

### Republicans Will Meet Feb. 26 At Courthouse

District Convention Will Take Place in Beaufort Wednesday, March 3

Roy T. Garner, Newport, temporary chairman of the Republican Executive Committee of Carteret County, announced Saturday that the Republican convention will be held at the courthouse in Beaufort at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26.

Republicans of the third congressional district will convene in Beaufort at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon, March 3. The district meeting is the first to be held here in many years.

Mr. Garner said that at the Feb. 26 county convention, a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and treasurer of the county executive committee will be elected. At present Mrs. Marvin Willis is vice-chairman, Graham Duncan Jr., secretary and Carl Gaskill, treasurer.

Delegates will also be elected to the state Republican convention March 6 at Charlotte. The number of delegates is based on votes cast for the Republican governor in the 1952 election. The ratio is one delegate for every two hundred votes.

Mr. Garner urges Republicans of all 26 precincts to attend the county convention. Officials of the executive committee say they are looking forward to a lot of women voters' attending.

At the district Republican convention March 3 district officers will be elected. Former district president was Julian Gaskill, Goldsboro, who resigned when he was appointed United States attorney for the eastern district of North Carolina.

Mr. Peterson, Clinton, secretary of the district organization, will preside. Republicans say they are hoping to run a candidate for Congress.

At the State Republican convention state officers will be elected. Another event for Republicans is scheduled for March, a dinner in celebration of the hundredth anniversary of the Republican party.

### Three Pastors Join Association

Three new members were admitted to the Carteret County Ministers Association yesterday at a meeting in the First Methodist Church, Morehead City.

They are the Rev. J. D. Young, pastor of the Ann Street Methodist Church, Beaufort; the Rev. D. M. Tyson, of the Straits Methodist Circuit; and the Rev. Jesse Staton, associate pastor of the Morehead City First Methodist Church.

R. M. Williams, county farm agent, described the Challenge Program to the ministers. His talk dealt with the long range agricultural program undertaken by Carteret County farmers.

During the business session the ministers heard several committee reports.

### 44 Patients Attend Clinic

Forty-four patients attended the orthopedic clinic Saturday morning in the Morehead City Hospital annex. G. T. Windell, chairman of the Rotary Club Crippled Children's Committee, said 15 of the patients were new ones. Counties represented by the patients were Carteret, Craven and Pamlico.

Personnel in charge Saturday were Dr. Lennox Baker and Dr. Fred R. Hook, Duke University; Miss Lillie Pentrias, H. A. Hendrix, Miss Joanne Longacre, Mrs. Beatrice Lewis and Mrs. G. T. Spivey. Miss Longacre who attended the clinic for the first time is nutrition consultant with the State Department of Health.

Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Spivey are from the county health department. Volunteer workers were Mrs. J. D. Holt, Mrs. W. W. Patrick, Mrs. W. C. Carlton and Mrs. Alvah Hamilton Jr., all of Morehead City.

The next clinic will be Saturday, March 13.

### Superior Court Clerk Dismisses Civil Suit

In the superior court civil suit, William M. Watson vs. Elmer Hamilton, the parties agreed to dismissal of the case providing the defendant pay Watson \$800 and the plaintiff, Watson, pay court costs.

A. H. James, clerk of superior court, in an order signed Wednesday termed the \$800 "full settlement to claim." The suit was the outgrowth of an automobile accident in June 1953.

## Newport's Babies of 1954



Jenny Edwards, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Edwards, route 2 Newport, was winner in the recent March of Dimes baby contest at Newport. Newport residents voted for babies by dropping money in ballot boxes. The amount received for the 17 baby entries was \$164. Mrs. Edgar Hibbs was chairman of the contest.



Sammy Montague, year-and-a-half old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Montague, Newport, was runner-up. Money for "votes" went to the March of Dimes. Mrs. Walter Heath Jr., chairman of the March of Dimes in Newport, will present Jenny and Sammy with gifts at the Newport PTA meeting at 7:30 tonight at the school.

### Coast Guard Lists Essentials For Port Card

The U. S. Coast Guard emphasized today that fishermen and waterfront workers intending to apply for port security identification cards Feb. 27 or 28 in Morehead City should know their social security numbers and have proof of citizenship when they apply.

If these items are not available for the Coast Guard port security card processing team, which will be on the second floor of the Morehead City postoffice building, applications cannot be accepted.

Acceptable birth records include military discharges, notarized affidavits, passports, baptismal records and merchant seaman's papers.

The card team was in Morehead City last month and handled 354 applications, but decided to make a return trip in order to give more persons a chance to apply for the cards.

Urged by the Coast Guard to get the identification cards are all fishermen and others who are employed, in any capacity, on wharves, docks, loading terminals, harbor craft and other waterfront areas.

