

## Town Commissioners Consider Revision Of Morehead City's Fire Defenses

Some drastic changes will have to be made in Morehead City's fire defense system or else certain fire insurance rates in the city limits will go up, Mayor George W. Dill told Morehead City commissioners at their meeting Tuesday night in newly-decorated board rooms in the municipal building.

Mayor Dill said he had received a letter from the State Board of Fire Underwriters asserting that if certain recommendations the board had made were not carried out some local fire insurance rates would be increased.

**Two Stations**  
Among recommendations made, the mayor said, is establishment of a second fire station with two full-time firemen in the western section of the city. This would double the number of fire men in the city's employ.

Instead, it was pointed out, it would be better to establish one station in the center of the city which would serve both the downtown section and the section west. It was suggested that the block where the Carteret Recreational Center is now located might be satisfactory for such a location.

The idea of purchasing an auxiliary truck to be located near the Atlantic Beach bridge was also mentioned. E. C. Willis has a 500-gallon booster tank truck he has offered the town for \$2,500, the board was told. Action on these proposals was withheld until members of the board had more time to consider them.

**Power Company 'Attacked'**  
Tide Water Power company came in for some heated words. Cause of the discussion was a recent increase in the town's street lighting bill from \$142 one month to \$684 the next. The following month the bill dropped to \$503.41. George Stovall, manager here for the power company, explained the new street lighting system was cut on Oct. 21 and from that date the bill went up.

He said the bill would be exactly \$503.41 each month unless more lights were added to the present system. The reason the bill had been as low as \$142 for so long, he said, was that the street lighting system had been continually deteriorating since 1942 and no improvements had been made. He cited lighting bills in 1940 and 1941 that averaged around \$600 and said this period should be used as an accurate guide to the average cost of adequate lighting.

City Clerk John Lashley was empowered to make a survey of street lights and relocate any he felt were not needed in their present locations.

**Clyde Jones Appears**  
Clyde Jones appeared at the meeting on behalf of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce to ask the city's assistance in having the draw span on the Atlantic Beach bridge improved.

Jones said highway officials stated that the span was dangerous in its present state, citing the necessity for lowering the gages at one end of the draw when a school bus passed over since the draw was too narrow for the bus and any other vehicle to pass. The board agreed to write Guy Hargett, highway commissioner for this district, asking action on the matter.

**Dog Track Receipts**  
George McNeill, town attorney, reminded the board of an agreement it entered into late last summer. He said that when the Morehead City Racing commission requested an extension of the regular racing season at the dog track last fall, extension was requested on the basis that one-half of the town's receipts from the extended season be used to alleviate the crowded condition at Morehead City school. The town agreed to this arrangement, he said.

However, McNeill pointed out, there is no legal way in which the town can turn over this money to the schools or the Parent-See TOWN BOARD, Page Three

## Ohio Firm Repairs Two Diesel Engines at MCTI

Two Diesel engines at the Morehead City Technical Institute are being remodeled and repaired at no cost to the institute.

The Atlas Motor corporation of Canton, Ohio, manufacturers of the engines, has consented to re-work the engines at no charge and has already completed work on one of the Diesels which is in transit from Canton to Morehead City. The other engine will be sent to Canton as soon as the first one is returned.

In addition to providing the free repair service, the manufacturers are sending a mechanical representative to Morehead City to aid faculty members in technical factors relative to the operation of the two Diesel motors which are used in the school's laboratories.

## Church to Dedicate New Building, Chimes, at Morning Service, Jan. 29

### Defendant Pays \$225 Fine After Pleading Guilty

### Eight Defendants Answer To Charges of Liquor Law Violations

A six-month suspended sentence on the roads was given to Edwin Dudley in Tuesday's session of recorder's court when he pleaded guilty to reckless and careless driving and driving after his license was revoked.

Dudley was originally charged with drunken driving after his license was revoked but the amended plea, stated above was accepted by Judge Lambert R. Morris. He was ordered to remain sober and on good behavior for three years and pay a \$225 fine and costs.

