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## Morehead City Sailing Club Will Stage Labor Day Regatta

295,000 North Carolina Men, 18-26, To Register Under '48 Service Act

## **Morehead Board Defers Action** On Pay Raises

Mayor Reports That Spray-Begun

Raising of the salaries of muni-Morehead City commissioners Tues-

The matter was referred to the finance committee and will be reported on at the September meetting. At the request of the finance commissioner, W. L. Derrickson, a ed as follows: monthly treasurer's report will be made at each meeting of the board.

Mayor George W. Dill reported be registered on Monday, August 30. that spraying of garbage cans has begun. After each collection the cans are sprayed with a solution of DDT. Each garbage truck is equipped with spraying apparatus.

The mayor was given the authority to negotiate for the purchase of trash cans to be placed in the business section of down. James B. Willis, Morehead City, offered to contract for the painting of lines on the streets,

Ten dollars weekly will be paid to Mack Edwards, engineer at the fire department, for maintenance of the fire alarm system. The commissioners also decided that the ordinance prohibiting keeping of pigs within the city limits be more strictly enforced.

To obtain estimates on the resurfacing of city streets the board day. September 13, or Tuesday, will request an engineer to inform September 14. them as to the work necessary in such a project.

### 27 to Receive **Diplomas Tonight**

Latest report from the dean's of fice, Morehead City Technical institute, places the number of graduates in the first graduating at 27. Eleven are residents of Carteret county. Graduation exercises will begin at 8 o'clock tonight in the Morehead City high school auditorium.

Delivering the commencement address will be Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina. The public is invited.

Certificates for the graduates, who have completed a one-year course, will be awarde dby Dean J. H. Lampe of the School of Engineering, North Carolian State

From 2 to 5 this afternoon there will be open house at the institute. Residents of Morehead City, Beaufort, and all of Carteret county are invited to go through the woodworking, metal shops, and tuure for the stage and do the de-classrooms. They will be the corating. Mrs. Gilbert Potter, guests of the faculty and students. Graduates are the following: Niel K. Albright, Black Mountain, Samuel R. Bailey, Jr., York, Pa., Jinx Willie Baker, Kannapolis, Glomer C. Cagle, Biscoe, John A. Corbett, Wilson, Albert H. Daniels, Asheville.

Ray A. Danielson, Morehead City, Ralph Leslie Davis, Robert O. Doss, both of Beaufort, Wilbur Sterling Goodwin, Lola, Thomas Hamlin Hampton, Plymouth, Eugene W. Hamilton, Bridgeton,

Wayne Carl Hickox, Newport. Elroy Adam Hill, Millburn, N J., Dugold Kell, Manasquan, N. J. Thurmond Lawrence, Jr., Joseph P. Pietrzykowski, both of Beaufort, Joseph Philip Mirabella, Newport, Salvatore J. Alazzo. Morehetd City, Clarence Elwood Parker, Zebu-

William Gray Robertson, Havelock, William Sanderson, Rocky Mount, Tom Shoe, Star, Sam Pickney Wehunt, Cherryville, Wilson Willis, Morehead City and Thomas Nelson Wilson, Marshallberg.

Governor Cherry yesterday out lined in a proclamation the procedure for registration in North Carolina under the Selective Serv. Carolina under the Selective Service Act of 1948. An estimated 295,000 North Carolinians are required to register under the Act. Charge Sunday Floyd Chadwick, chairman of Carteret county's registration board, commented today.

The proclamation, issued in response to a call by the President, stated that all youths between the ages of 18 and 26 should report ing of Garbage Cans Has for registration beginning Aug. 30.
The places of registration will be its respective area.

The proclamation stated also cipal employees, especially those in that all persons subject to the Sethe police and street maintenance lectve Service Act are required to next week for Port Washington, familiarize themselves with the Long Island, where they have regulations covering registration, bought a home and Rev Mr. Axtell Hospital Funds departments was discussed by familiarize themselves with the Long Island, where they have day night but no action was taken, and called upon all Federal. State plans to spend his days in retireand local agencies to give those under their charge sufficient time in which to comply with the regu-

Dates for registration were fix-

1. Persons born in the year 1922 after August 30, 1922, shall

Persons born in the year-1923 shall be registered on Tuesday, August 31, or Wednesday, September 1.