If the Coast Guard should restrict parts of the waterfront for national security or safety reasons, persons without these cards or other acceptable credentials will not be allowed to enter the restricted areas, and possibly kept from work.

### Representative of Engineering Firm Visits County to Get Waterways Facts

In conjunction with the survey of coastal waterways being conducted by a New York engineering firm, F. C. Meltzer is in Carteret this week to talk with persons interested in waterway development.

Mr. Meltzer is one of four men working on the project. The others are A. Hedefine, partner in charge, T. O. Blaschke, project manager, and Col. L. F. Rhodes. Their firm is Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Hall & MacDonald.

The North Carolina legislature last year appropriated \$47,000 for a survey of the state's navigable coastal waters with a view toward obtaining a practical aspect of water commerce possibilities.

Mr. Meltzer is located temporarily in the commercial fisheries building at Camp Glenn west of Morehead City. Although he will be traveling along the coast, he stated Friday that he can be contacted this week by phoning the commercial fisheries department, 6-4219.

Describes Work  
Mr. Meltzer explained that the work his firm is doing is a combination economic and engineering job. He emphasized that the project does not include the measuring of channel depths or work already done by the Army Corps of Engineers.

"The Federal government already has numerous waterway projects listed for coastal Carolina. It is our job to survey those projects and to determine which ones are the most important and would

if possible. If the federal government can't do the work, then we hope to suggest how it might be done," commented Mr. Meltzer.

He expressed doubt that the survey could state specifically, for example, "A port should be built here," or "A tobacco warehouse must be built there." Where specific recommendations are possible, however, they will be made, he added.

Money to finance the survey was obtained through efforts of the North Carolina Coastal Marine Council, a group of 25 counties interested in economic growth through their waterways.

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Colonel Rhodes, reporting at a meeting of the Marine Council Jan. 29 at Washington, N. C., said that by Jan. 15 it was estimated that their work was about 21 per cent complete. The final report is expected to contain 30 to 40 maps in color.

Commenting on the knowledge they have gained thus far of the state's waterways and commerce Colonel Rhodes said, "... in order to make a water movement profitable, it is highly desirable that a

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### Morehead Firemen Get Sunday Call To Crab Point Home

Morehead City Fire Department answered an out-of-town call at 11 a.m. Sunday. The home of Jesse Gillikin, Crab Point, caught fire from an overheated flue, Eldon Nelson, fire chief said.

The fire was burning between the ceiling and the weatherboards and caught the side of the house.

Mr. Gillikin, after calling the firemen, pulled the sheetrock off the wall and ceiling and extinguished the blaze before firemen arrived, the chief reported.

Damage was estimated at \$200. Mr. Gillikin said his house was not insured.

### Rotarians Hear Talk On Alcoholism Thursday

The Rev. Leon Couch, pastor of the Morehead City First Methodist Church, spoke on alcoholism at the meeting of the Morehead City Rotary Club Thursday at the Recreation Center.

The program Thursday dealt with public service. George H. Wallace, program chairman, introduced Mr. Couch. Visitors to the club were Bob Montague, Newport; Gerald Hill, Beaufort; and Charles Hancock, Charlotte.

### Second Concert Features Pianist

Ray Dudley, pianist, will present the second of the Community Concert series this year when he plays in the Morehead City School auditorium Thursday night.

Mr. Dudley is the first Canadian ever to win the Unanimous Medal in International Competition at Geneva. He holds the Eaton Award, Canada's highest musical honor and the Harriet Cohen Commonwealth Medal as the outstanding young musician of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Mr. Dudley composed a Coronation March which he included on his program for his first London recital and played it for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Members of the Community Concerts, who have house guests from more than 50 miles away, may purchase tickets for the concert, as may members of the armed services and newly-arrived residents of the county. The concert will begin at 8:15.

### 23-Year-Old Navy Man Dies Here

Thomas C. Curran, USN, died at Morehead City Hospital at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, about half an hour after he was admitted.

Mr. Curran was flown by helicopter from the LSD Ashland, off the coast of Beaufort, to Beaufort airport. There an ambulance took him to Morehead City Hospital.

The Coast Guard station at Fort Macon got a distress call from the Ashland about noon Wednesday. They said they had a man aboard who had been critically injured in a fall and asked that he be taken ashore by copter.

Since the Ashland was about 115 miles out at sea and Coast Guard helicopters don't operate more than 50 miles offshore, the Ashland came in to the 50-mile range where a helicopter from the Elizabeth City Air Station landed on its deck and took off with Curran and a Navy doctor.

Curran was suffering from a fractured skull. He was 23 years of age. The body was removed to Camp Lejeune.

### Police Get Call to Watch For Gray Get-Away Car

Morehead City police received a radio call from the State Highway Patrol yesterday morning to be on the lookout for a gray two-toned 1954 Dodge, believed to be the get-away car used by Kinston burglars.

