State, County Officers **Investigate Forest Fires**

E. M. Foreman, county forest-ranger, says that he has asked the State Bureau of Investigation and the Carteret county sheriff's office to investigate the forest fires which ravaged the eastern part of the county during the closing days of

Mr. Foreman said that he believes that fires were set, and he hopes that the state and county offices will be able to find the person or persons responsible for the damage.

The forest ranger reports that a survey of the burned area has re-vealed that 10,099 acres were burned during the week of fires. He estimates that the destroyed timber was worth about \$150,000.

The fires began April 24 near Williston and were finally extinguished by heavy rain which fell on the night of April 30. The large fire at Williston and another at Smyrna were later joined by sever-al smaller fires which had sprung up in Otway, Davis and Stacy. The blazes formed one large fire blazes formed one large fire which, at its height, burned along a line, from Otway to Stacy a few miles north of US 70.

The fires were brought under control after about three days but they sprang up again April 29 with renewed violence. During that af-ternoon, a dense cloud of billow-ing smoke hung over the area and could be seen for several miles. The flames which lit the sky that night were plainly visible from Morehead

City and Beaufort. Firefighters were hampered in their efforts to fight the fire by the nature of the terrain over which it was burning. The pocosin soil on the edge of the open grounds would not suport the weight of the heavy equipment normally used in fighting fires. The firefighting crews, aided by ma-rines from Cherry Point, were forced to battle the fire by hand. Only the .41 inches of rain which fell on the night of April 30 put an end to the blaze.

The large fire was one of several

which struck in the county dur-ing the week. During the first four days of the fire period, fire-fighters were battling 12 fires in different sections of the county. Those in the eastern section of the county joined to form the one large blaze, and others near Harlowe

were eventually extinguished.

During the fire period, all burnburing the fire period, all burn-ing permits were suspended be-cause of the dry woods and the dan-ger of more fires. When rain fin-ally ended the threat, at least tem-

Baptist Group To Organize

The Newport Baptist mission will be organized into a church at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Newport school auditorium. The mission has been under the sponsorship of the Davis Baptist church for the past

The Rev. D. B. Cummins of Tay-lors, S. C., has accepted a call to the new church and will move his family to Newport in the near fu-The Rev. M. R. Haire, pastor of the Davis church, has been conducting services in the church's temporary quarters on the second floor of Howard's garage. Since the formation of the mis-

sion in November 1951, 55 mem-bers have joined the mission, 88 have enrolled in the Sunday school, 25 have enrolled in the men's property the same restrictions brotherhood and 17 have joined the which apply to the land included

church which will cost approximately \$100,000. The church, located near the Newport school on US 70, will be constructed of concrete blocks with brick veneer. The foundation has already been placed up to the first floor joist.

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Morehead City-Beaufort Draw Closed for Repairs

The highway draw bridge across the Newport river between More-head City and Beaufort was closed

Miss Morehead City

Nine girls will appear on the stage of the Morehead City school auditorium tonight in quest of the Miss Morehead City beauty title and the right to reresent Morehead

The winner of the contest will City in the Miss North Carolina received the title Miss Morehead beauty pageant.

The girls who have entered the contest are Evonne Smith, Tanya Lindsey, Patricia Willis, Mary Lou Norwood, Carolyn Laine, Judy Per-ry, Jean Morton, Peggy Miller and Margie Guthrie. Several other girls had planned to enter the contest but were unable to do so.

open at 7 p.m., and the Morehead City school band will present a concert beginning at 7:30. The eauty pageant will begin at 8 p.m.

City and will also receive a \$100 wardrobe. Two runners-up will also be chosen by the judges. Miss Morehead City and her court will serve as hostesses to the contestants in the Miss North Carolina pa-geant which will be held July 15-

17 in Morehead City.

During the intermission program, Sal Palazzo will present several vocal selections, accompanied by Mrs. Charles Hassell. The school band will present a specialty number, and Mrs. Theodore Phillips will give a program of organ music.

Tickets for reserved seats at the pageant may be obtained at the Children's shop, 812 Arendell street. Tickets will also be available at the door.

