

## State Hopes to Open Fort Macon Park by July 30

### Things Look Better for Settlement Of Marshallberg Dirt Road Fight

### Wrecks Demolish Two Cars, Third Greatly Damaged

Two accidents in the past week caused \$500 damage to one car and demolished two others, state highway patrolmen reported today.

A 1947 Dodge driven by Charles J. Pendergrass, Cherry Point Marine, skidded on the highway two miles east of Cherry Point at 6:30 a.m. the morning of July Fourth and slid down an embankment beside the highway. Damage to the car was estimated at \$500.

State Highway Patrolman R. H. Brown, investigating officer, booked Pendergrass on charges of reckless and careless driving. He said that the car had been traveling at a high rate of speed.

Claude Perkins Smith, of Morehead City, was booked on charges of reckless and careless driving following an accident at midnight Thursday two miles west of Newport. Smith was driving a 1936 Chevrolet that collided with a 1936 Ford being driven by James Lincoln Richter, Cherry Point Marine. Both cars were written off as a complete loss but no one received serious injuries. Smith received a chin cut and bruises and Richter and the four other occupants of his car were bruised.

H. G. Woolard, state highway patrolman investigating the accident, stated that Smith was driving on the wrong side of the road and had been drinking.

### Tobacco Yield Expected to Be Below Average

Only a very few of the farmers in the county will get a thousand pound yield per acre from their tobacco crop this year, R. M. Williams, county agent, has reported.

The majority of fields will yield only 600-700 pounds because weather, both extremely hot and extremely wet, was unfavorable for growth. The yield in a good season, Mr. Williams said, is about 1,200 to 1,400 pounds. In the county agent's opinion, this is the worst tobacco season since his coming to the county about six years ago.

Unfavorable weather conditions have also cut the watermelon yield to 50 per cent of a normal crop. Harvesting began on a light scale last week, with the demand strong and the price good. Growers were receiving from 50 cents to 75 cents per piece, depending on the size of melons and the type of market.

A considerable number of buyers who purchased melons from various sections of the county last year reported that their best melons were produced here in Carteret county.

### Carteret Legionnaires To Attend Dinner Friday

R. C. Godwin, of New Bern, newly-elected North Carolina American Legion commander, will be honored at a testimonial banquet in New Bern Friday night, it was announced today.

Mr. Godwin was elected state commander at the convention held in Raleigh last month. Prominent state officials, Veterans Administration officials, Legion and Auxiliary officers are expected to be present at the banquet which will be held at the Legion hut on South Front Street at 7 p.m.

Many Carteret county Legionnaires and their wives will attend the banquet. All persons interested attending should contact Walton Fulcher at the Morehead City post-office.

Miss Mabel Cannady, Beaufort, was selected as "Miss Beautician of 1949" at the contest Friday night in the civic center, Morehead City. Miss Cannady, who is a beautician at the Beauty Bar, Beaufort, styled the winning coiffure. She will compete in the contest in August at Atlantic Beach.

Things look brighter for settlement of the Marshallberg community road problem.

After an hour's conference with county commissioners yesterday morning, the persons wanting the road put on the state system and those opposing it, agreed that J. L. Humphrey, district engineer, should see if the line could be changed to avoid crossing the property of Earl Davis, Marshallberg.

Mr. Davis objected to the state's taking 6 feet of his property because it would make it impossible for a house to be built there, he said.

His property, and that of others nearby front on the hard-surfaced road with the back of their property on the dirt road which other residents want placed under the state highway department.

Eleven families live on that road, according to Delmas Lewis, who "drown in wet weather and freeze in cold weather," the delegation said. In the winter time, trucks, school children, and doctors, could not get in or out.

For six years the residents on the dirt road, which parallels approximately 250 feet away the hard surfaced highway, have been trying to get it under state care, but property owners would not agree.

The road, beginning at Marshallberg school house and running to Delmas Lewis's fish house is approximately 2,100 feet long.

Wardell Daniels, who wants the road bettered to improve drainage, told the commissioners a ditch on his property "drains the whole neighborhood. I could drown all of Marshallberg by damming it up," he declared.

