

## Utilities Commission, CP&L Order \$812,000 Rate Slash

### Half Moon Sinks Off Hatteras

Crew of Four Rescued by Men Aboard Trawlers Clara, Oriental

The 65-foot fishing trawler Half Moon sprang her seams and sank off Hatteras inlet in heavy seas and gale winds early Saturday, but her four crewmen were picked up safely after only five minutes in chill water.

The trawlers Oriental and Clara, fishing near the Half Moon, went to her aid and tossed life rings to the men when the vessel, loaded with 50,000 pounds of fish, sank suddenly half a mile from the beach.

"A plank must have come off her because she was taking water so fast," Capt. Walter Stowe of the Oriental said. "I tried to put a hawser aboard and tow her in but she took a swell and went down."

#### Crew Saved

Capt. Otis Newton, 35, of the Half Moon, his son, James, of Vandemere, and Bill Mayo of South Creek, were pulled aboard the Oriental. James Mayo, no relation to Bill Mayo, swam to the Clara. Both trawlers returned to Oriental.

Owner of the Half Moon was Sam McCotter, Vandemere. Both the rescue craft, the Oriental and the Clara, are owned by Garland Fulcher of Oriental. The unfortunate Half Moon frequently visited Morehead City, and the other two are familiar sights along the Morehead City waterfront. The Oriental, here about two weeks ago, is a converted German PT boat.

#### Not Easter Expected

Stowe, 29, who has been fishing the Outer Banks since "I was knee high," said the fishing boats had received a radioed warning to expect a nor'easter.

"It blew up all of a sudden and hit us from the opposite direction," Stowe said. "There we were off Diamond Shoals — the worst place along the coast I know."

### State Employs Historian For Fort Macon Study

M. F. Perry, research historian and archaeologist, has been employed by the State Board of Conservation and Development to undertake a year's work and study at Fort Macon.

Formerly affiliated with historic projects at Williamsburg, Va., Perry will make his home in Morehead City within the next few weeks, according to J. A. DuBois, manager of the Morehead City chamber of commerce.

Perry's employment is another step in the project of fort reconstruction. In addition to reconstruction of the fort, plans call for showing a film on Fort Macon history and installation of a sound system at the fort to facilitate guiding of sightseers through the fort.

### Chadwick Store, Smyrna, Burns Sunday Morning

Chadwick's store at Smyrna burned to the ground Sunday morning while the owner, Harry Chadwick, was in church. Flames were discovered by James Lynch who lives near the store. The fire is believed to have started soon after 10 o'clock.

No stove fire for heating the place was going and it is believed the blaze may have started from defective wiring.

The store, located at highway 70 and the road that leads to Marshallberg, dealt in groceries. Loss is estimated at \$10,000. It is not known whether the store was covered by insurance.

The fire burned itself out by 12:30 p.m. It was confined to the store building itself and no nearby buildings were damaged.

Mrs. Harry Chadwick, who manages the Beaufort school lunch room, has been sick the past several days.

The State Utilities commission and Carolina Power and Light Co. Thursday reduced southeastern North Carolina power rates \$812,000 a year. Under a merger agreement CP&L absorbed Tide Water Power Co. Saturday, March 1, and the new rates will become effective April 1.

New residential rates for customers who use 250 kilowatt hours a month (the minimum in the fully-electrified home) will be almost in line with those charged in Raleigh.

The industrial rates to former Tide Water customers will be identical with CP&L rates.

Commission Engineer L. V. Keever said the \$812,000 reduction would trim Tide Water rates an average of 11 per cent. A comparison of Tide Water and CP&L rate schedules showed Tide Water rates run an average of 25 per cent over CP&L's.

The utilities commission and CP&L rate plan feature two benefits for southeastern home-owners and domestic power-users—an immediate reduction of 8.4 per cent in their basic rates and an inducement clause. Customers who use more power than they did a year ago will get some of their extra kilowatts for free.

