

First Grain Cargo Leaves Port Today

Shipment to Go by Barge; Port Closes Big Year

The first grain to move from Morehead City port will go by barge today via the inland waterway to northern markets. The grain will be transported by a Cargill Co. barge.

The port will be a busy place during the first 15 days of this year. The record will show three tobacco ships loaded, three tankers in port, 20 Navy vessels and the grain barge.

For the first time in port history, two ships loaded tobacco cargo simultaneously Sunday. The Nippon Kaisha Lines' S.S. Tamon Maru loaded for Japan and the North German Lloyd Lines' S.S. Hoechst loaded for Hamburg, Germany. Morehead City Shipping Co. was agent for both ships.

The event represented three firsts: first time two ships worked tobacco simultaneously, first time either of the lines came into Morehead City, first time tobacco was shipped to Hamburg or Japan from Morehead City.

Tonnage Up
The port closed a banner year Dec. 31, 1954, having handled 601,975 tons of commercial and military cargo with the former accounting for 400,000 tons of the total. This is an increase of 75,000 tons over the calendar year 1953.

During 1954, 282 ships discharged or loaded cargo as compared to 211 in 1953, representing a gain of 51 ships.

Tobacco, sugar, jet fuel, kerosene, gasoline, fuel oil, asphalt, bunker "C" oil and glycol were among the cargoes.

J. D. Holt, port manager, said, "The port of Morehead City is taking rapid strides toward becoming one of the nation's leading tobacco ports, and is already being used by 15 of the leading tobacco exporters of North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee."

Morehead City, geographically located in close proximity to the very heart of the nation's principal tobacco exporting areas, together with favorable freight rates and efficient handling at the port, will become increasingly important in tobacco exportation, as adequate storage is provided to meet the demands of the present and potential users of the port. The service that the port can provide to those engaged in this industry alone cannot be over-emphasized," Mr. Holt declared.

The year 1954 marked the advent of other "firsts" for the port of Morehead City. For the first time in North Carolina's history, cruise service to the Caribbean was made possible for North Carolinians and for others coming from 32 states of the nation. The Swedish-American Lines' M.S. Stockholm, sailed Oct. 17 on a seven-day cruise to Havana and Nassau, sponsored by the North Carolina Academy of General Practice, and was followed by three, six-day cruises to Bermuda. Sixteen hundred people enjoyed the thrill of sailing from a North Carolina port.

'55 Cruises
So successful were the cruises of 1954 that the North Carolina State Ports Authority has scheduled three cruises next fall for Bermuda and one "Thanksgiving cruise" of two weeks to South America.

Morehead City's close proximity to the sea makes it an ideal "cruise port," commented Mr. Holt.

During 1954, three loading ramps

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County Board Considers Plans For Revaluation

Professional Appraisers Present Proposals at Meeting Yesterday

Possibilities of having county property appraised by professional appraisers were considered by the County Board of Commissioners at their January session yesterday morning at the courthouse.

Representatives of two firms, Cole-Layer-Trumble Co. of Dayton, Ohio, and E. T. Wilkins & Associates, Cleveland, Ohio, presented their proposals to the board.

Representing Cole-Layer-Trumble was Joseph H. Quigley, Charlotte, and representing the other firm was E. T. Wilkins, president of the Cleveland company.

Both men described their method of appraising residential, industrial, commercial and rural property and reported on work they have done for other North Carolina counties.

The county board took proposals of both men under consideration and expect to make a decision within two weeks. They are planning to contact Pitt and Lenoir Counties where recent appraisals have been made to determine what system of evaluation would be best suited to Carteret.

Dr. K. P. B. Bonner, chairman of the board, said that an equalization of property values would enable lowering the present \$1.80 tax rate. He added that in his opinion 75 per cent of the tax bills would be reduced and the reduction would come in the lower income brackets. The group that is bearing the "heaviest burden" of the tax levy.

