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### Astronomical Data

Sun Sets Tonight 6:54 p.m.  
Sun Rises Tomorrow 5:30 a.m.  
Moon Rises Today 6:12 p.m.  
Moon Sets Tomorrow 3:12 a.m.

## Lawyers Elect Local Attorney To District Office

George McNeill, Morehead City attorney, was elected second vice-president of the Fifth District Bar association meeting Saturday at New Bern.

Other officers for the coming year are Henry A. Grady, Jr., New Bern, president, Samuel B. Underwood, Greenville, first vice-president, Owen Rodman, New Bern, secretary-treasurer, and Albion Dunn, Greenville, national counselor. Mr. Rodman succeeds Mr. McNeill as secretary-treasurer.

On the executive council, which was re-elected for the coming year, is Claud Wheatly, Jr., Beaufort.

Resolutions of respect for three deceased members of the association were passed. These members were Claud Wheatly, Sr., Beaufort, A. B. Morris, Morehead City, and David Clark, Greenville.

Principal speaker at the meeting was Luther Hamilton, Morehead City, superior court judge, whose topic was the background of the U. S. constitution. The other speaker on the program was Edward Cannon, Raleigh, secretary of the State Bar association, who reported on the activities of the state organization.

## Travelers to West Come Safely Home

The travelers have returned home.

Eight thousand one hundred twenty-six miles without a flat tire is the record Miss Lena Duncan, Mrs. N. F. Eure, Toama, Eure and Howard Jones, Beaufort's California trippers, are boasting of today.

They visited 23 states and Canada in their five-week tour which began Saturday, July 10. Main purpose of the trip was to take Mrs. Robert Poulk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Eure, and her 18-month-old son, Bobby, to San Francisco where they boarded a Navy transport for China.

Mrs. Poulk is joining her husband who is stationed in Nanking. For a short while she and her son will live in Shanghai until Mr. Poulk, who is in the Navy, finds quarters for them in Nanking. They expect to be in China about a year. The transport, loaded with Navy wives, is expected to reach its China port of destination about Aug. 29.

The travelers took the southern route to California, across Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado and then California.

They visited the Grand Canyon, Boulder Dam, saw Hoover dam, and Yosemite National park. Of course, they crossed the Mojave desert, a trip made by night because of the intense heat.

"Everyone travels across the desert at night it seems," said Miss Duncan, "and as far as we could see along the highway there were lights of moving automobiles. When the moon was full, the desert was lovely."

They visited Las Vegas too, and it's as wide open as they say it is, remarked Miss Duncan. Roulette wheels and gambling devices of all sorts were in windows of shops and practically right on the street.

One week was spent in San Francisco and then the Eure auto, See TRAVELERS Page 8

## Brush Fire Breaks Out Again on Harkers Island

The brush fire which consumed acres of grass on Harkers Island Wednesday broke out in the vicinity of the old ferry landing again Friday morning and was reported to the Beaufort Fire department at 11:30 a.m.

Although the fire covered the entire island, no damage was done to buildings.

The cause of the blaze is undetermined but it was unofficially reported that sparks from a fire started by a woman boiling clothes in a pot behind her home had ignited the brush.

The fire department, with the aid of several Harkers Island residents, brought the fire under control within an hour and the fire truck returned to Beaufort at 1 p.m.

The very rapid spread of the fire was due to the dry spell which ended Saturday evening with the rain storm.

### Naval Aviator



Ensign Macon S. Snowden, USN, of Beaufort, is one of the officer and midshipman students designated as Naval aviators at a ceremony conducted by the commanding officer recently at the Naval Air station, Jacksonville, Fla.

Ensign Snowden, the son of Mrs. Helon McPherson Snowden, of 131 Craven st., has received his wings and will now be ordered to duty with the United States fleet.

Ensign and Mrs. Snowden, the former Miss Evelyn Grass, of Beaufort, will be enroute shortly to their new place of assignment.

## Lightning Strikes Home at Bettie

The severe electrical storm which struck this area Saturday night caused extensive damage to the home of Roland Salter, Bettie. A bolt of lightning struck the roof near the chimney, tore off shingles and caused the wiring to burn out throughout the house.

It is believed that the entire house will have to be re-wired and probably a new roof put on. Had it not been for the type of shingles used, the house probably would have burned, Mrs. Salter reported.

The family was in the house at the time, but none of them was injured.

A bolt of lightning struck in the middle of Front street, Beaufort, in the vicinity of Beaufort theatre, causing a woman to faint on the street. She was revived and taken to a nearby automobile.

The current went off in Beaufort at two separate times in the area east of Craven street, and otherwise no serious damage has been reported.

