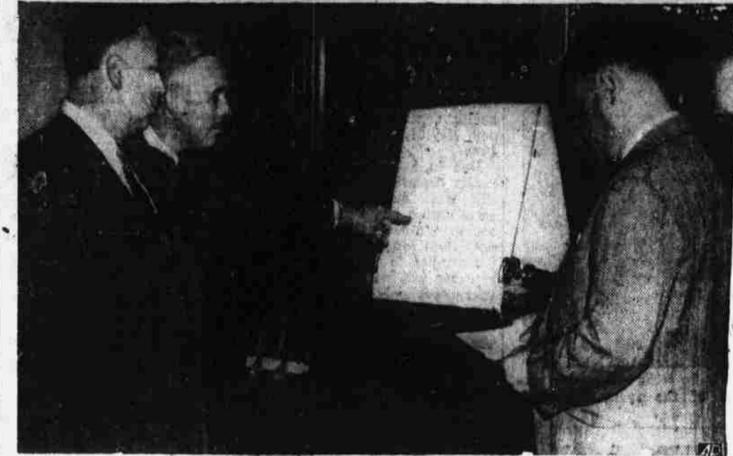
The 65 acres which went to Mrs. Owens with the cabin and fire are farmed as much as Mr. Owens' age will allow, which isn't a great deal. But they are hardy mountain people, snug in their packing-case walled cabin and demanding little of the world. Few tourists come to see the fire, which is all right with them. They feel a strong if vague attachment to it, and it really is no trouble. A lot of people up here keep hot ashes on the hearth all the time. "Don't say the fire will go out," said Owens.

So Uncle Billy should rest all right, joined now by one dog and likely to be visited by the shade of the other, since a suck-egg dog has short shrift in this country. The old fire roared famously as his niece, "Little Ida" he called her, kicked it today.

Personally Conducted Jaywalking
JOLIET, Ill. — (AP) — Two Joliet patrolmen are shaming jaywalkers into crossing streets at intersections. When Laurence Ruddy or Michael Bolos sees a pedestrian crossing in the middle of a block, he blows his whistle and asks the pedestrian to go to a corner. If the person insists on jaywalking, the patrolmen stop traffic and escort him across the street.

The horse has been called the most important weapon in the conquest of America.

Preparing for Coverage of Primary Election



International Business Machines, such as this huge tabulator, will be used by the Associated Press tomorrow in covering the North Carolina primary election. It will be the first time such machines have been used for this purpose in the Carolinas. Here H. C. Johnson, Sr. (left), head of IBM's tabulating and statistical department at Charlotte, points out a phase of tabulating to AP Chief of Bureau Paul Hansell. AP Day Editor Ralph Howland (right) examines IBM cards used for the work. AP Photo

Filling Stations Close In Tax Protest



This filling station on a main highway through New Orleans was closed Monday, along with thousands of others in Louisiana, in protest against the proposed two-cent tax increase on gasoline. Operators throughout the state lettered their filling station windows with notice of the closing. (AP Photo).

MERRIMON
Mrs. John Nelson returned home on Sunday after visiting her mother in Bridgeton and her sister in New Bern RFD.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Carraway and little son, Charles, of Beaufort spent the weekend with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Carraway.

Mr. Gray Willis who is employed in New Bern spent the weekend at home with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lawrence attended the meeting in Harlowe Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. "Pete" Beeton and children of Beaufort spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Carraway.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Adams visited his brother at Harlowe Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Emily Nelson spent Monday with Mrs. Florence Adams and Miss Nita Carraway.

Mrs. G. M. Carraway, Rufus Carraway, Jim Stallings, Jr., Mr. Peter Carraway and Tom Carraway were in Beaufort Saturday.

Mrs. Emma Beecham spent last week with Mrs. Rone Wallace at South River.