Gene Smith, attorney for the town of Beaufort, presented a plan for appointing a county dog warden. Employing a dog warden, he said, would help solve the stray dog problem in municipalities and rural areas. The board deferred action on his suggestion.

Dan Walker, clerk of the town of Beaufort, asked that the county consider deeding its share of a lot in Hedricktown to the town. He said the lot, 110 by 160 feet, is listed under the name of George B. Monroe and is now held jointly by the town and county.

He said the town would like the property as a site for building a garage for town mobile equipment. The commissioners said they would have to consult the county attorney, Alvah Hamilton, who was not present yesterday.

R. A. Barefoot, Atlantic Beach, appeared before the board and said that a house he was building last year behind his store was erroneously put on the tax books as being completed. He said that last January the house was only a third complete and requested a change on the tax books. The board agreed.

Attending the meeting in addition to Dr. Bonner, were Commissioners Moses Howard, Edward Potter, Walter Yeomans, Alvah Taylor, Clerk Irvin W. Davis and Auditor James Potter.

Two Escape Injury When Car Upsets

Alfred W. Gillikin and Walton Gillikin, both of Otway, escaped injury at 10:45 a.m. Saturday when the car in which they were riding overturned at the western end of the North River Bridge.

Alfred Gillikin was driving. State Highway Patrolman W. E. Pickard said the car was headed west and turned over when it hit the smooth part of the bridge where boards are being replaced.

Damage to the car, a 1950 Plymouth, was estimated at \$400. No charges were preferred.

Club to Hear Pastor
The Rev. J. D. Young, pastor of Ann Street Methodist Church, Beaufort, will address members of the Methodist Men's Club at their meeting Thursday at St. James Methodist Church, Newport. The meeting begins at 7 o'clock.



D. G. Bell, county legislator, will leave today at 1 o'clock for Raleigh for the opening session of legislature. Mr. Bell is driving to Raleigh and will be staying at the Sir Walter Hotel.

Thief Gets Cash In School Theft

Between \$65 and \$75 in cash was stolen from a classroom in Beaufort School over the holidays. The money was in a drinking glass and in envelopes in a locked filing cabinet in Miss Lena Duncan's room.

The money constituted deposits seniors had made on class rings. Miss Duncan noticed when school opened yesterday morning that the drawer to the filing cabinet was standing open. Investigation by Deputy Sheriff Bobby Bell and SBI Agent John Edwards showed that the drawer had been pried open.

The deputy sheriff said that it looks as though the money was taken by someone who knew exactly where it was. Thirty-three dollars in a desk drawer in the principal's office was untouched. The principal's office had been left unlocked.

Deputy Bell said there was also some other money in the filing cabinet, in envelopes, that was not found by the pilferer. Fingerprints were taken from the glass in which the money was kept.

Bruce Tarkington, principal, said that he noticed Sunday that a window in the girls' restroom was open. It is not known whether the building was entered that way or by some other means.

Lions Club Entertains Basketball Players

The Lions Club entertained the basketball players who played against the Arkansas Travelers, in the Lions-sponsored game recently, at a dinner meeting at the Morehead City Recreation Center Thursday night.

Robert E. Euse, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Euse, Morehead City, provided the entertainment with pantomime.

Robert pantomimed three records, the last of which was "Let Me Go Lover."

Photographer Dies Sunday

Dan Wade, 63, died Sunday night at Morehead City Hospital after a short illness.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 this afternoon at the home, 1003 Evans St., Morehead City, with the Rev. Dr. John H. Bunn officiating. Burial will be in Bay View Cemetery.

Surviving him are his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Earl Wade, of Morehead City; two sisters, Mrs. Percy Snooks of Morehead City, and two brothers, C. W. Wade of Virginia Beach and William Wade of Morehead City.

Mr. Wade had been maintenance man at Morehead City Hospital until 1950 when he resigned to run a news stand and devote more time to photography.