The pageant is being sponsored by

the Morehead City Jaycees who will also play host to the Miss North The contestants will be judged Carolina pageant. Sam Guthrie is solely on the basis of their appear-chairman of the committee in ance in evening gowns and bath-charge of the pageant.

Newport Commissioners × Study Accounting System

Albert Gaskill, Morehead City accountant, explained his proposed accounting system for the town of Newport at Tuesday night's meeting of the board of town commi sioners.

He recommended that the town dopt a simple form of double-en try bookkeeping which would allow the town clerk to keep a close check on the town's receipts and expenditures Mr. Gaskill offered to set up such

a system at a cost of about \$100. He said that the total cost of set-ting up the system, including sup-plies, would be about \$150. He said that he would spend about two days working with the clerk and explaining the system and would also help with any problems which might arise after the system is in

The commissioners agreed that a The commissioners agreed that a bookkeeping system is needed by the town. The only question was in regard to who should set up the system. The board voted to ask Bob Montague, Newport accountant, to present his ideas on the subject. The meeting with Mr. Montague was held last night.

The board passed an ordinance making it unlawful to obstruct a ditch in the town of Newport.

ditch in the town of Newport. The board also voted to hire a contractor to caulk the town water tank which will not hold water. The commissioners suggested that the work be done as soon as possi-

L. C. Bercegeay, representing the veterans' housing cooperative, ask-ed that the town place restrictive covenants on the land south of the Nine-foot road near the new hous-ing project. He reported that the FHA will not complete loans until the restrictions are put into effect. The board agreed to place on the

and blocks have been placed up to the first floor joist.

The two-story educational building will be erected first. The first floor will be used for worship, and the second will be used for educational purposes.

The 35 churches of the Atlantic Baptist association are expected to be represented at Sunday's organizational meeting.

Plans Set for Food Handling School

Plans are moving forward rapid-ly for the first annual food and now holds a similar position at Duke. In his present capacity, he is responsible for the serving of 12,000 meals daily.

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if the state will take it back into the highway system.

Mayor Charles A. Gould, jr., reported that he has received the forms for the annual Powell bill report. He suggested that a new map be made of the streets which are to receive state aid. He also urged that it be done as soon as possible.

The school is being sponsored by the health department in co-operation with the state board of health, the local restaurant industry and the North Carolina restaurant association.

Among the outstanding authorities in the field of food handling.

the Newport river between Morehead City and Beaufort was closed for two days this week while repairs were made to a gear.

The bridge was closed to water
traffic both Tuesday and Wednesday and was closed to highway traffic Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4
p.m.

Meetings Announced

Miss Martha Barnett, home
agent, has announced the following
home demonstration club meetings
for next week. Monday at 2 p.m.
the Atlantic club meets with Mrs.
Sterling Robinson. Monday night
at 7:30 the Wire Grass club will
meet with Mrs. David Merrill.

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horn and compressor.

Present at the meeting were
mayor Gould, Miss Lockey, Chief
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For Election

The Carteret county board of elections this week named John T. Conner of 2716 Arvon street and

Conner of 2716 Arvon street and Luther Norris of 2712 Homes drive to be judges of the Morehead City annexation election May 23.

The appointment of the judges was made public by Fred R. Seeley, chairman of the board of elections. Clyde Jones was named registrar for the election earlier. for the election earlier.

The registration books closed last Saturday after 162 residents of the

missioners has proposed the annex-ation of the state property west of Thirty-fourth street and south band, units of Cub, Boy and Girl of the railroad; the area west of Twenty-fifth street between the railroad and highway 70 to the west limit of the state property; and the area between Twenty-fifth the highway to Calico creek.

If a majority of the registered voters in the area cast their bal-lots for annexation, these areas will be taken into the city; otherwise

A public hearing on the question was held at the city hall April 6.
At that time the city officials presented their proposal to the residents of the areas and promised certain definite services for the areas in the event they are an-

position to the proposal was pre-sented at the public hearing by Claud Wheatly, attorney for Mr. Fulcher and others in the The petition was signed by 104

Registration and voting in poard of elections.