#### Benefits Offered

In terms of dollars and percentages, CP&L offered its new customers these benefits:

Industrial customers, a reduction of \$160,470, or 15.3 per cent from CP&L levels, and the equivalent of the same rates charged other CP&L industrial customers with one exception — the CP&L textile rate was not extended into the new territory. The Tide Water area, it was explained has only one textile mill entitled to textile rates and this will be put on the new industrial rate.

Residential customers, a reduction of \$251,320, or 8.4 per cent from Tide Water levels, plus an opportunity to get the benefit of CP&L rates if they increase their use of current.

Commercial customers, a reduction of \$341,520, or 14.6 per cent.

REA cooperatives, a reduction of \$25,000, or 6.2 per cent, by bringing the per kilowatt hour charge down from 8 mills to 7.5 mills.

Municipalities, a reduction of

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To Sing March 11



Mac Morgan, baritone, will appear as artist in the Community Concert series at 8:30 next Tuesday night, March 11, at Morehead City high school. The time of the concert is 15 minutes later than usual, 8:30 instead of 8:15 p.m.

### Methodist Clergy Plan Christian Workers' School

A Christian Worker's school for nine Methodist charges has been arranged by the 25 churches comprising the Beaufort-Morehead City zone. The school is expected to draw several hundred men and women nightly, Sept. 8, 9, 10, who will meet to learn to serve the churches in a more efficient manner. The sessions will be held in First Methodist church, Morehead City.

At a recent meeting of ministers, church school superintendents and laymen in First Methodist church the Rev. Leon Couch, pastor, was appointed to serve as chairman of the board of managers.

The board of managers is composed of the Rev. C. W. Wooten, Atlantic; the Rev. R. N. Fitts of Marshallberg; the Rev. A. C. Regan, Straits; the Rev. T. R. Jenkins, Beaufort; the Rev. L. A. Lewis, Core Creek; the Rev. A. L. Reynolds, Morehead City; Mr. Couch and the Rev. W. W. Clark, Newport.

Mr. Jenkins, pastor of Ann Street Methodist church, Beaufort, has been elected to serve as dean and authorized to select a faculty for the school.

On the faculty are Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, professor emeritus of Christian doctrine, Duke university. He will be the inspirational speaker at the assembly period each night and teach the course on "Christian Beliefs."

The Rev. Roland Rainwater, director of religious activities, Duke university, will be the instructor for the course on "Understanding Youth."

The Rev. C. P. Morris, executive director of the N. C. conference board of education, will teach a course on church school administration entitled, "How to Improve the Church School."

Mr. Couch will teach the course "Churches for Our Country's Needs."

A course entitled "The Church at Work with Junior Children" will be offered by an instructor to be announced later.

Dr. Hiram K. King, district superintendent, New Bern, will teach a course, "At Work for a Christian World."

N. F. Eure of Beaufort was elected treasurer of the school at the meeting of the board of managers last week.

A printed bulletin listing instructors, schedules, display and conference rooms and other information will be ready for distribution sometime in April.

### Eight Soloists To Appear Friday

Eight soloists will take part Friday night in the Beaufort Choral club concert at Beaufort school. The concert is being sponsored by the Wesleyan Guild of Ann Street Methodist church to raise money for the organ fund.

The soloists are Marilou Paulsen Jones, James Webb, Sal Palazzo, all of Morehead City, Garland Morris, Cherry Point, Alvin Hansen, Marie Webb, Sally Herring, and Jacqueline Hancock, all of Beaufort.

The program will include choral compositions as well as musical-comedy selections including numbers from Show Boat, Maytime, The New Moon, The Chocolate Soldier, and others.

Tickets may be purchased at business houses in Beaufort and will also be sold at the door. Director of the chorus is Mrs. Virginia Hassell.

## Dredging Projects to Start Here Soon, Congressman Says

Congressman Graham A. Barden, in a letter received yesterday by Alvah Hamilton, Morehead City, revealed that government dredging of channels in this area will begin within the next month.

