

# Carteret County News-Times

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The Beaufort News (est. 1912) & The Twin City Times (est. 1936)

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## That Mullet Line Again

The Atlantic and East Carolina railroad lets its freight cars block cross-streets in Morehead City - but they have improved a bit on that point lately, most of the trains are broken at cross streets), the company hasn't done a blessed thing about improving the three crossings at the standard oil terminal east of Morehead City, and now it proposes to stop running the passenger train from Goldsboro to the Carteret coast.

After those hard rains somebody dumped a couple bucketfuls of gravel between the steel rails where tank cars cross highway 70 at Port Terminal, but the gravel, which does hardly any good at all, has, of course, disappeared by this time. Mr. Charles Byrd Wade of Morehead City suggests that General Motors come down here and use that stretch of highway as a test course. If there's anything leastways loose, it's sure to fly off when going across those tracks, or if there's anything on an automobile that can't stand strain, it will be sure to break right there.

The A & EC wants to stop running its passenger train down here because it's most unprofitable - however, moving oil tank cars (across automobile-ruining tracks) and carrying mail is highly profitable, so the A & EC would like to hang on to that business.

The railroad reports that they carry no more than 15 passengers a month down here, which all adds up to a \$35,000 loss annually. If they discontinue passenger service, it would mean an increase in \$85,000 profit, the company says, some of which would be used to improve the mail and freight service.

If the A & EC wouldn't have made schedules to this section so slow and inconvenient so as to discourage passenger travel, they would probably have a much larger passenger load now than 15 a month.

Their suggestion to discontinue it is all part of a planned program. They wanted to stop it before and a howl went up so they simply decided there is more than one way to skin a cat.

Let's look at their competition: bus service—to travel on busses a person must be born with a Bob Hope sense of humor and a physical condition like Mr. America's; plane service—when the weather is suitable in summertime, not at all in wintertime; privately-owned automobile—an increase of one cent per gallon of gasoline, approved by the people of North Carolina June 4 and an alarmingly increasing highway accident fatality rate ever since the inspection lanes closed. And the railroad wants to stop passenger service!

If the A & EC would get some new blood in its organization, some people with forward-looking ideas that can keep pace with the growing Carteret area, who would promote and improve passenger service, they would make their \$85,000 profit a year by bettering not curtailing operations.

If passenger service is stopped now, and the day comes when WE would like it re-inaugurated, it will never happen. It will only happen when the A & EC decides it should happen, and we all know when that would be.

The Mullet line may discontinue passenger service here, but it should never be done with the consent of Morehead City or anyone else in this area.

## New Directory in the Offing

Employees of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company will be around soon to check on listings for the new directory. We certainly will be glad to see a new listing because so many families have gotten telephones, and more have had their old numbers changed.

We have rung a number time after time, deciding that the person we were trying to contact was a purebred gadfly - never home. Finally the brilliant thought dawned that maybe the number has been changed. A chat with "Information" proves us correct. (Sometimes, however, it takes so long to get "Information" we're inclined to think maybe she's a gadfly too.)

In our opinion, a new directory, with towns listed alphabetically, would be more convenient than the arrangement in the current directory. In other words, Atlantic, Beaufort, Marshallberg, Morehead City, and Newport, should be placed in that order.

Beaufort would be easily found, because Atlantic requires only both sides of one page and Morehead City could easily be found by immediately preceding it with the yellow classified section.

Also, because there are five separate towns listed in the directory, it should be called, "Telephone Directory, Carteret County, N. C."

Carolina Telephone company has invested thousands of dollars in Carteret county during the past year improving telephone facilities. Their new building on 9th street, Morehead City, is indeed a beautiful structure. Laying of the underground cable on Turner street, Beaufort, has improved their equipment there.

Of course, we can still find things to gripe about—like the directory, for instance. But we feel, that when at all possible, the telephone company will attempt to grant requests.

## Capt. Glenn Willis Lists Excursion Schedules

Washington—Permanent schedule for the "Lindsay C. Warren," North Carolina's only excursion boat, has been announced by Captain Glenn C. Willis, master.

The 118 foot motorship, will leave Washington on the Ocracoke run Sundays at 4 p.m., Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m. The returns from Ocracoke, island resort on the Banks called locally "the Bermuda of America," are scheduled at 7 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, at midnight on Saturdays.

Regularly scheduled sightseeing and fishing trips down the Pamlico river will be made on

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## WOLF AT THE DOOR, JUNIOR GRADE



## HERE and THERE

With F. C. SALISBURY, Morehead City



If you have missed our items from page two of the News-Times it is because we have been pinching the past two weeks for Ben Alford of the Herald Printing Company who went to the City Hospital for an appendectomy. Ben is back on the job and we have been scouting about to find something of interest for Here and There.

Out at the corner of 28th street and the highway a new super filling station is being erected. Goldsboro parties are said to be back of the project. The structure is being built of brick and from all indications of the size of the building and the general layout it will be one of the most attractive stations in the Morehead section.