The city has promised to give the esidents and property owners of the area six kinds of service once they are incorporated. These services include water mains for fire

George Dill has said, "Our primary purpose is to insure the orderly growth of Morehead City and only

decided by a close vote. Tomor-row is challenge day and the reg-Singled out for particular praise were Governor William B. Umstead and Robert Bruce Etheridge, for any challenges.

Methodists Plan Greenville Meeting

the First Methodist church of More-head City, has announced that all Carteret county Methodists have been asked to take part in a mass meeting at 3:30 p.m. May 24 in the auditorium of East Carolina col-

deen, S. D., will be the speaker at the celebration which is a part of

County Board Morehead Port Enters New Era **Names Judges**

The Morehead City board of com-

election is restricted by state law to residents of the area who are qualified state and county voters. No absentee ballots will be accepted in the election whic is being completely managed by the county

secondary is the matter of tax rev-enue. This property will have to be in the city several years before the gain in taxes will offset our immediate expenses in giving services

to the area."

Many of the residents of the areas feel that the election will be

lege, Greenville.

Bishop Edwin E. Voight of Aber-

Plans Set for Food Handling School

Crowds Observe Military Parade Several thousand residents of

Morehead City saw military units from Cherry Point, Camp Lejeune, areas proposed for incorporation and Fort Bragg march in the annual Armed Forces Day parade nual Armed Forces Day parade Wednesday morning.

The Morehead City high school

of the Second Engineers from Camp Lejeune, a company from the and Twenty-eighth streets north of 82nd Airborne division at Fort Bragg, a group from the Navy fleet tug Atakapa, and the Second Marine Air Wing band from Cherry

Following the parade, the ma ine band played a concert in front of the city hall. Speeches were made by Chaplain W. O. Swets from Cherry Point and Mayor George W. Dill, jr.

Special features of the day's celebration were a landing of a marine helicopter in front of the city hall on Eighth street and the Atakapa at the port terminal docks. Leading the opposition to annex-ation has been O. O. Fulcher. A petition asking for a referendum on the question and voicing op-The Atakapa will remain at the

The Atakapa will remain at the port terminal until Monday. Visit ors may look through the ship Saturday and Sunday afternoom from 1 until 5. The fleet tug is 205 feet long and is driven by diesel-electric power developing 3,000 horsepower. It is now engag ed primarily in towing surface gun nery targets out of Norfolk for gunnery exercises.

The Atakapa's primary function is towing, but it is equipped to perform salvage work. Equipment such as deep-sea diving gear and beach gear is carried to facilitate salvage work.

Commissioned December 8, 1944, the Atakapa spent most of the war vices include water mains for lire hydrants, street lights guaranteed fire protection, police protection, street maintainence, and zonin and city planning.

In explaining the proposal Mayor In explaining the proposal Mayor Leaders of the celebration exceed disappointment that the

pressed disappointment that the closing of the Newport river bridge to automobile traffic reduced the number of people who could come to the parade. The bridge was closed to traffic from 9 until the

early afternoon.

The parade started at 11 o'clock The helicopter landing was made at

Farm, Home Week **Program Planned**

R. M. Williams, county farm agent, has announced that the Farm and Home week held each year at State College will be held June 8-11 instead of in mid-August The Rev. Leon Couch, pastor of as has been the custom in other

State college officials made the change in the hope that more rural people would be able to attend the program at that time than if it were held later in the summer. In past years, it has been felt that the time of the program prevented many farm people from attending.

brotherhood and 17 have joined the women's missionary society. Prayer in the housing project. The land meeting and youth fellowship have been conducted weekly.

Work has already begun on the church which will cost approve.

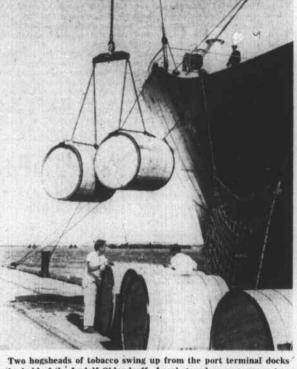
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With First Tobacco Shipment

to the hold of the Ludolf Oldendorff. Local stevedores maneuver two other hogsheads into position for the crane. The Oldendorff sailed yesterday with the first export cargo in the history of the state port

Ronald Mason Elected President of Jaycees Ronald Earl Mason was elected

PMA to Begin **Tobacco Survey**

Measurement of tobacco acreage in the county will begin Wednes-day, according to B. J. May, pr-duction marketing administrator for the county. The measurement is intended to insure that tobacco farmers comply with acreage allot-ments set by the PMA.

trained at a school to be conducted at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in the education room of the county health officers.

