

# THE HAPPY TIMES

Newspaper for Boys and Girls

**It's Storytime**

## The Gingerbread Boy

There was once a little old woman and a little old man, who lived in a little old house in the woods.

They would have been happy but for one thing. They wanted a little boy, and they had none.

One morning when the little old woman was making gingerbread, she cut a cake in the shape of a little boy.

She dropped it into the pan, and put the pan in the oven. Then she opened the oven door to see if it were baked, but out jumped the gingerbread boy.

Away he ran as fast as his legs could carry him.

The little old woman called her husband.

They both ran after him, but they could not catch him. And the gingerbread boy ran on until he came to a barn full of threshers.

As he went by the door he called to the threshers:

"I've run away from  
A little old woman,  
A little old man,  
A little old kettle,  
A little old pan,  
And I can run away from you, I can."

The threshers set out to run after him. They ran very fast, but they could not catch him.

And the gingerbread boy hurried on until he came to a field of mowers.

"I've run away from  
A little old woman,  
A little old man,  
A little old kettle,  
A little old pan,  
And a barn full of threshers,  
A field full of mowers,  
And I can run away from you, I can."

Then the mowers set out to run after him, but they could not catch him.

And the gingerbread boy ran on and on, until he came to a cow.

He called out to the cow:

"I've run away from  
A little old woman,  
A little old man,  
A little old kettle,  
A little old pan,  
A barn full of threshers,  
A field full of mowers,  
A cow,  
And I can run away from you, I can."

A fox can run very fast. On and on ran the fox after the gingerbread boy until they came to a river. The fox was close behind.

"If you would like to go across, said the fox, jump on my tail."

So the gingerbread boy jumped up on the fox's tail, and the fox began swimming across the river.

But he had gone only a short way when he called back to the gingerbread boy: "The water is deep, and we may drown! Jump on my back."

So the gingerbread boy jumped on the fox's back.

The fox swam a little farther,

and then called out: The water grows deeper still. Jump on my nose!"

So the gingerbread boy jumped on the fox's nose.

Just then they reached the other bank. The fox opened his mouth wide and in went the gingerbread boy!

"Dear me!" the gingerbread boy said, after a minute. "Here I am a quarter gone."

And then he said: "I am three-quarters gone!"

But at last he said: "Oh, dear, I am all gone!"

And he never spoke again.

## Birthday Club Welcomes Three

Three new members have joined the birthday club this week—Anne McCarter Fruit, 9, of Newport; Ginger Lucille Fulcher, 5, and Linda Susan Hagan, 8, both of Morehead City. Happy to have you!

Would you like to join the birthday club? All you have to do is fill in the blank on this page. When your birthday rolls around, you will receive a birthday card from THE NEWS-TIMES and your name will appear in the Happy Birthday column in The Happy Times.

It's fun to be a birthday club member. Wouldn't you like to join? If you do, how about sending your picture along so that the other club members can get acquainted with you?



## Happy Birthday

Ginger Fulcher, Morehead City, was 6 years old Friday. Barbara Williams, Jacksonville, will be 5 years old this Friday.



Myrna Joyce Lawrence

I am 7 years old. I was in the second grade at Smyrna School. I have a dog. His name is Tippy. He is brown and white. He is small.

—Myrna Joyce Lawrence  
(Myrna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walton Lawrence, Otway).



I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE NEWS-TIMES BIRTHDAY CLUB.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Present Age \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Month Day Year

(Anyone under 12 is eligible to join. Fill in blanks. Please PRINT. Mail to News-Times, Morehead City, N. C. Include your picture if you have one).

### Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

- Large serpents
- City in Illinois
- Leaves
- Dwells
- About
- Railing
- Near
- Short-napped fabric
- Intimidate
- Exist
- Old cloth measures
- English letter
- Assert
- Stone writing tablets
- Velocities

**DOWN**

- In Cornwall, a mine
- Sin
- Cloth
- Tormented
- Encourage
- Meadow
- Weird
- Rumen
- Carried
- Put on
- Like
- Kind of starch
- E. Ind. fiber plant
- Mislead
- Gives courage to
- Prepared for publication
- Worker in 49 Down

**Solution to Friday's Puzzle**

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**ACROSS**

- Shade trees
- Mind
- Ignited
- Small fish
- Approached
- Compound ethers
- Malt beverage
- Cut outside pieces from a log
- Warded off
- Commence
- Eagle's nest
- Biblical priest
- Legume
- Front of a building
- Mistreated
- Shut
- Fruit
- Wears away
- Ruler
- Bitter vetch
- Invited
- Always
- Short
- Depiction of the beautiful
- Chinese measure
- Six

# Morehead Biltmore Reports Success, Promising Progress

By MICHAEL L. TAFT  
Morehead Biltmore Manager

The Morehead Biltmore Hotel is happy over the response received through a recent advertising campaign.

