

## Carteret County's News Events in Review, 1949

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### January

#### Week of January 3:

The resurfacing of Evans street, Morehead City, was completed last Saturday, all the way from 4th beyond 28th streets to the end of the original sand asphalt layer.—The County Board of Education grants a lease of the Davis school building for a community center.—Mayor L. W. Hassell of Beaufort attended the inaugural ceremony of Governor Scott on Thursday.—The coast guard cutter Agassiz returned Sunday after locating the J. M. McAndrews, a cargo vessel that went adrift while in tow, and assisted in bringing the craft into port.—Building permits issued in Morehead City for 1948 totaled over \$500,000.—The Saffit lumber mill in Beaufort last dry kiln by fire at estimated cost of \$50,000.—Tony Seamon started construction of new building on waterfront in Morehead City to house the Sanitary Restaurant. Seating capacity to be 300 or more.—Body of B. F. Royal, Jr., who was killed at Sappan was interred with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery.—First Baptist church of Morehead City broke ground for a new educational building.—Cic-

al services were conducted from the Smyrna Baptist church Wednesday with burial in Beaufort.

#### Week of January 17:

Father Clement White, T. O. R., replaced Father Paul Grayson, T. O. R., as assistant at Saint Egbert's Catholic church, Morehead City. Dr. F. E. Hyde, Beaufort, was elected president of the Carteret County Medical society and Dr. S. W. Hatcher, Morehead City, as secretary-treasurer.—Rev. J. C. Griffin who was pastor of the Morehead City Free Will Baptist church resigned his pastorate and retired from having an active charge. Rev. W. K. Jordan succeeds him.—Special bulletin No. 1 of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce titled "Betcha Didn't Know" appeared this week, edited by Dan L. Walker, manager of the Chamber.—Auto inspection lane opened in Morehead City this week.—Morehead City Jaycees went on record as favoring the local option system in regard to the liquor question.—Morehead City commissioners passed ordinance requiring a \$1,000 performance bond of all plumbers doing business within the city limits.

states "the run of menhaden this year along the coast, in the opinion of our fishermen, was the largest in the history of the industry."—While fighting a fire in Beaufort, Charles Nelson, fireman, was injured when brick falling from a chimney struck him on the head.—Mrs. Linwood Brinson of Morehead City was called to answer a radio quiz on the program "Sing It Again." Answering part of the question she received a Spaniel pup and a year's supply of dog food.—Fire destroyed the building and grocery stock of Delmas Willis, Harkers Island, on Monday night.—Deaths: Mrs. Bessie V. Taylor, age 61, Morehead City, Mrs. Carrie Smithwick, age 98, at the home of her daughter at Davis Shores, Lloyd L. Springle, age 73, of the Russell Creek section, Mrs. Esther W. Piner, age 88, at the home of her niece, Miss Flora Davis, Gilford Gaskill, age 63, of Sea Level.

#### Week of February 7:

Town of Newport approved bond issue of \$50,000 for the installation of a town water system.—County reaches goal of \$7,200 for the March of Dimes drive.—Morehead City Teen-Age club started drive to raise \$5,000, to be used for carrying on the work of the club at the former USO building.—Beaufort PTA went on record in protest against the showing of "murder" pictures in the movie houses of the county.—Dr. Harold D. Meyer delivered an address before the Morehead City Women's club on "Community Recreation."—Deaths: Winfield S. Webb, age 53, of Morehead City, Clyde Gillikin, age 54, of Marshallberg who died in the Penopset Beach Marine Hospital, L. L.

#### Week of February 11:

County X-ray program began with units at Pelletier and Atlantic.—THE NEWS-TIMES started moving into its new building recently constructed at a cost of \$30,000. The restoration committee of the old Ann street cemetery of Beaufort compiled a list of names of most of the persons buried there.—A report of the Morehead City hospital for the past year showed 2,330 patients admitted, including 511 births.—James I. Mason was appointed as acting director of Morehead City Technical institute, replacing Paul Mitchell who resigned.—Deaths: Mrs. Sidney Mae Mason of Sea Level, Clarence Grady of Newport.

#### Week of February 21:

Fire seriously damaged Lipman building in Beaufort at a loss estimated over \$20,000 to building and stock.—Robert G. Lowe, secretary of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, won Jaycee 1948 man-of-the-year award.—Police fund goes \$1,000 over goal.—Fire destroyed large packing house in Beaufort near the Tidewater Power plant causing a \$10,000 loss.—The Barbour Machine company of Beaufort celebrated its 30th anniversary. Deaths: Mrs. Emma D. Davis, age 79, at her home in Davis. Weddings: Miss Evelyn Knott to Richard D. Whitehurst. Miss Jean Fodrie to Hubert Musselwhite.

