

Born in the house in Morehead City was Clifton Guthrie, the prominent award-winning photographer who now has photographic studios at the location. Clifton is the grandson of Abner Guthrie and the son of Thomas Guthrie, who with his brothers operated for many years the Carteret Fish and Oil Company. Thomas was about 12 years old when the house was moved from Rice Path.

Upon graduation from high school Clifton joined the Navy where he remained for about 24 years when he retired. Upon retirement from the service he took up press photography and over the years has collected more than a score of awards for excellence and enterprise from the prestigious National Press Photographers Association. On assignment, he has photographed every president of the United States since Franklin D. Roosevelt except Dwight Eisenhower and Jimmy Carter.

Clifton and Mrs. Guthrie were not enchanted with the location of the house on 12th Street, and about six years ago moved it to a new location on Route 24. The move could only be made during daylight hours, so it rested overnight just off Bridges Street at the site where the new Post Office is being constructed.

Since the Guthries were in the process of building a new home for themselves on the Sound opposite Bogue Banks, the "House from Rice Path" was sold three years ago to a Mr. Henderson who picked it up and moved it to a new, and final location, on Hibbs Road some five miles away. And oddly enough, although no longer on the Sound, it is almost exactly opposite its original location in Rice Path. GWE

OUR MAYOR, Ken Haller, brought us this statistical report showing our town's fiscal position compared with that of other towns in our immediate area.

A comparison of the tax rates of the municipalities in Carteret County (save for Indian Beach, which levies no taxes) shows the following:

- 1) PKS - 20¢ per \$100 of assessed value
  - 2) Cape Carteret - 30¢ "
  - 3) Emerald Isle - 45¢ "
  - 4) Atlantic Beach - 50¢ "
  - 5) Newport - 55¢ "
  - 6) Beaufort - 90¢ "
  - 7) Morehead City - \$1.00 "
- (The County rate is 55¢)

Comparing the assessed valuation of the real property in these towns as of 1/1/1977, we find:

- 1) Emerald Isle - \$40,000,000 (but this figure includes personal as well as real property)
- 2) PKS - 37,816,451\*
- 3) Morehead City - 31,988,051
- 4) Atlantic Beach - 21,094,680
- 5) Beaufort - 17,903,637
- 6) Cape Carteret - 10,222,786
- 7) Newport - 9,709,329

\*PKS had, in addition to the assessed value of its real property, personal property assessed at \$2,094,510. It is anticipated that, because of new construction, not less than \$3,500,000 will be added to the tax rolls during this year.

The population of these various communities as of 6/30/1976, according to the N.C. League of Municipalities was:

- 1) Morehead City - 5,670
- 2) Beaufort - 3,860
- 3) Newport - 2,090
- 4) Cape Carteret - 1,020
- 5) PKS - 680\*\*
- 6) Atlantic Beach - 560
- 7) Emerald Isle - 260

\*\*For Fiscal '77 the State has determined the PKS population to be 770.

As of 6/30/1976, according to the League, the cash and investments held by these Towns was:

	Cash	Investments	Total
1) Morehead City	\$33,874	\$1,734,920	\$1,768,794
2) Beaufort	15,759	549,946	565,705
3) Newport	42,916	93,457	136,373
4) PKS	4,071*	98,433*	102,504*