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## Looking at the Books

Morehead City's receipts from the race track this summer exceed the town's total "miscellaneous revenue" for the fiscal year, 1947-48, by \$3,337.01. The dog dividend is approximately four and a half times the revenue expected from Port Terminal levy and for operation of the hospital, and is only \$6,358 less than the total amount of tax revenue slated to go into debt service for the current fiscal year.

Comparing the \$27,000 with total amount of taxes expected to be collected during 1948-49, the race track revenue is equal to slightly more than 34 per cent of the anticipated tax income, and in comparison with the total revenue expected during the current fiscal year, \$111,041, the \$27,000 equals about one-fourth of this figure.

Since there was no way to estimate the amount of money which would be the town's share of the race track take, no provision was made for it in the 1948-49 budget which appeared in THE NEWS-TIMES in July and from which the above figures are taken. It was known at the time the budget was drawn up, however, that the town's share of race track revenue would be put aside as a special street-paving fund.

Morehead City right now is in the uncomfortable position of being looked upon enviously by towns or cities which do not have a similar source of income.

Cities outside Carteret county will have to paddle their own canoe in this respect, but as for us, improvement of one section of the county is improvement of the whole.

## Fire Prevention Campaigns Pay Off

Well-planned fire prevention campaigns do pay dividends. Proof of this fact is shown by a report from the United States Navy's Bureau of Yards and Docks.

Through a nation-wide fire prevention campaign, the bureau, which is responsible for maintenance of Navy shore installations, was able to reduce fire damages by more than a million and a half dollars during 1948.

Fire losses for the first quarter of this year were \$756,873, a drop of nearly a million and a half dollars from losses of \$2,105,050 in the same period last year, the bureau reports. The number of fires dropped from 26 to 17, and average loss per fire dropped from \$89,387 in the first quarter of 1947 to \$44,522 in the first quarter of 1948.

Fire Prevention Week ends tomorrow, but fires caused by carelessness will continue as long as we continue to tolerate breeding places of fire, such as heaps of trash and oily rags, tumbling down buildings, and buildings without adequate number of at last cigarette in bed or as long as we neglect to put out the fire in bed and as long as we neglect to put out the glowing ashes in a campfire.

Important places these days to practice fire prevention are schools. They are not of the most modern construction and they could sweep most of the buildings in our county with the swiftness of lightning. Think what might have happened if children had been in the White Oak school at the time it burned.

Handbooks on school fire prevention can be had for the asking by writing the National Fire Protection Association, 60 Battery March street, Boston, Mass. Teachers should impress upon children the importance of obeying all rules during fire drills and the importance of following orders, without panic, in case fire should break out.

Most of us know the usual causes of most fires... yet we continue our careless ways. We're gamblers, with life and property at stake. Now is the time to reform.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**To the Editor:**  
Reckless driving is the cause of thousands of deaths and afflictions today. Year after year, day after day we hear the same heart-breaking story. As we all know, accidents are caused primarily from these three main factors: intoxication, faulty autos and pure, stupid foolishness.

First, let's take intoxication. If every driver today would only stop long enough to consider his chances of ever coming out of his auto alive while driving under the influence of alcohol, he would surely wait and take that drink after his car was parked.

They never think that they might kill someone, or themselves. Maybe if they picture themselves at a funeral. Their funeral. The odds are against you from the start. THINK first and use a little common sense.

Second, faulty autos. Many accidents are caused simply because the owners do not take the time to have their autos inspected as required by law. A faulty steering wheel or a bad tire, bad lights, or no horn can all lead to ultimate disaster. It is the duty of every car owner to have his car inspected regularly by expert mechanics. That way he can be sure of having a car that he can drive with assurance and confidence.

Third and most important: Foolishness. There are certain young

Smile a While

The managing editor wheeled his chair his swivel chair around and pushed a button in the wall. The person wanted entered.  
"Here," said the editor, "are a number of directions from outsiders as to the best way to run a paper. See that they are all carried out."  
And the office boy, gathering them all into a large wastebasket, did so.  
—Sunshine Magazine

Although the Rhine is less than half as long as the Danube it has, in modern times, carried at least twice the volume of commerce.

The hardest job for a youngster to learn is good manners without seeing any.

people as well as the older in this very town who consider it a great sport to race about like speed demons. These are ones who have no respect for their fellow man, no love of life. Anyone who is old enough to drive should know better than to be foolish when other lives are at stake. I do not imagine it is a very pleasant sight to see someone you love very dearly die just for the lack of a little consideration and common sense. Remember, accidents can be prevented.

