

## Chilula Docks with Bodies of Seamen



Morehead City police Lt. Carl Blomberg, left, rushes to help Harvey Gaskins Jr., a Coast Guardsman, and police Sgt. William J. Condie remove the body of a drowned Italian seaman from the Coast Guard Cutter Chilula Friday afternoon.

This body was one of five picked up by the Chilula at the scene of the sinking of the Italian ship Bonitas, 225 miles east of Cape Lookout last Wednesday.

Twenty-two seamen lost their lives when a lifeboat capsized a short distance from rescue vessels. Three of the seamen

brought in by the Chilula were identified. They were Giuseppe Romano, Carmelo Foti and Eugenio Picasso.

The bodies were turned over to Dill's Funeral Home for preparation and shipment to Norfolk.

## Town's New Cemetery Named 'Greenwood Park'

Greenwood Park was the name selected for Morehead City's new cemetery Thursday night at the meeting of the Morehead City town board.

The name was suggested by Jasper Bell, buildings and grounds commissioner. The new cemetery, consisting of 52 acres, is located northwest of town. Only part of it has been laid out. The mapped portion has been equipped with an underground watering system.

Supervising the cemetery operations is Commissioner Bell.

### Mayor J. Wade States His City's Position on Rates

Mayor J. E. L. Wade, Wilmington, read a statement at the port rate inquiry at Raleigh last week. The inquiry was conducted by the State Utilities Commission.

The statement set forth Wilmington's position on the proposed Southern freight rates into Morehead City. It follows:

"Mr. Chairman, Mr. Commissioners and gentlemen, I should like to express the appreciation of our fine port city of Wilmington for your invitation to this meeting. We will be pleased if we can be of assistance to you.

"In order that there may be no misunderstanding, I shall repeat here the position of Wilmington with regard to the rate equalization proposals which Chairman Winborne's letter indicates will be the subject of discussion here.

"We believe that the proposals are of such nature that we should oppose them and the opposition should be conducted under approved and orthodox procedure before the Southern Freight Association, the Interstate Commerce Commission and, if necessary, the Federal Courts.

"The correctness of our position is supported by the action of Southern Freight Association rate committee in disapproving the proposals. We are reasonably confident of success in the event we have to litigate.

"Therefore, regardless of what transpires here today our position in these matters will have to remain unchanged.

"Our position is not related in any respect whatever to any alleged feud or ill feeling between Wilmington and Morehead City. Our job is to look to the progress of our city and we, of course, expect Morehead City to do likewise. It is our sincere hope that our separate efforts contribute materially to the progress of our great state.

"We are not pretending to have brotherly love for Morehead to the extent that we are willing to relinquish to them any advantage ratewise that our more favorable geographic location entitles us."

Mayor George Dill explained yesterday that when the ICC publishes the new rates, those parties who are not in favor of the rates may protest by taking the matter to court.

Because the rates would involve freight moving over Southern lines only, from the mid-west to this area, it is believed that litigation could not prevent the proposed rates from being put into effect.

Litigation, however, could cause delay in establishing the rates.

### Letter Read

Mayor George Dill read a letter from John D. Wilson, of Wilson, treasurer of the East Carolina Phone Fight Committee, requesting Morehead City's contribution to the phone rate fight.

Mr. Wilson said that the committee would like to collect all its funds within the next 90 days. The board requested George McNeill, town attorney, to write the attorney general to obtain a ruling on whether it is legal for a municipality to contribute money to such an enterprise.

Gerald Wade appeared before the board to request that the town grant him an easement on the alley running through his property in the 500 block of Arendell Street. The alley is located between L&H Motors and Marvin Willis's Pure Oil station.

The alley is closed on the south end by Carteret Ice and Coal. The board tabled the matter.

**Muffler Lost**

John Lashley, clerk, reported that C. W. Dobard, Port Isabel, Tex., tore the muffler off his car in going across one of the railroad crossings in town. The matter was referred to Southern Railway.

The commissioners commented that the crossings, even those that apparently are fixed, are in bad shape. The railroad is in process of putting down new track.

The attorney recommended that a \$127.07 claim made by Henry White be paid. The attorney said that a car owned by White was damaged by a trash truck workman when the workman moved it to allow the trash truck to go through an alley.

**Tags Discussed**

Relative to town tag sales, police commissioner Ted Garner said that all Morehead City motorists had to have town tags on their cars by midnight Feb. 17. He said at least three notices appeared in THE NEWS-TIMES, two of them on the front page.

