

Marine Reserve to 'Invade' Cherry Point July 16-30

July 4 Weekend In County Hits All-Time High

Crowds Mill at Beach, Eating Places Crowded, Business Excellent

The largest crowds ever to assemble on the Carteret coastland made the just-past Fourth of July weekend the biggest, and the best from town and beach merchants' viewpoint, ever seen in these parts.

Throngs estimated at anywhere from 10 to 15 thousand people, crowded the sands of Atlantic Beach, Money Island Beach, and every other strip of water frontage from Fort Macon to beyond Atlantic Beach to enjoy their share of sun, sand, surf, and hot dogs. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and yesterday were all heavy days with crowds ever-present. No drownings occurred to mar the holiday spirit.

All of the estimated 2,500 beds on the beach were full with hundreds of queries of "Where can I sleep?" turned away for lack of space in every hotel, tourist court, rooming house and hammock within miles of the coast. Little or no space had been available since last Wednesday and a Morehead City Chamber of Commerce survey Friday found only 17 available beds which were quickly taken.

Restaurants and eating places on the beach and in town told the same story. Several reported they had done better than one third more than business of July 4, '48, with many patrons turned away for lack of space to serve them.

Fishing Saturday and Sunday was not as good as usual due to a strong wind that caused many an angler to get seasick, but radio reports from boats fishing yesterday stated that catches were excellent. Every party fishing boat in the Morehead City harbor was busy on the Fourth.

Fishing and tourist business on the Beaufort-Morehead City causeway reached an all-time peak with every available skiff rented and many anglers trying their luck from the railroad bridge across Newport river.

Sunday afternoon and Monday morning sailboat races took place at Morehead City and motor boat races were held in the afternoon. Other yachts, ketches, skiffs, sailboats and anything else that would float were on the water.

Business in Morehead City, Atlantic Beach and Beaufort reported a heavy volume of trade. Friday, Saturday and last night the dogs ran at the Carolina Racing association west of Morehead City with the usual large crowds.

Parking at Atlantic Beach was not available anywhere within a quarter mile of the ocean. The small number of accidents was credited to the steady work of the state highway patrol which handled traffic leading from Morehead City to the beach and on the beach.

Supervises Welfare



Thomas C. McGinnis, pictured above, formerly of Salisbury, has accepted the position of superintendent of Carteret County public welfare. Mr. McGinnis began his duties Friday.

Marine Air Reservists from 16 squadrons based east of the Mississippi will arrive at Cherry Point to participate in the third annual Air Reserve maneuvers July 16-30.

Many of the Air Reservists will arrive at Cherry Point via the Marine transport squadrons aircraft that will operate throughout the summer months carrying air and ground force Reserves to and from cities all over the nation. At the present time, two Second Marine Air Wing squadrons, Marine Transport Squadrons 153 and 252, are flying shuttle runs day and night in order to receive and distribute Marine ground troops to their respective training bases to allow more time to devote to the actual operational phase of maneuvers.

The entire Air Station is busily preparing for the "invasion" of the Air Reservists, setting up offices for use by staff officers, setting aside entire hangers and flight lines for use by the incoming pilots and ground crewmen, and standing by to set up systems for housing and mess facilities.

Two hundred Reserve planes will arrive at Cherry Point under the capable control of MARTCom pilots during the first day of training. All squadrons are equipped with F4U "Corsairs," the fighter-bomber that was so effective during the war. While not the latest available model, the "Corsair" is adaptable to all phases of flying, has a long range and is relatively easy to handle. The Reservists will have a chance to "feel out" one of the latest models in Marine Aircraft, however, as the training program calls for a number of the pilots to check out in the speedy jet planes that are in operation at the air station. This will be the first time that any of the Reserve pilots will have had an opportunity to fly the jet.

The Air Reserves to be attached to Cherry Point for the two week period will begin their training period with short, intensified courses aimed with the purpose of installing in the Reservists as much information as an air cadet would be required to learn in a month. All of the Reserve pilots are veterans of World War II.