3. Persons born in the year 1924 shall be registered on Thursday, September 2, or Friday, September 3.

4. Persons born in the year 1925 shall be registered on Saturday, September 4, or Tuesday, Septem

5. Persons born in the year 1926 shall be registered on Wednesday, September 8, or Thursday, September 9.

6. Persons born in the year 1927 shall be registered on Friday, September 10, or Saturday, September 11.

Persons born in the year

8. Persons born in the year 1929 September 15, or Thursday, September 15, or Thur

9 Person before September 19, 1930, shall school at New Milford, Pa., where

See SERVICE ACT Page 8

The Rev. and Mrs. J. V. Axtell to Make Home at Port Washington

The Rev. J. V. Axtell, Webb Memorial Presbyterian church, More designated by each local board for head City, will conduct his last service as pastor here on Sunday

at 11 o'clock. He and Mrs. Axtell will leave

His 42 years in the ministry began in 1906 when he obtained his degree in theology at Auburn Theological seminary, Auburn, N. Y. He spent two and a half years among the lumbermen of the Adirondacks as a missionary and then went to Hamilton, N. Y., where he took two years' graduate work at Colgate university.

For five years the Rev. Mr. Axtell served as pastor of Wycliffe Presbyterian church, Wycliffe. Ohio, where he returned last fall for the 72nd anniversary of the church's founding.

From Wycliffe he was called to Hammondsport, N. Y. and after three years at that charge went to Addison Presbyterian church, Addison, N. Y., where he served for 22 years and five months.

This month concludes three and a half years here as pastor at Webb Memorial Presbyterian church.

The Rev. Mr. Axtell was born in Oneonta, N. Y. At the ag€ of 7 he moved with his family to a farm in Susquehanna county, Pennsyl-1928 shall be registered on Mon- vania, and 10 years later started work in a general store.

He prepared for college under a tutor, learning Latin, Greek, and posal was discarded. shall be registered on Wednesday, mathematics and entered Juniata

For two and a half years after his freshman year he be registered on Friday, Septem- he met Miss Bessie Maude Trumber 17, or Saturday, September 18. bull whom he married Sept. 12. 10. Persons who were born on 1906. He received his degree from or after September 19, 1930, shall Juniata college in that year and be registered on the day they be- then entered the theological seminary at Auburn.

### Beaufort Junior Womans' Club To Present Fashion Show

The Junior Woman's club of Beaufort, in conjunction with Merrill's Dress shop, Beaufort, will present a fashion show Monday night, Aug. 30, at 8 o'clock in the Beaufort high school auditorium Between 40 and 50 models, show-

ing sports clothes, tailored dresses, dressy gowns, and lingerie will appear. Children's clothes will be modeled also. Mrs. Helen Hatsell, president of

the Junior Woman's club, in announcing the show, said that parents should use their own judgment in bringing children. George Eastman, of Eastman furniture company, will supply furni-

member of the Junior Woman's club, is in charge of the models. Proceeds from the fashion show will be used for civic projects in cooperation with the Chamber of

The first regular meeting of the Junior Woman's club this fall will be Monday evening, Sept. 6. The fashion show has been scheduled for Aug. 30 so that college girls can appear as models.

### Dogs Should be Vaccinated, Health Officer Declares

Prevalence of rabies in the state has prompted a reminder by Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, health officer, that all dogs over six months old should be vaccinated. According to state law they are to be vaccinated annually.

Dr. C. E. Paden, Beaufort vetthe dog is actually free, Dr. En- "Lifted Out of Our Littleness. Whitaker, Enfield, Gene Tunney nett pointed out, because the cost Senior Youth Fellowship will be-

### **Health Board to Discuss** Opening Date of School

Notices went out yesterday calling a meeting of the board of health for Tuesday, Aug. 24. At this time the opening date of school will be discussed and a recommendation made to the board of education.

THE NEWS-TIMES announcement that school would open Sept. 2 was incorrect, H. L. Joslyn, superintendent of schools, announced Wednesday. If the date is not changed because of the polio epidenic, school will spen WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 1.

