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Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

I see by the News-Times that the papas and mamas of Beaufort object to their lineal descendants being subjected to the malign influences of movie murders. I would rather expect this to be the case.

It's hard enough to keep kids on the straight and narrow path of good conduct under the most favorable influences. But when they see grown-ups killing each other in cold blood, or even hot blood, there's nothing left for them but to do likewise, if they are bent on maintaining their superiority among their playmates, as all robust kids are.

The escape from sudden death, disease, and disgrace on the part of little children, and big ones too for that matter, has always assumed the nature of a miracle to me, even in earlier times when there was less incitement to be bad and commit overt acts. Every man knows it was just good luck that he didn't get caught in the web of his own misconduct. It's like the G. I. who escaped when his buddies were shot down.

I'd say that if the rest of the world wants to increase the natural tendency of their children to commit crime by exhibiting murders on the screen, that's their privilege. But I don't see any reason why the parents of Beaufort should sanction the practice. If their children get the breaks they may grow up to be fine men and women.

Why, here in Philadelphia the other day, a nine-year-old boy shot and killed a person "just like that." I don't know whether he was a movie fan or not. But I do know that in my neighborhood every kid has a toy gun and they are nearly all preoccupied with feigned murder. It is only one step to a real one.

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To the Editor:

As a subscriber to your paper, and enjoying spending the summers at our home in Morehead City, I wish to take this opportunity to commend you on your recent stand with reference to the showing of crime moving pictures in your local moving picture houses. Should citizens of every community insist that such movies not be allowed, it would no doubt lessen the series of crimes by young boys. As it has been proven in so many cases, these crimes were prompted by seeing them portrayed in the movies, and also in funny papers.

Another evidence of your interest in youth was given when you published the story about local boys being arrested because of breaking in a building. You were considering enough not to publish the boys' names, thereby saving, not only the boys but their parents, from undesirable publicity.

With every good wish for your continued success, and personally thanking you for your splendid support of our "Citizens of Tomorrow," I remain,

Very truly yours,
Mrs. Joseph S. Correll

Former Beaufort News Editor Writes Henderson Biography

Special to Carteret County News-Times

Sam Hood, former editor of The Beaufort News, is editor of the book, "Archibald Henderson: The New Crichton," just published by The Beechhurst Press, New York City.

Mr. Hood, now on the editorial staff of the Pittsburgh Press, was the Beaufort News editor in 1941. The 31-year-old newspaperman-author had lived in Carteret county before. He was born in Morehead City in 1917. His father is Gurney P. Hood, Commissioner of Banks and Morehead City's World War I mayor.

Mr. Hood's book commemorates Archibald Henderson's 5 years on the University of North Carolina faculty. The famed professor, now living in retirement in Chapel Hill, is most well known as the authorized biographer of George Bernard Shaw, the Irish dramatist.

The book has Mr. Hood in a triple role. In addition to being editor, he is author of the section on Dr. Henderson's adventures with Mark Twain, and made two full-page photographic portraits of Dr. Henderson.

It's a full name—Samuel Stevens Hood—appears on the book's title page. The sub-title is an allusion to James "The Admirable" Crichton, the sixteenth century virtuoso in scholarship and literature whose name is a synonym for versatility.

Dr. Henderson, mathematician (he was head of the math department at Chapel Hill for over 25 years), scientist, educator, historian, biographer, public speaker, and journalist, has written 50 books and hundreds of articles, pamphlets, dissertations.

Mr. Hood's book has a bibliography of Dr. Henderson's writings. The bibliography, which shows the scope of his versatility, is over 30 pages long.

Thirty-odd writers, scientists, educators, dramatists, and newspapermen have joined hands with Mr. Hood in creating this "composite portrait" of Dr. Henderson. The book's foreword is by Frank Porter Graham, University of North Carolina president.

Tar Heel contributors include novelist Betty Smith, of "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" fame; Gerald W. Johnson (former professor at Chapel Hill and former Baltimore

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Curtain Will Go Up On Dixie-Bound Friday Night

Beaufort Jaycees will present their side-splitting minstrel show, "Dixie-Bound" at 8 o'clock Friday night in the Beaufort school auditorium. Dress rehearsal will be Thursday night.

