

## Two Marines Shot in Barroom Brawl

### Sonny Sykes, Bar Tender, Held in County Jail

If a Marine, Pfc. Clayton B. Hall Jr., dies, Timothy (Sonny) Sykes will be in the county jail on a murder charge instead of an assault with a deadly weapon count. Sheriff Hugh Salter said yesterday that Sykes, a bar tender at Ann's Place, west of Morehead City, shot Private

### 17 Areas Sign Petitions Asking Mosquito Control

#### All Seashore Highway Officer Believes First Law Requirement Met

It is believed that the thousand names necessary to petition county commissioners for a vote on a mosquito control tax in the county have already been obtained. Seventeen petitions have been signed.

J. A. DuBois, secretary of the All Seashore Highway Association, which is sponsoring mosquito control work along the coast, said petitions from the following communities in this county have been turned over to Alvah Hamilton, county attorney:

Cedar Island, Sea Level, Stacy, Cedarville, Williston, Marshallberg, Harkers Island, Morehead City and RFD.

Camp Glenn, Otway, Beaufort RFD, Lennoxville, Salter Path, Mansfield Park, Mitchell Village and Broad Creek.

When the petitions are placed before the county board, the law requires that the board ask a representative of the State Board of Health to meet with the county commissioners in a public hearing.

Notice of this hearing must be published in a newspaper in the area concerned for four successive weeks prior to the hearing. If, after the hearing, the county board deems that the mosquito control district should be established, the board submits the matter to a vote of the people.

It has been suggested that the levy for mosquito control in Carteret be no less than 10 cents per hundred dollars of valuation, which would amount to about \$38,000.

At present the county gets about \$5,000 from the state for mosquito control. This, the Salt Marsh Mosquito Commission says, is not enough to get to the root of the mosquito problem, draining the stagnant pools where mosquitoes breed.

### Lenwood Brinson Hurt in Accident

Lenwood Brinson, formerly of Morehead City, and now fire chief at Edenton Marine Corps auxiliary station, is in the Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va., recovering from injuries received in an accident Feb. 27 at the air station.

Chief Brinson fell out of a pick-up truck he was driving, when the door came open as the truck was making a curve.

He and his assistant were making the usual rounds of the station at about 10 a.m. They were reported to be going between 10 and 15 miles an hour when the door came open.

His assistant stopped the truck. An ambulance was called to take the chief to the dispensary. He landed on his hip and suffered a sprained back. A vertebra in his back slipped and is pinching nerves. This, in turn, is causing pain in his legs.

The latch on the door of the pickup was reportedly known to be defective, but had never been fixed.

### Four Cases Called In Morehead City Recorder's Court

Four cases were disposed of in quick order in Morehead City recorder's court Monday. Three defendants forfeited bonds and a fourth, Roland Buck, charged with driving without a license, presented his license to the court and was not tried.

Those who forfeited bonds were Calvin C. Merrill, no driver's license; John Saunders, public drunkenness; and John O. Fussell Jr., running a red light.

Cases were continued against six defendants. They were James H. Yancey, Abram Aeklin, Marie A. Cunningham, Grace M. Lundy, Beatrice Mitchell and Clifford Buck.

### Rumor Factory on Mel West Works Overtime

The rumor factory has been working overtime. All the rumors center on the "fact" that Mel West has been seen in Florida.

The rumors go like this:  
1. Mel West was seen in Jacksonville, Fla., last week.  
2. One of the men from Morehead City who is fishing out of Miami saw Mel West and talked to him.  
(It was reported in Morehead City last week that James Howland, Morehead City, who is living in North Miami, was the one who talked with West. THE NEWS-TIMES checked with members of Howland's family. They said that James himself had not seen West, but that someone from Morehead City had seen him).  
3. Mel West's body was found washed up on the coast of Florida.  
4. Mel West was seen this week in Jacksonville, N. C.  
5. An insurance investigator, who is checking on a life insurance claim filed by Mrs. Mel West, found Mel in Florida.  
There are probably more rumors than the above. But that's enough to show that the Mel West topic is not dead.

### Housing Authority Accepts Resignation of Director

### Treasurer Thanks Readers For Phone Fund

John D. Wilson, mayor of Wilson and treasurer of the East Carolina Phone Fight Committee, has written a letter thanking NEWS-TIMES readers for their interest in fighting higher telephone rates.

His letter follows:  
"Your most welcome check for \$37.35 has arrived. We appreciate the efforts of your paper and the people of Carteret County in the fight against higher telephone rates.

"Now that even higher rates are asked before the people have had an opportunity to protest the first increase, perhaps doubtful communities will make up their minds to join us.