A store in Kinston was burglarized early yesterday, the thieves taking five different type guns and pistols. The Highway Patrol said the car was headed either east toward Morehead City or south.

## Five Auto Accidents Occur During Weekend

### Morehead City Gets Shipping Company Office

Wilmington Firm Opens Branch Here, Names W. T. Davies Manager

The Wilmington Shipping Co. is establishing a shipping agency office in Morehead City, Peter B. Ruffin, president, announced Friday.

Manager of the branch office will be William T. Davies who has recently moved to Morehead City from Falls Church, Va. Mr. Davies was formerly assistant chief accountant of the Reconstruction Finance Corps, Washington. He has owned a home in Morehead City for a number of years.

Referring to the Morehead shipping Co., Col. R. S. Marr, director of the State Ports, said, "We consider the establishment of this company as a most fortunate development for the port. The State Ports Authority is exerting every effort to induce such firms, essential to a complete port service, to move directly into our port development program. This includes freight forwarders, import-export firms, shippers, distributors, steamship agencies and transportation lines."

The Wilmington Shipping Co. has been handling business for clients in Morehead City for many years, booking cargoes and offering stevedoring service. President Ruffin said, "With the increase in shipping in the port and in view of favorable prospects for increased activity in the future, we have felt it advisable to establish our own organization on the spot rather than continue to serve the port from our Wilmington office. In this way we expect to render more efficient service and we hope to be a real asset to Morehead City."

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### Churches, PTA To Sponsor Play

One Foot in Heaven, the initial production of the Carteret Community Theatre, will be given two more times in the county, Mrs. Wilsey Taylor Jr., business manager, announced yesterday.

The Atlantic Methodist Church will sponsor the play at Atlantic School at 8 o'clock Friday night. St. Stephens Methodist Church, Morehead City, and the W. S. King School PTA, Morehead City, will sponsor the play at 8 o'clock Friday night, Feb. 16, in the W. S. King School auditorium.

The third performance was given Thursday night at the Morehead City School and was sponsored by the Morehead City Band Association. A net profit of \$260 went to the school band.

The first two performances were sponsored by the Carteret County Girl Scouts Feb. 4 and 5 at Beaufort School. The Girl Scouts received \$400.

One Foot in Heaven is the story of a preacher and his family. Playing the leads are Ray Cummins and Joyce Willis, both of Morehead City. Director of the play is Tressa Royal Vickers.

### Longshoremens Will Elect Officers At March Session

The International Longshoremens' Local will elect officers at their meeting next month, March 11, in their club room on Arendell street, Morehead City. They will serve one year.

Present officers are Leroy Guthrie, president; John Tillery, vice-president; Cecil Finer, recording secretary; Starling Fuller, financial secretary; L. H. Bell, treasurer, and Vernon C. Guthrie, business manager.

At Thursday night's meeting the longshoremens discussed the unloading of the sugar cargo due here Friday. The SS Anwerpen is scheduled to discharge 750 tons of refined sugar.

J. D. Holt port manager, said yesterday that due to Monday being a holiday, George Washington's birthday, unloading of the ship will not begin until Tuesday, Feb. 23.

Marines and Navy vessels at Morehead City port are embarking for the annual winter maneuvers at Vieques in the Caribbean.

Five automobile accidents occurred in the county over the weekend. In Morehead City Saturday morning a train ran into an automobile but no one was injured. Two went to the hospital Saturday night as the result of a collision at Bettie, a Marine piled into a tree early Sunday morning near the Blue Ribbon Club, an 11-year-old child was injured in an accident Sunday morning and a collision Sunday afternoon caused \$260 property damage but no injuries.

The train-auto collision occurred at the 12th street crossing, Arendell street. Archie Leon Edwards, 1810 Fisher St., Morehead City, was headed south when he said his car choked out and stalled on the tracks.

The train, going east, could not stop in time and it struck the car on the right rear fender, causing a hundred dollars damage. The engineer was E. Sumrell, 211 Eden St., New Bern. Captain Herbert Griffin and Sgt. Bruce Edwards investigated.

Two Hurt  
Mrs. Sam Bland, route 1 Beaufort, and Alexander Lewis, 309 Live Oak St., Beaufort, were injured in a wreck at 7:30 Saturday night on highway 70, Bettie. Both were taken to Morehead City Hospital. They were still hospitalized yesterday.

State Highway Patrolman J. W. Sykes said that Sam Bland was driving his 1937 Chevrolet east when Lewis piled into the rear of him, knocking the car 200 feet ahead along the right shoulder of the road into a culvert.

Bland told the patrolman that he was going about 35 miles an hour. Lewis has been charged with careless and reckless driving and speeding. Damage to his car, a 1954 Ford four-door, was estimated at \$650 and damage to Bland's car \$100. Mrs. Bland was the only passenger in the Bland car.