James Davis, Beaufort banker,

that additional help will be needed for the program and has asked any college or high school students seeking summer employment to contact him at the PMA office,

Producers requesting remeast a car with the county PMA committee the estimated cost of remaining the acreage. The cost is serving as directress. deposit with the county Pana deposit with the county in the acreage. The cost will be 60 cents per acre with a minimum of 85 per unit. A unit is that acreage within the county in which one person has the entire which one person has the entire interest or in which two persons interest or in which two persons interest.

John Evans, who has resigned as football coach at Beaufort high cache and cooperation during past football seasons. The club commended him for his work with the iteam.

Girls from Beaufort who nave and Girls

conducted schools in almost every

The school will be the first of

its kind to be held in Carteret county, although similar schools

per cent staff attendance.

at Monday night's election meet ing. He will succeed Wiley Taylor jr., as president. Other new officers of the club

are James Steed, internal vice-president; Vic Bellamah, secretary; and Billy Davis, treasurer. The new director's are John Jones, Tommy Potter, Jack Barnes,

Albert Chappell and Holden Ballou. The officers will complete the board of directors. A. C. Blankenship was nomina

ments set by the PMA.

Those who have agreed to assist with the measurement will be trained at a school to be conducted at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in the education of the conduction of the conductio

epartment in the court house anlex, Beaufort.

Mr. May says that indications are
hat additional help will be needed
for the program and has asked any

James Davis, Beaufort Ballott
was the guest speaker at the meeting. He described the government's
savings bond program which is
celebrating it 12th anniversary. Thaby bonds began 12 years ago as "baby bonds." Mr. Davis described the

seeking summer employment to contact him at the PMA office, Community committeemen and any others trained to determine acreage, will be responsible for field inspection and measurement on farms in the sections assigned to them. Their work will be spot checked by county committeemen. Producers requesting remeasurement of tobacco acreage must deposit with the county PMA committee of ceremonies fo the paramater of ceremonies fo the paramater of ceremonies fo the paramater of ceremonies for the paramater of the

Closes to Boats June 2

this week announced that the bridge over the Newport river bethat the land and Jean Lewis of Davis. bridge over the Newport river between Morehead City and Beaufort
will be closed to navigation from
Tuesday, June 2, through Thursday, June 4.

The winner of the contest will
be selected by a panel of judges
who will be named before the contest.

A door prize, a completely instal-

A detour channel, 12 feet deep in Beaufort or Morehead City.
The winner of the contest will represent Beaufort in the Miss route each have a 60-foot horizontal July 15-17 in Morehead City. She will compete with girls spongered will compete with girls spongered. of the restaurant association for the past six years. He has been one of the leaders in the food handling school program and has

Tide Table Tides at Beaufort Bar Friday, May 15

have proven very successful in other parts of the state. Saturday, May 16

10:24 a.m.
10:46 p.m.
Sunday, May 17

11:13 a.m.
11:32 p.m.
Monday, May 18

12:03 p.m.
Tuesday, May 19

12:20 a.m.
12:59 p.m.

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6:12 p.m. 9:59 p.m. Classes will be held twice daily with the same material being covsame material being coveral in both morning and after-noon sessions. This will enable all restaurant workers to attend the 11:13 a.m. Those who complete the course will receive certificates and spe-cial awards will be given to those business establishments with 100 per cent staff attendance.

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Ship Is Delayed By Unexpected **Tobacco Shortage**

The sailing of the Morehead City port terminal's first export cargo was delayed until yesterday by an

unexpected shortage of tobacco.

J. D. Holt, manager of the port, reported that the expert techniques of the Stevenson and Young steve-doring supervisors made possible the loading of more hogsheads of tobacco on the Ludolf Oldendorff than had been anticipated.