The county board requested Mr. Humphrey to stake out the road, moving it eastward. The delegates for the side opposing such action indicated that if such were done, they would approve putting the road under the state highway system.

A delegation of approximately 14 men from Bogue appeared before the commissioners and asked that the road had been closed early leading to Burden's landing be opened. The county attorney, Alvah Hamilton, told county officials that they had no jurisdiction in the matter and that it would have to be decided in court.

The Bogue residents reported that the road had been closed within the past week, making it impossible for them to get to the sound.

F. R. Seeley, representing owners of the property, said the road had been closed to prevent the public from helping themselves to 25 acres of watermelons planted on each side of the road.

The Bogue delegation said there is no other way they can get to the water since the Marines took over Bogue field, but that the road just recently closed has been used as a public thoroughfare for more than 40 years.

The county board received another request, which they referred to the state highway commission, to drag the road to Styron cemetery, Davis. The request was made by Leslie Styron.

R. M. Williams, county agent, requested that official notification of Al Stinson's appointment as assistant county agent be sent to the extension service at Raleigh.

Mr. Stinson was introduced to the board as well as Howard Garis, plant pathologist from Raleigh, who was in the county yesterday.

The board was informed that an increased appropriation to health departments by the general assembly has made 20 weeks of school dental service available to Carteret county rather than 10 as heretofore.

### Tide Table

Tuesday, July 12		
HIGH	9:41 a.m.	3:40 a.m.
LOW	9:55 p.m.	3:52 p.m.
Wednesday, July 13		
HIGH	10:24 a.m.	4:19 a.m.
LOW	10:34 p.m.	4:25 p.m.
Thursday, July 14		
HIGH	11:08 a.m.	4:57 a.m.
LOW	11:13 p.m.	5:10 p.m.
Friday, July 15		
HIGH	11:50 a.m.	5:34 a.m.
LOW	11:54 p.m.	5:54 p.m.

A double-page spread on the menhaden industry in Carteret county, mostly pictures, appears in the July magazine, "People and Places," which is an auto trade magazine.

### Beaufort Man Attempts Suicide, Police Report

Morehead City Police E. J. Willis has issued an informal request that Beaufort police retain prospective suicide victims in Beaufort.

Chief Willis' statement was occasioned by the appearance of Thornton Darling of Beaufort in mayor's court yesterday on charges of public drunkenness. Darling testified that he and a friend, Cecil Skarren of Beaufort, traveled from Beaufort to Morehead City by water Saturday night.

The witness stated that both he and his friend had been drinking. He said when they arrived in Morehead City Skarren leaped onto the dock, tied the boat's line to a piling, and jumped overboard intending to drown himself.

When asked why he did not try to save Skarren, Darling replied, "I figured that if he wanted to drown I might as well let him." Police officers testified that they were called to the scene and pulled Skarren from the water. Artificial respiration was applied for 30 minutes before Skarren was resuscitated.

Mayor George W. Dill, Jr., fined Darling \$10 and costs after the defendant entered a plea of guilty.

Clifton J. Barnhill, Cherry Point Marine, was found guilty of driving on the wrong side of the street and sentence was suspended.

### Miss Rocky Mount Wins State Beauty Title for 1949

Lovely Nancy Yelverton, 18-year-old Rocky Mount beauty, was crowned "Miss North Carolina of 1949" at the Miss North Carolina beauty pageant Saturday night at the Carolina Racing association's dog track west of Morehead City.

Miss Yelverton, 5 foot, 5 inch brunette, competed against 17 other beauties before a crowd estimated at nearly 5,000. Following preliminary parading, she and four other queens were called back for the judges' final decision.

Finally, the judges, decision, based on talent, bathing suit appearance, poise and personality, and evening dress appearance, was announced. Miss Yelverton was chosen queen with blonde Janice Harvell of Wilmington and Katherine Arnold of Sanford chosen as second and third runners-up respectively.