While pilots are receiving instruction from Second Wing officers, enlisted Reserves numbering some 1,800 will be kept busy handling various duties connected with operation in a combat zone. Aircraft mechanics, radio operators, ordnance and metalmith will be working day and night shifts, while bakers, cooks, truck drivers and others engaged in such necessary duties will operate under a like program. Many administrative duties will be taken over by Reservists, with Cherry Point personnel lending a hand in teaching the civilian leathernecks the lat- See CHERRY POINT Page Three

Walter Morris Announces Judges For State Contest

Newspaperman, Senators, Basketball Coach Among The Seven

Judges for this weekend's Miss North Carolina pageant were announced today by Walter Morris, general chairman of the pageant. In making the announcement Mr. Morris stated that he had attempted to select judges who would recognize all phases of talent to be judged.

Heading the list is pretty Patty Osborne of Shelby, last year's Miss North Carolina. She will be assisted by head basketball coach Everett Case of North Carolina State College. Coach Case was a Navy Commander during the recent war.

Robert L. Thompson, editor of the High Point Enterprise, R. D. Beam, director of North Carolina State College foundations, and Mrs. M. W. Beckwith of Fayetteville, chaperone for Miss North Carolina two years ago, will also be judges. Others are Senators Libby Ward of New Bern and John Larkins of Trenton.

There will be a first place winner and two runners-up who will be judged on the following phases: talent, personality and poise, in evening dress and bathing suit. Judging will be done on the point basis and each phase of the judging will be scored as follows: first place, three points; second place, two points; and third place, one point.

After all phases have been judged the scoring will be tabulated and the contestants with the highest number of points will be declared Miss North Carolina of 1949. The second and third highest will also receive recognition.

A buffet supper and reception party for girls competing in the Miss North Carolina pageant will be held at the Carteret Recreation center this Thursday night at 7 o'clock. H. S. Gibbs, Jr., has announced. The announcement was made at the weekly meeting of Morehead Jaycees Monday night in the Fort Macon hotel dining room.

Mr. Gibbs stated that the affair will be open to the competing girls, their dates, Morehead City Jaycees and their dates. Tickets may be purchased from Mr. Gibbs or at next week's Jaycee meeting.

Friday night's Miss North Carolina talent show which originally was scheduled to take place at the recreation center will be held at the Surf Club on Atlantic Beach instead. Walter Morris, general chairman of the pageant, revealed. Jaycees decided to hold their instead of Monday in order for July Fourth celebrants to be on hand. Meeting time will be 6:30, as usual.

Pleasure Boat, Helene, Burns Sunday Morning Near Beaufort

Jake Miller Returns From Sojourn in Europe

Jake Miller, former owner and manager of Miller Furniture store, Beaufort, returned to Beaufort and Morehead City for a short visit last week following a two and a half months' trip to Europe.

Mr. Miller announced that he was glad to be back . . . "this is God's country, but if you ever have a chance to take a trip like that, do it. It was wonderful. On the boat were some boys and girls who each had saved \$1,000, and pinched pennies and nickels to make the trip . . . I admired them!"

The former furniture store owner visited France, Belgium, Israel, Italy, Switzerland, and Greece, and learned, for one thing, he remarked, that an American passport "is worth a million dollars."

At the Swiss-Italian border, for example, instead of diligently searching him and his luggage, the American passport brought a wave from customs officials for him to pass on.

He left New York March 26 on the Queen Elizabeth, a fabulous palace that cannot be equalled by the Waldorf Astoria, Mr. Miller declared.

In four and a half days he was at the port of Cherbourg, France, where he went by special train to Brussels. At Brussels he caught a plane for Israel where he spent one month traveling . . . to Tel Aviv, Haifa, and Jerusalem.

Mr. Miller's visit to Israel only served to heighten his intense dislike of communism and Russia. He spoke to many of the displaced persons, among them Jews from Russia, who had escaped the talons of the Soviet state.