Mrs. H. D. Carraway, Mrs. Oscar Pittman and Mrs. Albert McNeil visited Mrs. J. M. Stallings on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert McNeil and children of Beaufort visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Carraway over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Fulcher and little daughter of Morehead City spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Wallace.

Rev. W. E. Anderson visited Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Wallace and Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Carraway, Mrs. Guy Carraway, Luther, Rufus and Edwin Carraway, and Jim Stallings, Jr., attended church service at South River Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Felton and baby, Genele, of Beaufort RFD spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Carraway. Vernon Carraway returned home with them.

Mrs. Howard Walton and son, Phil, spent Monday with Mrs. Roy Carraway of Beaufort.

Mr. Lou Carraway spent the weekend at Oriental.

Mrs. G. M. Carraway and Mrs. H. L. Walton spent awhile Sunday afternoon with Mrs. P. F. Carraway.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wallace visited Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stallings Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Willis of Stacy passed through on the mail Friday to visit her sister, Mrs. Monnie Norman at South River.

Mrs. Guy Carraway, Mrs. Howard Walton and son, Phil, visited Mrs. J. W. Adams and Miss Nita Carraway Tuesday.

Williston Man Taken Into Custody by Officials
The sheriff's department Tuesday afternoon confined Travis Willis, of Williston, to the county jail until admittance can be gained for him at the State hospital for the mentally deranged at Raleigh.

Mr. Willis, who works at Cherry Point, was stricken while at work Monday.

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Memorial Day, Reminder of the Price Paid for 'One Nation Indivisible'

On May 13, 1865, two small forces, one in blue, the other gray, met at a place called Palmetto Ranch in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, near Palo Alto. There a brief battle was fought, and as the echo of the last shot faded away the curtain dropped on the Civil War, a death struggle between two pieces of one nation.

That was the last battle of the war, according to the Encyclopedia Americana, and it took place more than a month after Grant and Lee met at Appomattox. As the bugles of Palmetto Ranch sounded their last clear call, a torn and wounded soldier picked up his pen and ledger for that final grim accounting.

The figures for both North and South have never been completely added, much is missing from the records. According to the Americana, the latest figures of the reconstruction office of the War Department placed the Union dead at 359,528 but of the estimated 2,800,000 men who wore the blue it should be noted that 67,058 of this number died in action, 43,012 died of wounds received. Of the remainder, most died of disease. A fantastic proportion by present standards.

It is estimated that about 600,000 men wore the gray of Robert E. Lee. However, the Encyclopedia in points out that Confederate records were largely deficient, having mostly been destroyed. The most complete records available show that 134,451 men died fighting for the South but the Alabama rolls, for example, are completely missing. Thus, at least half a million Americans lost their lives in that horrible debacle.

The services of Memorial Day started in the South to spread Northward, both sides seeking to honor their valiant dead. On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, then commander of the G.A.R., issued an order appointing May 30 of that year for Grand Army services and the date stuck. A reminder of the price paid for "one Nation indivisible."

In 1909, one of the deterrents to automobile ownership was the thought that every owner would have to keep his car in a costly "automobile house" complete with repair facilities, drainage pit, washing apparatus and turn-table.

Tide Table

Information on the tides at Morehead City and Beaufort is given in the wind and their own location, whether near the inlet or at head of the estuaries.

The figures are approximately correct and are based on tables furnished by the Coast and Geodetic Survey. Readers should make some allowance for variations below.

HIGH	Frid., May 27	LOW
12:05 P.M.		6:05 A.M.
		6:10 P.M.
	Saturday, May 29	
12:15 A.M.		6:05 A.M.
12:54 P.M.		7:05 P.M.
	Sunday, May 30	
1:02 A.M.		7:39 A.M.
1:47 P.M.		8:05 P.M.
	Monday, May 31	
1:54 A.M.		8:29 A.M.
2:43 P.M.		9:04 P.M.

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At present they can continue other types of work as heretofore. The position of the company, as regards contract plumbing, was brought to the attention of town officials at the commissioners' meeting Friday afternoon.

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