Enclosed with the congressman's letter was a letter which Barden recently received from Col. R. C. Brown of the corps of engineers, Wilmington. Barden said that numerous dredging projects in Carteret county have yet to be cleared up but he commented that Colonel Brown's letter, which follows, would be of interest to residents of this area:

"Dear Congressman Barden: "In view of your great interest in serving fishermen in your district, I am pleased to report that contracts have been let for maintenance dredging in the waterway connecting Pamlico Sound and Beaufort harbor and the channel from Back Sound to Lookout Bight or Barden's Inlet. Dredging should be in operation in 30 days. "I am also pleased to report that an allotment has been received to do maintenance dredging in the channel from Core Sound to Drum Inlet and plan to start that dredging in 60 days."

### Douglas Starr Returns to Park

Douglas Starr, former superintendent of Fort Macon State park, has returned to resume the superintendency after an absence of five months. Starr and his family have moved into the superintendent's quarters at the park.

He recently completed a short course at Raleigh on maintenance and operation of state parks.

A crew of workmen arrived yesterday from Raleigh to begin renovation of the bath house and to complete buildings started last fall. Starr said that both ends of the bath house will be torn out and the structure remodeled and painted.

The brick picnic shelter will be completed and supplies are on hand, he reported, to start building of quarters for summer personnel. The parking space in front of the fort will be enlarged to accommodate the increasing number of motorists who visit the fort each year and the parking space at the swimming and picnic area is slated to be enlarged by a third.

The state also has plans for more complete restoration of the fort. The state park will open this year on the first Sunday of June which will be June 1.

### Morehead City Dwelling Burns

The home of Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, Avery st., Morehead City, was destroyed by fire at 11:30 yesterday morning. The call came in from box 43, 11th and Avery st. Firemen said they did not know how the blaze started.

The Williams, who have seven children and two grandchildren at home, were left without a roof over their heads. All their furniture and personal belongings were destroyed.

Donations, food, clothing, or money will be appreciated, they said. The donations may be taken to the fire station or to Williams who is employed by the W. P. Freeman Wholesale Co., S. 8th st. The youngsters, boys and girls, range from 3 to 15 years.

At 8:20 p.m. Thursday firemen received a call from box 45 at 13th and Fisher and put out a trash fire.

Saturday they were called out twice. At 2 p.m. they went to Mansfield Park in answer to an out-of-town call and put out a brush fire. In answer to a call from box 29, they discovered burning cross-ties on the Morehead City railroad draw bridge. The fire was probably started from a cigarette tossed from a car window, reported the firemen. Numerous ties were damaged.

### Lions Hear Talk Thursday By Paul Lyman, Raleigh

Paul W. Lyman of Raleigh, deputy district governor of the Lions club, spoke Thursday night to the Lions on the subject "Enthusiastic Lions Clubs."

Joe Rose and Frank Moran reported on their attendance at the golf club meeting and Fred Lewis, chairman, gave his report on the blind campaign, "Be Thankful You Can See." Lewis and Oscar Allred reported on the recreation meeting which they attended Tuesday night. Visitors were Lyman and George Stovall.

### Two Leap Year Babies, Both Boys, Arrive Friday

Two Leap Year babies were born at Morehead City hospital, Friday, Feb. 29. That means four years before a birthday anniversary.

The first was a 9 lb. 10 1/2 oz. boy born at 2:29 a.m. to Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Brown of Pelletier. An 8 lb. 1 1/2 oz. boy, Lester Ellison, Jr., was born at 4:13 p.m. to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Haskett of Havelock.

### JC Nominations Chairman Gives Complete Listing

The list of nominees for offices in the Morehead City Jaycees was incomplete as it appeared in Friday's NEWS-TIMES.

A complete list, furnished by Bill Chaik, chairman of the nominating committee follows:

For president: P. H. Geer, Jr., Dick McClain, Walter Morris, Bobby Bell.

For first vice-president (known as internal vice-president): Lester Styron, Frank Safrit, Geer, Ralph Gardiner.

For second vice-president (known as external vice-president): Kenneth Wagner, James Webb.

For treasurer: Jimmy Meeks, Ralph Gardiner, Oscar Ely, Sal Palazzo.