Presenting specialty numbers, in addition to the jokes and music, will be Miss Hazel Noe, Miss Betty Lou Merrill, and Odell Merrill.

This will be the first minstrel presented by the Jaycees since their show which packed the auditorium in 1947 and was given, by popular demand, in Morehead City.

Forester Opens State Fire Prevention Drive

State Forester W. K. Beicher has opened North Carolina's drive in the Seventh Annual nationwide Cooperative Forest Fire Prevention campaign to reduce the state's annual average loss of 175,000 acres of valuable timber. This area, as large as an average North Carolina county, can be saved from destruction each year if everyone will be careful with fire.

The CFFP Campaign is a public service project of the National Advertising Council, conducted by the U. S. Forest Service, with the cooperation of numerous other public and private agencies throughout the nation.

Conducted annually since 1942, the campaign's slogan and symbols are already familiar to many. The fire-preventing "Smoking Bear" is back again on posters; radio programs, news stories, sponsored ads and pamphlets will follow to tell North Carolinians what the burning of an area equal to one county each year means to them in dollars from their own pockets.

February Court Receipts Total \$1,848, Clerk Says

Court receipts for the month of February were \$1,848.91, A. H. James, clerk of court, reported to county commissioners yesterday. Recorders court receipts were \$1,626.73, superior court \$48.20, clerk fees and probate fees \$86.30 and miscellaneous fees \$107.68.

Morehead Cagers Win Grainger Trophy

Troupe to Present Shows



Pictured here is Officer E. E. Pressley of the Charlotte police force with his dogs which will present safety shows this week at schools throughout the county. Officer Pressley's appearances are sponsored by the Lions club.

Newport Hopes to Become Site of Vet Housing Project

Tax List Slackers To Appear Before March Grand Jury

The county board at its monthly meeting yesterday morning in the court house re-hashed plans to have all those county residents who did not list taxes, summoned before the grand jury next week. A 10 per cent penalty will be added to the taxes of each one thus summoned.

Eugene O. Moore, incumbent, was the only applicant for the position of county tax collector. He was appointed for another two years.

Four other tax matters were considered. A. B. Cooper, Morehead City, requested that he be given credit on '48 taxes for the amount in taxes paid by persons to whom lots at Atlantic Beach were sold last summer. The valuation was adjusted on property belonging to Alton Robinson, Atlantic, and back taxes, from 1932 to 1948, were adjusted on the property of Carl Dixon, Portsmouth.

The commissioner ruled that the American Legion property, east of Beaufort, was tax exempt. The board of equalization, which will consider complaints on property valuations, will meet Monday, March 14.

February Liquor Sales Amount to \$40,000.25

Total sales of liquor in county ABC stores last month amounted to \$40,000.25.

Beaufort sales were \$12,860.15, Morehead City \$17,511.40 and Newport \$9,628.70.

Gross profit was \$10,481.16. North Carolina sales tax \$3,400.02, with estimated net profit \$2,623.96.

Beaufort's dividend was \$588.35. Morehead City and the hospital \$400.57 each, and Newport \$440.51. Paid to the county general fund since the beginning of the fiscal year, July 1, 1948 was \$40,000.

Engineer Thinks Morehead Is 'Garden Spot of World'

By Aycock Brown
ABOARD USS MOUNT OLYMPUS, Off Vieques — In just a few, more years Lt. and Mrs. William H. Lewis, and their daughter, Anne Marie, now 3 years old, plan to buy a place near Morehead City and live there for the rest of their lives. For Lewis, now a senior grade lieutenant in the Navy and currently chief engineer aboard the USS Mount Olympus, it will be returning to his native home which he left in 1930. For Mrs. Lewis, a native of Halifax, Nova Scotia, it will be settling down to live in an area that she has visited many times and which she too, has learned to love.

To the Lewis family, Morehead City is the garden spot of the world. The Lewises also plan to have a cottage on the coast of Nova Scotia, where they own some property. "It will be a good place to spend about two months each year," said Lieutenant Lewis, as we sailed through the blue waters of the Caribbean somewhere south of Puerto Rico this week.

