

It Was the Same — In the 19th Century

By Thomas H. Carrow

So the Grand Jury of Carteret County has made a report on the insanitary conditions at the public schools. It must have emitted considerable effluvia since the presiding judge threatens the county officers with indictment if conditions are not improved by the next term of court.

Talk about history repeating itself. One might think he was listening to a recording made fifty years ago. I am quite sure that the situation is not one whit different today than it was through out the county in the nineteenth century. And believe me, it was unspeakably deplorable then. This writer has a vivid recollection of the whole mess because he was an unwilling witness and victim of the unmitigated barbarism.

Even the court house facilities — they didn't call them toilets in those days — were a stench in the nostrils. There was one apartment, if you know what I mean, for the judge and the court house officials and the lawyers that was kept locked, and one for the common citizens who attended court, all of which was inclosed with a board fence — sometimes whitewashed — under the shade of an old oak tree. No sunshine ever reached it. Across from the courthouse cesspool was the place set aside for the boys who attended Mr. Hill's school, which was set in the center of the Square.

Then to the north, you could see the girls' place. I never looked inside it and don't know anything about its condition. But nothing was left undone by the boys to make their facilities unsuitable, and often impossible, for use. The memory of it horrifies me to this day. But, strange to say, as admirable as our beloved teacher was, I have no recollection of his admonishing any of us to be decent. Nor did I ever hear a complaint from a single parent or other citizen.

I have observed the conduct of the genus homo and his progeny in this and other lands throughout a long life, and there is no single bit of evidence that makes me doubt his superiority more than the almost universal disregard of common decency in public toilets and other facilities. And this goes for a lot of people with respect to private facilities.

So far as I can see, boys, girls, and grown-ups are little, if any, more sanitary by nature than they were when Colgoss assassinated McKinley. They do keep a little cleaner because as a rule they don't have to tote the water with which they bathe. But visit any busy railroad or bus station a few hours after the day's travel starts, and if the

Red Cross Chairman



Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, county health officer, has been appointed chairman of the Red Cross chapter covering Beaufort and the eastern part of the county. He replaces Miss Lena Duncan of Beaufort who resigned in January. Dr. Ennett's work as chairman will consist of assisting Mrs. Harry McGinnis, home service chairman for the Red Cross, in an advisory capacity. He will also take charge of Red Cross drives and appoint campaign chairmen.

Mrs. H. Sampson Will Make Speech At Convention

Morehead City Teen-Age Club Adviser to Appear At Woman's Club Session

Mrs. Harold Sampson, president of the Morehead City Woman's club, has been invited to speak at the state convention of Federated Women's clubs to be held in Goldsboro today through Thursday.

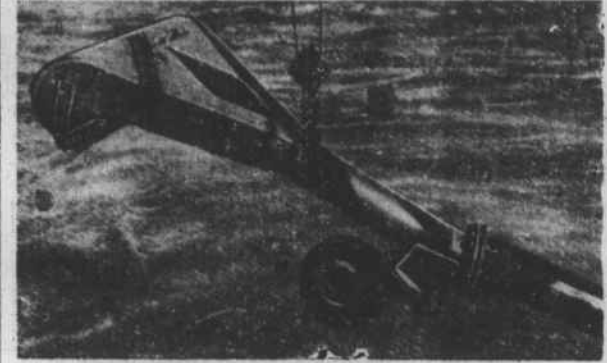
Mrs. Sampson was invited by Mrs. J. M. Highsmith, chairman of the Youth Conservation committee, to speak on the work of the Teen-Age club in Morehead City. Mrs. Sampson was organizer and is the present adviser of the club. She also manages the Carteret Recreation Center.

The letter from Mrs. Highsmith stated that the Morehead City Teen Age club was one of the few in the state that was operating successfully and that it was well known for its usefulness.

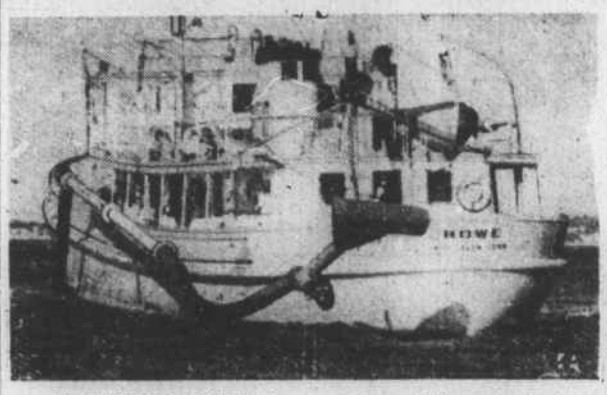
"I feel that the letter and request for a speech is a high compliment to our local club," said Mrs. Sampson.