Eight defendants were found guilty of possession of non-tax paid whiskey. Two of them Charlie Bell and Harold Hargreave, were assessed with costs. The other six, Levi and Nemi Williams, Daniel Brooks, Clarence E. Kenner, Charles J. Smith and Mack Tusker, were fined \$10 and costs.

John E. Proffitt pleaded guilty to drunken driving and was fined \$100 and costs. John B. Piper, charged with the same offense, was found guilty of reckless and careless driving and paid the same penalty. Delmas Willis was found guilty of drunken driving and entered an appeal to superior court. He was bound over under \$200 bond.

Elvin Davis and Richard G. Nelson pleaded guilty to reckless and careless driving. The first defendant was fined \$10 and costs while the second was fined \$25 and costs. Daniel Mailchok, Jr., was found guilty of reckless and careless driving and driving without a license. He was fined \$25 and costs.

Four persons pleaded guilty to speeding. George A. Carey was fined \$25 and costs, James T. Oberle and James F. White were fined \$10 and costs and R. J. Sinks was fined the costs.

**Charges Withdrawn**  
Charges were withdrawn against Naomi Worthy, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, and Willie Fulford, charged with using loud, boisterous and profane language and being drunk and disorderly in public, and the prosecuting witness in each case was taxed with costs.

Clayton B. Dudley pleaded guilty to allowing another person to use his license and was ordered to pay costs and \$10. George H. Egerteas was also fined \$10 and costs for failing to stop at a stop sign and driving without a license. Robert Lee Jones paid the costs for following too closely behind another vehicle.

**Appeal Filed**  
Notice of appeal to superior court was entered by R. H. Dowdy after being found guilty of failing to give a hand signal, thereby causing an accident. His case was bound over under \$100 bond.

Four persons pleaded guilty to driving without a license. Three of them, Florence Swinson, James H. Long, Jr., and Alonza Nolan, were fined the costs. The fourth, Emile P. Pepiton, was fined the costs and \$10.

Four other persons pleaded guilty to public drunkenness and each was assessed the costs. They were Charlie Bell, Giles Haynie, Eddie Daniels and Charlie Green. Prosecution was withheld in two cases, Leon Pate, Jr., charged with non-support, and Theresa Broussard, charged with contempt of court. The bond of Victor Gaskill, charged with driving drunk and after his license was revoked, was forfeited when he failed to appear in court.

Fifteen cases were continued. The defendants are Theodore J. Lemaire, Hazel S. Garner, William J. Denoyer, Glenn Wade, Eddie Lee Collins, Alton (Snooky) Willis, Rebecca Jones, Alton L. Smith, Whipple Williamson, Louis Hatter, N. C. Peterson, Alpha Q. Salter, Virgil Salter, Andrew E. Benjock and Paul Ferretti.

In honor of General "Hap" Arnold who died Sunday flags throughout the country were flown at half-mast this week.

The chimes and the new educational annex of Ann Street Methodist church, Beaufort, will be dedicated at the 11 o'clock service Sunday, Jan. 29.

At the request of the official board of the church, the Rev. T. R. Jenkins, pastor, will preach the dedicatory sermon and perform the ritual of dedication.

### Chimes Presented

The chimes were presented to the church last summer by Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Hattell of Norfolk, Va., in memory of their parents who were former members of Ann Street church.

"They have proved an inspiration to the members and a spiritual blessing to the entire community," declares the pastor. "When they play, passers-by take up the refrain, humming the tunes which resound over the community in solid, clear tones. No doubt, they have brought comfort to worried minds, joy to needy hearts, and inspiration to consecrated souls. We are grateful for the gift and the thoughtful people who gave them," he added.

### N. F. Eure Initiates Project

Some 18 months ago, the church, seeing the need for additional facilities for carry on its work, erected the new educational building. The idea was first conceived by the general superintendent of the church school, N. F. Eure, and largely by his efforts, the idea became a reality, Mr. Jenkins relates.

"What the building has meant to the church, particularly the youth, no one will ever be able to estimate," the pastor continues. "At the same time, we had in our midst a godly woman whose influence over little children only the years can determine.

