

## Morehead Voters Set New Record; 1,213 Go to Polls

Morehead City voters set a record Tuesday for municipal elections as 1,213 marched to the polls, stood in line, and cast their ballots for the candidates of their choice after one of the hottest political campaigns in recent history.

Judges at the election reported that the only larger vote in a municipal election came when residents were asked to vote on a bond question. Tuesday's election was the greatest recorded vote for officials in the history of the town. The last election saw only 73 voting.

One elderly man at the polls said that he had been voting in Morehead City for nearly 50 years and Tuesday was the first time he had ever stood in line.

At 6:30 p.m., the closing time, 52 people were still in line waiting to cast their ballots.

All of the interest in the election centered on the contests for the five seats on the city council. Mayor George W. Dill, jr., was unopposed for re-election as were all of the city's recorder's court officials.

High man in the voting for commissioner was Dr. John W. Morris who received 699 votes. Dr. Morris was a candidate for re-election.

Ted Garner ran only two votes back of Dr. Morris piling up 697 votes to win his seat on the council. Mr. Garner was running as an independent candidate.

Three other candidates elected were S. C. Holloway, 603 votes; D. G. Bell, 601 votes; and D. J. Hall, 578 votes. Mr. Holloway and Mr. Bell were candidates for re-election.

Other candidates and the number of ballots cast in their favor were V. J. O'Neal, 489; Leroy Guthrie, 486; W. L. Derrickson, 403; M. T. Mills, 392; R. Doug West, 353; Thomas E. Wade, 300; and W. E. Cottingham, 72.

The unopposed candidates for court offices were George H. McNeill, judge; Alvah Hamilton, sr., assistant judge; Herbert O. Phillips, III, solicitor; and John Lashley, clerk.

When the ballots were being counted, it was discovered that many citizens had taken advantage of the write-in privilege to name other candidates for mayor and court offices.

Grover Menden, Tony Seamon, Vernon Guthrie, and Robert Hicks received votes for mayor ranging from one to more than 10. George Ball was written in several times for judge of the recorder's court as was Vincent Lawrence for clerk.

Mayor George W. Dill, jr., who went to Washington, D. C., Tuesday afternoon, telephoned the following statement for Morehead voters:

"I think the people of Morehead City did an excellent job on election day. They have selected a board of far-sighted men, who are sufficiently conservative to keep the affairs of the town on an even keel during the next two years."

Other successful candidates expressed their appreciation for the confidence the voters put in them in post-election statements.

## County Draft Board Closed Through May 22

The Carteret county draft board will be closed through Friday May 22, it was announced this week.

The office will re-open Monday morning, May 25, at 8:30 o'clock. Mrs. Ruby D. Holland, clerk of the board, has asked that any person required by law to register during the period the office is closed be present at the office in the courthouse on or after May 25.

Any registrant who has additional information, which would change his status, is asked to submit this in writing to the board. Necessary action in such cases will be taken at the next meeting of the board.