Mrs. Hilliard Eure, district 12 president of the Women's clubs, and Mrs. Sampson are the two delegates attending from Morehead City.

Vacuum Gleans Oysters



BIG SUCKER—A close-up of the six-foot nozzle



HALF-SHELL HOWE—Converted Army FS is oyster boat

AP Newsfeatures

NEW HAVEN—A giant vacuum cleaner, capable of harvesting 1,000 bushels of oysters per hour, has been developed by the Connecticut Oyster Co., and B. F. Goodrich engineers. The suction machine not only leads an oyster boat in three to four hours, but also catches and destroys thousands of oyster drills, a boring snail that is one of the chief enemies of shellfish. A nozzle is pulled over the oyster beds behind a rubber-tired dolly. A powerful pump inhales 3,600 gallons of water per minute, pulling up oysters, starfish and the boring drills. The oysters are sorted on a wire mesh conveyor and stored.

Sen. D. L. Ward Introduces Measure for Beach 'Tax' Plan

Piedmont to Begin Flights May 1

Air Line Officials Will Come on Initial Flight To Beaufort-Morehead

A schedule of two flights into and two flights out of the Beaufort-Morehead City airport at Beaufort will be inaugurated by Piedmont airlines Sunday, May 1. At the present time the closest Piedmont flights to this area terminate in New Bern.

The first plane on May 1 will carry Tom Davis, president of the air line; Lee Golson, traffic manager; Dick Hager, assistant to the president; and terminal managers from other Piedmont fields. They will be taken on an inspection tour of the Carteret coastal section.

A recent mailing test made by Piedmont from Louisville, Ky., to New Bern showed that air mail reaches here from Louisville 24 hours quicker than regular mail. When the two flight-a-day schedule is inaugurated an additional 24 hours will be chopped from the present delivery time.

Piedmont operated into Carteret county for the first time last summer.

The Civil Aeronautics administration recently listed Beaufort-Morehead City airport among 91 locations in North Carolina where, it said, airports should be constructed or improved on the basis of existing and anticipated demands for air service.

It also recommends a seaplane base for Morehead City. These airports are contained in the 1949 National Airport Program, an annual report prepared by the CAA in accordance with the Federal Airport Act.

The plan does not represent an allocation of funds.

However, the estimated cost of the construction and development for North Carolina outlined in the plan would be \$20,499,000 of which \$9,715,000 would be in federal funds and \$10,784,000 in funds provided by the sponsor.

On the basis of appropriations to be made by Congress, CAA will program for the coming fiscal year and most important locations in the plan.

The plan for North Carolina lists 48 new airports for which federal and local sources would expend an estimated \$8,829,000. Improvement to 43 of the State's existing airports would cost the same sources an estimated total of \$11,670,000.

Joins NEWS-TIMES Staff



H. J. Engle, pictured above, has joined the staff of The Carteret County News-Times as advertising manager. Lockwood Phillips, publisher, announced today. Mr. Engle comes here from Martinsville, Va., where he has been for seven and a half years on the Martinsville Daily Bulletin in charge of advertising. Mr. Engle will live with his wife and daughter, Pat, in the apartment at Moore and Ann streets, Beaufort.

Introduced, by request, Friday in the Senate was bill 454 which would amend the charter of the "town of Atlantic Beach." The bill was introduced by Sen. D. L. (Libby) Ward, New Bern, one of the two state senators representing the seventh district, of which Carteret county is a part.

This bill authorizes the mayor and board of aldermen to levy and collect special assessments on all property for the purpose of providing police and fire protection, life guard protection, and sanitary protection including garbage disposal.

According to the text of the bill, these assessments would be levied annually in proportion to the amount of benefit the property owner receives. The bill provides that to make these assessments a five-member board would be appointed each year by the board of aldermen.