### March

#### Week of March 1:

American Legion Post No. 46 of Morehead City opened club room in the Paragon block as a social See 1949 REVIEW, Page 4

## Fire Damages Menhaden Boat, Beaufort

### Body of Colored Man Found at Shackleford

### Commissioners Defer Action On Driver Issue

### Mayor Reports That Broad, Fulford Streets Probably Will Be Improved

The fire truck problem in Beaufort remains unsolved. Town commissioners took no action on the matter at their meeting Monday night at the town hall. The fire department did not present a third nominee for truck driver as requested by the board at the December meeting, so commissioners decided to wait until the fire department reorganizes, even though a new application for the job came from Raymond Springle.

The remnants of the department, 37 who did not resign over the truck driver fuss, are expected to meet and elect officers Friday night.

Unless there is a special meeting, the board will not officially appoint a truck driver until February. At present Walter (Boo) Moore is serving as one driver, appointed by the mayor, and the other driver is Elmond Rhue.

#### Streets to Be Repaired

Mayor Lawrence W. Hassell reported that district highway officials told him it will probably be possible to use the \$6,000 due the town for maintenance of Ann street, a highway, to improve Broad street from Turner to the town line and to improve Fulford from Ann street to Front.

Use of these funds on streets inside municipalities which are not state highways was made permissible during the last session of the general assembly.

State surveyors called to investigate the poor street drainage problem in the middle of the 700 block of Ann street recommended that a 24-inch drain pipe be sunk to carry away the water.

Drainage lines laid several months ago by the town seem to be of little help in taking away water during heavy rains.

Mayor Hassell reported that income from mayor's court and parking meters during December amounted to \$1,407.50. Of this amount \$408.50 was from court.

#### Conduit to Be Laid

The board authorized the clerk to inform Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company that it was permissible to extend the underground conduit from their office on Turner street up to Ann. Part of this conduit was laid during the summer, from the waterfront to the telephone office.

The mayor appointed Commissioners Clifford Lewis and David Merrill to investigate Will Arrington's request to extend steps in front of the Beaufort New stand three inches farther out on the sidewalk in order to eliminate one high step. The commissioners also have the authority to make a decision in the matter.

Because of the narrowness of Ann street east of Live Oak, Superintendent Peterson was requested to place no parking signs on the south side of that street.

Commissioners attending Monday night's meeting were J. O. Barbour, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Merrill.

### Garth Cooper to Fill Justice of Peace Office

Garth Cooper, 1513 Arendell st., Morehead City, has been appointed justice of the peace in Morehead City to take the place of T. C. Wade who died recently.

The appointment was made by A. H. James, clerk of superior court, who administered the oath to Mr. Cooper immediately following the appointment.

#### Receipts Total \$919.87

Beaufort's parking meter receipts for the month of December totaled \$919.87, William L. Hattell, town clerk, reported Monday.

### Tide Table

HIGH	LOW
Wednesday, Jan. 4	
8:06 a.m.	1:40 a.m.
8:23 p.m.	2:35 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 5	
8:48 a.m.	2:22 a.m.
8:04 p.m.	3:14 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 6	
9:29 a.m.	3:06 a.m.
9:47 p.m.	3:54 p.m.

The remains of Walter L. Hebert, 20, colored fisherman, were interred Sunday morning in Ocean View cemetery, Beaufort, following a verdict of accidental death by drowning issued by Dr. Luther Fulcher, acting as coroner in place of Pritchard Lewis who was out of town.

Hebert's body was taken to Beaufort at 10:30 Saturday morning by the Coast Guard rescue boat from Fort Macon. His body, judged by Adair undertakers to have been in the water about two weeks, was discovered on Shackleford banks. Several versions have been given on how the body was located, one of which reports that it turned up in a seine. If the man was washed ashore, no one has been able to give information as to who came upon him.

#### Mother Survives

He is survived by a mother who lives at Port Arthur, Tex. According to papers on the body, he is also married. Because relatives could not afford to pay for shipment of the remains to Texas, the body was interred in Beaufort.

The deceased had on his person a Merchant Marine identification card. It was also learned through papers in his wallet that he had served as a mess boy in the Coast Guard and enlisted at Lake Charles, La., for three years in the Army, from which he was given an undesirable discharge at the end of 15 months, in June 1949.

#### Worked For Quinn

It was reported that Hebert worked for Quinn up until Dec. 3 when he allegedly received a check from an unknown source and "then went on a binge." Fellow fishermen say he drew a pay check from the factory Dec. 17.

