

# 1953 Produces Four Carteret County Championship Teams

## Morehead Dog Track Officials Work New Track

Four Morehead City Dog Track officials are working at the Palm Beach Kennel Club this season. The Palm Beach track was recently purchased by the Carolina-Virginia Racing Association which owns the Morehead track.

Racing started Dec. 15 at Palm Beach with Delmas Willis, Morehead City, as lure operator. The job of keeping the bunny at the proper interval ahead of the greyhounds is one of the most important positions at any track.

In keeping with their policy of securing top racing officials, new owners of the kennel club obtained the services of Mr. Willis, recognized as one of the leading lure operators of the nation.

During the summer months Mr. Willis holds the same position at Morehead City. Others of the Morehead City track crew are working at the Palm Beach track.

They are Leo Hartwell, racing secretary at Morehead, who is racing director; and his brother, Frank Hartwell, is the judge. Chuck Kressler, Morehead paddock judge, is paddock judge at Palm Beach.

Paul Cleland, manager of the Morehead track, is manager of the Palm Beach track. Mr. Cleland states that the Morehead track crew are dependable and have helped him considerably in getting the newly-acquired track into operation.

## Court Action Begins Tuesday

Carteret County high schools will resume their basketball season Tuesday after a two-week lay-off for the holidays.

The schedule for next week follows:

**Tuesday**  
Swansboro at Beaufort  
Smyrna at Jones Central  
Morehead City at Dixon  
Newport at Dover

**Friday**  
Morehead City at Swansboro  
Jones Central at Beaufort  
Smyrna at Pamlico

Atlantic's schedule for next week is not available at this time.

### Jerry Schumacher

## Its Raining, It Looks Bad But Really Is Sent

(Editor's Note: Jerry has suggested once or twice that we run his column just as he gives it to us. We've come to the conclusion that, edited or not, it'll get read, so here it is.)

Usually there is so much to write about that I don't know where to begin, but this time its different, this is a piece about what is sent.

It isent beautiful weather, its raining.

There isent any golf being played, reason, Rain There isent any cash money floating around, Reason Xmas. Even the Xmas cheer is all gone. The presents are either busted or consuned, so we have nothing to look forward to except New Years. Eve, sure would like to have some stock in Bromo Seltzer.

On the face of it looks like a bad situation, but really isent, its a relief to just rest up and get ready for New Years Eve.

I wish Capt Henry would keep his nose out of my personal business, after all what does he know about golf anyway.

Its so foggy here: that I cant even see Pappy Joes island and wouldnt yo know it a sea plane just came down out of the sea sound and landed, then after a few minutes took off again, that pilot must have nevers of steel, or else radar eyes.

There are 4 fish ducks feeding right where I can watch them out of the back window, now they are after little fish and in the shallow water you can see them swim. Just like greased lightning. In fact they outswim the fish or how else could they catch their supper? and under water to.

About the two most useless things at this time of the year are Xmas trees and my Hot Rod.

Its getting about that time of year when everyone is either going to Florida or talking about going or wishing they could go.

Here comes a menhaden boat thru the fog, looks like she is real low in the water too, hope they have a few million pogies, anybody that goes fishing in this fog deserves all they can get. Just can make out the name "King Fisher" as she slides by.

Well this is the last time I will bother you with this nonsense this year so have a good time New Years eve and remember. Make that. One for the road, Coffee. Happy Hangover.

Carteret County produced four championship sports teams in 1953 when Newport High School's basketball squad won the county tourney, the district tourney, and the State Class A championship.

The Morehead City High School girls' basketball team was county champ and the football squad was Seashore Conference champ for the second straight year.

Atlantic, a member of the Carteret County Baseball League, won the county championship after Beaufort led the league in the won and lost column. The top four teams played a best out of three games series to determine the league champs.

**Newport Wins County Title**  
Feb. 21, 1953 Newport's unbeaten cagers took the county basketball tourney, downing Beaufort 47-44. Five teams participated: Morehead City, Beaufort, Newport, Smyrna, and Atlantic. The girls' teams also played in the tourney.

In the tourney Newport defeated Morehead City 70-66; Beaufort downed Smyrna 68-41; Morehead routed Atlantic 80-55.

The Morehead City girls topped Beaufort 48-40 in a thriller. Both teams gained the finals handily.

The all-county boys' team was named with Newport placing three: Billy Widgeon, Sidney Manning, and Roy Dennis.

Others on the team were Dave Freshwater, Morehead City, and Bud Willis, of Atlantic.