This board would be composed of two representatives of the Atlantic Beach Businessmen's association, two cottage owners, and the mayor. Then this group, according to SB 454, would decide in the assessment for each property owner, hold a hearing on the assessments, and report to the mayor and the aldermen who "shall confirm the report and then the assessment shall be due and payable."

Scientist Seeks Cause of Net Deterioration in Albemarle

Wanted: Book on How To Spend Lazy Holiday

Beaufort town hall was deserted yesterday during the Easter Monday holiday — with one exception. Town Clerk Bill Hatsell was working on some of the city's parking meters with a lost look on his face.

Everybody else took the day off," he said slowly, "but I don't know what to do with a holiday. I never got any time off when I worked on a newspaper and I don't know what to do now. I thought I'd come down and fix these broken meters."

With that, he turned back to the mechanical job. "I just don't know what to do with a holiday!"

For almost three-quarters of a century Albemarle sound and Chowan river fishermen have plied their trade with no undue occupational hazards or headaches. Picture their consternation, then, when pound nets which normally last seven to ten years fell apart in three to four months—and gill nets which had held up under a year's hard use fell to pieces in one to three days. Worse yet, the trouble appears to be spreading, for while pound-nets in Chowan river have had to cope with rapid net deterioration for several years, gill-nets in the Columbia river report their gear worries began this year—to the tune of a \$20,000 loss.

Called on to determine the cause, Dr. E. W. Roelofs of the Institute of Fisheries Research in Morehead City, first checked tarring methods—for tarring, though long found effective, seems of little avail in the affected areas.

"Present-day tar does not stay on the twine as did the old-time tar," he says, "Even though tarring methods have not changed; tar in use today is made from petroleum residues and it may be that the newer methods of petroleum refining remove certain properties which formerly made the tar residue a good net preservative."

When the protective coating of tar does come off, bacteria and molds go right to work and the nets soon fall apart.

"Present suggestions for better protection of nets include more frequent tarring where possible and perhaps using a thinner, or warmer, tar to ensure proper penetration."

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Lions to Sponsor Negro Talent Search Programs

Plans for two Negro Talent Search programs to be held in Morehead City and Beaufort tonight and Thursday night were completed at the meeting of the Morehead City Lions club Friday night in the Fort Macon Hotel dining room.

Lion Victor Wickizer was put in charge of arrangements for the program and he said that a large amount of varied entertainment would be seen both nights. The program tonight is to be held in the Morehead City high school auditorium in order to provide adequate seating. Thursday night's Talent Search will be held at Queen Street school in Beaufort. Curtain time for both shows is 7:45 p. m.

The finals will be Friday, April 29, in Morehead City high school auditorium. A total of \$75 in cash prizes will be offered.

A \$15 prize will be given to the age group up through grade 7, and \$25 each to the age groups 8 through 12 and adults. A \$10 bonus will go to the grand winner in all groups.

To enter, a contestant should register with Randolph Johnson, principal of Queen Street High school, or S. R. McLendon, principal of the W. S. King school, Morehead City. The band of each school will play at the finals.

Mr. Wickizer urges white patrons to attend the shows. He said there will be plenty of seats available for these entertainments which he predicts will be better than any talent show ever staged.

Some of the adult contestants on tonight's program are Floyd Horton, Robert Lee Jones, and Betty Dudley Tillery, vocal soloists; the Persuading Five, Negro quartet, will sing; Janice Delores Bell will sing and play the piano, Allen "Jim Weasel" Jones will dance, and the "Be-Boppers" orchestra will appear.

As an added attraction, but not competing, the St. Luke's Baptist

Rehearsals Begin On 'Blithe Spirit'

Mrs. Lois Chapin to Direct Sophisticated Comedy by Noel Coward

Rehearsals have begun on the Little Theater's latest production, "Blithe Spirit" by Noel Coward. Director Lois Chapin says she is sure the Little Theater will have another polished production ready for the public before long.

The play, a sophisticated comedy, has seven characters, and all but one minor role has been cast.

The characters are as follows: Arnold Borden will play the part of Charles; Thelma Branch the role of Madame Arcati; Ruth Bailey, Elvira; Billy Borden, Ruth; H. L. Lindsay, Dr. Bradman; and Elsie Griffin, Mrs. Bradman.

Gus Martin is the business director and Giles Willis has charge of the costumes.