### Tide Table

	HIGH			Low	
		Friday	, August 20		
	8:40	a.m.	2:43	a.m.	
	8:50	p.m.	2:50	p.m.	
		Saturday, August 21			
	9:15	a.m.		æm.	
	9:25	p.m.		p.m.	
Ì	Sunday, August 22				
	9:49	a.m.		a.m.	
١	9:59	p.m.	4:01	p.m.	
	S	Monday	, August 23	*	
	10:24	a.m.		a.m.	
	10:32	p.m.	4:38	p.m.	
Í	Tuesday, August 24				
	11:00			a.m.	
	11:11	p.m.		p.m.	
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Services at Ann Street Church Church school will be held at 9:45 for children over 16. The erinarian, is rables inspector for morning worship service will be Carteret county. Vaccination of at 11 o'clock with the sermon, of the vaccination is reduced from gin at 7:15 p.m. and the evening be withdrawn and be replaced in fund by making collections at the successful program can be worked Miss Sarah Kirkpatrick, Greenville, worship at 8.

### Negro Child, 4, Stricken With Infantile Paralysis

The illness of Dorothy Murray, 4, a Negro child, was positively diagnosed yesterday after-noon as polio. This is the county's sixth case this summer. Dorothy is the daughter of Benny Murray and lives on North River

The child became ill Saturday and was sent by ambulance to St. Agnes hospital, a Negro hospital in Raleigh Tuesday. Definite diagnosis of polio

came by wire to Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, county health officer, yesterday afternoon.

# Jaycees Join Crusade For More

Morehead City Jaycees made tentative plans at their meeting Monday night at the Hotel Fort Macon to appoint a delegation to go before the county commissioners at the September meeting in regard to obtaining more funds for support of Morehead City hospital. Five members of the Junior

Chamber will go to Fayetteville tomorrow to attend the State Junior Chamber of Commerce quarterly board meeting. They are Dr. Alvah Hamilton, Jr., James Murdoch, Gerald Phillips, Richard Swindell, and President Bruce Goodwin.

Jaycees discussed the possibility of sending their softball team to Ocracoke to play the Nine Old Men and the Coast Guard team. Gien

To inform the Junior Chamber Morehead City's street lighting system. George Conant, commercial manager of Tide Water Power company will be asked to speak at a meeting in the near future.

Plans to sponsor a Labor Day dance were discussed but the pro-

# Membership Drive ed.

The membership campaign for the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce will continue for another announced today. He remarked

Several members of the membership committee who are soliciting merchants for their efforts in carrying out the campaign.

Davis, David Jones.

Odell Merrill, James Biggs, Leslie Moore, and Dr. W. L. Woodard.

#### Workmen Complete Repairs To Beautort Postoffice

Payairs to the Beaufort post of fice, costing \$3500, were completed yesterday. These were the first e-tensive repairs made to the fed

work was done, and portions of woodwork attacked by termites year's \$45.32. were replaced.

Contractor was R. A. Jensen. from Mobile, Ala., who specializes in postoffice work. Mr. Jensen and his crew of three workmen have left now for a job in Tennessee. Assisting the contractor were several local laborers.

The work was begun about six belt. weeks ago.

### **PMA Agent Reminds** Farmers of ACP Deadline.

Sept. 1 is the deadline for the reporting of conservation practices county agent, reported yesterday. After Sept. 1, all money allotted for county farms not reported will the county pool.

## Atkinson to Serve 2-Year Sentence

Drunken Driving Charges, Motor Law Violations Lead Docket

Francis Atkinson was found guilty Tuesday morning in recorder's court. Beaufort, on the charge of drunken driving and reckless and careless driving and received a two-years sentence on the roads because of violation of a "stay sober" edict issued by the court in 1947.

Atkinson was riding with Mrs. Marjerie Paul in Mrs. Paul's auemobile when it crashed into Cole's grocery store at Marsh and Pine streets, Beaufort, Saturday, Aug. 7. At the time of the crack up, Mrs. Paul declared that she for all open to all classes. This was driving but later changed her story to say that Atkinson was at the wheel, police reported.

