

# Swansboro Named Champ, M. C. 'Forfeit' Reversed

## League Declares Morehead City Was Guilty Party In H. I. Straits Forfeit

Officials of the Tidewater League have stricken off the "forfeit" victory which Morehead City claimed Sunday over Harkers Island-Straits and have awarded the game to the Straits team, thus making Swansboro the 1948 league champions and knocking Morehead City into second place by a half game. The decision was made after alleged irregularities preceding the scheduled game were reported to the league.

Representatives of seven of the league's teams—Jacksonville was absent—met Wednesday evening in Beaufort with league secretary Ralph Eudy, who announced the circuit's decision, presiding.

Morehead City had announced Saturday night, through Manager Jack Gardner, that it was withdrawing from league play following several decisions made at a meeting in Morehead City which affected its standing in the league. At the time, Marshallberg made a similar announcement.

Upon reconsidering, however, Marshallberg re-entered and Gardner, speaking for the Morehead club, said that Morehead City would take no definite action until Wednesday night, meaning that Morehead was still in the league until further notice.

Only seven ball players showed up in Morehead for the Harkers Island-Straits team on Sunday and Morehead claimed a forfeit victory. However, Eudy said in the meeting that he had learned that an announcement had been made over the radio that the ball game had been called off.

He furthermore learned that an official from the Morehead club phoned Harkers Island Sunday to notify the team that there would be no game that day. All the players did not get the message, but some of them did.

Enough players were confused by both the radio announcement and the phone call to prevent Harkers Island from fielding a ball team that day, so that Morehead City was held responsible for Harkers Island's not showing up, although the radio station was found not to be at fault in the incident.

Eudy stated that after he had gathered all the information he could about the happenings, he contacted Ray Goodman, president of the Coastal Plain League, and D. H. Lashley, Tidewater League president, for advice, and both agreed that Harkers Island-Straits should be awarded a forfeit victory. They also agreed that Morehead did not have the power to cancel a regularly scheduled league game.

When the decision was announced, Morehead City Manager Gardner, in contrast to Saturday night's wild affair, declared, "If that's the decision of the league, I'm satisfied—I'm perfectly satisfied."

When asked if Morehead City

would field a team for the Shaughnessy playoffs, Gardner said he believed it would and gave the league a "go" signal to discuss plans for the playoff series which starts tomorrow.

### Standings

TIDEWATER LEAGUE		
	W.	L.
Swansboro	27	10
Morehead City	26	10
Marshallberg	23	14
Beaufort	19	17
Newport	14	21
Jacksonville	14	23
Havelock	12	25
H. I. Straits	11	26

The above figures are the official final league standings for the Tidewater League, as revised at a league meeting Wednesday night.

NATIONAL LEAGUE		
	W.	L.
Boston	76	57
Pittsburgh	69	58
Brooklyn	70	59
St. Louis	70	61
New York	69	61
Chicago	56	75
Cincinnati	55	74
Philadelphia	56	76

AMERICAN LEAGUE		
	W.	L.
Boston	82	48
New York	81	50
Cleveland	78	53
Philadelphia	74	59
Detroit	62	64
St. Louis	50	77
Washington	49	83
Chicago	44	86

## Wade Bell Says Morehead City Hard Hit by Loss of 10 Players, Leaving Nine Left

The Morehead City ball team has been hard hit by the loss of ball players, Wade Bell, president of the club, announced yesterday, and at present only nine ball players can be counted on in any measure to play ball this weekend in the playoffs. Anticipated further losses may knock the team out of the playoffs.

Listed on the roster of active members are 19 ball players, 10 of which will not be able to play in the playoffs for varied reasons. The 10 members who are not expected to play are John Childers, Sonny Ussrey, Jack Farrell, Johnny Evans, Elwood Lewis, Leslie (Footsy) Palmer, Clifford Sharpe, Wendell Frazier, Royce Brinson and Wayne Benton.

Those expected to play on the roster are Charles Freeman, Jack Gardner, Roland Brinson, Harry Salter, Piggy Smith, Joe Hill, James Webb, Carl Sadler and Francis Stoy.