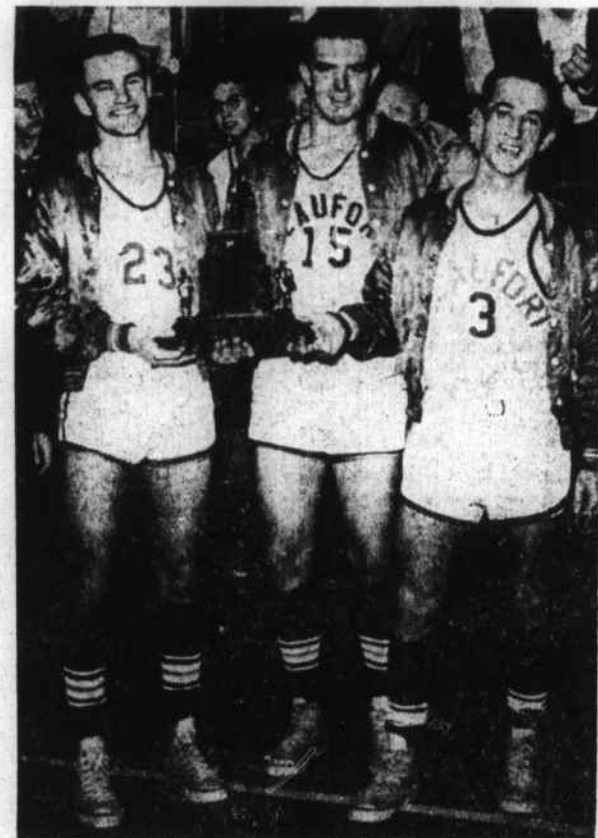
In answer to a query by the mayor, the town attorney said that the only thing the law recognizes as a notice is something in writing, either published or posted. Some persons who had not bought town tags claimed last week that proper notice had not been given.

Attending the meeting, in addition to those mentioned, were Commissioners S. C. Holloway and Gibbie Sanderson.

**TB Seal Results**

R. M. Williams, chairman of the TB Christmas seal sale, has reported that the total now is \$2,700.35. Some contributions have come in during recent weeks. The total exceeds that of 1956.

### Smyrna, Beaufort Win Titles



Beaufort co-captains Danny Willis, Alex Copeland and Raymond Gillikin, left to right, seem mighty pleased with the county championship trophy they are holding. The Seadogs defeated the Morehead City Eagles, 65-57, Saturday night in the final game of the county tournament at Smyrna.



Smyrna principal Stewart Daniels, second from left, presented a championship trophy to his own school Saturday night. Receiving the trophy for the Smyrna girls team were co-captains Laura Lewis, Elberta Gillikin and Serina Davis, left to right. For more sports news see pages 2 and 3.

## Two Killed As Car Enters River At Swansboro

### Two Marines Swim Ashore After Accident Friday at Bridge

Two Camp Lejeune Marines were killed at 11:45 Friday night when the car in which they were riding left the highway at the west end of the bridge at Swansboro and went into the White Oak River.

Dead are Robert A. Waive, 19, and Thomas E. Teague, 19, both of B Company, Second Motor Transport Battalion, Camp Lejeune. Two other Marines in the car were injured and were in the Naval Hospital at Camp Lejeune yesterday.

Patrolman R. H. Brown said that the injured men managed to get out of the car and swim ashore. Patrolman Brown was called to the scene. The investigating patrolman was Roger Salter of Onslow County.

It is not known who was driving the car, a 1951 Chevrolet. The car was headed east, patrolmen said, at apparently a high rate of speed. It struck an island in the middle of the highway. The island divides the traffic lanes on the approach to the bridge.

This caused the car to glance off to the right, cross the grass plot, sideswipe the end of the bridge and fly out into the water a distance of about 50 feet.

The water where the car disappeared was estimated to be at least 10 feet deep. It was 3 a.m. before the car was pulled out. Bodies of the dead men were in it.

It took about two hours to locate the car. Patrolman Brown said, and another hour to get it out. A chain on the wrecker kept breaking.

Assisting in the rescue were Coast Guardsmen and a rescue squad from Camp Lejeune.

## Booze Taken In Saturday Raid

ABC officer Marshall Ayscue and the sheriff's department raided the home of Perry Cambridge on Highway 24 Saturday afternoon and confiscated seven gallons of booze.

Cambridge is in the county jail charged with possession of non-taxpaid whiskey for the purpose of sale. Cambridge was also wanted by officers for failure to pay costs in a previous judgment against him.

One case of whiskey was found in the Cambridge house and two more jars, buried in the dirt under the house, were uncovered by Officer Ayscue.

Making the raid, in addition to the ABC officer, were Sheriff Hugh Salter, and deputies Bobby Bell and Bruce Edwards.