### W. E. Adair, Undertaker, Constructs Warehouse

W. E. Adair, Beaufort's undertaker, is building a 72 by 20 foot warehouse at the rear of his property on Craven street.

The warehouse will be used to store coffins and vaults which are at present in two separate buildings. It will also serve as a garage.

The building was obtained from Camp Davis and brought here in sections. Re-assembling and construction on a concrete block foundation began about 3 weeks ago.

The north end of the building, used for the garage, will be equipped with two 8-foot sliding doors.

### S. W. Morgan Dredges Boat Slip on Inlet Isle

S. W. Morgan, New Bern, has been engaged during the past month in dredging the boat slip on Inlet Island from deep water north about a half mile to the Morehead City-Beaufort causeway. The channel, about 8 feet deep, lies about 100 feet east of the Inlet Island road.

Mr. Morgan, who says he believes this section can be built into one of the most important ports on the Atlantic coast, operates his own dredge, the Callie.

He owns a large portion of the island and is carrying out plans for laying out building lots with waterfrontage.

### J. D. Eason, Beaufort, Pays Speeding Fine

J. D. Eason, of Beaufort, paid \$10 and costs yesterday afternoon in Morehead City police court after pleading guilty to a charge of speeding 50 miles per hour in city limits.

The cases of Willie Montague, Negro, and his wife, Nellie Dudley, were continued to next week. Both are charged with being drunk and disorderly.

## Policeman Shoots Midnight Intruder

### Four Carcasses Remain After Craven Street Episode Wednesday

Four murders were committed at 128 Craven street, Beaufort, early Wednesday morning, and the Beaufort police department gets the credit for shooting the killer before he could commit more crime.

The criminal was a raccoon who killed four chickens in the coop of Mrs. Louise Case at the Craven street address between 12 midnight and 2 a.m. Wednesday morning, and in the process of eliminating the killer just about the whole neighborhood was awakened.

Suspicion of Miss Sally Staniel, a neighbor, were aroused when she heard at commotion in Mrs. Case's chicken coop at midnight. She tried to awake Mrs. Case, but to no avail. Miss Staniel then notified Mrs. Dee Fodrie, another neighbor, who telephoned Mrs. Case at 1 a.m.

Then Mrs. Case, thoroughly aroused, went out and tried to rescue her hens from the unwell-comer visitor, although no one knew for sure just what it was. Guesses ranged from possum to a house cat.

No success had been attained by 2 o'clock, so Mrs. Case called the police and Carlton Garner responded.

Garner and Mrs. Case then went after the culprit which they now realized was a coon. Some shots were poured through the window of the coop and the coon left the place in a hurry, but the two pursuers kept on the trail. Garner pumped a few more bullets into the animal, but instead of falling the coon merely licked its wounds.

"Finally," Mrs. Case remarked later, "I took one look at those dead chickens, and I got so mad that I picked up a four-foot fence rail and started beating the coon. It just wouldn't die."

A couple more shots and the animal was done for. Garner fired seven shots in all.

It is believed that the raccoon entered the coop, which was closed up and screened, through an opening used for ventilation, between the roof and the walls.

The dead animal was about two feet long and a half foot from end to end, and he tipped the scales at 1 1/2 pounds.

This wasn't the first time the coon visited Mrs. Case's chickens. He was there twice last week, killing a chicken each time. Three of his victims this time were white leghorns, all "good-laying hens," and one Rhode Island Red.

Does Mrs. Case feel more at ease now that the coon is dead? Not on your life, because she thinks there is another one at large.

She's hoping Mr. Garner will offer his assistance again in case of necessity. Two college boys, John Havas and Steve Rainoff, who are living at Mrs. Case's and are working this summer as reporters on THE NEWS-TIMES, may be of help next time, but Wednesday night they slept innocently through the whole thing. Their room is several feet from the hen coop.

### Blue Marlin Escapes Darcy Willis on Friday

Morehead City boatmen and sportsmen groaned dismay as a ship to shore radio announced at noon Friday that the blue marlin hooked four hours earlier had broken the line and escaped.

The blue marlin, first hooked in several years off this coast, took the lure of Darcy Willis, Jr., fishing aboard the Dr. Nellis of this port. The boat's radio kept shoremen advised of the fight. The big fish was brought up to the boat several times before freeing himself.

He was hooked about 15 miles southwest of Salter Path.

### \$305 Collected in Duke Drive in This Area

A total of \$305 was collected in the Carteret-Jones-Onslow county area for the first annual Duke University Loyalty Fund drive according to an announcement today by Skinner A. Chalk, 1609 Shepard st. Morehead City.