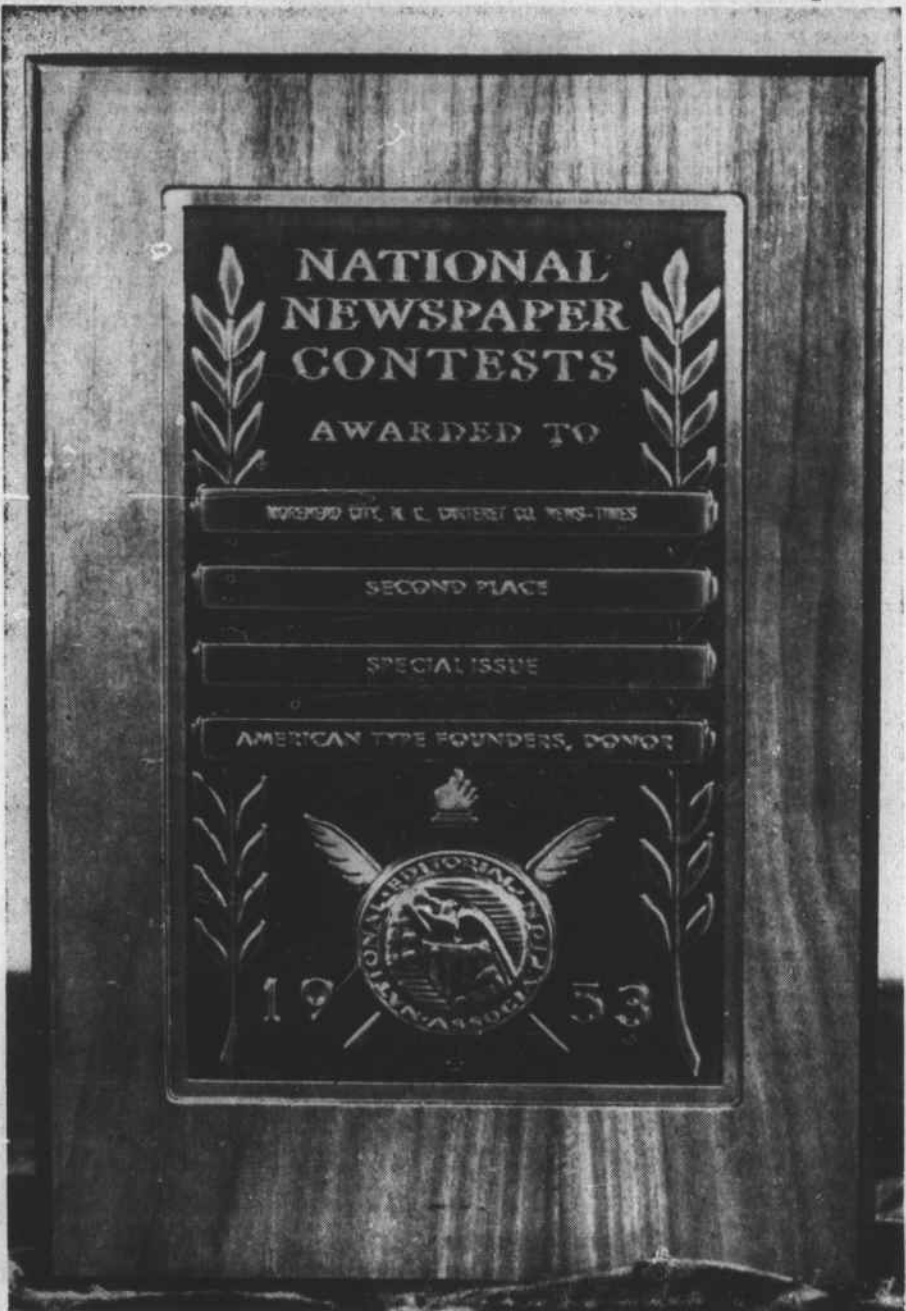
Every registered college student is reminded that before leaving college he should request a college official to forward to the local board a statement of his scholastic standing for the past year.

The board does not have pre-induction call for May. Notices for the induction call on May 27 have been mailed already.

**Fire Does \$500 Damage To Crab Point Home**  
A fire caused by a kitchen stove did about \$500 worth of damage Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Rufus Morris on Crab Point.

Flames from the stove burned several small holes in the kitchen ceiling, and smoke caused further damage to the walls and ceiling.

## NEWS-TIMES Wins Plaque



This is a reproduction of the plaque awarded the NEWS-TIMES for its Port and Progress edition by the National Editorial Association. Photo by Jerry Schumacher

This plaque, in recognition of THE NEWS-TIMES' achievement in publishing the nation's second place winner in the special edition classification, was presented at the 68th annual convention of the National Editorial Association at New Orleans to the newspaper's publisher, Lockwood Phillips.

The winning NEWS-TIMES' special edition was the PORT and PROGRESS edition published on August 12, 1952.

That month saw the culmination of dreams by many men who recognized the potential of a deep-water port at Morehead City.

THE NEWS-TIMES special edition was not in recognition of the formal opening of the two and a half million dollar port.

It was far more than that! It was a tribute to the Carteret county people of the past century who helped to make the port a reality.

Included in the edition were stories of early leaders in the effort to establish a modern harbor on the North Carolina coast and articles on today's businessmen who have weathered depression, thrived during prosperity and have faith that good fortune, borne on the keels of commerce, will be theirs in the future.

It shattered all North Carolina weekly publishing records.

But in producing the prize winner, THE NEWS-TIMES' real goal was to honor past generations and to pay tribute to today's selfless citizens who are making Carteret county one of the best among North Carolina's 100 counties.

## PMA Groups to Study Conservation Program

B. J. May, production marketing administrator for Carteret county, has announced that the state PMA committee has called a meeting today in Washington, N. C., to study and plan the development of the 1954 Agriculture Conservation program.

Chairmen and secretaries of county farm agents and soil conservationists from about 25 counties will attend the meeting. Meetings have already been held in Raleigh and Asheboro and a fourth will be held Monday in Asheville.

