

# Morehead City, Marshallberg Withdraw, Then Re-Enter League

## Protest League Decisions; Havelock Is Assessed \$75, Marshallberg \$25

Morehead City and Marshallberg announced their withdrawal from the Tidewater League Saturday evening, climaxing a tumultuous three-and-a-half hour league meeting at Morehead City's town hall. The announcement followed which gave Swansboro the chance to tie and go ahead of Morehead City in the final league standings. Swansboro fumbled the chance, however, by splitting with Havelock Sunday.

Both teams, upon reconsideration Sunday, re-entered and finished out the season.

The disputed decisions concerned several unplayed games which the league has declared forfeited, and for which Havelock was assessed \$75 and Marshallberg \$25. Attending the Tidewater board of directors meeting were D. H. Lashley, president of the league; Jack Gardner, Morehead City; Chapel Nelson, Marshallberg; B. H. McIsaac, Havelock; Charles Hassell, Beaufort; Arthur (Pappy) Diem, Swansboro; and Harry Locke, Newport. Neither Jacksonville or Harkers Island-Straits were represented at the meeting.

Also present were a large number of interested players and fans who watched the proceedings in the courtroom of the city hall with great interest.

The first matter that started off the fireworks was that of three unplayed games involving Havelock. Havelock did not appear with a full team for a scheduled game with Newport on Saturday, August 21, and the game scheduled for the following day was rained out.

On the following weekend, the Havelock team did not show up for either of its two games against Marshallberg. None of these games had been officially listed as forfeited because it was thought that the polio quarantine, at Cherry Point had been a factor.

But McIsaac did not bring the question of the polio quarantine into the discussion. He stated that Havelock could offer no excuse for the Newport affair, and that it should be considered an out-and-out forfeit.

McIsaac did, however, offer a strong defense of Havelock's action in the two games against Marshallberg. He said that on the Friday preceding the games, hurricane warnings went up at the air base and Havelock was short several of its players because they could not get out of the base.

McIsaac said he called Nelson, manager of the Marshallberg nine, to the effect that Havelock could not field a full team, in order that Marshallberg might suffer a minimum of inconvenience because of the incident.

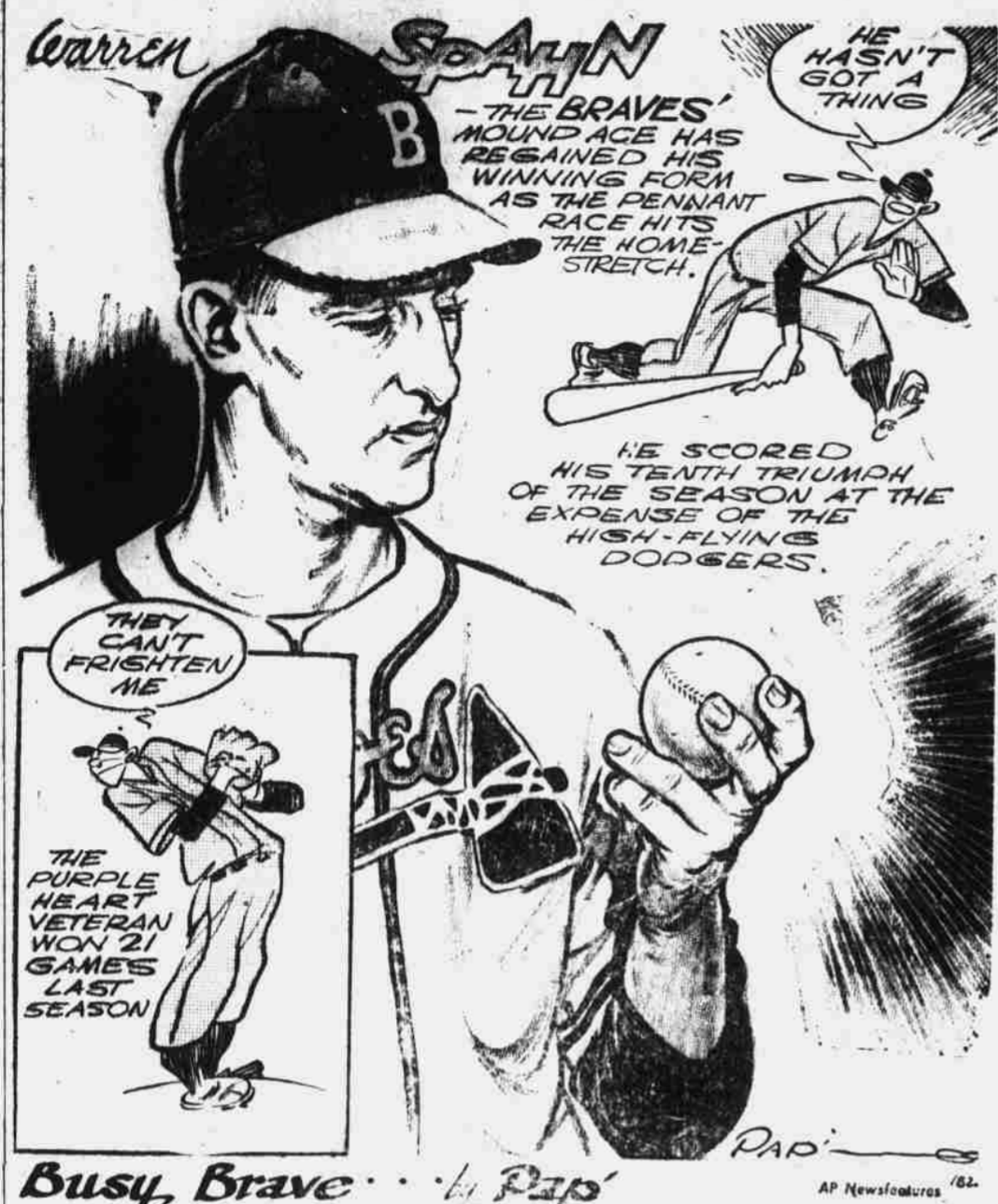
The disposal of this matter was hotly disputed by the league directors because of several other factors having a bearing on its settlement. Morehead City could not understand how Havelock could field a team against Swansboro this Saturday and Sunday when it was unable to do so for two previous weeks.