Deadline for signing men was August 15, and all nine men left on the roster must be present in order for Morehead to be eligible for the playoffs.

## Tidewater Playoffs (Games This Weekend)

**Saturday, September 11**  
Marshallberg at Morehead City, Beaufort at Swansboro.

**Sunday, September 12**  
Morehead City at Marshallberg, Swansboro at Beaufort.

## Ministry Aims to Stop Grain Price Racketeering

WARSAW, Poland — (AP) — Poland's ministry of agriculture is out to stop racketeering in grain prices. The country has a bumper crop this year which may triple the 4,000,000 tons of wheat, rye and barley produced in 1947.

The ministry, recognizing that peasants may go in for hiking prices or fall into the hands of speculators, announced "all racketeering in grain will be prosecuted and most severely punished." A citizen's militia of about 100,000 men and a special commission to fight abuses and speculation have been instructed to keep a close check on the sale prices of all grains. If the prices are higher than the government has fixed, the seller faces a stiff fine and jail sentence.



Rare Rookie... by Paps

## JC's, Lions Will Meet in Finals

Both the Morehead City Jaycees and the Morehead City Lions Club have reached the final round in the Carteret Softball League playoffs after eliminating Tide Water Power company and the Beaufort Recreation team, respectively, in games this week.

The Jaycees, in a best two-out-of-three series with Tide Water, swept two straight to reach the finals. Tuesday the Jaycees won, 6-2, in Morehead City after collecting eight hits off Tide Water pitcher Dugan. Sam Guthrie, underhanding for the Jaycees, allowed three hits.

The series was clinched Wednesday when the Jaycees won, 17-3, in Beaufort behind Bernard Leary. K. Guthrie hurled for Tide Water.

The Lions Club, scheduled to meet Beaufort Rec in Beaufort Tuesday, lost the game by forfeit when it couldn't field a team. In a doubleheader Wednesday, however, the Lions Club swept both games to clinch a finals berth.

The first game went to the Lions Club, 6-2, and the second, 7-3. The Jaycees and the Lions Club will meet Tuesday to start the two-out-of-three final elimination for the championship.

France Halls Self-Serve Groceries PARIS — (AP) — The "serve yourself" grocery, long an institution in the United States, has made its bow in France. The evening newspaper "Le Monde" greeted the event with solemnity. "Not only is it advantageous to the businessman who must operate with a reduced staff," reported "Le Monde," "most dignified Paris daily," "it gains precious time for the shopper and in addition gives him a feeling of independence."

## Atlantic Defeats Mill Creek, 7-4

Mill Creek absorbed its second defeat of the season Sunday afternoon by losing to Atlantic, 7-4, on the Mill Creek diamond.

Lefty Joe Willis did the pitching for the winners, giving up eight hits and striking out 17 Mill Creekers. Taylor called the signals behind the plate.

Bill Gillikin was the losing hurler for Mill Creek. Gillikin struck out 16 men and allowed but five safeties, three of them coming in the third frame. Despite this performance, five Mill Creek errors turned the tide from victory to defeat. G. Newkirk did the catching.

Joe Willis and Linwood Mason shared the batting honors for Atlantic by getting four of the five Atlantic hits.

Bill Gillikin and Clifton Lynch were the top men for Mill Creek, Gillikin banging out a triple and a home run. The roundtripper went a record distance of 428 feet. Lynch had a single and double in three trips to the plate and produced an outstanding performance at first base.

Mill Creek will play host to Atlantic again this Sunday.

Czechs Trade Beer For Fat PRAGUE — (AP) — The newspaper "Mlada Fronta" has publicly recognized — and denied — rumors that Czechoslovakia has suffered food shortages because of exports. The paper also explained why Czech beer has been weaker. "We have intentionally lowered the percentage of beer from seven to five and we export the saved malt," the paper said. "In exchange for what? Our fats... We are drinking a weaker beer but our supply of fats has been ensured. Now what is more important: A fat meal or a strong beer?"