In court, it was established that Mrs. Paul, also a defendant on the same charges as Atkinson, was driving when the car crashed. The court was considering amending Atkinson's warrant to charge publis drunkenness instead, when Atof liquor.

a suspended sentence of two years of Kinston victed of assaulting a female. See COURT Page 8

Commodore D. G. Bell, of Morehead City Sailing club, has ancounced that the club has decided to go ahead with plans for its an nual Labor Day weekend regetta. Ever since this year's Coastal Festival was cancelled, there had been speculation as to whether the reratta would be staged because it was usually held in connection with the festival

There will be a series of races for two days with three races, two on Saturday and one on Sunday. Invitations have been sent to Cher

comets. Approximately 25 boats. other than local craft, plan to participate.

ferent classes of boats: lightnings and 20-24 foot dead rise skiffs.

Boats in the regatta will be in vited to stay over Labor Day and enter the third annual Gib Arthur will be worked on a handicap ba-

At the same time, all comets will kinson then testified that before race open only to boats of the the accident he had been driving comet class. The trophy was first and worthiness. This decision was the car while under the influence presented by Dr. and Mrs. Walter Parsons, of Shanghai, China, in Judge Lambert R. Morris then 1939, and this award also must be produced a record of Atkinson's won three times before it may be previous visit to court. On May permanently retained. It was won Aug. 9 but decided to defer ac-13, 1947, Atkinson had been given last year by Booker Cunningham.

in jail, placed on five years' good | The district Coast Guard officer for the holiday activities.

### Willis offered his boat for trans Authorities Venture no Estimate about the possibilities of improving Morehead City's street lighting sys.

Duration of the quarantine for Duration of the quarantine for poliomyelitis on the Cherry Point Marine corps air station, which went into effect Monday, Aug. 16, is dependent upon the incidence of and no estimate can be made as to when restrictions will be relay to when restrictions will be relax-

issued directives cancelling leaves ney Island beach, were witnesses The committee appointed to in- bert S. Caho and limiting liberty to that neces- for the state Wednesday in the vestigate the possibilities of con- Greensboro attorneys. sary for business. However, it is murder trial of James R. Creech in tinuing with the proposal discussnot contemplated that civilian em Johnson county court house, Smith ed at this month's Jaycee meeting now at Plymouth, having left the ployees and military personnel liv- field. Creech, 37, is on trial for was Osborne Davis, chairman, J. employ of Madix Asphalt corporaing off the station will be barred his life, charged with the murder O. Barbour, Jr., and James Potter. tion. from their work.

One section of the residential area, married enlisted men's quarweek Dan L. Walker, manager, ters and transit men's quarters, has been placed under limited that the results of the first week's quarantine. Only working memcampaigning were extremely grati- bers of the families are allowed wife. to enter or leave the affected area without special permission.

The quarantine was placed on memberships were commended by this area at the recommendation of Dr. Eugene A. Bain, public health officer for the city of New Membership committee members Bern and Craven county, and Capt. are the following: Hugh Hill, G. T. L. Allman, USN, station senior W. Duncan, Sr., Halsey D. Paul, medical officer. State health of-Paul Jones, H. I. Saunders, James ficer, Dr. Roy Norton, Raleigh, was notified of this decision and approved, urging Dr. Bain, in connection with Captain Allman, to use any additional measures they felt necessary to control spread of with Mrs. Courie, the hotel manthe disease in this area.

#### Carteret Farmers Put Leaf On Eastern Belt Markets

Twenty-five to 30 Carteret couneral building in Beaufort since its ty tobacco farmers put their leaf on eastern North Carolina belt Offices and the postal depart markets as they opened yesterday. ment were re-painted, carpentry | Pre-marketing predictions put the average price well above last

Auctions opened at 9 o'clock yesterday morning at Farmville, Tar- Rotary Club to Sponsor boro, Robersonville, Williamston, Aboskie, Washington, Goldsboro Wallace, Clinton, Wendell, Smith-field, Greenville, Kinston, Dunn, Rocky Mount and Wilson, the markets that comprise the eastern

### Local Chapter Keeps Check on Polio Patients

Mrs. Pauline Dickinson, of the County Chapter for Infantile Par- R. M. Williams. Assisting him are alysis, will go to Wilmington to the Rev. T. R. Jenkins and the under the Agriculture Conserva- day to check on the conditions of Rev. W. L. Martin. The committion Practices program, B. J. May, the five Carteret county polio pa- tee will meet soon to discuss plans. tients in James Walker hospital.

