

# Carteret County News-Times

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## Newport Publishes Budget

With the publication today of Newport's estimated budget for 1948-49, the three incorporated municipalities in Carteret county have informed taxpayers of their expected income and expenditures for the coming year.

Newport is proud of its record of no debts and is in better financial condition than any other county municipality.

When the county's estimated budget is released for publication, taxpayers should have a fairly comprehensive view of the manner in which public funds are being handled.

## Firemen and Fish

The four goldfish living in the upturned fire bell on the lawn of the Morehead City municipal building, and reputed to have sirens in their tails, are happily thriving.

Plopped in the center of the bell is a crawling green plant in which the four fin-equipped creatures hide from burning rays of the sun.

Every day the firemen water the fish just as though they were cows or hogs because the sun, brazen thief that he is, steals bits of the pond every day.

The fish are not only for decorative purposes. Their main use is in hose inspection. The hose is laid out, flooded with water and the fish swim up and down the various lengths noting weak spots.

An elaborate scientific table has been worked out by the firemen, whereby the condition of the hose is determined by the number of minutes it takes one goldfish to swim through a length.

Quite pleased with this unique hose-testing device, the firemen have but one qualm. The fish have come to like the recently-purchased new hose so well that they hate to leave and go back in the bell-pond after an inspection session.

Some day if all four don't show up after inspection, it may mean that at the next fire they will land right in the flames. And then what a calamity! Fried fish.

## Covering the Waterfront

By Avcock Brown  
CAPE HATTERAS, Aug. 9 — They may have not given his choice for the U. S. Senate a very good vote down in this sector, but the population of this lonely beachhead and Hatteras Island generally are all for Governor R. Gregg Cherry. They love him, not merely because he gave them a paved highway connecting the two principal communities, Hatteras and Avon, but also because they think he is a very courageous man.

The Governor came here last week to make the main address at the anniversary commemorating the 150th birthday of the U. S. Coast Guard which started first as the U. S. Revenue Service, and later added a branch known as the U. S. Life Saving Service, which in time merged with the lighthouse service to become the modern U. S. Coast Guard.

He paid tribute to: "These men—these human beings who have been our watchmen and protectors—we honor today. We cannot recall all the incidents of valuable service in which they have participated, nor can we enumerate the names of the valiant company. But their organization has a reputation for courageous service, and many are the deeds of valor which our Nation's history recorded in their names."

Then he told the story of the heroic Captain John A. Midgett and his crew of five who rescued 42 persons from the British Tanker S. S. Mirie, during the first world war. No one told the Governor about the heroic activities performed by the coast guard stationed along these shores when during the early part of World War II, the enemy was sinking an average of one ship each day—or more, between Cape Henry and Cape Fear.

It pleased the audiences, especially those in the group who call the Outer Banks home to be referred to as courageous men.

And then a day or so later these same people learned that their Governor, who had arrived late for the important role he was playing in the celebration, was also a courageous man.

Their Governor had accepted the invitation to speak during the program—and he did not let them down although it was almost necessary for him to do just that.

Governor Cherry was flying down to the celebration. He left Raleigh in an amphibian plane that was forced down for an emergency landing in a cornfield near Selma. Motor trouble was developed.

After making such a landing, the average person would have given up, saying they had experienced enough flying for the day. But not Governor Cherry. And that is where he showed his courage. He and party thumbed a ride back to Raleigh when his pilot Truman Miller borrowed another plane, this time a much faster job with triangle landing gear.

An hour later after the takeoff in Raleigh on the second attempt to fly to Hatteras, the Governor showed his courage by taking the risk of a spill by landing in the soft, almost hub-deep sands of the Cape. This time the wheel of the triangle landing gear buried itself into the sand permitting the big Beechcraft to come to a stop almost instantly after it reached the ground.

By the time I reached the plane aboard a Coast Guard truck, and Pilot Miller were photographed as they were leaving the ship. A few minutes later the Governor was on the speaker's stand.