"Hitler was a piker compared to Stalin as far as liquidating people of other nationalities," reported Mr. Miller. "I was told some horrible stories," he continued. "There is liquidation for the slightest remark that reflects on government or high officials. There is espionage on top of espionage and this is what those people from Russia told me: take the most anti-Communist literature in the United States, tie it in with stories we are telling you, multiply it by 100 and then you may have an idea of what Russia is like."

To leave Russia, it was a case of skipping the country, getting into Rumania and then getting to Israel the best way possible, Mr. Miller related.

As to how the displaced persons would earn a living after they reached Israel, Mr. Miller was told that they were just glad to get away from the horror of communism. "We're willing to work," they said. "We're not worried about how to get along—we're glad we escaped death."

Mr. Miller came across little violence in that country, which has been a hotbed of unrest ever since the end of the war. He noted that there is a shortage of homes, and scarcity of commodities makes prices high. This is due to an immigration of approximately 30,000 displaced persons monthly. The nation's resources are taxed beyond the limit and there is grow- See MILLER Page Seven

Son of Late Jack Smiley Killed

The pleasure boat, Helene, which for many weeks has been tied up at Morehead City waterfront, burned Sunday near Beaufort.

The remains of the craft can be seen directly south of the causeway midway between Beaufort and Morehead City.

It was reported that the owners, W. H. Laughinghouse and a Mr. Arthur, both of Dunn, were aboard the blue and white craft when the fire started. They escaped uninjured. The Helene had run aground on Shark Shoal, just west of Piver's Island.

Coast Guardsmen, who were called to put out the fire, said that flames were caused by an explosion on the boat Sunday morning in Beaufort harbor. The craft, earlier in the week, had been at Barbour's Machine shop for repairs.

Coast Guardsmen fought the fire until noon. After they returned to Fort Macon Coast Guard station, flames again broke out. The hull was intact, but the interior was gutted when the Coast Guard left. The afternoon flames burned a hole in the hull.

Loss has been estimated at \$2,500. The boat had been offered for sale for the past few months.

Son of Late Jack Smiley Killed

15-Month-Old Boy Fatally Injured With Grandmother in Auto Crash

Charles Philip Smiley, 15 month old son of the late Jack L. Smiley, Jr., Morehead City, was killed in an automobile accident Wednesday on the Greenville highway near Kinston. His father was drowned while sailing on Bogue Sound here last summer.

The young child was riding in a car operated by his grandmother, Mrs. C. A. Jackson, 41, of La Grange, who was also fatally injured. The little boy died soon after reaching the hospital and his grandmother died shortly after midnight from head, chest, and internal injuries.

The car driven by Mrs. Jackson was involved in a head-on collision according to the state highway patrolman who investigated. (Bill) Harris, 35, of route 1, The driver of the other car, Alon-Kinston was killed almost instantly.

The highway patrolman quoted a witness who was following Mrs. Jackson as saying she was driving toward Grifton in her car at a rate of about 40 miles an hour and was on her side of the road. Harris was approaching from the opposite direction and shortly before the crash his car swerved sideways and came lengthwise down the right side of the road, meeting Mrs. Jackson.

It was reported that the accident was due in part to the fact that Harris was driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

Double rites for Mrs. Jackson and her grandson were held at La Grange at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon. Interment was in Fairview cemetery.

Surviving the Smiley child are his mother, now living at La Grange, maternal grandfather and paternal grandparents.

Wake Sheriff Takes Escapee

The escapee from Raleigh state prison, Beryne Jernigan, 31, who was picked up by Constable Charlie Krouse Sunday night a week ago, has been taken into custody by the Wake county sheriff's department.

Jernigan escaped authorities more than two years ago under a year's sentence for selling liquor.

Constable Krouse took him into custody here at Bunch's Fishing camp on the causeway east of the Morehead City drawbridge.

Jernigan made his escape from Mary Elizabeth Hospital on March 16, 1947, where he had been treated for self-inflicted wounds about the neck in an alleged suicide attempt at the county jail. He was unguarded at the time and skipped out of the hospital on the eve of his scheduled transfer back to jail.