If the urge to join the Navy had not struck Lewis back in the late 20's, he may have made the grocery business his career. As a youth he worked evenings after school and during vacation periods in Freeman Brothers Grocery company. In Morehead City high school, where H. C. Joslyn was principal at the time, William Lewis was a member of the band. He played the baritone. "I think Mr. Joslyn is one of the finest men I have ever known and it is a real pleasure to see him on my visits back to Morehead City," says Lieutenant Lewis. I told him that his opinion

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Lions to Present Trained Dog Show

Officer E. E. Pressley, Charlotte, Will Make 10 Appearances

As a public service, the Lions club is presenting this week Officer E. E. Pressley and his trained dogs in a safety show which will be presented at schools throughout the county.

Officer Pressley, a member of the Charlotte police force, has one of the only two colorist dogs in the world. Last year all his appearances were sponsored by the Carolina Motor club to promote safety among adults as well as school children.

The Lions raised enough money in their bread sale two weeks ago to engage Officer Pressley for a week's appearance in the county.

Admission will be charged only for one show, at 8 p.m. Thursday in Morehead City school. In addition, Ralph Wade, school music director, will present the band in a half hour's entertainment, a preview of the band concert which will be given April 22.

All proceeds will go to the band. Appearances of Officer Pressley and his dogs are scheduled as follows:

Monday - 10 a. m. Smyrna school, 2 p. m. Atlantic school; Tuesday - Queen Street school, Beaufort; 2 p. m. Newport school; Thursday - 10 a. m. W. S. King school, Morehead City; 2 p. m. Morehead City school; 8 p. m. Morehead City school; Friday - 10 a. m. Camp Glenn school.

During the month of April Mr. Pressley is scheduled to make numerous appearances in Dayton, Ohio. He has given shows before 25,000 students in Miami, Fla., and in this state has appeared in most of the larger cities.

1.31 Inches Rain Falls in County Sunday

Rainfall Sunday totaled 1.31 inches, E. Stamey Davis, official weather observer, reported today. But the freak weather came yesterday morning when the wind-shifted from a strong southwest to northeast and brought snow flurries. There was also some rain. Temperatures since Thursday are as follows:

	Max.	Min.
Thursday	58	32
Friday	60	39
Saturday	55	52
Sunday	67	52

Tide Table

HIGH	Tuesday, March 8	LOW
1:52 AM	8:23 AM	
2:14 PM	8:24 PM	
2:59 AM	9:32 AM	
3:22 PM	9:35 PM	
4:06 AM	10:36 AM	
4:28 PM	10:43 PM	
5:10 AM	11:34 AM	
5:29 PM	11:44 PM	

Morehead City parking meter receipts for the month of February were \$485.50.

X-Ray Unit at Work



At work at Smyrna school is the X-Ray unit pictured above which today will be at Beaufort school and from tomorrow until March 19 will be at the Sinclair Service station Front street. The unit in Morehead City will be located today and through March 19 on Arendell street between 7th and 8th streets.

A unit from Craven county will serve the Harlowe section Friday. It will be located at Conner's store.

Among those who had their chests X-rayed while the unit was at Smyrna school were Roland Lewis, Eric Gillikin, William Lawrence, and Laurie Gillikin, Otway; Miss Josie Pigott, Ronald Chadwick, Gloucester; Harvey Lawrence, Jr., Bobbie Pake, both of Bettie, Henry Lynch and Lennie Guthrie, Smyrna.

Clerks in the X-ray unit which worked westward from Atlantic are Mrs. Bill Braswell and Mrs. Sidney Styron. Technicians are Bill Braswell and Bob Ruiz.

Fall Planting Of Shells Proves Satisfactory

For the first time in the history of the state there has been a fall planting of oyster shells. What is more important, indications are that the move has brought results. A spring check up by A. L. Chestnut, oyster specialist and staff member of the University of North Carolina's Institute of Fisheries Research, Morehead City, reveals that the out-of-season distribution made for "a very satisfactory set and unusually good growth."

Prior to the planting, Captain John Nelson, fisheries commissioner, requested the co-operation of the Institute in locating the most favorable grounds for propagation. By means of plankton (microscopic floating animals) towed for the presence of larval oysters, examination of the adult oysters for ripe sperm and ova, and close scrutiny of the bottoms in regard to their suitability, Mr. Chestnut was able to designate the places where the shell distribution was most likely to bring about an increase in the oyster population of eastern Carolina waters.