It's up to you, the public.  
Earl Willis  
Beaufort, N. C.

## Teen Topics

By "Gene" Long

Morehead High School

I think everyone in Morehead should feel proud of our music director, Mr. Ralph Wade. This year promises to be full of music and our band, glee club and even the grade school music has improved wonderfully already. (Just think how good they'll be at the end of the year!) The Glee Club is almost equally divided between boys and girls this year and the most beautiful music is drifting out of the auditorium, afternoons at activities period. They were singing "Silent Night" last Monday and you almost felt like crying. It was so pretty.

Basketball practice has started and our fine coach, Mr. Talbert, has urged everyone to try out. He's going to pick only the best prospects so we want him to have a good supply to choose from. So, everybody get out your tennis shoes and hurry out to practice. But, don't go unless you really intend to work hard. Girl's practice is at 3:45 and boys' at 5:00.

The Senior Class elected officers Monday morning and they are as follows: Tommy Cordova, president; Jimmy Smith, vice-president; Margaret Mitchell, secretary and treasurer. I believe we made a good choice for I'm sure all these people are dependable and will carry out their jobs to the best of their ability.

Talk about something funny, you just should have been in the halls on Tuesday. Oh, the most horrible creatures were wandering around with nightgowns flying, ragged clothes, books in dish pans or a sack and a faint, very faint, smell of onion about them. I won't say for sure but I was told, from a reliable source, that they were girls! They had the excuse that they were being initiated into the F. H. A. club but I don't know. (They looked very much like cannibals to me. Or something like that anyway.)

The Beta Club held its first regular monthly meeting last Tuesday and new officers were elected. Since the president and secretary were elected at the end of last year from the now senior class the other officers are juniors. They are Lois Simpson, vice-president; Betsy Thornton, treasurer. As president I appointed several permanent committee chairmen: Jane Howerton, chairman of the devotionals; Ann Oglesby, program chairman; Joan McKnight, permanent chairman of the "hall and room clean-up" committee with a committee which will be changed every two weeks; Shep Sampson, chairman of the "yard clean-up" committee; Lois Webb, chairman of the project committee for raising money. We took as our pro-

## MARSHALLBERG

Capt. Gray Harris has returned to his home at Brooklyn, N. Y. after spending about two weeks here with his sister and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Neal.

Mrs. E. H. Davis is visiting her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Willis at Brunswick, Ga.

Mrs. Charles Piner, Jr., and young baby have returned home from the Morehead City hospital. Mrs. Chas. D. Harris, Jr. and boys have returned home from Merry Hill where she visited her parents.

Mrs. Sam Harris has returned home after visiting Mrs. Adell Salter at Sea Level, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Styron, of Ellis, N. C., visited Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Bodsworth Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Leland Willis have returned to Charleston, S. C. after spending the summer here.

Mr. Reginald Moore was home for the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ballance, of Hatteras, N. C., are here visiting her daughter, Mrs. Roy Brown, and Mr. Brown.

Mr. Roy Willis, of Norfolk, Va., is home on leave with his brother, Mr. Shelly Willis.

Mrs. Lambert Guthrie is visiting relatives at Harkers Island, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. John D. Willis and daughter of Morehead City spent Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Willis.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Fodrie and children, of Newport, N. C., visited their daughter, Mrs. James Willis and Mr. Willis Sunday afternoon.

**Shower Compliments**  
On Tuesday evening, Sept. 26, members of the Wesleyan Service Guild of Marshallberg complimented Mrs. James Willis with a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. H. G. Cuthrell.

Mrs. Willis was presented with a corsage of pink roses. After that there was a white and red

jeet for the entire year a clean-up campaign which will be conducted in the same manner as it was the last part of last year.

The 4-B club of our school was organized Tuesday afternoon and the following officers were elected: Jane Stroud, president; Benjie Swinson, vice-president; Grace Oglesby, secretary and treasurer; Frances Brinson, reports; Doris Jean, song leader. The club meets one Tuesday a month.

By the way, the first basketball game will be November 23rd, and I'm not quite sure as yet but I believe it will be a town game. Our schedule's going to be rather heavy this year, 26 games and two tournaments, but our teams can take it!

Bye now...