Also, Morehead City Manager Jack Gardner said he believed that one of the games of Sunday's Havelock-Swansboro doubleheader was illegal, according to league by-laws. The extra game on Sunday was a playoff of a postponed game originally scheduled for May.

League by-laws state that a postponed game must be played the next time the two teams meet on the same field at which the game was originally scheduled.

The teams had met since, but it was explained, the game had to be postponed again. Lashley said he did not wish to work a financial hardship on Havelock, which has a small treasury, by declaring the games forfeited and fining the Havelock team, so he gave McIsaac the alternative of paying a fine or cancelling the Havelock franchise.

## Morehead Takes League Championship By Topping H.I.-Straits, 18-3, Saturday, Taking Forfeit Sunday



Busy, Brave... by Pap

The league by-laws state that teams must be assessed \$25 for each game forfeited, the money being turned over to the league and, in turn, passed over to the opposing team in the default.

McIsaac declared that Havelock wanted to keep the franchise intact so that it would be still in the league next year. Lashley then said that his only alternative was to declare the games forfeited and assess Havelock a total of \$75, \$25 of which would go to Newport and the remainder to Marshallberg.

When the matter of the Marshallberg-Swansboro unplayed contest was brought up, Marshallberg Manager Chapel Nelson said that he had been under the impression the game had been postponed, but that he would gladly play the game in a post-season game. The regulations, however, prohibit post-season contests.

Nelson said that on the day that Marshallberg was to play at Swansboro, Sunday, August 25, it was raining and all other games in the league were postponed. He called Manager Diem of Swansboro early Sunday morning to find out whether the game would be played as scheduled. Diem said he would inspect the field and inform Nelson within 30 minutes.

No direct word came from Diem until sometime after 1 p.m. that afternoon, by which time Nelson had cancelled bus reservations and sent his ball club home. At the time that Swansboro called, Swansboro was ready to play ball but Nelson was unable to send a team. Although acknowledging that there had been some irregularities in the way the thing was handled, Lashley ruled that the game was still on until word came from the home team, Swansboro, that it had been postponed. No such word ever came and, therefore, Marshallberg had forfeited the game.

When Lashley made this ruling, Nelson then replied quietly but businesslike, "Then you may as well consider Marshallberg as withdrawn from the league."

Gardner followed immediately with, "And the same thing goes for me." The twin walkouts caused a great uproar from the on-lookers, and the crowd, mostly Morehead City fans and players, started a mass exodus for the doorway.

Lashley then ordered that everyone be cleared from the courtroom except the managers, league secretary Ralph Eudy, and THE NEWS-TIMES reporter.

Lashley was, however, unable to appease either Morehead or Marshallberg during the closed session, although several remedies were offered. None of these could be effected without a change in the by-laws of the league, which cannot be changed except by unanimous vote of the nine-man board. Since two members were absent, this was impossible.