Acting on this recommendation, Captain John had the shells planted in the localities indicated by the survey. Now, according to Mr. Chestnut, who has been checking on the effects of the work in Bay River and Bird Island since January, the set has grown to three- to four-inch size in 18 months.

Shell planting on a large scale has been carried on in North Carolina for just two years. Initiated at the direction of the Division of Commercial Fisheries and carried out by Captain John Nelson and his staff, the project resulted in the planting of 63,000 bushels in 1947. In 1948, 93,000 bushels were distributed for young oysters (or spat) to settle and grow on. The latter figure was based on a 50 per cent return of oyster shells from the dealers, as provided by law.

The fifty-cent tax on out-of-state oyster shipments, discussed at length in recent hearings before the Fisheries committee of the state legislature in Raleigh and Washington, N. C., is designed for the purpose of keeping the oysters in the state and ensuring the return of half the shells harvested. Eight cents per bushel is the intra-state tax, which is added to the fifty-cent inter-state levy. An allotment of \$50,000 was made by the legislature for shell planting in 1947.

Mr. Chestnut is a graduate of William and Mary college and did his graduate work at Rutgers university under Dr. Thurlow Nelson, one of the country's leading oyster specialists. He came to the Institute of Fisheries last spring and resides in Morehead City with Mrs. Chestnut and their small son, Alfred. Mr. Chestnut will be in Chapel Hill this week, where he will address students in Dr. R. E. Coker's oceanography classes.

Forty and Eight To Initiate Here Tomorrow

Jacksonville, New Bern, Carteret Voitures Combine for Ceremony

The Jacksonville, New Bern and Carteret Voitures of the Forty and Eight (fun and honor society) of the American Legion will hold a joint wreck (imitation) in Morehead City tomorrow afternoon and evening.

The street work and parade will take place on Arendell street between 8th and 9th, beginning at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The public is invited to see the fun.

PGs (Poor Goofs) from the Morehead-Beaufort area who will be wrecked are J. B. Sanders, Clarence Guthrie, Leo Simpson, Walton Fulcher, Charlie G. Nelson, and Malcolm Collins.

The Forty and Eight is the honor society of the American Legion and to receive an invitation into the society, a Legionnaire must render outstanding service to his organization.

It is expected that more than a hundred voyagers from the three Voitures will attend. Approximately 25 PGs will be initiated.

The secret work and obligations of the initiation will follow the parade and will be given in the Morehead City American Legion hut. This will be followed by an oyster roast for all Voyagers and their invited guests.

There will be a dance at the hut at 9 o'clock to which all Legionnaires, their wives and girl friends are invited as guests of the Forty and Eight. There will be no admission charged.

Officers of La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux, voiture 12-39, Carteret county, are Ethan S. Davis, Morehead City, Chef de Gare, J. O. Barbour, Jr., Beaufort, Chef de Train, Blakely S. Pond, Davis, Lampsite.

W. C. Carlton, Morehead City, conducteur, Alonzo Thomas, Beaufort, Correspondent, David A. Hill, Beaufort, Commissaire Intendant, C. L. Beam, Beaufort, Amoumion, and John Taxton, Beaufort, Garde de la Porte.

Agent Presents '48 Farm Report

R. M. Williams, county agent, presented his yearly narrative report at the meeting of the county commissioners yesterday at the court house.

At the request of Commissioner Tilden Davis, Harkers Island, the Guthrie road and the cemetery road on the island were made a part of the county highway system.

Referred to the county attorney, Alvah Hamilton, for investigation, was a request by Harvey Hamilton, attorney, for refund of an overcharge on settlement of an estate during the time when L. W. Haswell was clerk of superior court.

Although a petition from approximately 75 Harlowe residents was presented, requesting that no beer or alcoholic beverage be permitted to be sold in the Harlowe area, the commissioners had no power to take action.

If an applicant for a beer license meets state requirements, the county board has no reason not to grant it. However, if the place selling beer becomes a nuisance, the board can order it to be closed.

The Young People's class of Ann Street Methodist church, taught by Miss Ruth Peeling, will sponsor the showing of a film, My Name is Han, at 7:30 Sunday night in Ann Street Methodist church. The offering will be used to support a 16-year-old girl in Holland.