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wagon loaded with presents presented to her.  
Those who attended were Mrs. Will Willis, Mrs. Jennie Hill, Mrs. Roy Brown, Mrs. Vernon Lewis, Miss Ruth Davis, Mrs. Julian Brown, Jr., Mrs. Homer Guthrie, Miss Lucy Willis, Mrs. Grayer Willis, Mrs. Alton Gaskill, Mrs. Claud Brown, Mrs. Grayden Moore, Mrs. Melvin Davis, Miss Margie Willis. Refreshments were coca cola and mixed cakes.

## SMYRNA

The District W. M. N. meeting was held at the Baptist church here Friday, Oct. 1, with around one hundred and twenty persons present. Reverend W. B. Sprinkle and wife, of Morganton, Dr. Bunn, of Morehead Baptist church, Rev. Crend Lee Phillips, of Marshallberg Baptist church and Reverend Davis, of Beaufort church were the pastors present at the meeting. Reverend Sprinkle is a former pastor of Smyrna Baptist church and addressed the meeting as did Dr. Bunn. Mrs. Sprinkle sang a solo.

The many friends of Reverend and Mrs. Sprinkle were glad to have them come back to Smyrna church and to hear them speak and sing again. A plate lunch was served at noon. The good work and fellowship of such occasions are always uplifting to our churches and communities and so much enjoyed by all who are able to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Reid, of Beaufort, were weekend guests of

## NORTH RIVER

Rev. T. R. Jenkins filled his appointment here Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Smith spent the weekend here with parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Hill and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bechem and daughter, of Bettie, spent Sunday afternoon here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Bechem.

Mrs. Thelma Whitehurst, of Beaufort, spent the weekend here with Mr. and Mrs. Riley Bechem. Mrs. Walter Arthur and son, Clifton are spending a few days in Beaufort, visiting Mrs. Arthur's daughter, Mrs. Clarence Noe and family.

Miss Gladys Cox spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Pat Thomas. Mr. and Mrs. William Fulcher and daughter, Ann L., spent Friday in New Bern, shopping.

Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Pate and daughter, of Goldsboro, spent the weekend here with Mrs. Pate's

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Willis. Mrs. Riley Bechem spent Saturday with her daughter, Mrs. M. G. Taylor.

Mr. W. W. Garner, of Southport, spent the weekend here with Mrs. W. W. Garner and son.

Mr. and Mrs. James Garner, of Southport, spent Sunday here with Mr. Garner's mother, Mrs. Essie Garner.

Mrs. Reid's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Gillikin.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chadwick attended services at the Straits Methodist church Sunday night. Mrs. Hilda Gillikin spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Floyd Chadwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnston, who has been spending some time in New Jersey, returned here Saturday to spend the winter.



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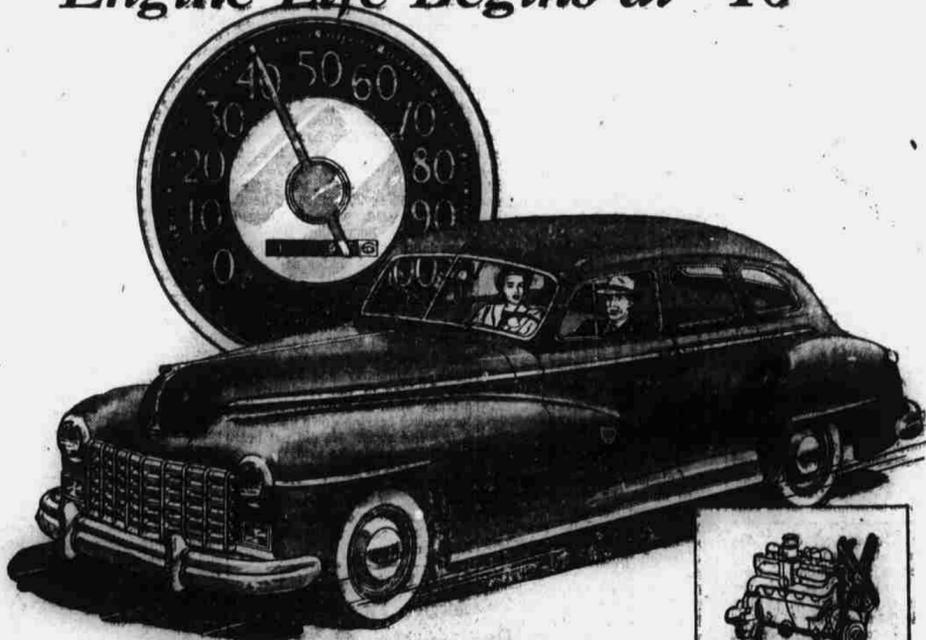
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