Reports are that in addition to the filling station a trading center is to be built on this corner property consisting of stores which will cater to the needs of the homeowners in that section. The housing project that was planned and announced some time ago to be built on this property is said to be in the offing.

Passing through Chapel Hill a short time ago we stopped to visit the new Morehead Planetarium which is now completed and in operation. The building is a beautiful piece of work, dedicated to the wife of John H. Morehead, a descendant of the man who put Morehead City on the map. The lecture and

Wednesdays at 2:30, returning at 6:30, and a moonlight sail leaves Washington at 7:30 p.m. Fridays, returning at 11:30.



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Planning for a complete new registration of the voters of the state, the State Board of Elections has placed an order for 2,500 new registration books. A new arrangement will permit use of a single registration book in primaries and general elections, instead of the separate party registration books now used.

Judge Luther Mamliton of Morehead City presided over a one week's term of Lee County Superior court held in Sanford the past week for the trying of civil cases.

County tax notices mailed out the past week and with each statement went an eight-page booklet entitled "Factual and Financial" compiled by County Auditor James D. Potter. The Board of County Commissioners are to be commended for putting this booklet of county facts and figures in the hands of the tax payers. It gives properly holder a host of facts that heretofore has never been put out in published form. As a "stockholder" in Carteret County we appreciate receiving a copy.

Good progress is being made on the new church building of the First Methodist church of Morehead City. Brick laying of the walls has reached the first course of the sandstone trim on three sides of the building. Over on the other corner of 9th and Bridges street the Baptist Sunday School building has been entirely enclosed

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ed and the plastering of the interior walls is well underway. From all indication this new building will be ready by early fall.

Employees of the Morehead City Tarmat Company are considering forming or joining a union, so it is stated, covering the working trades as applied to this type of manufacturing. According to the reports of some of the employees notice has been given them by the heads of the company that such a union will not be tolerated. A sign in the entrance of the factory has been posted carrying such a statement. Reports have also been circulated that if a union is formed the plant will be closed.

The members of the Webb Memorial Presbyterian church have extended a call to Rev. Mr. Conyers, a recent graduate from the Seminary at Richmond, to become pastor of the local church. The call has been accepted by Rev. Conyers, who, with Mrs. Conyers and daughter Ann, arrived the past week and are established in the Manse which has undergone improvements before their arrival. Rev. Conyers succeeds the Rev. J. V. Axtell who resigned this pastorate several months ago. Rev. K. T. Willis, Jr., has served as relief pastor of the church most of the time since Rev. Axtell left. Rev. Conyers starts his pastorate this coming Sunday.

Seven new members have been recruited for the 449th Field Artillery Observation Battalion, a military training service organized in this county a few months ago. Headquarters are at the former USO building in Morehead where weekly meetings are held every Tuesday night. Any young man between the ages of 17 and 35 years are eligible to join this outfit. Officer Sgt. Wm. French holds at the USO each Monday through forth Friday from 5:00 to 8:00 P. M. to furnish any information desired pertaining to joining this organization.

Honoring the memory of the late Emiline J. Pigott, whose activities during the War between the States made history for the Confederacy and known as the Emiline J. Pigott scholarship has been awarded deserving scholars of the state for several years. The award this year goes to Miss Peggy Ann Gillikin of New Bern who will study at the Woman's college of the University of North Carolina. The scholarship is awarded annually to a student who is a lineal descendant of a Confederate ancestor and on the basis of that student's descendant of a Confederate ancestor while at Woman's college.

Lester D. Styron of Morehead City made no less than a "B" on

## Sau'easter

By Captain Henry

What's a baseball season without a fight? One team threatens to withdraw, another team does just that, one team is accused of using illegal players, another with putting uranium 235 on the ball, and heaven only knows what else. It's a great American sport.

So now Charles Hassell has taken Gehrmann's place on our team's board of directors and Jack Gardner is at Charles' old spot of playing manager. Good luck, boys, there's a good-sized chunk of ball season ahead of us.

As long as there's an empty spot on the county commissioners' board, many past, would-be, and probable politicians have been casting covetous eyes in that direction. One of them is Bayard Taylor, former mayor of Beaufort.

any of his studies at the University of North Carolina and therefore made the Dean's list in the final report of the 1948-49 school year. Styron was one of 75 students on the list while another 48 made the honor roll during the quarter just ended. The grade of "B" means 90 to 95 on all subjects.

The change of personnel in the welfare department may seem insignificant, but actually, it's practically a revolution. Harry Tyler, son of the late C. P. Tyler, is working there, the new welfare superintendent, succeeding Mrs. George Henderson, will arrive this week, and the new county commissioner will probably take C. Z. Chappell's place as commissioner representative on the welfare board.

Look next May for a prominent citizen of Harkers Island to seek a high county political office. Did you notice that in the road and school bond election Harkers Island went 100 per cent in favor of both issues? It so happens that there, as in several other instances, the desires of two opposing factions converged on the same path—the pro-Johnsonites trying to scramble back on the band wagon and the pro-Scotters pushing the thing through for their leader.

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