"Seeking for some time an appropriate way to honor Miss Lottie Sanders, the official board almost at once hit upon the idea of naming this new building after her and in her honor," he concluded.

All friends of the church are invited to the dedicatory services next Sunday.

### Director Arrives To Work on Play Legion Will Give

### Proceeds From 'It's a Date' Will Go Toward Junior Baseball

Miss Maryjane Steele arrived this week to start work on "It's a Date," the big show which will be presented Feb. 2 and 3 at the Morehead City high school auditorium for the benefit of the Junior Baseball program.

Miss Steele comes to Morehead City highly recommended. She holds a degree from Indiana university and has been interested in dramatics and Little Theatre work. In addition, she has had special training on this particular production.

When interviewed about the forthcoming production Miss Steele said: "I am most enthusiastic about the possibilities for an outstanding show here in Morehead City. Everyone seems so friendly and cooperative, I am surely enjoying my stay here."

Miss Steele met Tuesday night with Walton Fulcher, post commander; Martin Beaver, Will Howland and Joseph Smith who are the entertainment committee of the Legion which is sponsoring the play.

Plans are being made to start rehearsals at once. "It's a Date," has the unqualified recommendation of many other towns where it has been staged. The organization is confident that it will be a worthy addition to the entertainment season.

Watch this paper for further announcements about those who have been chosen to take part in "It's a Date."

## Fishermen, Scientists Confer Prior to Sailing of Albatross

Due to unfavorable weather, the Albatross III, fisheries research vessel, returned to port Tuesday morning. It sailed from Port Terminal at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, following a meeting of scientists and commercial fishermen.

At this meeting, held at the Institute of Fisheries Research, Morehead City, Ray Buller of the Fish and Wildlife Service, made a report, commenting on the use of depth-sounding equipment in locating schools of fish.

**Fish Located**  
In the course of its cruises, the Albatross has discovered large bodies of fish, either on the bottom or in mid-water, congregated within a few miles off the North Carolina coast, principally in the Onslow Bay section.

W. A. Ellison, Jr., director of the institute, told the group that special arrangements had been made with the Submarine Signal company to install free of charge a fathometer aboard the shrimp boat Penny which had previously worked for the institute. The Penny, owned and operated by Captain Merritt Moore of Southport, will work close in conjunction with the Albatross, Mr. Ellison said.

Although neither Captain Moore nor his vessel has been employed by the institute since July, he has continued to make reports of his findings and has on several occasions made special observations at the institute's request. Garland Fulcher and Captain Roland Styron, who have boats equipped with the fathometer recording device, have also offered their cooperation in this study, the director added.

### 39 Tows Made

Mr. Buller illustrated his talk with charts. Thirty-nine tows have been made between Fryin Pan lightship and Cape Hatteras in water 50 to 110 fathoms. The net was torn up three times.

He pointed out that this was significant in that it indicated much more trawlable bottom in the deeper waters than had been suspected by the fishermen of North Carolina. Stating that it was not the season for fish - the operating time being in May and June - they had obtained significant samplings of certain commercial fish which might prove to be present in greater abundance during this season. Mr. Buller described in detail

the operating technique for determination of the trawlability of the bottom. He discussed the use of heavy rollers on the nets, saying that the Albatross would make alternate tows with rollers and without. Certain bottoms which are not now fished might be successfully fished if the boats were equipped with rollers, while other bottoms which are not now fished because the fishermen are afraid of tearing up nets might be disclosed as clear and open and free of bottom formations which would be destructive to the nets.

Mr. Buller spoke briefly of the significance of temperatures and the movements of fish in the water, saying that the Albatross would make an effort to correlate its fish catch and the temperatures in which the fish were found. This may have an important bearing on fishing in North Carolina waters.

As Mr. Ellison pointed out, in the more northern waters, it is pretty well established that haddock, codfish and halibut have a preference for certain temperatures; and although the existence of those temperatures does not mean that fish will be found, the absence of those temperatures would definitely indicate that no fish would be present. It is conceivable that North Carolina fishermen may some day fish with thermometers as well as nets, commented Mr. Ellison.