\$15,000 Fire Sweeps Airport Hangar

A \$15,000 fire swept through a hangar at the Beaufort-Morehead City airport at 2:20 Friday morning, burning three airplanes, an automobile and airplane repair equipment.

The hangar, planes and repair equipment was owned by Earl Taylor, Beaufort RFD. Mr. Taylor said Saturday that he carried \$2,500 insurance on the hangar itself. Nothing else was insured.

The automobile, a 1948 Dodge, was owned by Lee Bailey, Morehead City, who had taken his plane from the hangar to go home for the holidays. He left his car there, expecting to pick it up when he returned Friday night.

The Beaufort Fire Department answered a call placed by Bonner Winner Jr., Mr. Taylor's son-in-law. Mr. Willis, who lives near the airport, had gotten up early to go fishing and noticed a bright light at the rear of his house.

He phoned the fire department and then notified Mr. Taylor. By the time firemen got there, the blaze had advanced too far to save the hangar or anything in it. Two of the planes destroyed were Super Cubs, both used by Mr. Taylor in fish spotting.

He valued one at \$4,500 and the other at \$3,500. The third, a J3 cub, was torn down, in process of being repaired. Mr. Taylor said radio equipment in both planes was valued at \$1,000. Just several weeks ago he added \$500 worth of radio equipment to one of the planes.

The air compressor, tools and other repair equipment in the hangar was destroyed in the blaze. It is not known how the fire started. Firemen took trucks No. 5 and 6 to the fire, using the water they carried to prevent flames from spreading to other buildings. There are no hydrants at the airport for fire fighting.

The mother, who pled not guilty, was sentenced to two years in prison and her husband who pled guilty, was sentenced to a year on the roads. Each appealed to Superior Court and bonds were set at \$250 apiece.

Mrs. Chapman has to serve the initial 12 months in the prison and will be eligible for parole on good behavior at the end of that time. The remaining portion of the two-year term will be suspended upon her release from prison if she remains on good behavior for three years and becomes gainfully employed. She must also refrain from visiting the homes where her children have been placed by the County Welfare Department.

Chapman, who reportedly is the father of only two of the eight children, has to serve at least six months of his sentence but will also be eligible for parole on good behavior. The remaining portion of the sentence will be suspended under the same conditions as specified for his wife.

The cases against the Chapmans first came up in Morehead City court four weeks ago and Judge McNeill deferred decision until the welfare department could see about having the eight children placed in foster homes.

The children have now been placed. In his judgment the judge said, "The evidence showed (four weeks ago) that the group of children, the oldest of which is about eight years of age, had been left for long periods of time by their parents in a building unfit for human habitation, without heat and in most instances without food, unwashed, unclothed, and permitted to roam the community at will in the severest type of weather without shoes or stockings, and with inadequate clothing to protect them."

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Little Mr. 1955 Checks In Here at 3:10 Jan. 1

The county's little Mr. 1955 arrived at Morehead City Hospital early Saturday morning, Jan. 1, at 3:10 a.m. When asked how he came he was three hours and 10 minutes late, young Richard Earl Arthur, replied, "Wroowww!" in loud and convincing tones.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Arthur, route 1 Beaufort, Richard weighed in at 8 pounds 14 ounces.

The county's first baby of 1954 was a boy also, Roy Lawrence Robinson Jr., Beaufort.

Rites Conducted Sunday for Baby 11-Month-Old Keith Ball Dies of Burns Friday In Hospital

Funeral services for 11-month-old Keith Allen Ball, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray Ball, were conducted at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the First Baptist Church, Morehead City. The child died of burns received at noon Thursday when he pulled a deep fat fryer over on him at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. George Purifoy, 804 Fisher St.

He died at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon in Morehead City Hospital.

The funeral service was conducted by Dr. John Bunn, pastor of the church. Interment was in Bay View Cemetery.