From Carteret, Jones and Onslow counties, cities and towns the nation over, contributions to the Duke Royalty Fund amounted to more than \$112,000 and surpassed the original goal of \$100,000. Alumni and friends 5,610 strong made average gifts of slightly more than \$20,000.

## 20 MCTI Students to Receive Certificates Friday at High School

### Atlantic Hotel - Victim of the Sea

Twenty Morehead City Technical Institute students will be graduated Friday night in commencement exercises at 8 o'clock in the Morehead City high school auditorium.

Paul Mitchell, director of the institute, has requested the public to attend the exercises and the open house to be held at the institute at the former Navy section base from 2 to 5 in the afternoon.

Hosts will be students and faculty members of MCTI.

Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, will deliver the address to graduates.

Dean J. H. Lampe, of the School of Engineering, North Carolina State college, will present the certificates and the invocation will be given by the Rev. William Y. Stewart, pastor of Core Creek church.

Invitations to the commencement exercises, bearing the seal of North Carolina State college, have been sent out recently by graduates to their relatives and friends.

## Shrimpers Make Large Catches

From present indications, the current shrimping season along the central North Carolina coast will equal that of 1945 when more shrimp were taken by trawlers than ever before in the state's history, it was reported today.

That year the shrimping industry forged ahead of all other fisheries in the state and 10 million pounds, valued at \$900,000, was landed.

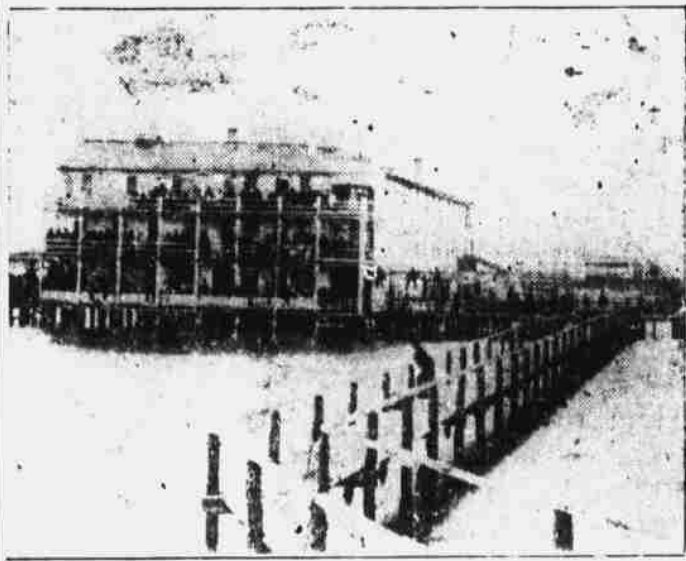
The shrimping fleet within the past two weeks centered its operations in the Neuse river from a location near Wilkinson Point to the mouth of the river in Pamlico Sound.

Good catches were being made also in the Bogue Inlet area where many shrimp were being taken, but by a smaller fleet of boats.

Johnny Hemmer, official photographer for the State News Bureau, has been on the coast this week making a picture story of shrimping activities.

The commercial fisheries committee of the State Board of Conservation and Development will meet Thursday and Friday, Aug. 26 and 27 in the board room at the section base. On Thursday oystermen will be heard and on Friday, oyster dealers.

### Atlantic Hotel - Victim of the Sea



When Aug. 18 rolls around many of Beaufort's oldtimers recall the storm of '79 when wind, wave, and rain staged a rough party which left the Carteret coast desolate.

Among these oldtimers are Capt. Isaac Noe, of Moore street, J. W. Mason, of Marsh street, H. C. Jones, Queen street, Mrs. Carrie Norcum and Charles Carrow, both of Craven streets, Beaufort.

Mr. Carrow says that he distinctly remembers as a lad coming into Beaufort from his home on the New Bern road and looking at the debris left by the storm, especially the foundations of the old Atlantic hotel, pictured above, which was swept away during the early morning hours of that fateful day.

The afternoon of the 17th Mr. Carrow said that he was with his father in their corn field and his father commented that the stand

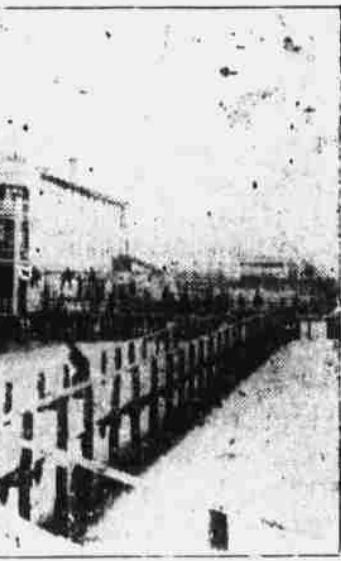
### Opening Date of School Remains at Sept. 2

No date other than the original opening date of school, Sept. 2, has been set, H. L. Joslyn, superintendent of schools, stated yesterday. Rumors that school will open later are without foundation at present.