**Fishermen Alerted**  
Dean Bumpus, oceanographer of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, urged the group to alert See FISHERMEN, Page Three

## Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Friday, Jan. 20	
9:41 a.m.	3:25 a.m.
10:02 p.m.	4:03 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 21	
10:22 a.m.	4:09 a.m.
10:46 p.m.	4:43 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 22	
11:01 a.m.	4:53 a.m.
1:29 p.m.	5:22 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 23	
11:40 a.m.	5:37 a.m.
Noon	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 24	
12:13 a.m.	6:23 a.m.
12:20 p.m.	6:41 p.m.

## Sheriff's Department Recovers Boat Stolen Tuesday Night at Yacht Basin

### State President to Visit Morehead Woman's Club

The Morehead City Woman's club will be host at 8 o'clock Thursday night to Mrs. E. M. Anderson, of West Jefferson, who is president of the state federation of Woman's clubs. This, the annual winter meeting of the club, will take place in the civic center.

Mrs. Anderson will fly from West Jefferson to New Bern where she will be met by members of the Morehead City organization. All three departments of the Woman's club will attend the meeting and reception. This includes the Home department, Garden and Civic, and the Literary and Art department.

## PMA Committee Warns Farmers To Keep Quotas

Failure to plant full allotment of certain crops this year may result in reduced acreage in 1951, the Carteret County Production Marketing administration committee warned farmers this week.

A number of acres of Carteret county crops, including 13.6 acres of tobacco, have been lost to farmers this year because of underplanting during 1949, the committee said. This is the result of a number of farmers planting less than 75 per cent of their allotment three years in succession.

**Potato Acreage Lost**  
In addition, 45 acres of Irish potato allotments have been lost because some farmers did not plant in a three-year average of planting over three acres each year. Commercial potato allotments are based on the farmer's planting three or more acres per year. Allotments are not stipulated for less than three acres.

Farmers with a potato goal above three acres, who plan to rent 2.9 acres on farms with no potato allotment, were warned that under the 1950 program farmers who follow this practice will not be entitled to price support unless they operate the entire farm where their acreage is rented.

**Cotton Regulations**  
Regulations for 1950 also provide that any farmer planting in excess of his cotton allotment will not be eligible for assistance under any other PMA program. Any farmer already receiving assistance under the 1950 program and is found to have planted in excess of his cotton allotment will automatically be placed on the Register of Indebtedness and be required to pay the government's share of the cost of the practice.

Farmers who do not understand provisions of the various PMA programs were advised to contact the county committee or visit the county PMA office in Beaufort.

## N, O, P, Q Drivers Due For Testing

RALEIGH — Motorists, whose last names begin with N, O, P and Q now are being examined for renewal of their licenses to drive. Jebb B. Wilson, director of the highway safety division of the Department of Motor Vehicles, reminded drivers in this category today.

Although N, O, P and Q drivers have until June 30 to obtain their renewals, they will save time if they report for examination early in the period while driver's license examiners are not rushed, Wilson said. Long lines as the L and M period closed Dec. 31 should indicate to N through Q motorists the advisability of getting their licenses renewed at their earliest convenience.

Driver's license examiners form a unit of the highway safety division. M. H. Everett, license examiner for this area, has office hours in Morehead City municipal building Monday and Tuesday from 9 to 5 and Saturday from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m.

His hours in Beaufort are from 9 to 5 each Thursday and Friday. The office is located in the court house annex.

Mr. Everett works at Cherry Point each Wednesday.

## 'Line of Dimes' To Promote Polio Drive Tomorrow

### A. H. James, Chairman of Campaign, Names Community Chairmen

From 9th street east to 7th in Morehead City the public will have the opportunity to place dimes on a chalk line tomorrow. A. H. James, director of the March of Dimes for 1950 announced today.

If this stunt is successful tomorrow, it will be staged in Beaufort next Saturday, Mr. James said.

### Parades Launch Program

The March of Dimes program was launched in the county with parades Monday in Beaufort and Morehead City. Mr. James has named chairmen in the individual communities, coin collectors in the form of an iron lung have been put in places of business and the schools have been organized.