"We have \$8,000 on hand or to be turned in. Expenses will amount to approximately \$12,000. You can understand how much the Eastern N. C. Phone Fight Committee appreciates your continuing interest in the cause.

"Again, many thanks. With best wishes, I am  
Yours very truly,  
John D. Wilson  
Treasurer

NEWS-TIMES readers contributed a total of \$80 to help fight the increase. Recent contributors whose names were not listed in the paper were Col. and Mrs. H. N. Blanchard and Mrs. Helen Akerley.

The East Carolina Regional Housing Authority accepted the resignation of its executive director, Emmett Powell, at a special meeting Wednesday afternoon at Goldsboro. The resignation of N. E. Mohn, assistant executive director, was submitted by Mr. Mohn but not accepted.

The authority split, five to five, on Mohn's immediate resignation. He has been asked to stay on to run Seymour Johnson homes until a new director is found.

I. E. Pittman, Morehead City, chairman of the authority, voted to retain Mohn. Because only 10 of the 11 members of the authority were present, a tie vote was possible.

Even though he is chairman, Mr. Pittman explained yesterday, as representative of Carteret County he is entitled to a vote. Mr. Pittman said he was asked by some members to cast the deciding vote but maintained he was entitled to only one vote. The authority law.

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### Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar

HIGH	Friday, March 14	LOW
3:36 a.m.	10:13 a.m.	
4:13 p.m.	10:31 p.m.	
Saturday, March 15		
4:39 a.m.	11:05 a.m.	
5:13 p.m.	11:23 p.m.	
Sunday, March 16		
5:35 a.m.	11:53 a.m.	
6:05 p.m.		
Monday, March 17		
6:23 a.m.	12:12 a.m.	
6:49 p.m.	12:37 p.m.	
Tuesday, March 18		
7:06 a.m.	12:57 a.m.	
7:28 p.m.	1:20 p.m.	

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### Beach Municipal Building Gets Good Start



Photo by Bob Seymour

A. B. Cooper, mayor of Atlantic Beach, takes a man-sized chunk of sand in ground-breaking ceremonies for the Atlantic Beach municipal building. The ground-breaking was at 1 p.m. Tuesday. Others in the picture, left to right, are Atlantic Beach Commissioner Milton Coyte, Morehead City Mayor George Dill, Atlantic Beach Police Chief Bill Moore and Atlantic Beach Commissioner A. F. Fleming.

### Fred King, Plaintiff, Loses \$35,000 Suit

#### Case Goes to Jury After Two and Half Days; Suit Over \$10,000 Starts

After listening to evidence for two and a half days the jury voted in favor of the defendant in the civil action William Fred King vs. J. Guy Thomas. King was suing for \$35,000 for injuries resulting from an automobile accident Feb. 28, 1956.

The trial began Tuesday morning and the judge charged the jury at 11 a.m. yesterday.

According to King, Miss Margaret Thomas, daughter of the defendant, was driving in a careless and reckless manner when she hit him as he was walking across Ann Street at Moore in Beaufort.

King spent 12 weeks in the hospital where he was treated for a broken pelvis, a broken shoulder, cuts, bruises and shock. He testified that he is still unable to go to work.

The defendant's lawyer, Claud Wheatly Jr., convinced the jury that King was responsible for the accident. Evidence was brought out to prove that King was absent minded and on that particular night had forgotten to drive his car home, leaving it parked several blocks away.

Jurors on the case were Charles C. Barnes, Henry E. Nisbet, Arthur T. Baugh, Clifton E. Nance, Noah A. Rouse, Joseph R. Higham Jr., Emanuel G. Ross, George P. Stafford, Reginald N. Willis, Woodrow W. Fulcher, Gordon Turnage and John B. Henderson.

Following this case, the court started on the case of the widow of Willie Branch vs. James Stanley.

Mrs. Branch contends that her husband was part owner of a Beaufort store operated by James Stanley. After Branch's death, approximately \$10,000 was found in a safety deposit box in the Beaufort bank.

Stanley claims that all of the money is his, but Mrs. Branch contends that Branch and Stanley were partners and part of it is hers.

One courthouse record states that the partnership was dissolved, but another, filed on a later date, indicates a partnership.

Attorneys for Mrs. Branch are Gene Smith and Wiley Taylor. The attorney for Stanley is C. R. Wheatly Jr.

Court will continue today and may possibly go on tomorrow. The judge is Joseph W. Parker.