Miss Yelverton will receive an expense-paid trip to Atlantic City, N. J., in September to compete against other beauties from throughout the nation for the title of "Miss America of 1949." Runners-up in the national contest will also receive valuable scholarships.

The pageant got under way Friday afternoon with a parade down Arendell street. All the queens appeared in bathing suits with little Suzanne Beck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Beck of Morehead City, bringing up the rear as "Miss America of 1960."

Friday night a talent contest with all queens competing was held at the Surf Club on Atlantic Beach. Miss Yelverton gave a recitation, "A Delightful Dilemma," in which she related her problem of choosing a talent offering for the pageant. Miss Harvell sang "Sentimental Journey," and Miss Arnold sang "Alice Blue Gown."

The Saturday night pageant at the dog track with Mayor George W. Dill, Jr., as master of ceremonies was the final event in the contest. Following the pageant, which ended shortly after 9 o'clock, dog races were held with the final race being the "Miss North Carolina Derby." Miss Yelverton placed a blanket of roses around the neck of the winning dog, My Jackie, and presented his trainer with a trophy.

Walter Morris, Morehead City, general chairman of the pageant, termed the entire event a success.

### Tom Potter Pleased With Chamber Drive

"Results of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce membership drive are most gratifying," T. T. "Tom" Potter, drive chairman, reported today. "However, members who have not been contacted by the membership committee may call or send their applications to the Chamber of Commerce," Mr. Potter added.

"Out of memberships received thus far," he continued, "45 per cent are new memberships, a factor that is encouraging. It is impossible to see all members within a short period, but they will be contacted before the drive ends."

Dr. W. L. Woodward, Chamber president, has stated that next year's program will be determined by the wishes expressed by membership in their suggestions sent to the Chamber.

"Naturally," he said, "this program will be governed by investments in the future as expressed in memberships. In other words," Dr. Woodward stated, "we must cut our pattern to fit our cloth."

### Leaf Farmers Will Go to Polls Saturday, July 23

Voting in the national referendum on tobacco quotas for the 1950, 1951, and 1952 crops will take place at community polling places Saturday, July 23, R. M. Williams, farm agent for the State College Extension service, said this week. Mr. Williams urged all tobacco farmers to cast their ballots.

Marketing quotas furnish growers with a method of adjusting supply to demand and help them obtain fair prices for the tobacco they produce.

The referendum is being held in accordance with the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, which directs the Secretary of Agriculture to call for a referendum to determine whether growers want quotas continued. Growers may vote for quotas for three years beginning with the 1950 crop; may vote for quotas for 1950 only; or may vote against quotas.

Marketing quotas will be in effect if approved by at least two-thirds of the growers voting in the referendum. A grower is any person who has an interest as owner, tenant, or share cropper in the 1949 crop of flue-cured tobacco. No producer, however, is entitled to more than one vote, even though he may have engaged in production of flue-cured tobacco in two or more communities, counties or states.

Under the law, price support loans at 90 per cent of parity will be available on the 1950 crop of flue-cured tobacco if producers approve quotas in this referendum. Regardless of the outcome of this referendum, price support loans at 90 per cent of parity will be available on the 1949 crop as protection to farmers.

### Beer Privilege Taken from Club

THE NEWS-TIMES was erroneously informed last week that the Surf club at Atlantic Beach has had its beer license "re-instated."

The county commissioners, in session yesterday morning were informed by C. A. Upchurch, Jr., chief of the Malt and Beverage division, that an inspector discovered at the Surf club Saturday night, July 2, that beer was being sold after the legal closing hour of 11 o'clock and that there was also liquor on the premises.

The letter from Mr. Upchurch stated that it will be illegal for beer to be sold at the Surf club after midnight, July 12.

The manager of the club, Charles Markey, will be entitled to a hearing if he requests it, the commissioners were informed.

The letter from Mr. Upchurch was received by Irvin Davis, county clerk, Friday, July 8.

The road to the Marshallberg community cemetery was requested for inclusion on the state highway system by Fred Gilkin yesterday. The county commissioners ordered that the request be forwarded to the highway commission.