There is evidence also that Hebert was working under the alias of Robert Hooper. One Robert Hooper had been arrested within the past several weeks by the Beaufort police force.

Glenn Adair of the Adair Funeral home spoke with Hebert's mother by telephone Saturday and she told him to bury him in Beaufort.

## Rotarians Hear Talk on Economy

Federal taxes cost the average citizen \$276 per year, or over \$1,000 per family per year, Bob Howard told Morehead City Rotarians at their Thursday night meeting in the Carteret Recreation center.

Howard's speech was made in connection with the Morehead City Jaycee "Operation Economy" program, designed to call to the attention of local citizens the findings of the Hoover Commission. This commission investigated obsolete or outmoded practices in the government that could be done away with and thereby make a saving in taxes.

Many of these taxes are hidden taxes which the individual does not realize he is paying. Howard explained. For example, he stated: 11 federal taxes are paid each time a pair of shoes are purchased on amusements, cigarettes, gasoline and luxury articles.

Each local resident can help bring about the reduction of this tax burden if they wish, the speaker said. All that is required is to write Congressman Graham A. Barden, care of the Morehead City Junior Chamber of Commerce, Morehead City, asking his support for the Hoover Commission recommendations. If these recommendations are enacted into law, he emphasized three to four billion dollars a year will be saved in government expenditures.

Guests for the evening were sons and daughters of Rotarians who are college students.

#### Construction Begins

Construction has begun on the first unit in the Tidewater Veterans Housing project in Hancock Park in Beaufort, it was announced today. Construction of the other 15 units is held up temporarily until approval can be obtained for loans on the houses. Several choice lots in the site are still available and interested persons should contact Dan Walker at the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce.

#### License Revoked

The motor vehicle operator's permit of Glennie Frazier, North Harlowe, has been revoked following his conviction on a drunken driving charge Dec. 13 in recorders court.

### Howard Jones Becomes Assistant Postmaster

Howard C. Jones, 109 Pollock st., Beaufort, has been promoted to assistant postmaster at the Beaufort postoffice. This appointment was effective as of Jan. 1, 1950.

Mr. Jones, who has been a clerk at the postoffice since Sept. 7, 1933, was born in Beaufort, attended school here and for 10 years was in the mercantile business with his father, Hugh Jones, at the site now occupied by Pender's store.

Prior to going to work at the postoffice he was affiliated with W. E. Skarren and Co., plumbers.

## PMA Officials To Meet Thursday

County and community Production Marketing Administration committee will meet in the PMA office, Beaufort, Thursday night at 7 o'clock to discuss business for the coming year, it was announced today.

At that time new committeemen will sign their oaths of office, old committeemen will be instructed in their duties and obligations for 1950 and a small tobacco acreage adjustment will be made by the committeemen.

Cotton allotments for 1950 have already been made and notices mailed to growers, according to B. J. May, county PMA officer. Tobacco allotments and potato goals will be established within the next few days and notices will then be mailed to farmers. Tobacco allotments for 1950 will be exactly the same as for 1949 with no increase or decrease, May emphasized.

Farmers in the county who desire information of the 1950 PMA program should contact the following men for information, they are PMA committeemen for their communities:

White Oak: Leland Morris, Stella; Julian I. Weeks, Newport, RFD; and Milton Truckner, Pelletier. Morehead City: Robert E. Laughton, Morehead City; Addison McCabe, Newport, RFD and Thomas C. Oglesby, Morehead City, RFD. Newport: Y. Z. Simmons, Cecil H. Pringle and John B. Kelly, all of Newport.

Beaufort-Harlowe: William J. Hardesty, Newport, RFD; David B. Merrill, Beaufort, RFD; and Herman Merrill, Beaufort, RFD. East-Merrimon: Doll Lewis, Beaufort, RFD; Oscar Salter, Beaufort, RFD; and Wren E. Lawrence, Merrimon.

## Committee Writes To Utility Board

Decisive information that the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce rate hearing committee still is not in favor of an electric rate increase by Tide Water Power company was sent this week to members of the State Utilities commission.

Braxton Adair, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce committee, addressed a letter to each of the five members of the committee reiterating the committee's stand on the increase. The letter follows:

"On July 28th it was our duty and pleasure to attend the hearing in Wilmington relative to a rate increase requested by the Tide Water Power company. You will recall that the representatives of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Beaufort were opposed to this increase. To date no decision has been publicly announced.

"There is an old adage that 'no news is good news,' however we are afraid to accept it literally and be caught sleeping at our guns. Therefore we wish to reiterate our vigorous opposition to such a rate increase.