### ry Point, Camp Lejeune, Wilmington, and Elizabeth City. time. Cherry Point tentatively plans o send six lightnines and four

There will be races for six difcomets, handicap, 18-foot, 16-foot,

The Arthur trophy must be won three times before permanent possession can be retained. Dr. Dondd Rebinson, of Burlington, was last year's winner.

behavior, and told to remain sober at Norfolk, Va., has been asked ganized chamber of commerce. by the club to help out by sending After consultation with office additional boats to Morehead City

Authorities at the station have Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Courie, Moof his wife, Mrs. Mattie Woodall

Creech, on the night of July 28. Mr. and Mrs. Courie were two of numerous witnesses put on the stand by the state who testified as to Creech's treatment of his

Mr. and Mrs. Courie's testimony was in connection with a visit of the Creeches to Money Island beach in 1944. Both said that they were attracted by cries for help from the room of the couple and that Mr. Courie went to the room to investigate.

Creech lying on the bed. Mrs. Creech, according to Mr. Courie, said that she wanted to spend the rest of the night in another room. She spent the rest of the night ager told the court.

The next day, Courie testified, Creech attempted to take away his wife's wedding ring with the words. "I don't want you no more."

Judge in the case is Clawson Williams. Creech is being defended by J. Melville Broughton and the Smithfield law firm of Abell, Shepard and Wood and Wellons, Martin and Wellons. State solicitor is W. Jack Hooks, assisted by L. L. Levinson.

### '49 Recreation Program

The Beaufort Rotary club Tuesday night voted to sponsor a city recreation program for 1949, and appointed a committee to begin working on plans for the program. The 1948 Beaufort city recreation program was going in high gear until the polio epidemic brought an end to its activities.

Chairman of the committee is In connection with this recrea-Tentative plans are being made tion work, a film, entitled "Playto increase Carteret county's polio town, U. S. A.," describing how a out, was shown to the club.

#### **Tentative Dog Track** Closing Set for Oct. 16

Earliest closing date for the dog track west of Morehead City will be Saturday night, Oct. 16, Paul Cleland, secretary of the Carolina Racing association, revealed today.

Beach hotels are expected to remain open until Saturday, September 18, the longest in the history of this resort, and there is a possibility that they may continue operation beyond that

It was originally planned to continue dog racing, which has attracted many out-of-state visi-tors, for only 100 days.

### **Jaycees Continue** Plan to Check **Fund Requests**

Within 30 days Beaufort Junior Chamber of Commerce expects to legedly caused by the defendants, have in operation a system whereby requests for funds by various participate in the Shanghai Trophy individuals or organizations will be investigated as to their validity rectors meeting.

The Jaycees discussed this proposition at their regular meeting tion until it was determined whether their program would interfere with that of the newly-or-

After consultation with officers of the senior chamber, the Jaycees have continued their plans which will involve selling of plaques to Beaufort merchants. Those plaques will entitle them to the service offered by a secret Jaycee committee which will investigate requests for funds made by numerous allegedly charitable or public service organizations.

investigation because businessmen tions to unknown as wall as well-Holders of the plaques will be con- George McNeill, and Claud Wheatsidered honorary members of the ly. Junior Chamber of Commerce.

### **Judge Postpones** Madix Hearing

Evidence to Be Presented Before Judge W. J. Bone Friday, Sept. 3

The hearing in the case of Grady Ward Price, former employee of Madix Asphalt corporation, vs. Sheriff Gehrmann Holland and officials of Madix Asphalt and Southern Felt corporations, Morehead City, has been postponed until 11

o'clock Friday morning, Sent. 3. Evidence will be heard by Superior Court Judge Walter J. Bone in the Nash county court house. Nashville Judge Bone will determine whether a permanent injunction shall be issued against the sheriff and Madix officials, restraining them from violence, coercion, and intimidation they allegedly inflicted upon Mr. Price, the

plaintiff, and his family In addition to a request for \$25,-000 compensation for damage althe plaintiff also requests \$25,000 punitive damages

The hearing, originally scheduled for Aug. 14, 1948, was continued until 10 o'clock tomorrow, and at the request of attorneys for the defense, has again been continued by Judge Bone until Sept. 3.