"We expected to have tobacco left over in the warehouse, but on Tuesday it became apparent that we did not have enough stored in the warehouse to fill the ship," he commented.

An additional 150 hogsheads were An additional 150 hogsheads were brought to the port Wednesday and at the end of the loading there was still room for aproximately 120 more hogsheads aboard the frieghter. A total of 2,619 hogs-heads were loaded. Mr. Holt said that the ship could

have sailed Wednesday afternoon but was held over by the consigners of the cargo on the off-chance that export permits for even more hogs-heads could be obtained. These failed to materialize. The tobacco exports are the first

The tobacco exports are the first indication of a developing interest in using the Morehead City port as a two-way shipping point. Since the first of March two other German freighters have discharged caragoes of fertilizer materials over the local deals. local docks. Mr. Holt emphasized that an in-

crease in storage facilities at the ports is imperative in order to achieve the maximum development of the port facilities.

The Ludolf Oldendorff is one of the newest ships in the revived German merchant fleet. It was launched at Lubeck, Germany, in November of 1952, Capt. J. Malek of the Oldendorff is also the youngest captain now commanding a German vessel.

In charter to the largest German cigarette manufacturer, the Oldendorff brought a cargo of felspar to Wilmington, Del., and then came to Morehead City to pick up the tobacco. This was the first time the Oldendorff has made an Atlantic crossing. The 349-foot ship requires 10 to 12 days to make

the trip.
While in Morehead City Capt, Malek visited Homer A. Getsinger of 2307 Arendell street. "This is a very fine city," he commented, "and I hope to be able to come

Nineteen Enter **Beaufort Contest**

Miss Betty Lou Merrill, directress of the beauty pageant to select Beaufort's entry in the Miss North Carolina contest has announced that 19 girls from Beaufort and the eastern part of the county have entered the contest.

inson, Kay Lewis, Ann Noe, Fay Merrill, Peggy Dixon, Jean Taylor, Mary Frazier Paul and Marie Webb. Entrants from the eastern part Closes to Boats June 2 of the county are Ruth Wooten of Marshallberg, Dolores Willis of Atlantic, Ina Russell of Harkers Is-

day, June 2, through A door prize, a completely instatto make repairs to the electrical system of the drawspan. This will affect intracoastal waterway traffic.

A door prize, a completely instatled television set, will be awarded after the selection of the beauty queen. Dancing will follow the pageant. Tickets for the pageant may be obtained from any Jaycee in Reaufort or Morehead City.

will compete with girls sponsored by Jaycee clubs from all parts of The winner of the Miss North

Bar Carolina contest will compete in the Miss America pageant at Atlantic City, N lantic City, N. J.

3:42 p.m. Beaufort Residents Get

To be Selected Tonight

The doors of the auditorium will

Grover Munden will serve as master of ceremonies for the beauty contest and the intermission entertainment. A panel of three im-partial judges, who will select the winner, will be announced before the contest. None of the judges will be a resident of Morehead City.

Festivities to Mark **Atlantic Beach Opening**

Atlantic Beach Opening
The summer season at Atlantic Beach will be officially inaugurated tonight with the grand opening celebration. The big feature of the occasion will be a dance at the Heart of the Beach with Chuck Stevens and his orchestra providing the music. The dance will begin at 8 p.m. and will continue until midnight.

The warm weather this spring has already brought weekend crowds to the beach, and Mayor Alfred 8. Cooper says that indications are that this will be one of the biggest-seasons in the history of the resort.

Fisheries Group Lauds Umstead,

R. B. Etheridge The North Carolina Fisheries association recently passed resolu-tions honoring the work of legislators who have worked on behalf of the fisheries industry.

who was for 13 years director of the Department of Conservation and Development. Citing Mr. Etheridge's 50 years of continuous state service, the resolution reads, "During the 1953 session of the General Assembly

he was in the front line of those forces which looked to a better and more efficient fisheries administra-tion and which led the fight for funds to enable the fisheries to develop in a more progressive and more modern manner." In their comments on Governor Umstead, the association noted the