This is what effect the decisions made had on the outcome of the league race:

Had everything remained as it had and both teams had won their weekend doubleheaders, Morehead City would have ended the season with a 27-and-9 record, as compared with a 26-and-9 record. The Marshallberg forfeit made it 27-and-9 for Swansboro, and in al-

## Standings

### TIDEWATER LEAGUE

Team	W.	L.
Morehead City	27	19
Swansboro	27	10
Marshallberg	23	14
Beaufort	19	17
Newport	14	21
Jacksonville	14	23
Havelock	12	25
Harkers Island-Straits	10	27

The above standings are the final revised figures for the 1948 Tidewater League season.

### COASTAL PLAIN LEAGUE

Team	W.	L.
Tarboro	86	53
Kinston	79	60
Goldboro	79	60
Rocky Mount	79	60
New Bern	69	69
Wilson	60	78
Roanoke Rapids	53	86
Greenville	50	88

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W.	L.
Boston	74	57
Brooklyn	70	57
St. Louis	70	58
Pittsburgh	68	58
New York	65	61
Philadelphia	56	72
Chicago	55	74
Cincinnati	54	73

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W.	L.
Boston	80	48
New York	80	49
Cleveland	77	52
Philadelphia	73	58
Detroit	61	63
St. Louis	59	76
Washington	49	81
Chicago	43	85

lowing Swansboro to replay its postponed game with Havelock. Swansboro then had the chance to add another win, making it 28-and-8, a half game better than Morehead City could possibly do.

As it happened, however, Swansboro split its twin bill with Havelock Sunday. Previous to the walkout, other league business had been carried out. The directors voted to pay Lashley's expenses from Raleigh to Morehead City which had been incurred in order to attend the meeting. Besides this, the directors paid tribute to Lashley for the work he has done. Beaufort's Charles Hassell said that Lashley accounted for "90 per cent of the success of the league."

Lashley ended speculation as to the status of Grant Privette as head umpire of the league. The president said that although Privette had submitted his resignation, it has not been accepted.

Newport's Harry Lockey made it known that Newport would have to withdraw from the league next year unless "the league gets down to our size." He said that the status of the league would have to be definitely defined, so that either all or none of the players should get payed instead of the present situation where some do and some don't.

Lockey inferred that the wealthier teams of the league, through paying for higher-classed ball players, had sabotaged the original intentions of the league and brought the standard of play over the heads of farmboys who play ball on weekends just for the love of the game.

There will be another meeting sometime this week to discuss the schedule for the Shaughnessy playoffs.

## Tidewater Results

Saturday, September 4  
Morehead City 18, Harkers Island-Straits 3.  
Beaufort 16, Jacksonville 2.  
Swansboro 14, Havelock 4.  
Marshallberg 5, Newport 3.

Sunday, September 5  
Morehead City 9, Harkers Island-Straits 0 (forfeit).  
Havelock 6, Swansboro 5 (first game).  
Swansboro 7, Havelock 1. (second game).  
Beaufort 7, Jacksonville 0.  
Marshallberg 11, Newport 3 (first game).  
Marshallberg 1, Newport 1 (second game, called at the end of five innings: 6 p.m. curfew).

## Regatta Results Will Be Published in Friday Paper

In order that a more comprehensive picture may be given, the results of the Morehead City Labor Day regatta will not be published until Friday, when THE NEWS-TIMES will give a complete rundown of divisions, places, trophies, times and other information.

Dr. and Mrs. Jim McNeill, of Statesville are visiting Dr. and Mrs. John Morris.

## Beaufort Takes 8th, 9th Straight Over Weekend

Beaufort stretched its victory streak to nine straight games over the weekend by topping Jacksonville twice, 16-2 and 7-0, in the final games of the regular 1948 Tidewater League season.

Stanley Johnson hurled Saturday's victory and fashioned a two-hitter while doing so. Johnson had, however, five Beaufort errors committed by the defense behind him, as did the Jacksonville tossers.

In winning, Johnson added nine more strikeouts to his already long list of victims. Butler called the signals behind the plate.

Duaray started for Jacksonville but was relieved by Williams in the second inning. William stayed on until the finish to absorb whatever punishment the Beaufort offense still had in store, which was plenty. Sanders did the receiving.

Leading the Beaufort attack was Fenner Boyd, with a perfect 4-for-4 afternoon. Jack Wallace homered with one on in the seventh inning.