## Phone Fight Fund Totals \$99.57

By press time yesterday the amount of money put up in Carteret County for the fight against higher phone rates, amounted to \$99.57. That includes \$20 pledged by the town of Atlantic Beach.

The remainder has been contributed by NEWS-TIMES readers.

Contributors since the last report on the fund are H. W. Tippett and Vernon Hill, Morehead City; Mr. and Mrs. Dan L. Morris, Atlantic; Mrs. E. S. Smith, Swansboro, and several who requested that their names not be listed.

Mrs. Smith said, "I am disgusted with the phone service I've been getting and here is 50 cents to help in the fight against higher rates."

The East Carolina Phone Fight Committee has estimated that 20 cents per phone in the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph territory will finance the hiring of legal counsel to fight the rate raise.

The utilities commission expects that there will be a hearing on the case in April.

Phone subscribers who would like to contribute to the fight are invited to send their 20 cents to Phones, c/o News-Times, Morehead City.

THE NEWS-TIMES will forward another check to the phone fight committee this week. The first check, for \$42.85 was sent last month.

**Wrong Letter**

J. A. DuBois was identified as American Legion "post" commander in information under a picture in the paper Friday. The word was supposed to be "past". Present commander of the Legion post is William Earl Wade.

## Oil Dealers Encounter Busy Week During 'Big Freeze'

All but one of the fuel oil dealers in the area reported a hectic week last week to keep up with orders for fuel oil. In case you've forgotten, last week the temperature dipped to 12 degrees, the coldest Carteret County has been in 40 years.

Alonzo Willis of Standard Oil, Beaufort, said the week was "about as usual". Other oil companies had their trucks working overtime.

P. H. Geer of the Gulf Oil Corp., Morehead City, said his company ran a day to a day-and-a-half behind in filling orders.

**75 Per Cent Ahead**

Mr. Geer estimated that the week was about 75 per cent ahead of a normal week.

"Ever since the first of the year," he added, "we've been averaging double to 75 per cent more business than in an average year."

December, he said, is usually the biggest oil delivery month, not because it's cold then, but because people are getting their tanks filled in preparation for winter.

Oil dealers agree that their busiest time of the year, in any year, is December, January and February.

Harold Sewell, manager of Carolina Oil and Distributing Co., Morehead City, reported yesterday

that it was Saturday before they got caught up on their orders. Their business, so far this year, has been ahead of last year's.

Sinclair trucks worked overtime, according to T. T. (Tom) Potter, manager in this area. He estimated last week's business about 30 per cent ahead of a normal week.

Mr. Potter expects most of the reaction to the cold weather to come, with his customers, in about a week or two.

"People who have large storage tanks," he said, "can go through a cold snap without calling for more oil. We anticipate heavier business this week and next. Our men are going to make their calls a week earlier than usual."

Most oil companies call on a customer regularly and fill the tank rather than wait for the customer to call.

**More Pumped**

Mr. Potter said his company pumped more oil in the first 15 days of February this year than in all of February last year. "I don't know whether that's due to more customers or the same customers using more oil," Mr. Potter concluded.

J. Morton Davis of Texaco said, "We were worked to death. We stayed open Wednesday afternoon and worked nights until 8. Our business is considerably ahead of

last year. We've had a consistently colder winter."

He continued, "Actually, the thing that works the oil companies hardest are people who don't make provision for a cold winter. To keep a 55-gallon tank full, a truck has to go back to the same place time and time again."

He said that 250-gallon and 280-gallon tanks need servicing, in any kind of weather, only once a month.

**Flurry of Calls**

When it gets cold, Mr. Davis added, people get scared and there's always a flurry of calls for oil. By Wednesday, he said, his company had caught up with orders.

Roper Van Horn, Ocean Oil Co., Morehead City, said that last week's business was ahead of an average week. He said men worked until 10 at night. He estimated his deliveries about doubled.

Emmitt Willis of Stevens and Willis Oil Co., estimated his increase in business at about 25 per cent. He said that his company got a lot of calls from customers who couldn't get immediate service from the company they usually deal with.

It was a cold week. Even the oil men were happy to see a bit of warm weather so that they could catch their breath.

## Curtain to Go Up March 8 On Play, Peekaboo Penny



Anne Lewis, left, plays the part of a newspaper reporter, and Lesta Willis, right, portrays the part of a play producer in the forthcoming theatre production, Peekaboo Penny. Mrs. Tressa Vickers is director.

Peekaboo Penny, the play which made a tremendous hit when it was produced in Morehead City in 1950, will be presented again by the Carteret Community Theatre Saturday night, March 8. The play will be given in the recreation building, Morehead City, curtain time 8 o'clock.