During the 1957 season, a sampling of registration cards were checked and of 800 registrants, 612 were from North Carolina. Practically all of the out-of-staters were a fisheries group from Maryland and other like organizations.

1958 tells an entirely different story. Although the hotel still treasures its "home folks" and is happy that there has been a tremendous increase of North Carolinians staying with them this year, there have been many other states represented as well.

During a recent day both Toronto, Canada and Seattle, Wash. were represented in the registration.

**Future Promising**

Since the Morehead Biltmore Hotel is a new operation, in that it was not in hotel service for several years, the owners feel that the acceptance it has received this year is indicative of a grand future for the hotel. The fact that North Carolina has not had sufficient fine coastal hotels has contributed greatly to this acceptance.

The four Taylor brothers, Dan,

William, Alfred and Leslie of Sea Level, N. C., Norfolk, Va., and West Palm Beach, Fla. and V. E. Fountain of Tarboro, N. C., who own the hotel, have tried to think of every conceivable way in which they can add to their guests pleasure and comfort. Added this year are a new swimming pool, a motor boat launching ramp, shuffle board court, putting green, croquet and archery range. A new dining room and kitchen have also been added this year.

**Air-Conditioned Rooms**

Last year the owners air conditioned all of the 100 guests rooms, built a coffee shop and provided a 570-foot inland waterway fishing pier.

The fruits of these labors are beginning to be felt in letters coming in from Syracuse and Ithaca, N. Y., Monongahela and Latrobe, Pa., Xenia and Steubenville, Ohio, Arlington and Warick, Va., Norwich, Conn., Covington, Ky., Evansville, Ind., West Englewood, N. J. and many, many other distant points.

A sampling of letters received this month showed that North Carolina still claims Morehead City and the Morehead Biltmore for its own. Other states, however, are beginning to express an interest. Out of 208 letters, 107 were received from towns in North Carolina.

The balance were divided between the following number of cities and towns in the following states—Virginia 20, West Virginia 5, Pennsylvania 22, Maryland 5, Florida 2, New York 19, New Jersey 10, Canada 1, Tennessee 1, Ohio 6, Alabama 1, Washington, D. C. 2, Kentucky 1, Indiana 1, Connecticut 1 and Delaware 1.

**New Payroll**

These are reasons why the owners feel that Morehead City has gained an "industry" by the reopening of the Morehead Biltmore Hotel. The handling of this correspondence and of the reservations that are being made, rooming and feeding these people and offering all the other services that can be found in a fine hotel, has added a sizable payroll to the community.

In addition to this, of course, is the incidental money spent by these people for gas and oil, meals outside the hotel, entertainment, and the thousand and one things we all spend money for while on vacation. Many small factories have moved into a community with much fanfare that would contribute far less to the community's well being than would the hotel.

One of the things that we are proudest of is the fact that the people in the area have indicated their willingness to help the growth of the hotel by issuing personal invitations to convention groups to meet in Morehead City. Without their help it is very difficult to obtain these conventions. The hotel is pledged to show its appreciation by making the work load of the local committee far easier.

According to most tourist surveys and convention delegate expenditures, a visitor to an area will leave between \$12 and \$25 for every day he is away from home. These figures are much higher in larger cities where there are more things to spend money for and where everything is more expensive.

It is to be ardently hoped that Morehead City will once again gain its title as "North Carolina's Summer Capital". The Morehead Biltmore Hotel is trying to do its part in making this hope come true.

# Study Reveals How Flounder, Less Than Inch Long, Can be Identified

The results of a comparative study of the postlarvae of the summer flounder, the southern large flounder, and the sand flounder in North Carolina by Dr. Earl E. Deubler Jr. of the University of North Carolina Institute of Fisheries Research has been published in Copeia (2), 1958. The Journal of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists.

The study was undertaken to develop methods of differentiating between the postlarvae of the species (individuals which have absorbed the yolk sac but have not as yet developed the definitive characters of the adults).

**Valuable Species**

Although summer flounders constitute a valuable commercial and recreational resource in marine and brackish waters, very little is known concerning the biology of the species. Prior to the research of Dr. Deubler, earlier investigators had determined that these flounders probably spawn at sea during the late fall and winter months.