For local directors: Paul Cordova, Ely, Howard Ferguson, Safrit, J. C. Harvell, Dr. Russell Ott, Law, Herbert Phillips, Jasper Bell, Lesta Willis, Jack Morgan, and Sam Guthrie. Four are elected and the retiring president serves as the fifth director.

Chalk explained that any of the men nominated for offices other than local director automatically become candidates for director if they are defeated for the first named office.

The secretary is appointed by the newly-elected president. Balloting will take place the first Monday in April.

### Police Officer Witnesses Wreck

Maxwell Wade, Beaufort police officer, witnessed an accident at 1:50 yesterday morning on Live Oak st. As a result, the driver of the car, Arthur Scheader, Morehead City, is in the county jail under \$150 bond. He is charged with speeding and careless and reckless driving.

Officer Wade said that Scheader entered Beaufort, proceeding south on Live Oak at a speed of 50 miles an hour. Officer Wade was traveling north in the police patrol car. Scheader failed to make the curve just south of The Spot, a lunch stand, hit the curb and bounced over into the street at the rear of The Spot. There was only slight damage to the car and no one was hurt. The car was driven away from the scene of the accident.

Riding with Scheader was Norman Willis of Morehead City. Police Chief Carlton Garner said the car was owned by Willis's mother, Mary. Upon notification by Beaufort police, Morehead City officers found Scheader and placed him under arrest.

#### Boats Try Round-Up

## Saturday Efforts to Drive Porpoise from Sound Fail

Kitty Hawk.—A herd of ocean porpoise that have moved into the inland fresh waters of Currituck sound from off Cape Hatteras could not be chased back to their native habitat in attempts made Saturday by State Wildlife Resources commission officials.

(In Raleigh, Clyde Patton, director of the commission, said that a major drive to rid the sound of the porpoises would be staged yesterday. He said that an airplane and possibly explosives, would be used, as well as boats.)

Game protectors of the commission, traveling Saturday in speed boats capable of 35 miles per hour, were left in the wake of the porpoise herd which traveled at a speed in excess of 50 miles per hour and deeper into Currituck sound instead of toward Oregon inlet 25 miles southward through

## Ocracokers Seek Better Phone Service on Island

Ocracoke islanders have written to Governor Scott to ask his aid in helping them get telephone service on the island.

"You've worked a miracle for us once — our roads," they wrote him. "... so you should not be surprised that we turned to you for advice about another of our problems: Telephones."

The Ocracoke Civic club's telephone committee, composed of E. S. Tolson, Henry Peele and Theodore Rondthaler, signed the letter.

They explained they are not seeking a telephone exchange for the island, nor house-to-house phone service. What they want is "two to four coin telephones in public places — same as Hatteras has," so there can be more adequate telephone service to the mainland.

The committee proposed that a cooperative agreement might be worked out to use Coast Guard telephone poles to support the wires which would carry civilian messages to the mainland, probably through Beaufort and Morehead City. At present, the only phone in the village is in the Coast Guard station.

They wanted to know what the Governor thought about it, and what suggestions he could make that might help them get the phones.

Scott called in Gwyn Price, chief of the N. C. Rural Electrification Authority, and asked him to see if something could be worked out.

## Rotarians Hear Safety Engineer

An address by H. D. (Tarvia) Jones, state highway safety engineer of the department of motor vehicles, was the feature of the Morehead City Rotary club meeting Thursday night at the Morehead City school cafeteria.

Rotarians and Rotary-Anns from Oriental, New Bern, Newport, Beaufort and Morehead City attended. George McNeill, president of the Morehead City Rotarians, presided and joined with district governor-elect Stanley Woodland in welcoming the visiting Rotarians. Special music was provided by Bill Norwood, accordionist, and the Persuading Five, a local vocal quintet.

Glenn Adair, Beaufort, welcomed the Rotarians and Mrs. Kathryn Montague of Newport responded. The Beaufort club was the donor of corsages for the Rotarians and smokes for the Rotarians.

In his address Jones pointed with pride to the safety record that North Carolina has established in relation to miles traveled. He described the driver-examiner program and stated that it is recognized nationally for its efficiency in operation.