At 12:30 a.m. Sunday Robert A. Kelley, Cherry Point Marine, was headed west on highway 70 when he failed to make the curve at the Blue Ribbon Club. He went off the left side of the road, skidded 150 feet and was stopped by a tree that measured close to 7 feet around. The car, a 1952 Buick convertible, was demolished.

Kelley was taken to the Morehead City Hospital in the George W. Dill ambulance. He was treated there and then moved to the dispensary at Cherry Point.

Patrolman Sykes has charged Kelley with driving drunk and speeding in excess of 35 miles an hour.

John C. Bennett, 11-year-old brother of Harmon Dewey Bennett, route 1 Beaufort, received a severe cut on his left knee at 11:30 Sunday morning when the car his brother was driving collided with a car driven by Eugene Lee Dixon, 800 Simmons Dr., New Bern.

Bennett was attempting to turn left off a dirt road at South River when Dixon rounded a sharp curve and hit Bennett who was on the left side of the road.

The child was taken to Morehead City Hospital by J. A. Hardy, Merimont. Bennett has been charged with driving on the wrong side of the road. His car, a 1940 Plymouth, was judged a total loss by Highway Patrolman W. J. Smith. Damage to Dixon's car, a 1949 Ford, was estimated at \$400.

A 1950 Chevrolet two-door sedan driven by Fred Garner, route 1 Beaufort, collided with a 1951 Ford four-door driven by Harry Gaskill, 811 Cedar St., Beaufort, Sunday afternoon on highway 70 between Hardesty's Corner and North River.

Both cars were headed west in a line of traffic. According to Patrolman Smith, Gaskill pulled out of line to pass a car ahead of him when Garner, having passed a car behind Gaskill tried to pass Gaskill too.

Damage to Garner's car was estimated at \$400 and to Gaskill's \$200. Garner has been charged with improper passing.

To Serve 12 Months  
Lloyd Fillingame, Beaufort, found guilty in Morehead City Recorder's Court last week on charges of drunken driving and theft of gasoline, will serve 12 months in prison instead of 18 as stated in Friday's paper. He received a six-month sentence on each of the three charges but the two drunken driving sentences are to be served at the same time, making a total of 12 months.

Following the cold spell last week, which saw the mercury drop to 30 Saturday, the first real touch of spring hit Carteret County as the mercury reversed its direction and soared to 63 Sunday, according to Stamey Davis, weather observer.

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Saturday, Feb. 13 ..... 63 30  
Sunday, Feb. 14 ..... 63 34

### Parties to Suit Make Settlement For \$3,200

The administrators of the Seth S. Arthur estate and Carolina Power and Light have reached a compromise settlement in the suit charging the power company with directly contributing to the death of Seth Arthur Oct. 27, 1952.

According to a judgment signed by Judge J. Paul Frizzelle, resident judge of the fifth judicial district, the power company will pay \$3,200 to the Arthur estate.

The plaintiffs alleged that metal stays to the mast of a sailboat, on which Mr. Arthur met his death, contacted an overhead power line across Bogue Sound causing him to be electrocuted.

Mrs. Arthur who was aboard the boat and the only witness to the accident has died since the suit was filed. Coroner Griffin H. Rouse, Pitt County, ruled Mrs. Arthur's death as suicide. He said she hanged herself with a window cord in a shed at her home at Greenville, Nov. 16, 1953.

Judge Frizzelle also signed an order that of the \$3,200, one thousand dollars shall be paid Luther Hamilton, Morehead City attorney, as compensation in preparation of the case for the plaintiffs.

In an order signed last Tuesday by A. H. James, clerk of superior court, the clerk said that the estate of Verna Lee Arthur and the heir Vernon Arthur, are entitled to \$2,200 left after counsel fees have been deducted. J. J. Stancill and J. Russell Stancill, co-administrators of the estate of Verna Lee Arthur, are to receive \$1,000 and Vernon Arthur and Cecil Mays, attorney, are to receive \$1,100.

### Officer Takes BB Gun from Boy

Officer Maxwell Wade of the Beaufort police force reported yesterday that a BB gun was taken from a Beaufort lad who was shooting the gun Sunday. Chief of Police M. E. Guy told the youngster to tell his father that he should report to the Beaufort police station at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Four arrests were made since Thursday. On Thursday Cal Stancley was arrested by Officer Wade and Chief Guy. He was charged with public drunkenness.

Arrested Friday was Logan Whitehurst, charged with failing to stop at a stop sign. Assistant Chief of Police Carlton Garner made the arrest.

Bobby Martin was arrested Saturday afternoon on a charge of disturbing the peace. Making the arrest was Assistant Chief Garner and Officer Steve Beachem. Jessie L. Parker was apprehended by the Assistant Chief and officer Beachem Saturday night for driving without lights and refusing to stop when ordered.

### Warm Spell Follows Cold

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