Jernigan had pinned a check for hospital expenses to his pillow and slipped out.

He had appealed a two-year sentence given him in Raleigh court in August, 1946, to superior court where the sentence was reduced in October to a year in jail to work under the supervision of the county commissioners.

Then he was allowed until January to straighten out his business affairs and failed to report at the proper time to begin serving his sentence. He was arrested on January 31 at his home and committed to jail where he allegedly slashed his throat on February 8.

Jernigan was carried to Rex hospital for treatment, but later transferred to Mary Elizabeth hospital where he formerly had been under treatment for a stomach ailment.

Solicitor William Y. Bickett said at the time of Jernigan's escape he would be charged with breaking jail when he was apprehended.

Deputy Griffith said he did not see the officers who apprehended Jernigan Sunday at Morehead, but he understood Jernigan was picked up on a tip from "some girls in Fayetteville who had recognized him and knew he was wanted in Raleigh."

Griffith said Jernigan told him he had been in business in Florida after he left Raleigh, but his business there had failed.

Roy Hamilton, C. Garner Go on Trip to Bermuda

W. Roy Hamilton, Beaufort, and his brother-in-law, C. D. Garner, Newport, embarked Saturday at New York on the Queen of Bermuda for a seven-day vacation in Bermuda.

Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Garner are guests of the B. T. Crump Company, Inc., Richmond, who are Norge Electrical Appliance distributors.

The two Carteret county men, associated with City Appliance company, Beaufort, are winners in a Norge Appliance Sales contest. While in Bermuda they will stay at the Bermuda hotel.

Morehead City firemen were called out to extinguish an electric stove fire at the home of Mrs. R. P. Watson, 2309 Evans street, at 3 p.m. Saturday. By the time they arrived the fire was out. No damage was caused.

Weekend Accident Toll Totals Five

Surprisingly enough, the toll of automobile accidents over the Fourth of July weekend was no heavier but somewhat lighter than previous weekends in the past few months. Up-until noon yesterday, only five accidents had occurred.

Four are reported below; these columns, details of the fifth, a minor one, will appear in Friday's News-Times.

Two Friday accidents in Newport and another east of Beaufort started the weekend accident toll off with a bang.

The first accident occurred Friday morning at 3:30 when a bread truck ran off the road and turned over at the east end of the Newport river bridge just east of Newport. It took wreckers from 3:30 until 10 Friday morning to get the truck back on the highway.

State Highway Patrolman R. H. Brown investigated the accident. Damage to the truck and the driver's name are unknown.

Delores Whitaker, four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Whitaker of Newport, received injuries and a broken collar bone when she ran in front of a car driven by Porter James Bryson, of Marble. The accident occurred at 10:15 a.m. near the intersection of highway 70 and the railroad tracks in Newport.

Witnesses told Patrolman H. G. Woolard, investigating officer, that Mr. Bryson's car was traveling no more than 20 miles an hour at the most. The Whitaker child was reportedly walking along the sidewalk with several playmates when she suddenly ran out in front of the car. She was knocked down but not run over.

No damage was done to the car, a 1941 Plymouth, and no charges were preferred as the accident was termed "unavoidable."

The third Friday accident occurred at 2:45 p.m. on the highway east of the Ward creek bridge near Otway. A 1942 Plymouth driven by Henry Leslie Chadwick of RFD 1, Gloucester, skidded 120 feet on the wet road, turned over twice and landed on its top.

No one in the car, including a 19-month-old baby, was injured. Patrolman J. W. Sykes, who investigated the accident, estimated damage to the car at \$250. No charges were preferred.

Sunday afternoon a 1946 Plymouth driven by Dallas Neal Hill of Marshallberg collided with the rear end of a 1941 Cadillac driven by Ellis B. Salter of Havelock. The accident occurred on the Atlantic Beach causeway.