The baby is survived by his parents, his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Purifoy; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Johnson of Heflin, Ala.; and the following aunts and uncles: Lt. and Mrs. Frank Albertson, Charleston, W. Va.; Miss Mary Jo Johnson and Hershel Johnson, Heflin, Ala.; and Miss Betty Sue and George G. Purifoy, Morehead City.

The accident happened when Keith was toddling around the kitchen at his grandmother's home and pulled the cord to the deep fat fryer. His parents were not there at the time, but came in just as the accident happened and rushed the child to the hospital.

Mr. Ball is in the Coast Guard, stationed at Honolulu. He and his family came here to Morehead City on leave. After Mr. Ball is discharged from the Coast Guard in March, they plan to make their home here.

Office Issues 1,818 Motor Tags

The Motor Vehicles Department branch office in the installment loan office of the First-Citizens Bank, Morehead City, issued 1,818 vehicle tags through Saturday.

R. M. McClain, manager of the loan department, said tag sales are moving slowly and urged persons to obtain their tags as soon as possible to avoid a last minute rush.

The office has issued 1,478 auto tags, 173 tags for private trucks and 39 for farm trucks. For trailers, 95 tags have been issued and there have been three motorcycle tags sold.

The plates must be displayed on vehicles by midnight Jan. 31.

Foy Ingram, director of auto registration for the Motor Vehicles Department, said that across the state only 350,000 tags have been issued of an expected 1,450,000.

There are two tags per car this year. The deadline of Jan. 31 also applies to city tags.

Robert Humber Continues Fight For World Peace

Advocate of World Federation Speaks to Group In Beaufort Friday

Robert Lee Humber, advocate of World Federation and the securing of peace by effective legal process, told a group of 37 persons Friday afternoon in Beaufort how they could help bring about world peace.

Mr. Humber, who has a home at Davis Island, suggested that people write their congressmen, senators, secretary of state and President of the United States requesting amendment of the United Nations charter in a way that will transform the UN into a world lawmaking body with powers to prevent war through the enforcement of justice. The revision would, he explained, allow the punishment of individuals guilty of fomenting or waging war.

A conference, to review the UN charter, will convene in 1955.

Two Principles Used
Two principles are used by man, he said, to stabilize community life. One is diplomacy and the other, law. At present, Mr. Humber continued, diplomacy cannot prevent wars because a challenge to the diplomatic community means that only one of two things can be done, surrender or fight.

Law, however, permits the enforcement of justice upon individuals through court procedure. That, he explained, eliminates violence.

Mr. Humber, who has traveled abroad and just returned from a speech-making tour in Iowa, says that this is a time of basic world change, a period leading up to establishment of a universal regime upon which will depend the responsibility for maintenance of world order.

"War," the founder of World Federation declared, "affects indiscriminately the innocent and the guilty. Peace must be founded on justice and the first criterion of justice is punishment of the guilty, not the innocent. Law permits that whereas diplomacy does not."

Peace or Annihilation
"It is vital," he continued, "that the new world order function peacefully in protection of the rights of the individual without exposing civilization to annihilation."

The speaker commented on developments in India, China and Russia. Agreement of the French to rearm West Germany may be, he hopes, the beginning of a United States of Europe and the prelude to establishment of a United States of the World.

Mr. Humber said that this progress in Europe is a tribute to the people of Carteret county who 14 years ago on Davis Island endorsed World Federation, an objective which is gradually becoming the recognized basis of a new world civilization.

Five nations, France, Italy, West Germany, Japan, and Holland have inserted clauses in their constitutions providing for membership in a world federation.

Friends of Mr. Humber and charter members of the World Federation movement gather in Beaufort each year after Christmas to hear Mr. Humber's comments. Friday's meeting took place in the recreation room of the First Baptist Church.

After Mr. Humber's address, the Humber served refreshments. They left to spend several days at their home at Davis Island.