The date and location of the play's presentation will be announced later.

The initial production of the Little Theater, which was organized last winter, was "Joan of Lorraine." This play, by Maxwell Anderson, was given in February.

Mrs. Chapin, who is directing "Blithe Spirit" played the part of Joan and Miss Doris Leach, instructor at Morehead City Technical institute, was director.

Chamber of Commerce Will Banquet Friday

The annual banquet of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce will be held Friday night at 7 o'clock at the Blue Ribbon Club.

New officers for the 1949-50 year will be introduced and Clyde Douglas, well-known Raleigh attorney, will speak to the group.

Tickets for the banquet cost \$5 each and they may be purchased at the door if they are not obtained by chamber members beforehand.

Extension Agents Promote Better Farming Program

In the vocational agriculture department of the Newport high school, Neal Bolton of Wilmington, and county extension employees, Mrs. Carrie Gilkin and R. M. Williams, recently led a discussion of the Better Farming for Better Living contest before a group of enrollees of this program.

A brief presentation was given regarding the contents of the Better Farming for Better Living books, a copy of which has been given to each farm family taking part in the program which is designed to encourage and assist farm families to carry out better approved farm and home practices.

Mr. Williams said, "As we catch up on the production of many of the crops which we are now growing, and with the possibility of a number of crops going under acreage control, it is very fitting that our farm families begin to take inventory of their farming operations. More thorough planning and better farm management as competition becomes more pronounced, will necessarily have to be put into practice on every successfully operated farm."

The production of a year around garden with plenty of fruit and vegetables for family needs, feed crops including sufficient grazing for livestock needs, a well balanced diversified type of farming with ample provisions for conservation of soil fertility through cover crops, was emphasized.

"While visiting a number of families taking part in this program with Mr. Bolton, we observed a number of approved practices being carried out on farms," continued Mr. Williams. "Lawrence Garner of Newport was grazing his hogs on an excellent growth of Ladino pasture. Mr. Garner pointed out that his pasture had been a life saver this winter and spring as a saving in his feed bill. He also is said to be the first farmer in the Newport vicinity and so far as we know, the first

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Airplanes to Use Radio Facilities

Airplanes will be able to use the facilities of the proposed radio-telephone station for this area, George Eastman, chairman of the committee attempting to have a station located here, disclosed today.

Eastman said owners of fishing vessels would find that they could keep in closer contact with planes spotting schools of fish if the station were located here. Owners of airplane radios should register at either the Morehead City or Beaufort airports.

The Beaufort Chamber of Commerce office is still receiving applications for radio-telephone service daily. Applications from radio owners in the New Bern vicinity have been received as well as applications from local set owners.

Mr. Eastman and Dan Walker, secretary of the chamber, plan to make a trip to eastern Carteret county in the near future and pick up completed applications that have not been mailed in. Completed applications should be turned in at any of the following places: Herbert Styrone's store, Roe; Clayton Fulcher's, Cecil Morris's, Winston Hill's, Atlantic; Alvah Taylor's, Sea Level; T. B. Smith, Davis; Gerald Davis, Marshallberg; and S. W. Davis and Brothers, Harker's Island.

Morehead City Woman's Club Enters National Competition

Two Companies Receive Awards

Sperfi, Carteret Ice, Coal Recognized for safe Operation in 1948

The Morehead City Woman's club has entered a contest to build better communities throughout the United States that has been launched by the General Federation of Women's clubs.

"The purpose of the contest," said Mrs. J. L. Blair Buck, president of the General Federation of Women's clubs, "is to encourage community leaders to develop improvement programs." The Kroger company, which operates retail food stores in the Middle West and South, is cooperating with the Federation by providing \$80,000 in prizes to the winning clubs.

The project was announced by Mrs. Buck at a recent luncheon in Washington at which Vice President Allen Barkley was the speaker.

Clubs entering the contest will be judged on the basis of their project's value to the community, on thoroughness of organization, effort expended, results obtained, and the quality of the club's report on their community service activities.

The Morehead City club will use the local Teen-Age club as their project. Mrs. Harold Sampson, president of the club and adviser to the Teen-Agers, says she feels their group has an excellent chance of winning a prize since the Morehead City Teen-Age club is already well-known throughout the state for its accomplishments.