Carteret county will be represented at the meeting by Mr. May, Roland Salter, R. M. Williams and Roy Beck.

A meeting to study the program for Carteret county will be held next week in Beaufort. All county and community committees, agricultural agency workers and representatives of farm organizations are expected to take part in the county meeting.

ACP assistance is a part of a coordinated effort to help land owners and operators to attain soil and water conservation objectives. The total effort, according to Mr. May, includes research, education, technical assistance, financial assistance and credit. The program is integrated with other parts of the total conservation effort.

The primary objective of the 1954 program is to provide assistance needed for permanent type soil and water conservation practices. The meetings now being held throughout the state will study the best methods of attaining that objective.

**Service for Children**  
A dedication service for all children up to three years of age will be held Sunday at the First Baptist church, Morehead City. The service will be held in the main auditorium during the Sunday school assembly.

## Morehead Clean-Up Drive Ends Today

Today is the last day of the Morehead City clean up drive. Trucks from the city garbage and street cleaning department will make spot checks throughout the town. Anyone who missed the earlier pick-ups should place trash on the street curbing today and it will be picked up.

The clean up drive is sponsored by the Morehead City Jaycees and Junior Woman's club.

## Plans Completed For Armed Forces Day Celebration

Final Plans for the Armed Forces day in Morehead City next Wednesday were announced this week. James Meeks is chairman of the committee making plans for the event.

The parade will form at Twelfth and Arendell street at 10:45 in the morning and start at 11 o'clock. Taking part in the parade will be the Morehead City high school band, the American Legion, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Cub Scouts.

Military units from nearby Marine Corps installations will participate in the parade, and the Second Marine Air Wing band from Cherry Point will give a 45 minute concert in front of the city hall immediately following the end of the parade.

The fleet tug, Atakapa, has been sent by the Navy to the port terminal and will be open for inspection by the public all day May 13. It will arrive here May 12.

Exhibits from the armed forces will be set up on the vacant lot between the city hall and the waterfront.

## Jaycees Plan Beauty Pageant

Holden Ballou, chairman of the beauty contest committee for the Beaufort Jaycees, has announced that plans are almost complete for the contest to select Miss Beaufort.

Beaufort's representative in the Miss North Carolina contest will be selected at 8:30 p.m. May 20 at the Heart of the Beach, Atlantic Beach. The queen will be crowned immediately after the contest.

Mr. Ballou says that several girls have already indicated that they will enter the contest, and the Jaycees hope to have about 18 contestants. Mr. Ballou said that girls who wish to enter the contest should contact Miss Betty Lou Merrill, directress of the pageant.

A door prize, a television set, will be given away after the contest and dancing will follow the presentation of the prize. Chuck Stevens' orchestra will furnish the music for the dance.

Tickets for the pageant may be obtained from any Jaycee and will also be available at the door.

The Miss North Carolina contest, in which Miss Beaufort will appear, will take place in Morehead City in July. The contest is sponsored each year by the junior chamber of commerce to select North Carolina's entrant in the Miss America contest. The Morehead City Jaycees will play host to this year's contest.

## Storm Causes Great Damage As High Winds Sweep County

A wind and rain storm which struck with unexpected fury early yesterday morning did damage amounting to several thousand dollars in Carteret county.

The center of the storm, which followed a tornado-like path, left a trail of damage and destruction from Atlantic Beach to Atlantic. The rest of the county was lashed by high winds, although they did not have the force of those near the center of the storm.

The first part of the storm, which lasted from about 3 a.m. to 6:30 a.m., was accompanied by brilliant displays of lightning. The lightning flashes were so numerous and so close together that it was as bright as day in many parts of the county.

The storm struck again at about 8:30 a.m. and continued unabated throughout the day. The winds, while not as strong as those during the earlier part of the storm, drove the rain in gusts, obscured visibility and made road travel extremely hazardous. E. Stamey Davis, county weather observer, reported at 12:15 p.m. that 2.61 inches of rain had fallen since Wednesday night.

**High Winds at Cherry Point**  
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The high winds struck the coast on Atlantic Beach at a point west of the amusement area. The first structure to feel the force of the storm was the summer home of L. T. White of Raleigh. Awnings were torn from the house and some of the porch supports were blown down.

**Cottages Damaged**  
From Mr. White's home, the storm continued in a northeasterly course across a sparsely settled area of the beach. Two new cement block cottages owned by Lewis Worsley of Wilson were the next structures to be hit by the wind. The roofs were blown off both buildings and were deposited about 100 feet northeast of them. The north and east walls and some interior partitions were blown from one cottage, and the north wall was blown out of the other. The furnishings of both cottages were badly damaged by the heavy rain. Neither building was occupied at the time.