Then some time later, maybe the next day, news leaked out about the extent of difficulties which the Governor had gone through to reach Cape Hatteras. This was when the people began to realize that the man who had come down to tell them among other things, incidents built up around he heroic and courageous deeds of many on the island who had been in the service, had gone to great difficulty to reach the lighthouse base on Cape Hatteras where the speaking was taking place.

Thus when the Governor referred to courage and heroics of the coast guardsmen, it was the case of a courageous man talking to a courageous people.

After the exercises were over and during mid-afternoon the Governor was ready to return to the mainland at Morehead City where he was attend a railroad meeting. The plane with its passengers aboard tried to free itself from the glistening sands for a takeoff—but could not. The way the ship could be gotten into the air was for Truman Miller to take it off alone, and then only after Clyde Smith, of Raleigh, hugged the tail while Wayland Sermons, Washington and two coastguardsmen, added weight to the wings. The plane was finally gotten into the air. Then it was necessary for Governor Cherry to rendezvous

with the ship and Truman Miller, down at Hatteras Point of Beach about 12 miles southwest. The Governor and Johnny Hemmer were transferred there aboard a jeep.

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## SOUTH RIVER

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Shepard and children, Mrs. Hazel Wallace and children of Durham visited Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace last week. Mrs. Luke Lewis and children, Berkeley and Carrie spent Thursday with Mrs. William Pittman. Mrs. Nannie J. Pittman and mother, Mrs. James Tosto came home Sunday from Oriental after spending sometime with Mrs. George Norman. She was sick, but has got some better. Hope she will soon be well.

Miss Pearl Mason of Beaufort spent Thursday night and Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mason. Mr. Melvin Eubanks, of Russell Creek is spending this week with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace.

Mr. Jackson Edwards, Jr. of Norfolk visited his grandfather at Lukons over the weekend. Robert Rawls of Wilmington came back Sunday afternoon to begin work for the pulpwood company.

Mr. Alvin Lewis of Oriental spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Luke Lewis. Mrs. Ruth Eubanks and son, Ralph spent Saturday in Beaufort with her daughter, Mrs. Dewey Guthrie.

Mrs. George Tosto spent a while Friday afternoon with Mrs. Monnie Norman. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Edwards and daughter, Virginia and nephew, Jackson Edwards, Jr. spent the weekend with her brothers, Mr. Will Hardy and Grev Hardy and other relatives.

Mrs. Edward Courtney and daughter, Shirley visited Mrs. George Tosto Sunday afternoon. Mrs. John Mason and daughter, Gertrude visited Mrs. Nannie J. Pittman Monday afternoon.

Our revival started Monday night with Rev. Maurice Roach, Mrs. Roach and Elder Anderson. Everyone are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. George Hardy went to Beaufort Saturday to Dr. Woodard. He had a swollen face. Hope he will soon be better. Mrs. Paul Cabourn is having to go to Dr. Salter every other day. Hope she will soon be better.

## MARSHALLBERG

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Graham and daughters, Lois and Audrey, of Baltimore, Md. have returned to their home, after spending a week here on their vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Bertie Clyde Piner, of New Jersey, have been here visiting his daughter, Mrs. Vernon Lewis before being transferred to Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Jones and daughter, of Montank, N. Y., are here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones.

Mr. Harold Davis and son, of Newport News, Va., are here visiting his sister, Mrs. Rudolph Dowdy. Capt. and Mrs. Raymond Davis and girls, of Newport News, Va., are here at their summer house.

Mrs. Horne Guthrie and baby recently spent some time in Beaufort with her parents. Mrs. Graydon Moore and baby are visiting her mother, Mrs. Violet Whitley in Newport, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Parsons and children, of Charleston, S. C., are here visiting her mother, Mrs. Ruth Nelson.