Leslie Sharpe pitched Sunday's victory for Beaufort, and while allowing seven Jacksonville safeties, spaced them so well that there was never any serious threat to his shutout. Leroy McIntosh was Sharpe's target.

Woods and Heath constituted the battery for Jacksonville. Beaufort scored single runs in the second, third, and fifth innings, climaxing the attack with four in the sixth.

In the second, McIntosh reached first on an infield hit and was sacrificed to second by Ray Hassell. A single by Butler brought in McIntosh with the initial tally of the ball game.

A double by Tom Benton and another single by McIntosh accounted for Beaufort's marker in the third frame, making the score 2-0.

Benton, first man up in the Beaufort half of the fifth stanza, singled and pilfered second, Benton reached third on an infield out by McIntosh and scored when the shortstop unsuccessfully attempted to cut him off at the plate on Ray Hassell's grounder.

The crusher came in the last of the sixth. Woods issued consecutive free passes to Sharpe and Ben Hester, and when shortstop Messenheimer erred on Collier Hill's easy bouncer, Sharpe scored. Hester made second, and Hill was safe at first.

Benton then came through with a base hit, scoring Hester and moving Hill to third, and when the centerfielder's throw went through Williams at third for an error, Hill counted. Benton took second on the throw-in, from whence he scored on McIntosh's third hit of the day.

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Beaufort 240 611 20x—16 13 5

Saturday's Game R. H. E.  
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Miss Myrtle Holder, of Durham, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Flowers last week.

## Swansboro Drops to 2nd After Split With Havelock; Marshallberg Wins, Ties

Swansboro split its doubleheader with Havelock Sunday, losing the first game, 6-5, and coming back to win the nightcap, 7-1. The loss of the opener knocked Swansboro into second place from a one-day tie for first with Morehead City. Morehead, which won Sunday from Harkers Island-Straits by forfeit, finished the season a half game ahead of Swansboro.

McNeil started the first game for Swansboro but was relieved by Manager Arthur (Pappy) Diem, who was responsible for Havelock's two winning runs.

Marshallberg, returning from a temporary self-imposed exile from the league, defeated Newport in the first game of its doubleheader, 11-3, and tied in the second, 1-1. The second game was called at the end of five innings because of the 6 p.m. curfew.

In the first game, Herb Pate was the winning pitcher and Melvin Aycock the loser. The totals were 11 runs, 10 hits and two errors for Marshallberg, and three runs, six hits and two errors for Newport.

Moe Willis of Marshallberg hurled against W. Hill of Newport in the second game, Willis pitching no-hit ball. The totals were one run, five hits, and one error for Marshallberg, and one run, no hits and no misuses for Newport.

## 'Tar Heels Afloat' Pleasure Cruise Completed Sunday

By WILLIAM G. WOMBLE  
NEW BERN—Thirty-two yachts, ranging in size from 18 to 85 feet, completed the first annual cruise of "Tar Heels Afloat" when they were tied up at the Trent Pines Club on the Trent River near New Bern late Sunday afternoon.

Designed to promote boating activities in the state, the cruise was under the command of Commodore Albert Willis of the Eastern North Carolina Yacht Club of New Bern, and one of the principal members of it was Gov. R. Gregg Cherry.

The larger and slower boats left

Morehead City's yacht basin Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock, while the smaller and faster craft departed at noon.

From Morehead, the flotilla proceeded up the Adams Creek canal, to the Neuse River, and on to New Bern.

At New Bern, the 32 yachts paraded along the waterfront, giving this city a look at the largest number of yachts ever assembled at one time here.

The boats then entered the Trent River and moved up it three miles to the Trent Pines Club and the end of the cruise. Sunday night, the club was host at a banquet for the cruising Tar Heels.

Gov. Cherry was aboard the state-owned boat, "Croatian," captained by Tom Basnight. The other state boats, "Hatteras" and "Cape Fear" also participated.

The largest boat on the cruise was the Coast Guard Cutter "Pamlico" of New Bern, an 85-footer.

Plans already are underway for next year's cruise, which probably will visit different North Carolina ports and waterfronts. Sponsoring the cruises will be the Eastern Carolina Yacht Club, and the chambers of commerce in New Bern and Morehead City.

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THURSDAY - FRIDAY Burgess Meredith Paulette Goddard James Stewart Dorothy Lamour in "ON OUR MERRY WAY"	THURSDAY - FRIDAY Randolph Scott Robert Mitchum in "GUNG HO!"

## BEAUFORT

THEATRE — Beaufort, N. C.

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JANET BLAIR  
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