Inflation Fails to Stop Penny-Stretching Coppermith

By Oliver H. Allen
Who says a penny can't be stretched these days? Certainly not one Morehead City resident, Ragnar Olsen by name. He's found the method of making a penny stretch far enough to become a tea kettle, believe it or not!

The adjoining picture shows Mr. Olsen's hand made tea kettle sitting atop a Norwegian match box which is the same size as an American penny box of matches. As can be seen, the tea kettle is not as large in any of its dimensions as a standard one cent piece.

The tea kettle was made by Mr. Olsen in 1937 when he was living in Oslo, Norway. It is made from a Norwegian penny which he says is even smaller than an American penny.

It took him a month and a half of his spare time to construct the kettle. First, the penny was beaten out until it was the thickness of a sheet of writing paper. Then the edges of the sheet of metal were turned up slowly until the sides of the kettle were formed and shaped.

The lid of the kettle, the handle, and the hinged flap on the spout were all made separately from the sheet of copper and then joined to the kettle. The picture of the kettle shows how perfectly proportioned it is with its handle and spout flap both hinged for free movement.

State Ports Authority To Buy Port Warehouses

The North Carolina State Ports commission will in the near future offer the Morehead City Port commission an estimated \$202,000 for the Morehead port's warehouses and other port facilities, Colonel George W. Gillette, executive director of the Ports Authority, has announced.

"The warehouses at Morehead are not the type one would build today," Gillette said. "However, we estimate they are worth approximately \$200,000, and that's about what we'll offer them for the 75-year lease."

Gillette explained that this move by the Ports Authority would probably aid the Morehead commission in freeing the land occupied by the warehouses. The land is now encumbered by debts to the Reconstruction Finance corporation and to the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad.

"The State can't build on property that belongs to somebody else," Gillette explained. "The Morehead people would be glad for us to come in there but the land is tied up by these loans."

The Morehead commission owes a \$138,000 principal and \$75,000 in accrued interest to the railroad, and a \$188,000 principal and "at least \$30,000" interest to the RFC.

These figures came from Leo H. Harvey, vice-president of the railroad and head of a committee appointed Saturday to work out the ports bonded indebtedness with the Morehead commission.

Railroad directors named the committee in a board meeting. Other members besides Harvey are F. E. Wallace, secretary-treasurer of the Atlantic and North Carolina; J. H. Blount, Plainville; L. B. Jenkins, Kinston; H. S. Gibbs, Morehead; and W. G. Ipeck, chairman of the Craven County Board of Commissioners.

The committee will investigate the port's indebtedness from the railroad's point of view, Harvey said. It will report back at the road's stockholders at the annual meeting August 3, or "earlier if necessary," Harvey explained.

Tide Table

	Tuesday, July 5	LOW
3:30 a.m.	9:37 a.m.	
4:09 p.m.	10:45 p.m.	
Wednesday, July 6		
4:33 a.m.	10:37 a.m.	
5:09 p.m.	11:45 a.m.	
Thursday, July 7		
5:22 a.m.	11:33 a.m.	
6:06 p.m.	12 midnight	
Friday, July 8		
6:30 a.m.	12:40 a.m.	
6:58 p.m.	12:29 p.m.	

Rain Hampers Tar Heel Cruise

Approximately 20 boats from the Morehead City-Beaufort area departed for the second Tar Heels Afloat cruise of the summer over the rest were forced to turn back managed to arrive in Belhaven. The rest were forced to turn back because of inclement weather.

The occasion for the cruise to Belhaven was the celebration of that city's fiftieth anniversary. The program of events there included foot races, pet show, baby parade, greasy pig chase, free chickens dropped from the roofs, a carnival, a ball game Saturday afternoon and Sunday afternoon, a fashion show, a square dance, union church services with Senator Clyde R. Hoey speaking, and old fashioned picnic, a water ski show by Benny Baxter and troupe, a reception and cocktail hour, a torch light parade and many other events.

No mayor's court was held in Morehead City yesterday since it was a holiday. It will be held at 2 p.m. today instead.