There is a possibility of school opening later, due to the polio epidemic, but before this decision is reached there will be a meeting of the health board to consider the proposition.

Opening school later next month would mean an extension of school in the spring.

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of corn was the best he had ever raised. The next morning the stalks were lying flat, beaten into the mud, the crop ruined.

The storm claimed two lives in Beaufort alone. Many of the buildings along Front street were washed away and many a boat that had been on the waterfront the afternoon of the 17th was carried by the water as far as Ann street. Other debris from the storm even littered Broad street.

Unless it was the storm of 1933, no attack by the ocean and wind since 1879 has equalled the terror-filled night that heralded the dawn of Aug. 18. Since that time man-made obstacles have been put in the way of "Ole debil Sea" and the "hurricane season" comes and goes, bringing with it little need for fear on the part of Beaufort residents.

### Stanley Woodland Conducts Morehead City Rotary Club Meeting Thursday Night

Stanley Woodland, chairman of the aims and objects committee, Morehead City Rotary club, conducted the weekly Rotary club meeting Thursday at the Hotel Fort Macon, describing the spheres of activity of the various committees of Rotary.

"The service committees are the backbone of the organization of Rotary and provide the machinery for the operation of programs of work of all Rotary organizations that comprise Rotary International," Mr. Woodland explained.

He emphasized the fact that through the active and planned efforts of the Vocational Service committee, the Community Service committee, the International Service committee and the Youth Service committee, a balanced and well-rounded effort to work for the good of any community could be carried to a successful conclusion.

The opportunity to serve, through Rotary, any phase of communal activity is the privilege of all Rotarians, Mr. Woodland remarked. The principle under which Rotary was founded and under which it has developed as an international organization is that of service through fellowship. This is carried out in each individual organization through the policy of establishing memberships comprising one representative from each of the communities in which Rotary is active.

Through this medium as wide a range and scope of interest is assured and it is the object also to spread throughout each such classification in each Rotary organization the ideals and principles of Rotary, declared the speaker. Through this means also, the services of the largest possible cross-section of each community are secured in carrying out the projects under each of the committee activities.

### Tide Table

HIGH	Tuesday, August 17	LOW
6:37 AM	12:53 AM	
6:56 PM	12:47 PM	
	Wednesday, August 18	
8:22 AM	1:34 AM	
7:39 PM	1:31 PM	
	Thursday, August 19	
8:03 AM	2:09 AM	
8:16 PM	2:12 PM	
	Friday, August 20	
8:40 AM	2:43 AM	
8:50 PM	2:50 PM	

## Rotary Governor Visits Beaufort

Rotary district governor, Jean Patrick Booth was a guest of the Beaufort Rotary club Tuesday evening at their regular dinner meeting in the Inlet Inn, Beaufort.

Governor Booth spoke informally of some of his experiences while attending the International Rotary assembly at Quebec, Canada last April and May.

He told the local Rotarians of a monument to General Montcalm and Wolfe, who commanded opposing armies for the battle of Quebec during the American revolution, and were both killed in the battle. He quoted the inscription on the monument, "Their courage gave them the same fate, and posterity, the same monument."

Governor Booth stated that spiritualistic progress has not kept pace with materialistic progress. He explained that "materialistic progress cannot solve the problems of the world alone, spiritualistic progress is also needed."

"Military preparedness is necessary," he said, "but it needs a supplement of educational and spiritual guidance."

Mr. Booth closed his address by repeating the Rotary Four-Way Test of business, "Is it true, is it fair, is it beneficial to both parties and will it build friendship."

"The closer we come to each other," he said, "the closer we will be to becoming brothers."

## Post 46 Conducts Membership Drive

The present membership of Morehead City American Legion Post No. 46 is expected to increase to 400 by the time the current membership drive closes, Skinner Chalk, Jr., chairman of the drive, announced today.

If the roll grows as it has been the past several days he has hopes of concluding the drive within a month, several weeks prior to the closing of the national drive which is Armistice Day, Nov. 11. The membership campaign officially opened yesterday.

Membership applications may be made at any of the following places in Morehead City: the city hall, Ream's Market, Chalk and Gibbs, the ABC store, the bank, Leary's, and the Chamber of Commerce office.

Mr. Chalk pointed out that the Legion is the largest veterans' organization. Men still in the service are eligible as long as they served in World War II. Dues are \$3 annually.