**All-County Girls Named**  
On the first team of the all-county girls' team was Ann Long, Ann Hardy, and Janice Lewis, of Morehead, Edna Mann and Frances Craig of Newport and Carol Jones of Beaufort.

Feb. 28 Newport topped Beaufort 77-49 for the sectional title. Beaufort had defeated Morehead 52-47 and Dover 64-43 to gain the finals. Morehead City defeated Aurora 83-73 to gain the quarter finals.

March 4 Newport defeated Snow Hill 55-40 in semi-finals of the district tourney.

March 7 Billy Widgeon scored 34 points as Newport downed Jones Central 62-53 to cop the title. Jones Central topped Beaufort in the semis 54-49.

March 12 Newport won the first round of the State Tournament in Winston-Salem besting Pilot 59-44.

March 13 Newport downed Haw River 64-60 in a thriller as Widgeon scored 22 points.

**Newport Wins State Crown**  
March 14 Newport won the State Class A Basketball Tourney by default. St. Stephens was eliminated because of a state rule that says no team must play more than three games per week.

St. Stephens had played one game in another tourney that week. The final game would be its fourth. The tourney committee ruled Newport the champs.

March 13 Queen Street High School lost out in the semis to Trenton 53-41. The Knights had won the opening round over Snow Hill by forfeit.

**A Look at Headlines**  
March 27 Morehead City opens baseball schedule with Camp Lejeune. The Eagles whip the Devilpups 1-0. March 31 Beaufort opens its season losing to Newport 2-1. Morehead City cops second in a row over Smyrna 10-1.

April 2 Queen Street drops diamond opener to Williston Hill 16-8, then whips Snow Hill 7-6.

April 18 Havelock to enter team in semi-pro league. Smyrna-Harkers Island beats Beaufort in a pre-season Saltwater League fracas, April 19.

**Stargardt Named Coach**  
April 24 Kenneth Stargardt is new Beaufort coach replacing John Evans who resigned. B. E. Tarkington announces. Morehead City is second in the Seashore Conference baseball league with a record of 5-1.

Newport is third with a 5-3 log. and Beaufort and Smyrna are tied for last with identical 1-4 records.

**County Baseball Starts**  
April 30 Saltwater league sets schedule. Teams to participate are Morehead City, Atlantic, Beaufort, Salter Path, and Mill Creek-Newport.

Softball league plans discussed. Saltwater Loop changes its name to Carteret County League. Schedule to open May 17.

May 12 Queen Street finishes diamond season with a 6-5 log. Beaufort opens Carteret County League play with decisive 13-0 win over Smyrna-Harkers Island.

July 5 Carteret County League All-Star game goes to the West stars 11-3 over the East. July 10 A. N. Casey named Newport basketball coach to succeed Wayne Benton.

July 21 Edward Beard wins table tennis tourney at the Recreation Center. Beard and Henry Scott win poie-vault with 6 feet 6-inches.

Beard also wins high jump event with a 4 foot 2 inch jump. Walter Willis wins the broad jump with a leap of 18 feet 5 inches.

July 28 Ethan Davis wins badminton tourney at the Recreation Center defeating Rodney Nelson in the finals.

**Beaufort Finishes First**  
Aug. 4 Beaufort finishes first in the Carteret County Baseball League. Atlantic finishes second. These teams battled neck and neck for first place all season. Shaughnessy play-offs to begin Aug. 9 with best out of three series.

Four teams to participate, Newport, Atlantic, Beaufort, and Smyrna-Harkers Island.

Sept. 8 Atlantic downs Newport for Carteret County League title. Sept. 11 high school football season opens.

Sept. 11 Morehead City routs Swansboro 20-0. Wins six straight games before being stopped by Washington, 32-0. All home games being played on Camp Glenn Athletic Field finished in time for first grid tilt.

Nov. 6 Beaufort ends losing streak beating Pamlico and wins three more games in a row to end season. Morehead City wins one more to finish season.

**Eagles Win Grid Crown**  
Morehead City Seashore Conference Champions for second straight year. First round of Eastern Class A Championships to start Nov. 14.

Nov. 14 Massey Hill High tops Morehead City 27-0 and goes on to take state championship.

Dec. 1 basketball season opens. Morehead City defeats Atlantic, Newport blasts Beaufort.

Dec. 18 Christmas holidays halt cage activities until Jan. 5, 1954.