The story begins with John Montgomery, a play producer, who gets what he thinks is a brilliant idea. He plans to produce a play with the characters, portraying the actual role they fill in real life.

Rehearsals go along smoothly until an emerald is stolen from a jewelry salesman next door. Then the whole cast joins in the hunt

for the emerald. The mystery isn't solved until the final few seconds and the entire play is full of laughs.

Two of the original cast are appearing in the forthcoming production. They are Madeline Royal, switchboard operator, and Lillian Frances Giddens, an English school teacher.

Other characters are Lesta Willis, who plays the part of John Montgomery; Jimmy Wheatley, Frank DeLaska; Janet Smith, Betty Ruffin Willis; Pendleton Penny, John A. Baker Jr.; Peg Rogers, Anne Lewis; Buck Dorgey, Leonard Lewis, and Mr. Bently, Thomas Respass.

## Car Knocks Down Railroad Sign

It happened again. Another car almost ended up in Willie Gray's junkyard at 12:15 a.m. Friday.

The car was a 1953 Ford convertible driven by Kenneth S. Chianese, 20, of Cherry Point. Chianese was tried in Morehead City Recorder's Court yesterday for failing to stop at a stop sign.

Patrolman R. H. Brown said that Chianese was headed west on Highway 70, failed to stop at the stop sign on Highway 70A. He zoomed to the left and knocked down the railroad warning sign.

The car was demolished. Damage to the sign was estimated at \$200.

Patrolman Brown said, "We're going to recommend that the sign be put on hinges."

The sign has been knocked down several times by cars.

### Potentate Names Two Ambassadors in County

Theodore H. Phillips and Nick L. Walker of Morehead City have been appointed Ambassadors of Sudan Shrine Temple for 1958 by Potentate Otis M. Banks of Cary.

Ambassadors are called upon when special work is to be done in their communities for the Shrines Crippled Childrens Hospitals and other related matters of importance to the Shrine.

## Carteret Commissioner Serves As Secretary for Investigation

Odell Merrill, Beaufort, a member of the Carteret county board of commissioners, was elected secretary Thursday of the committee investigating alleged irregularities in the East Carolina Regional Housing Authority operations.

Mr. Merrill will go to Raleigh this Thursday to attend a meeting prior to the investigation, which opens Friday. At the Friday hearing in Raleigh, the investigating committee will question persons involved in the housing authority's purchase of Seymour Johnson homes near Goldsboro.

The secretary said that he believes the investigation will continue several days.

He added that I. E. Pittman, Morehead City, chairman of the authority, is among those requested, by telegram, to appear at the hearing.

Telegrams were sent to members of the housing authority, the authority's attorneys and all those

### Tide Table

| Tides at the Beaufort Bar |            |  |
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| HIGH                      | LOW        |  |
| Tuesday, Feb. 25          |            |  |
| 12:04 a.m.                | 6:03 a.m.  |  |
| 12:15 p.m.                | 5:57 p.m.  |  |
| Wednesday, Feb. 26        |            |  |
| 12:47 a.m.                | 7:09 a.m.  |  |
| 1:04 p.m.                 | 6:51 p.m.  |  |
| Thursday, Feb. 27         |            |  |
| 1:38 a.m.                 | 8:50 a.m.  |  |
| 2:03 p.m.                 | 8:47 p.m.  |  |
| Friday, Feb. 28           |            |  |
| 2:41 a.m.                 | 9:56 a.m.  |  |
| 3:18 p.m.                 | 10:02 p.m. |  |

associated with Emmett Powell, executive director of the authority, who with his partners, the state says, stands to profit by a million dollars on the Seymour Johnson homes deal.

The Friday hearing date was set Thursday at Kenansville where representatives of the 10 counties, covered by the Regional Housing Authority, met. Accompanying Mr. Merrill was Moses Howard, chairman of Carteret's board of county commissioners.

The investigation of the authority was requested last week by Gov. Luther Hodges.

Chairman of the investigating committee is L. A. Tart, Dunn, chairman of the Harnett County Board of Commissioners. Mrs. Winifred Wells, Warsaw, is vice-chairman.

Committee members and the counties they represent are Z. L. Riggs, Onslow; J. H. B. Maynard, Sampson; C. Bryan Ayecock, Wayne; F. C. Prive, Johnston; B. B. Hollowell, Pamlico; G. N. Noble, Jones; and R. E. Giles, who represents the governor's office.

### Two Attend Meeting

J. A. DuBois, manager of the Morehead City chamber of commerce, and Bud Dixon, president of the chamber, attended the meeting of the North Carolina Association of Chamber of Commerce executives Friday at Wilson. Highlights of the meeting, Mr. DuBois said, were talks on membership and industrial development.