"With complete confidence that the interest of the people will be closely guarded in your deliberations, we remain... Rate Hearing Committee, Beaufort Chamber of Commerce."

Copies of the letter were sent to Stanley Winborne, chairman of the State Utilities Commission, and its four other members, Fred G. Hunter, Robert Grady Johnson, Joshua G. James and Edward G. McMahon.

#### Club To Meet

The Core Creek-Harlowe home demonstration club will meet at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Raymond Ball. The topic will be "The Right Way to Conduct Home Demonstration Club Meetings."

## Flames Break Out on Quinn Vessel New Year's Eve

Fire extensively damaged the J. Earle Morris, menhaden boat tied up at the Barbour Marine Supply company dock, Beaufort, at 10:40 p. m., New Year's eve.

The fire is reported to have started when a small engine backfired while men were trying to start it. Flames burst out and before they were brought under control, the whole lighting system was severely damaged. Twelve of the crew were aboard at the time but all escaped injury.

An insurance investigator is expected here the latter part of the week to make a definite estimate of damages.

The Morris, owned by Quinn Fisheries, was taken over to the plant Monday. It stayed at Barbour's dock during the week-end. Neal Frink was captain of the boat.

Beaufort firemen promptly answered the alarm. Two hose lines were run to the boat, one from the waterplug at Orange and Front between Barbour's and Norfolk-Baltimore and Carolina line warehouse and another from the booster tank on the newest fire truck across the seawall to the west of Barbour's. Foamite was also used.

Approximately 20 firemen answered the alarm. Trucks and equipment returned to the fire station at 11:45 p. m. Judge J. F. Duncan is reported to have discovered the flames and the alarm was turned in by J. F. Duncan, Jr.

## Twin Cities Gain Much Publicity

Carteret county's twin cities have come in for a favorable share of publicity the past three months, Chamber of Commerce managers in the two towns reported this week, with over 54 million newspaper readers seeing articles and stories about the two towns.

Source of the publicity was a series of advertisements placed by the Ocean Highway association in 20 newspapers in large northern cities. These advertisements listed the advantages of traveling via the Ocean Highway and each ad contained a map of the highway with Beaufort and Morehead City prominently displayed.

Each of the newspapers carrying the ad was in one of the larger northern cities where tourist trade originates. Total paid circulation of the papers is 13,838,343 which represents a reading audience of close to 55 million. The advertisements were run in each of the papers for 13 weeks.

Response to the advertisements became evident this week with a telegraphed request from the association to each of the Chambers of Commerce asking additional thousands of copies of publicity material on the towns.

This material was supplied in large quantities originally but supplies have been depleted due to many requests from persons interested in visiting, according to Dan Walker, manager of the Beaufort Chamber and Robert G. Lowe, manager of the Morehead City Chamber.

#### Board to Meet

The State Board of Conservation and Development will meet Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 23 and 24 at Raleigh.

## Beaufort Town Commissioners Name Board of Adjustment

Beaufort's planning board has been named as the board of adjustment provided for in the zoning ordinance. This was the action taken Monday night at the monthly commissioners' meeting.

Mrs. Helen Hattell, secretary of the planning board, will serve a three-year term. Braxton Adair and Halsey Paul, two-year terms, and Dr. W. L. Woodward, one year. These appointments were made, subject to the appointees' acceptance.

The planning board personnel was named as the body to which appeals on the zoning law are taken because the board thought that they were the group most vitally interested in the project and those who were best acquainted with issues involved.

Another appointment was also made at the session. Gerald Woodard was appointed to succeed Blythe Noe as building inspector upon resignation of Mr. Noe. It is found that Mr. Noe's business will require his moving out of town.

#### Stamp Sales Up

C. Z. Chappell, acting postmaster, Beaufort, announced this week that sales of stamps at the postoffice showed a 23 per cent increase this December over December 1948.

## Two Men Injured In Explosion On Boat Monday

Alton Dickinson, R. B. Lewis is Receive Burns; Damages Amount to \$2,000

Two Morehead City men, Alton Dickinson and R. B. (Bob) Lewis, received first degree burns on the face, hands and arms Monday at noon when a gas explosion ripped apart the cabin of their shrimp trawler, the Sea Bird, at the Belhaven Fish and Oyster company dock, Morehead City.

The boat is owned by E. D. O'Neal, Morehead City, brother of "Puck" O'Neal. It is reported that he carried no insurance on the trawler.

#### Cause Undetermined

Exact cause of the explosion is uncertain but firemen and bystanders stated that it appeared to have been caused when the engine to the boat was started. Fifty gallons of gas had leaked from the tank on the boat and settled in the bilges.