## Morehead City Brownies End Season With 8-8 Slate

The Morehead City Brownies journeyed to Washington, N. C., on Labor Day for their last game of the year. After a half inning of play, the game was called because of rain.

Statistician Albert Mills announced that the Brownies had won eight games, lost eight, and tied one over the season. Skin Jones led the batting with a .360 average.

Buster Tootle led the pitching department with a won-4, lost-3, record.

### MOREHEAD CITY MOVIE GUIDE

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SUNDAY - MONDAY AL PEARCE ADELE MARA in <b>"MAIN STREET KID"</b>	SUNDAY - MONDAY ADELE JERGENS STEPHEN DUNNE in <b>"THE WOMAN FROM TANGIER"</b>
SUNDAY - MONDAY GEORGE BRENT JANET POWELL XAVIER CUART in <b>"LUXURY LINER"</b> In Technicolor	SUNDAY - MONDAY EARL BUCHANAN ANNA LEE in <b>"THE BEST MAN WINS"</b>

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SPENCER TRACY - KATHERINE HEPBURN  
in  
**"STATE OF THE UNION"**

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# Cunningham Wins Comet Class Laurels in Regatta

Booker Cunningham copped comet division honors in the Labor Day Weekend regatta sponsored by the Morehead City Sailing Club, by winning two out of three races in the comet class, defeating season champion Sammy Pou. Cunningham sailed the "Miss Fire" and Pou the "Jim."

In the handicap class, Thurlow Wicelton in the "Ace of Spades" captured that division by taking two out of three races. Eugene Davis of Marshallberg, sailing the "Connie," came in second.

The dead rise skiff class went to Dr. Donald Robinson of Burlington in the "Thelma," winning two out of three. Bud Mitchell, sailing Alton Bland's boat, placed second.

In the 18-foot class, Charles Finer made a clean sweep of the three-race series to win the trophy in that division. Henry O. Wade took second place honors.

R. H. Noe took the 18-foot skiff class, finishing ahead of Dick Borden of Goldsboro. Noe, sailing the "Lulu," took two out of three. Borden skippered the "Skimmer."

Buddy Baily continued his regular season mastery in the 16-foot division by copping all three races run in that class. Baily, in "Sea King," finished ahead of Bobby Matthews in "Wed Del."

There seems to be some confusion among sailing club officials as to who won the 12-foot class. An anonymous skipper, sailing "We Two," dominated that division. Buck Matthews placed second in "The Thing."

The Shanghai Trophy Race, held exclusively for boats of the area, will be played on the weekend of September 25 and 26, and the winners of the semi-finals will meet in Beaufort on the Wednesday previous to the finals to discuss the schedule and other matters.

comet class, went to Toddy Parker of Goldsboro in the "Tar Baby." Parker defeated Pou by 15 seconds in a race that took two hours, 57 minutes, and 30 seconds to run a four-mile course because of a practically non-existent breeze.

The Gib Arthur Memorial Regatta, a free-for-all open to boats of all classes, was postponed to 2:30 p. m. Sunday afternoon. This race will be run on a handicap basis.

## Expert Takes Three Sheephead by Giggling

An expert in the art of giggling is L. W. Dixon, of Gloucester, who within 20 minutes Tuesday near Harkers Island giggled himself 11 pounds of sheephead, one of the sheephead weighing 7 pounds and the other two weighing 2 pounds each.

The big fellow probably couldn't have been taken on any kind of hook and line but he was a dead sheephead at the end of Dixon's gig, a three-barbed harpoon at the end of a 12-foot pole.

The expert fisherman throws the gig with his right hand, having it attached with a light-weight rope to his left. To the spectator amateur fisherman the excitement of giggling tops the thrill of hook and line!

## Reds Claim Helicopter Invention

MOSCOW — (AP) — The helicopter, says "Pravda," was a Russian invention. It says the idea of the helicopter was laid down by M. V. Lomonosov and the first two-propeller helicopter was built by B. N. Yuriv, in 1912.

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