### Forestry Service Approves Trade Of Newport Land

Town Commissioners Will Meet This Week to Adopt Budget for 1949-50

The Newport town board has been informed by Congressman Graham A. Barden that the United States Forestry service has approved exchange of other Newport land for that which is now part of Croatan National forest.

Newport requested the exchange in order to provide land for a veteran's housing cooperative. The land deemed desirable for the housing development lies within the United States forest area.

The congressman's telegram stated that the forestry service will approve the land exchange, if there is clear title to the land Newport is offering.

George Ball, town attorney, reported at the commissioner's meeting Tuesday night that two abstracts relating to the land in question have been submitted to the forestry service.

Newport commissioners will meet again this week, probably tomorrow night, to adopt the budget for the current fiscal year.

They requested Commissioner S. E. Mann to report at that meeting on prices of power mowers. The town needs a mower, the board decided, to keep down weeds in the cemetery and along the streets.

A report from George Stovall, Tide Water Power company manager, was relayed to the commissioners by the clerk, Miss Edith Locke. Mr. Stovall informed her, she said, that most of the material for the new street lighting system at Newport is available and work should start this week.

The Wilson Tree company, Morganton, was authorized to begin trimming of trees in town. The board also discussed drainage problems.

### Gum Machine Receipts Go Up

A report that receipts from Lion-sponsored chewing gum machines have increased following a complaint to the machines operator was made at the Thursday night meeting of Lions in the Port Macon hotel dining room.

Lions recently complained to the operator that they did not feel they were receiving a fair percentage of the receipts. This month's receipts, which have just been received, were approximately 40 per cent higher than in recent months.

In an effort to gain more funds for Lions' work, authorization was issued to purchase a soft drink machine to be installed in some Morehead City business establishment. Profits from the machine will be used to support the various charitable programs of the Lions.

It was disclosed at the meeting that a woman from Beaufort, who recently had an operation to remove cataracts, performed under Lion auspices, is now able to see well enough to get about her house. It is expected that the woman will be able to go outdoors without help in the near future.

A discussion of means to increase the sale of tickets at Morehead City softball league games took place but no solution was reached. A member of the Lions' softball team reported that nightly receipts pay only one half of operating costs.

### George Dill Assumes Presidency of Rotary Club

George W. Dill, Jr., mayor of Morehead City, was officially installed as 1949-50 president of the Morehead City Rotary club at the Rotary meeting Thursday night in the Carteret Recreation Center.

Officers installed to serve with President Dill were James I. Mason, vice president; Delfido Cordova, secretary-treasurer; and Dr. John Morris, Stanley Woodland, Gordon C. Willis, Clyde Jones, and W. C. Carlton, directors.

Only a short meeting was held. Secretary Cordova gave a brief report on the International Rotary convention which he and President Dill attended in New York last month and it was announced that a meeting of the Rotary District assembly will be held in Wilmington this week.

### Charles Stott, Parks Official, Arrives Here

### PMA Extends Invitations For Meeting Tomorrow

Business and professional men and women of Carteret county have been extended a special invitation by the county Production Marketing Administration office to attend an educational meeting tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in Beaufort court house.

PMA officer B. J. May stated today that the purpose of the meeting is to acquaint people with the facts concerning the flue-cured tobacco referendum to be held Saturday, July 23.

"The production of tobacco affects the financial welfare of all people," Mr. May said. "Therefore, everyone is urged to attend this meeting and become acquainted with the facts, so that they will be in a position to discuss with farmers the importance of going to the polls and voting on July 23."

A state PMA representative, Wayland Jones of Raleigh, will have charge of the meeting.

### 22 Residents Of Carteret Study Courses at MCTI

Twenty-two of the 30 teachers enrolled in Morehead City Technical institute summer school teach in schools of Carteret county and the surrounding area. The school will end July 29.

Their place of residence, followed in most instances by the school in which they teach, appear below:

Ruby P. Willis, Williston; Mrs. Ollie B. White, Havelock; Cherry Point school; Mrs. Mary Catherine Mills, Newport; Newport school; Mrs. Alice H. Gerock, Atlantic.