The Carteret Broadcasting company will sponsor the President's Ball Tuesday night, Jan. 31, at the recreation center in Morehead City. The band from Cherry Point will play. The line of Dimes and other campaign events are being sponsored by the broadcasting company also.

### Volunteers Sought

Mr. James said volunteers are being sought now to sell tickets for the President's Ball.

Community chairmen are the following: Atlantic, Mrs. Brantley Morris; Smyrna, Mrs. Eileen Yeomans; Harkers Island, Mrs. Earl Davis; Beaufort, Mrs. Gehrman Holland; Morehead City, W. D. Caviness; Newport, Mrs. Julia McCain; and Stella, Lionel Pelletier.

## Memberships Will Go On Sale At Schools Monday

Mrs. Bayard Taylor, chairman of North Carolina Little Symphony membership sales announced today that tickets for students will go on sale Monday at schools throughout the county.

These tickets, costing 60 cents, entitle any pupil from the grades through high school, to a junior membership and admits them to the evening concert which will be given at 8:30 Tuesday night, Feb. 14 in the Beaufort school auditorium.

The North Carolina Symphony society at Chapel Hill reports that many elementary students who hear the free concert in the afternoon would like to go again in the evening with their parents, because a different program is presented.

### Voting Permitted

A junior membership ticket entitles a student to attend that concert and also gives him permission to vote for his favorite number from the following list:

Fiddle Faddle, Sleigh Ride, Syncopated Clock, all by Anderson; Deep Purple by De Rose; Anita's Dance by Greig, Sheep and Goat Walkin' to Pasture and Turkey in the Straw, both by Guion; Ava Maria by Schubert; and None But the Lonely Heart, by Tchaikovsky. On the night of the concert, the person holding a junior membership should write the name of his favorite number on a slip of paper and hand it to the usher. The orchestra will play the winning selection.

Junior memberships may be purchased now or at the school the night the concert is given. Collections in the adult membership campaign, to date, are as follows: Beaufort \$261, Morehead City \$151; Newport \$42; and Atlantic \$12.

## County Jail Holds 30 Inmates Over Weekend

Thirty inmates populated the county jail over the weekend, Sheriff C. Gehrman Holland announced this week. He said that at one time there were 19 incarcerated.

All faced various charges, including violations of the prohibition law, contempt of court, public drunkenness, drunken driving and many others.

A cabin cruiser, Airline II, slated for sheriff's sale at noon today was stolen Tuesday night and recovered late Wednesday by the sheriff's department, with the assistance of the State Bureau of Investigation.

The cruiser, 35-foot Elco, No. 14V895, was removed from its berth at the Morehead City Yacht basin at 6:45 Tuesday night. The sheriff's office was informed of the theft at 1:45 p. m. the next day and by nightfall the craft was discovered at Myrtle Beach, S. C.

Sheriff C. Gehrman Holland said that warrants for arrest of the party or parties taking the boat have been sworn out. The warrants implicate residents of Morehead City, according to Sheriff Holland, but they had not been served by press time.

The boat, before taken over for sale under tax warrant, was owned by Frank S. Davis. Found aboard the cruiser at Myrtle Beach was J. A. Newsome, Greensboro, who, according to Sheriff Holland, is brother-in-law to Davis.

The Airline II was returned to Morehead City late yesterday with M. T. Thomas, deputy sheriff, George Cannady of the SBI, and Warren L. (Bunt) Styron, Jr., of the Morehead City Yacht Basin aboard.

The law officers went to Myrtle Beach Wednesday afternoon. Sheriff Holland returned to Beaufort Thursday morning and was confident that the boat would be ready for sale at noon today, as advertised.

## Morehead Jaycees Discuss Policy On Golf Course

Jaycees held an extremely heated discussion during their Monday night meeting on what steps their group should take to promote a golf course for Morehead City. The minutes of the last Jaycee board of directors meeting were read, stating that the Jaycees should give full support to educating and selling to the public the advantages of building a golf course.

Some members of the group stated that they felt the club should support any plans short of Jaycees themselves selling stock, some said the club should have nothing to do with promoting the course in any way, and others said Jaycees should sell stock and do anything possible toward seeing that a course is built.