This theory is based on the facts that (1) females with fully developed eggs have not been observed in the inside waters; (2) with the onset of cold weather in the late fall, there occurs a general migration of flounders to the deeper, offshore waters presumably for the purpose of spawning; (3) the smallest flounder postlarvae have been collected only at sea while the larger sizes have been collected in the inside waters of Bogue Sound, Pamlico Sound, and the Newport River.

Earlier investigators, however, had not distinguished between the postlarvae of the three species.

During the winter months of 1955 through 1957 Dr. Deubler collected many flounder postlarvae (0.3-0.6 inches in total length) by fishing a conically-shaped net of small

mesh diameter from docks, bridges, and boats in local inside waters. The tidal current was sufficiently strong to hold the net at the surface of the water.

He found that the postlarvae were readily collected in the upper water layers, but that collecting success varied markedly between day and night sets. Daylight collections yielded very few flounder postlarvae, but night time sets taken on comparable stages of the tide yielded many postlarvae.

It is believed that the increased catches during night hours is due to the fact that the postlarvae can better avoid the net during the day-time. They are, indeed, strong and active swimmers.

By rearing flounder postlarvae to a definite stage in the laboratory, Dr. Deubler found that the three species present in North Carolina were represented. He further found that by utilizing differences which exist in pigmentation, numbers of vertebrae, and fin rays, the postlarvae of the three species can be distinguished.

This will enable future investigators to delve into earlier aspects of the biology of the species than has heretofore been possible.

Other phases of flounder research being conducted at the Institute of Fisheries Research include seasonal distribution of young and adults, age and growth, and size at sexual maturity.

## Coast Guard Looks for College Men 21 to 26

Rear Admiral H. C. Moore, commander of the Fifth Coast Guard District, announced today that college graduates between the age of 21 and 26 are in demand by the United States Coast Guard for its reserve officer program.

Openings are available in the Officer Candidate School class scheduled to convene in October. A second class will start in March 1959.

Applicants for Coast Guard OCS now have a choice of two programs after completion of the school. One program entails three years of active duty and the other only six months.

Upon completion of the 17-week course, the officer candidates will be commissioned ensigns in the United States Coast Guard Reserve and be assigned to active duty. Assignments will include such varied fields as search and rescue, port security, engineering, and aids-to-navigation.

Rear Admiral Moore describes this opportunity as a way for college graduates to fulfill their military obligation as officers in the naval service which performs essential peacetime functions while maintaining preparedness for defense.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Director of Reserve, U.S. Coast Guard, Room 337, U.S. Postoffice and Courthouse Building, Norfolk 1, Va.

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### SCORCHY SMITH

Tripped Head Over Heels

### OAKY DOAKS

Fair Dealer

The comic strip 'Scorchy Smith' features a character who is often tripped over. In one panel, he says, 'I'M TELLING YOU FOR THE LAST TIME, GIT!—OW!' while another character, Swindel, says, 'NOT I, SWINDEL!' A later panel shows Swindel saying, 'I JUST WORK HERE! THE MAN YOU WANT TO SEE IS SCORCHY SMITH—YOU KNOW HIM!' and Scorchy replying, 'KANAKEE LOOKS REAL MAD! SWINDEL'S GIVING HIM A HARD TIME! I HOPE KANAKEE TALKS TO SCORCHY!' Another panel shows Scorchy saying, 'I'VE GOT TO GET RID OF SWINDEL—BUT HOW? HE'S TOUGH AND SMART!' and Swindel replying, 'SWINDEL, THE NATIVES ARE OUTSIDE AGAIN! LOOKING FOR THEIR HANDOUT AS USUAL, EH?' Another panel shows Scorchy saying, 'WE COME FOR THE FOOD AND WATER PROMISED, SIR SWINDEL!' and Swindel replying, 'FLORA, I HATE TO LEAVE NELLIE ALONE! SHE MIGHT BE WORRIED ABOUT THOSE ESCAPED CONVICTS. I'D TAKE HER FOR A ROW TOO, OAKY, BUT THIS BOAT AIN'T BIG ENOUGH!' Another panel shows Scorchy saying, 'YOU ROW REAL GOOD FOR A GIRL, FLORA!' and Flora replying, 'THANKS, OAKY.' Another panel shows Scorchy saying, 'SUCH A PURTY LAKE! I'LL STOP A MINUTE TO DRINK IT IN.' and Flora replying, 'HUH?! YOU MUST BE AWFUL THIRSTY!' Another panel shows Scorchy saying, 'AIN'T IT QUIET AN' PEACEFUL—AN' ROMANTIC?' and Flora replying, 'YEH! IT'S TOO QUIET!' and Scorchy saying, 'EE-EE!'