Mabel Laine, Morehead City; Goldsboro; Delia Davis, Davis, Smyrna school; Oleta Wood, Swansboro; Farm Life school; Ronnie McKim, Swansboro; Swansboro school.

Florida E. Garner, Newport; Mrs. Eunice H. Hill, Williston; Camp Glenn; Mrs. Ruth Hamilton, Atlantic; Sea Level school; Mrs. Rachel Fulcher, Morehead City; Camp Glenn school.

Mrs. Sallie Mason, Beaufort; Camp Glenn school; Mrs. Hilda Brown, Marshallberg; Mrs. Gertrude G. Whitehurst, Morehead City; Mrs. Robert Taylor, Morehead City; Morehead City school; Mabel Guthrie, Harkers Island; Harkers Island school.

Grace Jones Wallace, Marshallberg; Morehead City school; Ethel N. Wilson, Marshallberg; Camp Glenn school; Annie Moore Piner, Marshallberg; Henderson; Mrs. Eunice R. Paul, Sea Level; and Mollie Henderson, Newport.

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### Situation at Shirt Factory Brings Letter from Beaufort

(Appearing below is a letter from a prominent Beaufort citizen, N. F. Eure, on the proposed organization of a union at the Morehead City garment company.)

To the Editor:

About thirteen or fourteen years ago we were emerging from a devastating depression (not a Truman disinflation) of which few of our young folks under 30 have but faint recollection. In Morehead City and Carteret County, large numbers were getting their livelihood from the WPA and the only available work for our women folk consisted of opening oysters, clams, together with taking in washing for someone more fortunate. Our farmers were down and out along with our fishermen. Things were truly in a bad state in Carteret county.

At this time an opportunity was offered to the citizens of Morehead City to improve conditions by providing employment for hundreds of our women folk, to make possible the earning of extra money to provide for necessities and certain luxuries hitherto denied them.

The Jacksons met with a number of civic-minded citizens and made the proposition; that provided a suitable building was provided, they would move their plant (which had been closed for a long

time by a strike) to Morehead. We immediately accepted and the building was soon provided and the plant opened. The money for the building funds were an outright gift by the donors without strings as to repayment and without any interest in the business.

The 10% of the cost of the building I gave, has given me the greatest satisfaction of any investment I have ever made, not because of any money I have received, but because of the opportunity it has provided for my fellow citizens to help themselves to secure the things for themselves that has made life brighter and life more worthwhile.

Now I understand that the good work our citizens expended in securing this worthwhile enterprise (which has probably meant more to Carteret County financially than any other) is to be pulled out of our community because of outside interests, who have no stake in the county, agitating and stirring up trouble, and that a resident of Morehead is being used as a stool pigeon for the outsiders.

I would like to ask in all seriousness, "Is the interest being displayed for your own interests, or only for financial gains by those stirring up this trouble?"

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Charles C. Stott, assistant superintendent of State parks, in a personal interview in the NEWS-TIMES office yesterday afternoon, said that it is hoped Fort Macon State park will be open to swimmers and picnickers by July 30, the last weekend of this month.

Mr. Stott said that he regretted the public distress over the situation prevailing now at Fort Macon, and that in the rush to complete swimming and picnicking facilities there, they neglected to give the public notice that such facilities would be unavailable for several weeks.

THE NEWS-TIMES revealed in Friday's issue that persons were being ordered off Fort Macon property in no uncertain terms and that the park had been closed the Friday of Fourth of July weekend.

On Friday, July 8, Roy Eubanks, Beaufort, and Jack Crosswell, Beaufort, were ordered away from the park by Roger Ippock, 23, the recreation director hired for the summer. Mr. Ippock, it is reported, knocked down one of the "prohibition" signs when Mr. Eubanks attempted to photograph it.

Mr. Stott had no comment to make on the fact that THE NEWS-TIMES found to be erroneous the story that the park was closed because a Negro church was planning to have a picnic there on the Fourth of July. That reason for the closing was given by George Ross, head of the State Board of Conservation and Development.