Assisting Mr. Chalk in the membership drive are W. C. Carlton, commander of the post, and Ethan S. Davis. Number of veterans in Post 46 at present is 275.

At Friday night's monthly meeting at the American Legion hall the veterans set aside \$100 to send to boys to Boys' State next year.

### Farmers Urged to Report Practices Under ACP

Farmers of Carteret county are again reminded that they have until Sept. 1 to report any practices carried out to date under the 1948 agricultural conservation program.

B. J. May, PMA administrator, has announced that all money allotted to farmers in the county not reported will be placed in a county pool to be assigned to any farmers who are planning to carry on approved conservation practices for the remainder of the year.

Mr. May states that farmers should bear in mind that after Sept. 1 no practice can be paid for unless it is reported to the county PMA office and approved before actually being carried out.

### Error in Names

In THE NEWS-TIMES of Friday, Aug. 13, there appeared a story in which it was stated that Walter Moore was acquitted of charges of drunk driving, reckless and careless driving, and being involved in a motor vehicle accident. The man acquitted was not Walter Moore, of Beaufort, but Walter Moore Yeomans of Harkers Island.

## Eastern Belt Leaf Auctions To Begin Aug. 19

### Sales Expected to Fall Short Of Last Year's 449,762, 491 Pounds

Marketing of the 1948 crop of flue-cured tobacco moves another step forward Thursday, Aug. 19, when auctions begin in the Eastern North Carolina belt. This is about one week earlier than selling began the previous year, when August 25 was opening day.

The United States and North Carolina Departments of Agriculture report that because of an approximate 28 per cent reduction in the overall flue-cured acreage, sales are expected to fall far short of the 449,762, 491 pounds sold for producers in this belt the foregoing year. These sales averaged \$43.45 per hundred. The U. S. Crop Reporting board estimated, as of Aug. 1, the 1948 crop of Type 12 tobacco to be 335,160,000 pounds, or around 131 million pounds under the record harvest of 1947, and the smallest crop since 1943. Output of all flue-cured types this year was indicated to be 1,005,007,000 pounds.

almost 312 1/2 million pounds less when compared with the year before.

Production of the crop got off to a good start. Plants were plentiful and sufficient moisture was responsible for very good stands in most fields. However, during the latter part of June and most of July, hot and dry conditions hastened maturity and reduced the yield. The yield per acre is estimated to be less than last year in spite of the fact that plants were set closer together and fertilized heavily. Recent rains have resulted in a good recovery in some sections and the crop took on "new growth" in these locations.

Loan rates of the Commodity Credit corporation have been increased in most instances from \$1.00 to \$8.00 per hundred; however, rates for some grades, mostly lower qualities, remain unchanged. The grade price loan rates for flue-cured tobacco average 43.9 cents per pound, which is 90 per cent of the June 15 parity price. The loan rates for "tied" offerings range from \$9.00 for nondescript to \$70.00 for choice lemon wrappers. Receipts of the flue-cured Tobacco Stabilization corporation last season of Eastern North Carolina markets amounted to 45,928,000 pounds, or 10.2 per cent of net sales.

The rate of sales will be 400 baskets per hour per set of buyers and each market will be permitted to sell five hours each sales day. Maximum weight per basket is limited to 250 pounds, with a tolerance of 50 pounds to help eliminate a large number of small baskets.

Federal Tobacco Inspection and Market News services will be in effect on all markets. Market news information also will be issued daily and weekly through the facilities of press and radio. The daily price reports which show both the current auction bid averages and advance prices by U. S. Grades, should be obtained from tobacco inspectors at the warehouses.

### James Walker Hospital Has No More Vacancies For County Polio Patients

The county health office has been notified to inform all doctors in the county that James Walker hospital, Wilmington, is filled to capacity with polio patients and that in the future patients from Carteret county should be sent to Duke hospital, Durham, Rex and St. Agnes hospitals, Raleigh.

To send patients to these hospitals the doctors must first get permission, Dr. Ennett reported. Duke hospital takes both white and Negro patients. St. Agnes hospital is for colored patients.

The five Carteret county children stricken with infantile paralysis and who are now in James Walker, Wilmington, are reported to be in good condition. Dr. Ennett said today that they probably will not be discharged until their treatments are completed.

### Firemen Answer Call At 7:30 Sunday Morning

Morehead City firemen were called out at 7:30 Sunday morning to extinguish fire at the home of L. B. Jenkins on Evans street between 29th and 30th.

The fire, which is believed to have originated from a short circuit, caused little damage. Woodwork was scorched and the wiring damaged.