Firemen said they believed that when the starter "arced," a spark ignited gasoline fumes which in turn exploded, completely ripping apart the heavy cabin of the trawler.

Dickinson was blown overboard but received only first degree burns. Both men were taken to the Morehead City hospital where emergency treatment was administered and they were hospitalized. Hospital authorities stated yesterday that they were resting satisfactorily after spending an uneasy night.

#### Damage Extensive

Damage to the trawler was extensive, the explosion completely demolishing the cabin and lifting the deck from the hull in several spots. Cost of repairing the boat was estimated at \$2,000.

Firemen found it necessary to flood the trawler in order to drive the accumulated gasoline from the bilges. Once it reached a level where they could fight it they were able to put it out. The boat was completely afire from stem to stern at one time but most of the damage was caused from the explosion rather than the fire.

Firemen were at the Belhaven Fish and Oyster Co. dock for over an hour fighting the flames. The danger of the situation was heightened by the fact that firemen had a limited amount of space to work in and the fire was below deck where they could not reach it.

Less than five weeks ago Dickinson was in another ship fire when the trawler Dixie B., of which he was captain, caught fire and sank off Cape Hatteras. No one was injured in that fire.

The State Board of Conservation and Development will meet Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 23 and 24 at Raleigh.

## 'Epileptic' Turns Out To Be A Drunk, Cops Say

An "epileptic" that turned out to be a case of public drunkenness gave Morehead City police a brief scare Monday night but the fear was alleviated when a doctor pronounced the patient, "Dead drunk."

Monday night at 6:30 Chief E. J. Willis said police received a report from Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Roberts that they had almost run over the body of a man lying in the street at 7th and Bridges streets. They said he was lying with his legs in the gutter and his head in the street.

Police rushed to the scene to find the report true. They were told that the man, later identified as Gerald Schnoor of Morehead City, had had an epileptic fit and collapsed on the side of the street.

Schnoor was taken to the Morehead City hospital for emergency treatment. He was examined by a doctor who said he was not victim of a fit but of too much drink. He was released from the hospital and booked by police on a charge of public drunkenness.



On the fifth day of 1949 more than \$50,000 damage was caused at the Saffit lumber mill, Lennoxville road, Beaufort, when fire broke out in the kiln soon after 12 noon.

ero Guthrie was presented gold watch in appreciation of fifty years of service in Franklin Memorial Methodist church in Morehead City. Deaths: Henry Clayton Willis, age 51, of Davis, after a lingering illness.—Mrs. Juanita K. Lockhart, wife of Stanley Lockhart of the Camp Glenn section died in Duke hospital on December 28.

#### Week of January 10:

The Southern Felt Mill, adjoining the Madix Asphalt Roofing plant in Morehead City, went into full-scale production for the first time.—The Rev. W. D. Caviness, pastor of the Franklin Memorial Methodist church, was selected by the Morehead City Ministerial association and the Coastal Ministerial association to serve as hospital chaplain.—March of Dimes started with the goal for Carteret county, \$7,000.—Bids were received on the building of a recreation or fishing pier to be constructed at Money Island beach.—Bishop Thomas H. Wright, of the East Carolina diocese made his yearly visitation and accepted new members at confirmation at St. Paul's church in Beaufort.—Dr. Joshua Davis of Smyrna died Monday in Duke hospital. Funer-

#### Week of January 24:

More than 70,000 pounds of trout and croakers valued at approximately \$7,000 were caught by seven deep sea trawl boats operating off Hatteras and Ocracoke.—The shrimp boat "Penny" chartered by the University of North Carolina Institute of Fisheries Research started this week to begin a survey of shrimp grounds along the North Carolina coast.—Port terminal at Morehead City operated at a loss of \$4,012.01 for the month of December last according to a report given the City Commissioners.—Beaufort Rotarians contributed \$85 as part of their annual donation to the Boy Scouts.—Deaths: Freeman Salter, age 72, died at his home in Sea Level on Thursday.—Mrs. Helen M. Taylor, age 44, died at home in the Bogue community on Thursday.—Webster Lewis, age 39, of Beaufort died on Friday.—William H. Johnson, age 44, died from a self-inflicted gun shot wound on Saturday.

### February

#### Week of February 1:

A report of the Fisheries Commission for the past six months



Bob Lowe, manager of the Morehead City chamber of commerce was presented the Jaycee man-of-the-year award in March for his distinguished and outstanding service to the town of Morehead

City during 1948. Making the presentation is the mayor, George W. Dill, and at the left is Bruce Goodwin, president of the Jaycees.