Jones said that the greatest menace to highway safety is the driver without a permit. Road blocks set up by the highway patrol have uncovered numerous drivers who do not have permits and have never taken a safety examination.

H. Earle Mobley recounted interesting incidents of his career as an entertainment feature of the program. The 175 people present were led in Rotary songs by H. L. Joslyn, accompanied by Dr. Eugene Roelofs on the piano. Joslyn was chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements.

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## County Board Deals Yesterday With Roads, Taxes

Routine road and tax problems occupied county commissioners in session yesterday morning at the court house, Beaufort.

Philip Ball, Morehead City, appeared before the board and requested a reduction in taxes on property he recently purchased on Portsmouth Island. He said the land was sold to him by David Richardson who gave him a warranty deed. Since that time, Ball said he learned that \$75 in taxes was owned on the property.

The board authorized a 50 per cent adjustment, asking Ball to pay \$37.50 in settlement.

Commissioner Hugh Salter and John Brooks of the tax office were asked to inspect the Horace Lewis property in Highland Park. Lewis appeared before the board and asked for an adjustment in valuation.

Salter and Brooks will report on their findings at the meeting of the board of equalization Monday, March 17, at the court house.

#### Settlement Made

A settlement of \$100 was granted in the case of L. L. Willis, Bettie. Taxes of \$138.32 were owed on his property. The property was listed in the name of E. L. Willis. Willis said he could pay \$50 immediately and the board gave him 30 days to pay the remainder. The settlement was made subject to approval by J. F. Duncan, collector of delinquent taxes.

Appointed as an appraisal committee to investigate properties on which adjustments have been requested were Brooks, Commissioners Moses Howard, and Salter. They will report to the board of equalization March 17.

The commissioners directed that the county attorney, Alvah Hamilton, write the attorney general for a ruling on the legality of the county board adjusting valuations after the board of equalization meets.

The board authorized the advertising of taxes during April with sale scheduled for Monday May 5.

#### Road Problem

Robert Howard and J. B. Royall of Morehead City appeared before the commissioners and requested repair and improvement of the road leading from Arendell to Bridges. The road is partially on the site of 25th street and is used by White Ice Cream and Milk co. trucks. Royall and Howard also said it is being used also as a public thoroughfare.

Attorney Hamilton said that 25th street is a part of the town of Morehead City, the corporate limits being extended that far during one of the recent sessions of the legislature. Howard and Royall were advised to take their problem before Morehead City's town board.

Allen Vinson, Ernest Waters, and Willie Mitchell of the western part of the county, appeared and asked that the road from Buck Corner to Whitehouse Forks be improved. They said a petition on the mile and a quarter road was approved a year ago but to date nothing has been done.

J. L. Humphrey, county road superintendent, said

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## Miss Janet Wade, Williston, To Appear in Azalea Festival

### L.R. Lang Hurt As Car Hits Pole

Leonard Roby Lang, Cherry Point, was slightly injured at 7:30 yesterday morning when his car left the road four miles east of Beaufort on highway 70 and crashed into a telephone pole. The accident occurred near the Pure Oil station at North River.

Lang was treated at Morehead City hospital for lacerations of the head and discharged.

According to State Highway Patrolman H. G. Woolard, Lang was proceeding west when his wheels slipped off the hard surface on a curve. The car skidded across the highway 117 feet to the left shoulder and stopped when it hit the pole.

Damage to the car was estimated at \$1,000. Charges are pending. Patrolman Woolard commented that this is the fourth time in three years that moving automobiles met with an immovable object, namely the telephone pole, on the curve near the Pure Oil station.

### Motorist Faces Drunk Charge

A charge of drunken driving has been levied against Adrian Frazier, North Harlowe, as the result of an accident at 7:30 Friday night on highway 101 two and a half miles north of Beaufort.

The car driven by Frazier collided with a 1952 automobile driven by H. Earle Mobley of Morehead City. Frazier's car, a 1952 model, is owned by Rosetta Williams, 509 Queen st., Beaufort. Damage to each automobile was estimated at \$1,000. No one was injured.