The temporary restraining order, issued by Superior Court Judge Clawson L. Williams, of Sanford, was filed Monday, Aug. 9. Suit was filed Tuesday. Aug. 3 in superior court of Washington county, Plymouth, N. C.

This legal action is an outgrowth of efforts of the Madix and South ern Felt officials to prevent organization of labor at the local plants, according to allegations in the complaint filed by the plaintiff.

Counsel for defendants Sheriff Holland, Glenn Rose, general superintendent of operations at Ma-The Jaycees stated that they feel dix and Southern Felt, Ed Parker, there is a definite need for such superintendent of Southern Felt, W. C. Carlton, purchasing agent are continually asked for dona and office manager, and C. C. Brewen, president of Madix and known foundations or campaigns. Southern Felt are Alvah Hamilton,

Counsel for the plaintiff are Ro-

Mr. Price, the plaintiff, is living

### Man with Famous Physique To Crown Miss Atlantic Beach

Joe Lauriano, native Hawaiian Marie Webb, Beaufort, and Miss and onetime winner of the Mr. America title, will crown Miss Atlantic Beach of 1948 Friday night, Aug. 27, at the Surf club, Atlantic

Contestants for the Miss Atlan-

tic Beach title age the weekly win-

contests which were staged this Lockwood Phillips, publisher of summer. The contestants will appear in evening gowns and in the white Strength and Health magazine, lastex bathing suits they won at the beach. The winner will receive the Miss Atlantic Beach lov-

City jeweler. Playing for the dance and contest, which begins at 9 o'clock, lantic Beach Business Men's assowill be Allen Craig and his 12piece orchestra.

ing cup on display now in the win-

dow of Walter Morris, Morehead

Queen's Balloon dance in which men may dance with any one of 12 queens who will be on the dance floor. Each gentleman will be required to blow up a balloon and select his dancing partner. As long as he keeps his balloon from being burst by other gentlemen armed with pins he may continue

to dance with his queen Miss Joyce Johnson, selected a Miss Beaufort of 1948 and Miss Viola Styron, winner of the Mies Morehead City of 1948 title, will be attendants to Miss Atlantic Beach. They, too, will participate

in the Queens Balloon dance. Centestants for the Miss Atlantic Beach title are the follow ing: Miss Jocelyn Stevens, Beaufort, Miss Frances Hadnott, New Bern, Miss Janice Turnage, Ayden, Miss Margaret Morris, Morehead City, Miss Sarah Tisdale, New Bern, Miss Dorothy Davis, Lenoir,

Ann Willis, Morehead City.

Judges will be Billy Arthur, publisher of the Onslow News and Views, Jacksonville, Grover Munden, president of the Carteret Broadcasting company, Morehead City, Aycock Brown, free lance wri-Mr. Courie said that 'e found ners of the Show Case of Beauty ter and photographer, New Bern, THE NEWS-TIMES, Beaufort, Gordon Venables, managing editor of

York, Pa. Mary Deppee, of the Smart Shop, New Bern, S/Sgt. Larry Wargin, editor of the Cherry Point Windsock, Mrs. A. T. Leary, of the Dress Shop, Morehead City, and Manly Clark, president of the At-

### A feature of the evening will be Morehead City Orders **Municipal Decorations**

Morehead City commissioners in regular session Tuesday night at the municipal building ordered decorative material for the fire station, police departments and municipal building at a cost of \$80.

These decorations will be put up during conventions and other festive occasions. The board decided that it would be cheaper to own their own decorations rather than rent them for the various occasions on which they would be required. The order was given to W.F.

Danieley who will make them. Two Attend Convention

Beaufort police chief, L. B. Willis, and M. M. Ayscue, ABC officer, drove to Wrightsville yesterday for a one-day visit to the policemen's convention being held there. The convention started Wednesday and Miss Tresca Bowles, Durham, Miss will wind up its activities today.