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## Speaker Cites Need for World Federation

### Robert Humber, Founder Of World Federalists, Speaks at Beaufort

There will be no peace in the world except through World Federation, Robert Humber, founder of the World Federalist movement, told original members of the World Federalist group Tuesday afternoon at the American Legion Hut in Beaufort.

"We won't have peace until we punish the individual responsible for disorder on a world level," Mr. Humber said. This, he added, has to come through world law, for law brings order.

As an illustration, Mr. Humber stated that a community it not held for the misdeeds of the individual by local law enforcement agencies. Therefore, a nation should not be held responsible for the misdeeds of individuals that stir up disorder.

"We must punish the guilty party, not the community," he said.

He proposed that American statesmen be notified of the American people's choice of wanting to become world citizens, subject to world law designed to make peace.

This can be accomplished, he explained, by taking the step, through courage and faith, to voice to one's fellowman the idea of world law.

**Congress in '55**  
An opportune time to move mankind in the right direction is in 1955 when a congress of the United Nations will be called to revise and change the charter to meet deficiencies that have arisen, the speaker reported.

"If America backs World Federation, France and Australia will back it," Mr. Humber made this statement after telling the group of his conferences with the president of France and the head of the Australian delegation to the UN.

He said the reason the world doesn't have peace, is because of "today's regime." "The regime of the world is based on diplomacy. The world can only hope for victory, not peace," Mr. Humber declared.

He said the regime wants an armed camp to resist the aggressor. The aggressor is being appeased by diplomatic agreements and treaties, and wars are being fought to preserve these treaties and agreements, said the speaker.

**'Surrender or Fight'**  
The regime today must either surrender or fight. Either way there will be no peace with freedom, he warned. "We need to have world law instead of diplomacy. In that way we'll have world peace."

The world is facing the greatest crisis in the last 700 years, in Mr. Humber's opinion. The struggle is between communism and democracy—on an international basis.

This international antagonism stems from the feeling of nationalism starting from the end of the feudalism period.

Now instead of spreading out, the nations of the world are being drawn closer together. Decisions by one nation, or a group of nations, have a marked effect on other nations of the world because of the international scope of ideas, the speaker continued.

**Peace Needed**  
This brings conflicting hopes and desires for peace. Above all, the world wants to survive, he said, and peace is needed for survival.

In order to get peace, law, political science, and jurisprudence must be instituted on a world level, Mr. Humber summarized.

Mr. Humber returns to Carteret County each year to report on World Federation. The World Federalists organized on Davis Island in Carteret County in 1941.

Mr. Humber was scheduled to speak last night to the Morehead City Rotary Club. He will also give an address at the February meeting of the Beaufort Book Club.

Following Mr. Humber's remarks, a question and answer period took place and refreshments were served.

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The social security tax rate is scheduled to go up today, according to a reminder issued today by N. A. Avera, manager of the Wilmington social security office.

"The increase," he explained, "is in accordance with the 1950 amendments to the social security law, and was enacted by Congress toward meeting future obligations of the old-age and survivors insurance program."

Employees in jobs covered by the law will have 2 per cent instead of the present 1½ per cent taken out of their pay up to earnings of \$3,600 a year beginning with the first of January; their employers will contribute an equal amount.

The new rates will apply to all taxable wages paid after Dec. 31, 1953, regardless of when earned.

"The social security tax for the self-employed is scheduled to go from 2½ (two and one-quarter) to 3 per cent," Mr. Avera added.

"However, since the 3 per cent rate applies to 1954 earnings, self-employed persons will pay the present 2½ per cent social security tax on their 1953 earnings covered by the law. This will be reported with their income tax return on or before March 15, 1954. Their first payments at the 3 per cent rate will be due March 15, 1955."

In the meantime, the Internal Revenue Service reports that employers were furnished late last month with new income tax and social security withholding tables showing the rates which will be in force this year.

The next social security tax increase, scheduled for 1960, will be to 2½ per cent each for worker and employer, and to 3½ per cent for the self-employed.

**Dick Parker Wins Cruise to Bermuda**  
Ninth place nationally among medium size Chrysler dealers in new car sales in the Aug. 24-Oct. 31 period has won a two weeks' cruise to Nassau and Bermuda for Mr. and Mrs. Dick Parker, Beaufort. Mr. Parker is owner and manager of Parker Motors, Morehead City.

The Parkers will leave by plane from New Bern for New York Sunday afternoon. They will spend the night at the Waldorf-Astoria and sail on the Queen of Bermuda for the southern islands Monday afternoon.

About 100 Chrysler dealers from all parts of the nation will be guests of Chrysler Corporation on this all expense paid trip.

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