Since Friday when protests descended on Raleigh about closing of the park, Coast Guardsmen who were denied the right to swim in front of the station, have been given permission to swim at the foot of "Coast Guard Street," the road which leads from the station to the beach.

Mr. Stott had with him yesterday afternoon blueprints on the "swimming area" and parking area which will be located at the former service officer's club.

A 592-foot boardwalk will be constructed there with a drink stand at the west end. A large parking area which will accommodate 352 cars is being constructed, plus an overflow area for 180 cars. Bids will be received next week on construction of the parking areas with the bid going to the contractor who will be able to deliver the fastest, Mr. Stott said.

To the northwest of the bath house where there will be toilet facilities and showers, 40 picnic tables will be placed among the sand dunes. Mr. Stott doubted that roofs would be put over them this summer, but this is scheduled to be done.

Construction is being held up, for the most part, because of the late shipment of planking for the boardwalk. If this is not completed by the last weekend of this month, he said the area will probably be opened anyway and

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### C. E. Atkinson Heads Laboratory On Piver's Isle

New Director Will Supervise Federal Marine Investigations

C. E. Atkinson of the United States Fish and Wildlife service has been appointed head of the United States Fisheries Biological laboratory on Piver's Island, it was officially announced today.

As Chief of the Middle and South Atlantic Investigations for the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mr. Atkinson will direct the activities of the numerous Federal marine investigations between New York and tip of Florida which fall under his jurisdiction.

Mr. Atkinson received the degree of bachelor of science from the school of fisheries, University of Washington in 1937, and has done considerable graduate study there. He served the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries in fish culture work and with the International Fisheries commission on their Pacific halibut studies. In 1938 he joined the staff of the newly formed International Pacific Salmon Fisheries commission and left that organization as senior scientist in 1948 to assume his present position with the Fish and Wildlife service. His research has centered around the enumeration of population of fish as well as the evaluation of natural and fishing mortality rates.

His interest in biochemistry has resulted in studies of hatchery diets for salmon and trout and the determination of fat and water content of migrating salmon tissue.

Mr. Atkinson plans to restore the laboratory at Pivers Island to full operating status as soon as possible, with establishment of several major projects at the station. Again invitations will be actively extended to private investigators to undertake research on fisheries or related marine problems for which the laboratory was famous in past years.

At the present time only two investigators are conducting such research at the station, Dr. A. S. Pearce, Professor Emeritus at Duke University and Dr. Louis G. Williams, associate professor of biology, Furman university.

There will be no change in the status of personnel at the laboratory. J. Vance Fulford will remain superintendent of buildings and grounds with Charlie C. Hawkins as his assistant. Al Thomas, Beaufort, will be in charge of purchases and accounts.

### Board Settles Tax Problems

Numerous tax problems were settled by the county board yesterday morning.

Lots 6 and 7 in square 130, Morehead City, were sold for \$250 to Edward E. Guthrie, Morehead City. Taxes owed on the property amounted to \$112. Mrs. Guthrie will be given a tax deed to cover claims of 1949 and years prior.

The board accepted \$800 in payment of back taxes on 13 lots owned by James Lewis, Morehead City. The lots were purchased by M. T. Mills, Morehead City. Owed on them was approximately \$1,500 in county tax, Dr. K. P. Bonner, chairman of the board, stated.

Tax bills to Campbell and Abernethy for Horse Island property near Morehead City were released for 1935 and prior because taxes had been paid on the property under the listing of Wallace and Webb.

Seventy-five dollars in taxes was accepted from W. L. Derrickson in settlement of back taxes on lot 3 square 5, Morehead City.

The same amount was accepted for taxes on property belonging to Carl Dixon, Portsmouth. Seventy-five dollars was also paid for 1948 taxes and prior, by Charles Nelson, Harkers Island.

Bond matters were discussed and bills presented by the auditor, James Potter. Mr. Potter stated that a bid of \$750 had been received for a new roof on the court house annex.