### Coast Guardsman Dies on Way To Morehead Hospital After Wreck



Carl Leroy Siebenschuh, 36, died on the way to the Morehead City hospital Wednesday night after he wrecked his car. Siebenschuh, who lived at Newport route, 1 was a hospital corpsman stationed aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Chilula. The Chilula is based at Morehead City.

He was fatally injured at 8:25 p.m. when he was thrown from his 1955 Ford Victoria a short distance west of the Jump 'n Run Service Station 10 miles west of Morehead City on NC 24.

Highway patrolman J. W. Sykes, who investigated the accident, says that Siebenschuh was headed west and travelling at a terrific rate of speed probably more than 75 miles per hour.

The car left the right side of the road just across from the Jump 'n Run, skidded 150 feet on the right side, cut across to the left side of the road, skidded 375 feet from the left side back to the right side, where the victim was thrown clear, and then turned over five or six times.

The George Dill ambulance and county coroner Leslie Springle were called and arrived at the scene shortly after 8:30 p.m. Siebenschuh was alive when Mr. Springle and A. N. Willis put him in the ambulance.

Dr. Jerry Norris declared Siebenschuh dead on arrival at the emergency room of the hospital.

He is survived by his wife, the former Bertha Smith of Broad Creek, and three children, all of the home. Siebenschuh, who lived at Broad Creek, is originally from Pittsburgh. Funeral arrangements were incomplete at press time yesterday.

Siebenschuh's death is the first highway fatality in the county this year.

### Coast Guardsmen Refloat Yacht Tuesday Morning

The yacht, Rodmar III, enroute to Florida, ran aground a short distance west of the Atlantic Beach bridge Tuesday morning. Coast Guardsmen crossing the bridge saw the yacht and reported it at Fort Macon.

A crew composed of EN/1 Earl Sells, Sn Dennard Lawrence and Sn Robert Stevens left the fort at 7:45 a.m. They had the yacht refloated by 9:30 and it went on south under its own power.

### Air Rifle Owners Warned by Chief

Youngsters with air rifles or air pistols will not have them long if an officer sees them.

Chief of police Herbert Griffin, Morehead City, sternly warned youngsters that if they are seen in the city limits with the weapons, the guns will be taken from them.

The chief said that numerous windows have been shot out in summer cottages, as well as display windows in business places. Air rifles and air pistols are absolutely prohibited within the town limits.

### Judge Annuls Marriage Of John Wesley Nelson

Judge Joseph W. Parker annulled the marriage of John Wesley Nelson and Clara Craft Nelson Monday afternoon in civil court.

The judge took the action after Nelson proved that his wife was married to another man, still living, when she married him.

### Two Negroes Held for Theft

Fred (Lucky) Jones and Claude Wallace, Negroes of the Merrimon section, were arrested Monday by sheriff Hugh Salter and deputy sheriff Marshall Ayscue for robbing Mrs. Dula Salter's store at Merrimon.

The men are being held in the county jail. They are docketed for preliminary hearing in county court next Thursday.

Sheriff Salter said that the two broke in a side window in the store Sunday night and stole cigars, cigarettes and canned goods.

He reported that Wallace confessed to the robbery Wednesday saying that he and Jones were drunk when they broke into the store.

### Secretary Employed

Mrs. Harry T. Willis, 3311 Arendell St., has been employed as part-time secretary to J. A. DuBois, Chamber of Commerce manager, Morehead City.

## State's New Ports Director Starts His Duties Tomorrow

The North Carolina ports director job, vacant since Dec. 31, will be taken over tomorrow by D. Leon Williams, former director of the Georgia state ports.

Mr. Williams will be present Monday morning when the State Ports Authority meets at its Morehead City office.

He will be the guest of honor at a reception at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the Morehead Biltmore Hotel, with Southern Railway as host. Members of the SPA will also be present.

Mr. Williams takes office after a furor over his qualifications. Recommended by Hardy Associates, a New York firm, he was hired Feb. 13 by North Carolina's SPA. As soon as the announcement was made, it was revealed that the Georgia state ports were being

D. Leon Williams  
... up from Georgia

### Down East Lions Plan Ladies Night March 24

Down East Lions will entertain their ladies at a ladies night meeting at 6:30 Monday, March 24, at the Sea Level Inn.

At the meeting of the Lions Monday night at the inn, Aldridge Daniels, president, presided at the business session. The Rev. R. N. Floyd, pastor of the Sea Level Missionary Baptist Church, was a guest.

### To Go to Winston-Salem

J. A. DuBois, a member of the board of directors of the North Carolina Travel Council, and W. L. Derrickson, both of Morehead City, will leave Monday to attend a two-day meeting of the council at Winston-Salem.