Mrs. Melvin Basnight, of New Jersey, arrived here Tuesday to visit her sister, Mrs. Roy Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Leland Willis, of Charleston, S. C., are spending some time here at their home.

Mr. Ralph Lewis, of New Bern, was here for the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. William Gillikin, of Staten Island, N. Y., are here visiting his mother, Mrs. Kathleen Gillikin.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Lewis and children, of Staten Island, N. Y., are here for their vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Windsor and children, of Baltimore, Md., arrived here Sunday for a week's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira T. Willis moved in their new home Friday. Mr. Alex Lewis and sons of Miami, Fla., and Mr. Nick Lewis visited Mr. Tyre Moore Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. H. G. Bozarth and children, of Camp Lejeune, N. C., are here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Gillikin. Miss Alma Davis attended the clambake at the Willis brothers last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Parsons, Mrs. Ida Davis, and Mrs. Gertie Willis spent Friday with Mrs. Norwood Fulcher in Beaufort, N. C. Mrs. L. B. Daniels and Miss Margie Young, of Staten Island, N. Y., have returned home after spending

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Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Dowdy visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hassell in Beaufort Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Morgan, of Portsmouth, Va., are here visiting Mrs. Morgan's aunt, Mrs. Bertie Davis at her summer home.

## BACHELOR

Carl T. Whitehead, of Crab Point, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Smith Saturday morning. Mrs. C. C. Smith and daughter, Mrs. D. J. Caldwell went to Wilmington Saturday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Abbie Whitehead Hancock.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith, Mrs. E. L. Becton, Edwin Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Salter and Osmond Salter spent Saturday in New Bern, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Simpson and children spent Sunday in the community. Mrs. Willie Biggs, of Elizabethtown, N. C., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Caldwell returned to their home in High Point Tuesday after a week's visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Smith. A. D. Benton, E. M. 3 GSS, Valley Forge, C. V. 45, is spending his furlough with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. T. Taylor.

Misses Vivian and Lois Benton and brother, A. D. visited Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Belantia Friday. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Taylor were in Beaufort Saturday.

Mrs. Ruth Pursifer, of Newport News, Va., spent several days last week with her mother, Mrs. Sara Small and sister, Mrs. J. L. Smith, Sr.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service met last Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. C. C. Smith. In the absence of the president, Mrs. J. L. Smith, Sr., the meeting was presided over by Miss Nellie Smith, vice-president. Reports from the various committees were heard and the regular business conducted. A social hour was enjoyed with the hostess serving cookies and iced drinks. Mrs. Charles Belantia, of Newport News, Va., was a visitor. Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met with Mrs. T. E. Taylor Sunday evening for their

final study class of great prayers of the Bible. Mrs. E. O. Edgerton and daughter, Dorothy, of Raleigh, and Miss Cora Bell Ives, of Smithfield, visited Mr. and Mrs. Claude Taylor recently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Oglesby, of New Bern, visited the J. L. Smith families last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Smith and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Caldwell, of High Point, spent Thursday in New Bern, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith and sons, of Beaufort, spent Wednesday with his mother, Mrs. John Smith. Mr. and Mrs. David J. Caldwell and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith were in Beaufort and Morehead City Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Lawrence and daughter, Rebecca motored to Tennessee last week to visit Mr. Lawrence's sister, Mrs. Charles Loyd and children. Mrs. Loyd accompanied her brother back home. She will spend the summer with

her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Lawrence. Dr. E. S. Weaver, of Wilson, was in the community Friday on business. Mrs. Hardy Lawrence carried her daughter, Phillis Ray to New Bern Tuesday to see the doctor for treatment.

Mrs. Sylvester Lawrence went to Beaufort Friday shopping. Mr. James Gillikin, of Marshallberg, was in the neighborhood Saturday on business. Mrs. S. W. Lawrence was in Beaufort Thursday to see a dentist Dr. Rudder. Mr. Jacob Lewis went to Beaufort Friday on business. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gillikin and children, Rodney, Gracie Mae of

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