A house owned by Ernest Davis of Beaufort also received some damage from the wind. The porch of the structure was torn down and part of the roof was blown off.

The center of the storm passed north of the business section of the beach and struck next at a cottage under construction on the fill near the approach to the new highway drawbridge. The front wall of the building was blown partially down by the wind. The cottage is being constructed by Walter Humphrey of Kinston.

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## Department Opens Shrimping Season

The shrimping season for spotted shrimp will be opened Monday morning at 12:01, May 11, C. D. Kirkpatrick, commissioner of the division of commercial fisheries of the Department of Conservation and Development, announced today.

The season will remain open until a closing date is set at the next meeting of the Conservation and Development board, Mr. Kirkpatrick said.

No areas were designated for the shrimping and no times were set in opening the season. The spotted shrimp is the only nocturnal shrimp discovered to date. The shrimp may be caught in commercial quantities only at night.

The season was opened upon the recommendation of the Institute of Fisheries research. At a meeting of the board this spring the opening date was left at the discretion of Mr. Kirkpatrick and George Ross, director of the conservation department.

The spotted shrimp was discovered by the research institute in 1950. At the recommendation of the institute, the department allowed night shrimping in 1951 and 1952. Estimates of the value of the annual catch begin at a minimum \$250,000.

The shrimp is found mostly in the waters of Core Sound, Bogue Sound, and the lower part of Pamlico Sound.

Mr. Kirkpatrick pointed out that all shrimp fishermen must purchase boat and trawl licenses before starting to shrimp. Boats found shrimping without licenses will be prosecuted, he added.

In the fall the adult shrimp spawns at sea and the larvae are carried back into the estuarine waters near the sounds where the shrimp develop through the winter. In the spring, the shrimp starts migrating toward the ocean and it is during this period that it may be caught in the sounds.

The Institute of Fisheries Research is engaged in a study of the life-cycle of this shrimp at the present time. An earlier survey two weeks ago revealed that the shrimp were to small to begin operations then, W. A. Ellison, jr., director of the institute reported.

Mr. Kirkpatrick reported that shrimping would be closed on Sunday. The spotted shrimp season has in the past two years run from the middle of May through the first of July.

## Newport Voters Choose Edgar Hibbs as Mayor

Edgar Hibbs, a member of the present town board, was elected mayor of Newport in Tuesday's municipal election. Mr. Hibbs defeated E. T. Carraway and R. S. Jones.

Commissioners S. Early Mann, M. D. McCain, D. Ira Garner and Charles Hill were all re-elected to their seats on the town board. Wilbur V. Garner was elected to fill the spot left vacant by Mr. Hibbs' decision to run for mayor.

Defeated candidates for the town board are Norman Bell, W. D. Heath, sr., Johnnie Thrower, G. W. Rhodes, Leon E. Garner and Bennie R. Garner.

Mr. Hibbs received 93 out of 152 ballots cast for mayor. Mr. Jones received 43 votes, and Mr. Carraway received 16. The size of the vote polled by Mr. Hibbs eliminated the possibility that a second election would be held. It was necessary for a candidate to receive a majority of the votes cast in order to be elected. If no candidate had received a majority, it was planned to hold a run-off between the two top men.

Mr. Mann and Mr. Hill, each with 119 votes, were the top men in the race for seats on the board of commissioners. D. Ira Garner was third with 92 votes, Wilbur Garner was fourth with 86 votes and Mr. McCain was fifth with 60 votes. Mr. Heath was runner-up with 50 votes.

Mr. Hibbs will take the place of Mayor Charles A. Gould, jr., who did not seek re-election. Mayor Gould said that his job at Cherry Point will not allow him to serve another term as mayor. Mr. Hibbs was nominated at a public meeting held last month at the town hall.

Nominated for commissioners at the meeting were Commissioners Mann, Hill and Garner, Mr. Bell and Mrs. Leah Bell who later withdrew from the race. Commissioner McCain, who was not nominated for reelection at the meeting, filed later as did the other candidates.

The new town officers will assume their duties at the first town board meeting in July.

Mayor Gould has announced that this month's town board meeting will be held Tuesday night at the town hall. The meeting, originally scheduled for this Tuesday, was postponed because of the election.