At least half of those present had their say on the matter with pro and con opinion evenly balanced. It was finally decided to withhold final action for two weeks to give the group time to consider all phases of the situation.

Bernard Leary told the men to make plans to attend the eighth district quarterly meeting in Greenville Feb. 2. He said Morehead City had the largest representation of any club at the last meeting and asked for similar support again.

Jaycees were urged to contribute to the March of Dimes which has just begun. W. D. Caviness appealed to the group for help and mentioned several recent polio cases locally as an example of where money for the drive goes.

## Planning Board Accepts New Job

Members of the Beaufort planning board have agreed to accept their appointment to the board of adjustment. The board of adjustment, authorized in the recently-adopted zoning ordinance, is a board of appeal to which builders may take their grievances or request leniency in carrying out the ordinance, should they be unable to comply with the law.

The planning board met Monday night in the town hall and discussed various projects for improving the town, including cleanup projects and efficient functioning of the building inspector.

In regard to zoning, a map showing zoning areas in color, has been framed and hangs on the north wall of the city clerk's office.

Attending the meeting were Dr. W. L. Woodard, Braxton Adair, Halsey Paul, Robert Stephens, and Mrs. Henry Hattell, members of the board, also William Hattell, town clerk, and Wiley Taylor, Jr., town attorney.

### Speeder Fined

James T. Oberle was fined \$10 and costs on a charge of speeding in Monday's session of Morehead City mayor's court.

## JCs Will Honor Outstanding Men

### Beaufort Group to Make Award Tomorrow, Morehead Monday

In line with similar presentations to be made by Junior Chambers of Commerce throughout the nation, the Morehead City and Beaufort Jaycees this week-end will present gold keys (distinguished service awards) to the outstanding young men of their respective towns.

Beaufort Jaycees will make their presentation at 9 o'clock tomorrow night at the Blue Ribbon club at a specially planned banquet, and Morehead City Jaycees will present the key to their honored guest at 7 o'clock Monday night in the Fort Macon hotel dining room.

### Identify Kept Secret

Name of each recipient will not be revealed until the night of the banquets.

The awards are made annually to the young men believed to have contributed most to the welfare of their communities during the past 12 months. The winner need not be a member of a Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Making the award at the Beaufort banquet will be Bernard Leary, Morehead City, Jaycee district vice-president, and Gene Smith, Beaufort, will be master of ceremonies.

George W. Dill, mayor of Morehead City, will present the gold key to the recipient at the banquet Monday night. All former Jaycees are invited. Cost will be \$1.50 per person.

## Warm Days Affect Oyster Business

The hot weather last week put the oystermen out of business. Capt. John Nelson, state fisheries commissioner, said this week that dealers stopped buying oysters because oysters don't sell on hot days.

Clamming is going ahead as usual, but not as many are being taken this year as in the past. The 73 menhaden boats fishing out of Carteret ports are doing better on catches than is customary for this time of year. Poor weather at the beginning of the season made the outlook dreary and not until recent weeks have the catches been of any size.

This is due, probably, fishermen say, to the fact that the warm weather is keeping the fish in these waters.

The state fisheries commissioner said this week that he and his son, Ernest will leave Sunday to attend the State Board of Conservation and Development meeting at Raleigh Monday and Tuesday.

## Boys Find Lost Salter Path Man

A general alarm was sounded from Morehead City fire station at 6:30 Wednesday night to summon searchers to look for Abner Dixon, Salter Path. Mr. Dixon, who had wandered away from home, had been found, however before word could be sent to Morehead City to stop the alarm.

Mr. Dixon, about 75 years of age, did not call for his wife who is teacher at the Salter Path school at the usual time Wednesday afternoon. She became alarmed and a search was started.

Capt. George Smith of Salter Path, carrying the children home from school in the bus drove west of the community and told them to scatter out through the woods looking for Mr. Dixon.

Several boys heard the man's dog barking and came upon him completely entangled in briars and vines. He was rescued and taken back to his home. Mr. and Mrs. Dixon live in the old Coast Guard station at Salter Path. Mr. Dixon is originally from Portsmouth.