Mrs. J. P. Garner Wins Newport Yule Contest
The nativity scene at Mrs. J. P. Garner's home won first prize in the home Christmas decoration contest sponsored by the Newport Businessmen's Association.

Mrs. Garner received \$15 as first place winner.

C. S. Long won the second prize of \$10 and \$5 went to third place winner, Mrs. Leona Prescott.

Wallace Garner, route 1 Beaufort, was apprehended Sunday in Beaufort on a charge of failing to stop at a stop sign.

Negro Families Open Home To Eight Needy Children

Homes for all eight children in a destitute Negro family have been found. The hotel in which the family lived was pictured in THE NEWS-TIMES several weeks ago. Because the children were not properly cared for by their parents, the county welfare department had to find foster homes for the youngsters who ranged from a year and a half to 9 years of age.

The mother was deemed unfit to care for the children. She, as well as the father, were frequently in court on various charges. The parents were in court again yesterday, charged with interfering with the families who agreed to take the children in their homes.

Miss Georgie Hughes, superintendent of the welfare department, this week expressed her appreciation to the Morehead City police department, the sheriff's department which helped move the children, the Negro families who opened their arms to the youngsters, to the two people who contributed \$50 each to aid the children, and to THE NEWS-TIMES for its help in the case.

Jerry Schumacher, Morehead City photographer, took the photos which appeared in the paper.

Prior to last month, when definite steps had to be taken to separate the children from their parents, the welfare department tried to find foster homes for the youngsters, but to no avail.

Miss Hughes said that there are two other Negro families where similar action may have to be taken if situations there do not improve. The police department has been asked to keep check on the families.

"We separate children from their

parents only in very serious circumstances," Miss Hughes said. "Regardless how badly other people may think children are mistreated, taking a child from the mother and father may be doing an injustice to the child," she explained.

The eight children in the above case are not children by the same father and the mother is now expecting another child.

Miss Hughes said that the children looked upon Morehead City police officers as their friends. "Occasionally," she remarked, "Captain Newsome, Sergeant Bunch and Lieutenant Blomberg even fed those children."

They're lovable little tykes. The cold, dark night that Mr. Schumacher went to their home to take pictures, one little fellow looked up from the cot where he was supposed to be sleeping and said, "Hello, Mist' Jerry Schumacher!"

A check to help the children was received from a woman in Morehead City who Miss Hughes said prefers to remain anonymous. Another check for \$50 came all the way from Charles W. Thomas Jr., Tillsonburg, Ont., formerly of Beaufort.

In a letter to Mr. Thomas, Miss Hughes said, "Thank you for the fifty-dollar bank money order you sent us for the eight, little colored children about whom you read in THE NEWS-TIMES."

"We were able to secure custody of the children and to move all but two of them to good foster homes before Christmas. The other two are in good homes now, and all of them probably had the happiest Christmas of their lives. Santa was a little late visiting one of

them, but the boy is taking pride in the special attention. After all, it isn't often that Santa comes all the way from the North Pole (or, as in this case, from Canada) to see one little boy.

"Some of the foster parents preferred to assume financial responsibility for the children, but others needed help. Your check (and a check from another NEWS-TIMES subscriber) was used to help buy badly needed warm clothing. I wish you could see the pride the children are taking in their new clothing and toys and the way they have responded to the love and attention they are receiving in their new homes.

"Our work is sometimes frustrating and always difficult, but we get a new burst of energy and enthusiasm when someone like you recognizes with us the terrible need of some of our children and responds so generously to our request for help."

Tide Table
Tides at the Beaufort Bar

HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, Jan. 4	
4:01 a.m.	10:23 a.m.
5:19 p.m.	10:25 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 5	
3:05 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
5:24 p.m.	11:29 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 6	
6:06 a.m.	11:28 a.m.
6:28 p.m.	12:29 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 7	
7:01 a.m.	12:27 a.m.
7:21 p.m.	1:23 p.m.