A complete tabulation of the voting follows:

**For Mayor**  
Hibbs ..... 93  
Jones ..... 43  
Carraway ..... 16

**For Commissioners**  
Mann ..... 119  
Hill ..... 119  
D. Garner ..... 92  
W. Garner ..... 86  
McCain ..... 86  
Heath ..... 60  
Bell ..... 50  
L. Garner ..... 45  
Thrower ..... 42  
B. Garner ..... 36  
Rhodes ..... 29

**Church Honors Dr. Bunn**  
The congregation of the First Baptist church, Morehead City, honored its pastor, Dr. John H. Bunn, at the services last Sunday. He came to the church in May 1941.

## Clifford Lewis Beats Eubanks In Beaufort Race

Clifford T. Lewis was elected mayor of Beaufort in Tuesday's town election. He defeated his opponent, Roy Eubanks, by a 166-vote margin. Mr. Lewis polled 384 out of a total of 633 votes cast while Mr. Eubanks received 218.

Commissioners James Rumley and Carl Hattell were re-elected to their seats on the town board, but Dr. W. L. Woodard, also running for re-election to the board, was defeated by Gordon Hardesty. Gerald Hill and W. G. Temple, running on a slate with Mr. Lewis and the three incumbents, were also elected to the board.

## Groups Plan River Authority

Long contemplated plans for development of the huge Neuse river valley are to be pushed now that the 1953 state general assembly has authorized the creation of the Neuse River Watershed authority.

E. J. Wellons, Smithfield attorney who was re-elected president of the Neuse Valley Development association at the annual meeting of the group in Smithfield last weekend, has advised Director George R. Ross of the state Department of Conservation and Development that the association will urge that no time be lost in naming the 16-member authority.

Creation of the authority has been urged by the Neuse Valley Development association and the Department of Conservation and Development since the NVDA was formed at Goldsboro in 1950, Wellons said.

A 16-member authority is provided for in the watershed act which became law in the closing days of the general assembly. County commissioners of Durham, Wake, Johnston, Wayne, Greene, Lenoir, Jones and Craven are to be urged, Wellons told Ross, to name two members each to the authority as soon as they possibly can. The act provides that authority members may be named anytime prior to January 1, 1954.

Under the law setting up the authority, the NRWA will be authorized to make provision for prevention of floods, regulation of stream channels, for providing for better irrigation and for more water supplies for industrial and other purposes, and for checking of erosion in the Neuse river valley in which an estimated 17 per cent of the state's population live and work.

**Young Morehead Resident Thinks Voters Go to Jail**  
One Morehead resident about four years old walked into the city hall Thursday morning, looked with disapproving eye at the line of people, spotted Chief Willis and asked: "What are those people going to jail for?"

The youngster displayed obvious disappointment when he was informed that the people were voters not criminals. His enthusiasm cooled, he looked quizzically at the line and walked out.

Not many people who went to the city hall Tuesday, though, walked out without first voting. Soon after the poll opened, lines started forming and for most of the 12 voting hours people stood in lines of varying length before voting.

Some, however, were doomed to disappointment. One prospective voter assured the registrar that he was on the book. "A man had a list with about 15 names on it," he said. "Mine was one." The registrar invited the man to come back in about two years, provided he registered in person next time.

One long-time city employee was heard to express the opinion Tuesday that something must be done to improve the registration books before the next election. "I've heard more about that book in the last two weeks than I've heard about the Bible in the last 10 years," was his comment.

Outside the city hall, Morehead's hard working politicians were finishing up their exhausting tasks. Two managers of opposing squads were noted discussing something while leaning against a parked automobile.

They were probably telling jokes, but neither one was laughing.

## Three Chosen For Boys' State

Three members of the junior class at Morehead City high school have been selected to attend the Boys' State sponsored by the department of North Carolina of the American Legion.

The boys are Horace C. Willis, son of Ashton Willis, 1203 Evans street; David Small, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Small, Rt. 1; and Joseph E. Dixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Dixon, 405 Bridges street.

Linwood Jones, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jones, 2203 Arendell street, was originally selected but will be unable to attend.

The Boys' State will be held June 14-21 at the Institute of Government of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. While at the school, the boys will hear lectures and discussions by teachers and government officials. They will put into practice what they learn by organizing their own city, county and state governments.

Two of the delegates to the Boys' State will be selected to attend the Boys' Nation in Washington, D. C.

The three delegates from Morehead City are being sponsored by American Legion post No. 46, the Lions club and the Junior chamber of commerce. The sponsoring groups are bearing all the expense of sending the boys to Chapel Hill.

## Defense Post Still Unfilled

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