According to State Highway Patrolman H. G. Woolard who investigated, Mobley had pulled into a driveway at the Simmie Smith residence on 101 to turn around and was backing out when Frazier came along and plowed into the rear of the Mobley automobile.

Other charges against Frazier are pending.

Miss Janet Wade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wade, Williston, will represent Carteret county as an attendant to the Teen-age Princess at the annual Wilmington azalea festival March 27-30.

Miss Wade, a senior at Smyrna high school, was elected queen of the student body at the recent senior class play. She is a member of the school newspaper staff, The Pine Barker, and a member of the yearbook staff.

The honor of selecting a teenage attendant for the Wilmington festival rotates among the high schools of the county.

Other counties who will have attendants in the princess' court are New Hanover, Brunswick, Columbus, Robeson, Onslow, Pender, Nash, Craven, Sampson, Bladen, Wayne, Cumberland, and Wake. The princess is selected from among New Hanover high school students.

The "maids of honor" will arrive in Wilmington Friday afternoon, March 28, and will attend a tea at the home of Miss Nancy Knox. Early that evening they will be among the guests of honor at the Teen-age banquet and the group's colorful coronation ball will be held at Lumina, Wrightsville Beach, at 9:30 o'clock.

An honor guard will be provided by one of the best platoons from the New Hanover high ROTC. One of the festival's visiting celebrities — last year it was Miss Cathy Downs, young motion picture actress — will crown the princess. Music for the occasion will be by Don Grimes and his orchestra, from Richmond, Va.

During their Wilmington visit, the attendants will participate in other features of the festival. They will have their float in the mammoth parade Saturday morning and are expected to visit the famous gardens of Greenfield Lake, Orton plantation and Airline, breathtaking in their spring beauty.

### Carteret Student Helps Entertain Ambassador

Giles Willis, Jr., Gloucester, chairman of publicity for the World Student Service fund, State college, Raleigh, recently helped entertain Ali Sastrodimojo, ambassador from Indonesia who paid a visit to State college.

Willis, who is a junior at State college, recently represented State college at the 16th quadrennial conference to the Student Volunteer Movement, Lawrence, Kan.

### Clerk Probates Three Wills

Three wills were probated recently by A. H. James, clerk of superior court. They are the wills of Guy C. Chadwick, Straits, Cirtus A. Oden, Beaufort, and Sarah E. Willis, Morehead City.

The Chadwick will, drawn June 9, 1947, was pretested for probate by C. H. Freeman. Witnesses to the document are Gilbert B. and Gerald M. Whitehurst. Named as executrix of the will was Mrs. Guy Chadwick, now deceased. James said no administrator for the estate has been appointed.

The will directed that at the death of his wife, Myrtle, the home place, 12 acres with all household furnishings, was to be divided between two sons, Leon and Guy, Jr. Leon and Guy are to receive also a store and everything in it, also a tract of 1 1/2 acres around the store building.

Donald G. and Norman A., sons, were bequeathed the "shore tract," three acres and the balance of the Ridge land surrounding the store, a total of about six acres. A daughter, Clara Chadwick Bailey, was willed \$50; all other property, real or personal, was directed to be divided equally among the four sons.

The Oden will, witnessed by J. H. Dill and C. R. Wheatly was drawn May 15, 1908 and probated Feb. 26, 1952. C. R. Wheatly, Jr., and M. Leslie Davis testified that the C. R. Wheatly signature was valid, that witness being deceased. Oden directed that his wife, Mary, be executor of the estate and that

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### Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar		
HIGH		LOW
Tuesday, March 4		
2:19 a.m.		9:00 a.m.
2:30 p.m.		8:57 p.m.
Wednesday, March 5		
3:21 a.m.		10:03 a.m.
3:46 p.m.		10:02 p.m.
Thursday, March 6		
4:21 a.m.		11:00 a.m.
4:46 p.m.		11:01 p.m.
Friday, March 7		
5:14 a.m.		11:48 a.m.
5:38 p.m.		11:52 p.m.