The clubs will be divided into three classes on the basis of size, so that large clubs will not have an advantage over small clubs. There will be prizes of \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 for the three national winners in each classification. There will also be an added \$5,000 prize for the club whose project is judged best in the entire country.

The General Federation listed eight classifications in which a majority of the projects will probably fall. They include, health, youth, education and culture, fine arts, conservation and beautification, safety, housing and government.

PTA Secretary To Lecture Here

Parents from every part of the county are requested to attend the six-hour course on "Education for Responsible Parenthood" which will be offered Thursday at Beaufort school.

Presenting the lectures will be Miss Genevieve Burton, field secretary of the State Parent-Teacher association. Miss Burton appeared at the district PTA meeting at Beaufort in October and was acclaimed one of the most interesting speakers there.

This course is being given by Miss Burton throughout the state but Beaufort is the only school in the county at which she will appear. Mrs. Ralph Eudy, president of the PTA, especially requested that each PTA be represented.

Being represented at this study session will contribute toward the PTA received credit as a standard Parent-Teacher group.

Band Will Play Thursday Night

The Morehead City high school band under the direction of Ralph Wade, music instructor, will present a concert at 8 o'clock Thursday night in the school auditorium.

This will be the first formal appearance of the band this year. Mr. Wade stated, in coming years he hopes to present two band concerts annually.

Next week, the band will march down and present several numbers on Arendell street.

No admission will be charged to the concert and everyone is urged to be present. A guest male quartette will sing between the band numbers.

The program follows: School Song, Lisle; Zenith Overture, Bennett; Viennese Melody; Aces of the Air, King; Glorious Things of This, Town; Were You There?, Burleigh; Chalmers, Bennett; Sweet and Low, Barnby; Swing Low, Sweet Chariot; Wings of the Army, King; Soldier's Farewell, Kinkel; Bells of Saint Mary's, Adams; Moonlight Melody, King; Indian King.

County Polio Chapter Elects Mrs. Pauline Mace Chairman

The Carteret county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis met Wednesday night at the Jefferson restaurant in Morehead City and elected Mrs. Pauline Mace of Beaufort chairman for the coming year.

Other officers elected to serve with Mrs. Mace are A. H. James of Beaufort, chairman of the March of Dimes; Mrs. Mildred Holland of Beaufort, vice-chairman; Mrs. Martha Loftin of Beaufort, secretary; Mrs. Graham Duncan of Beaufort, treasurer; and Stanley Woodland of Morehead City, chairman of the executive committee.

Mrs. Duncan made her report on the financial status of the local chapter. Proceeds for the county from the March of Dimes totaled \$4,009.74, 50 per cent of the money collected, the other 50 per cent going to the national chapter.

Since the beginning of the polio epidemic last summer, \$7,173.79 has been spent by the local chapter for actual care. At the beginning of the March of Dimes chapter owed \$2,400 and had borrowed another \$2,900 from the North Carolina epidemic fund.

Most of the money spent has been used to pay for hospitalization. One case alone has cost \$1,712.75 and another \$1,462. Less than \$200 of the total on these two cases has been spent for physician's bills.

Dr. S. W. Hatcher thanked the chapter for sending him to New York for a refresher course on treatment of infantile paralysis. Mr. Woodland expressed the thanks of the chapter and the county for the work Dr. Hatcher has done.

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Tide Table

HIGH	Tuesday, April 19	LOW
12:58 a.m.	7:29 a.m.	
1:27 p.m.	7:35 p.m.	
	Wednesday, April 20	
2:00 a.m.	8:32 a.m.	
2:34 p.m.	8:47 p.m.	
	Thursday, April 21	
3:04 a.m.	9:33 a.m.	
3:38 p.m.	9:54 p.m.	
	Friday, April 22	
4:04 a.m.	10:25 a.m.	
4:37 p.m.	10:52 p.m.	

Temperatures Average Between 60-70 Degrees

Temperatures have remained on an average between 60 and 70 degrees recently, according to Stamey Davis, official county weather observer. Prevailing winds during the period have come from the south east with the exception of last Saturday and Sunday when it shifted to the north west during the short cold spell.

Temperatures for Thursday through Sunday were as follows:

Max.	Min.
Thursday, April 14	71 60
Friday, April 15	71 60
Saturday, April 16	70 37
Sunday, April 17	62 38