

## County Interest Needed To Assure Park Repair

If reconditioning of Fort Macon State Park is to be assured, Carteret Countians would do well to write to Thomas Morse, superintendent of state parks Raleigh, and urge transfer of funds to the project.

That was the advice of Carteret's representative in the general assembly, D. G. Bell, on his visit home this weekend. Mr. Bell said that he had inquired of Henry Rankin, chairman of the conservation board's state parks committee, as to the progress of state park repair.

Mr. Rankin told him that Mr. Morse and Ben Douglas, director of the conservation board, are hoping to get between \$25,000 and \$30,000 for the work, but thus far the budget bureau has authorized only \$14,000.

That amount will be insufficient to replace the boardwalk, concession stands, bath house and parking lots. It would cover replacement of only one or two of these places damaged by Hurricane Hazel.

If persons of this area would write Mr. Morse or Mr. Bell, calling attention to the fact that Fort Macon has the highest attendance of any state park and the urgent need for repair of facilities there, Mr. Bell believes that sufficient funds may be available to get everything into shape by summer.

## Bombing Victim Enters Hospital

Leonard Goodwin, Sea Level, whose boat was sunk when a bomb hit it last Tuesday in Pamlico Sound, was admitted to Sea Level Hospital Sunday for treatment of pains in the chest.

Goodwin's boat went down in less than a minute after a bomb apparently broke loose from a Cherry Point plane and hit it near the bow. The 25-year-old father of three children was rescued, after a 22-hour wait, by a state patrol craft captained by Wiley Mason.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Goodwin, Cedar Island. His wife, Bernice, and three children, the youngest only two weeks old, live at Sea Level. A brother-in-law, M/Sgt. Steve Olkowski, is stationed at Cherry Point.

After being rescued, Goodwin was examined at the station infirmary, Cherry Point, and reported to be in good condition except for his feet which were covered by the icy water as he clung to the half-submerged cabin of his boat, praying and hoping for rescue.

Officials at Cherry Point said that Goodwin's boat, the Barracuda, apparently was sunk by a smoke bomb that broke loose from a plane on a target run.

A boat, the Barracuda, now on the George Purifoy ways in Beaufort, is owned by Otis Purifoy, Morehead City, and is not Goodwin's craft.

## Ralph Albares Speaks to Lions

Lion Ralph Albares was the speaker at the weekly meeting of the Lions Club, Thursday night at the Recreation Center.

Mr. Albares gave a talk on advertising, presenting a complete picture of the sale media.

Plans were discussed for the purchase of stencils to letter the street markers that have been put up in Morehead City.

Plans for Ladies Night on Feb. 7 were also discussed. Ray Samuels of Beaufort was a guest at the meeting and President Owens Frederick presided.

## District SBI Agents Meet in Morehead City

State Bureau of Investigation officers of this district met Thursday night in Morehead City.

Members of the county sheriff's department were their guests at a dinner at the Sanitary Restaurant. Agents then went to the Ocean King Hotel for a meeting. Twenty-two were present.

Director of the SBI in this district is George Canady, Kinston.

## Teachers Can Learn

### State Offers Free Driver Training

Raleigh — Professional driver training, including classroom work and behind-the-wheel instruction, will be offered at North Carolina high school teachers in a special series of courses set to begin Feb. 7.

The courses are free. All necessary textbooks and study materials are provided at no expense to teachers. Every regularly certified high school teacher with a valid driver's license, a good driving record and who is in good health is eligible for the training, according

## New Fishing Pier Goes Up at Beach

### Repair on Triple-Ess Pier Underway; Cottage Owners Rebuild

Wilbur Finch, formerly of Kinston, has started construction of an ocean fishing pier at Money Island and S. S. Stevenson has started rebuilding the Triple-Ess ocean pier destroyed by the Oct. 15 hurricane.

Many of the cottages on the beach which fell flat on their fronts during the storm have been jacked up and re-set on their foundations. Quite a few still remain, however, as they were Oct. 16.

Some of the debris in the business section at Atlantic Beach has been cleared and rebuilding of one of the concession stands is underway.

The Atlantic Beach Hotel has stated repairs and the Ocean King Hotel has been undergoing repairs for the past six weeks.

At Club Colony the road to the east has been repaired. The storm washed out one whole section making it impossible to get automobiles to cottages at the eastern end of the development.

The ocean front houses there are undergoing repair but the road, cleared after the hurricane, was thick with blowing sand over the weekend.

Repairs to Fort Macon State Park will be delayed until funds are made available.

The federal government has appropriated money for erecting sand fences along Bogue Banks and for bulldozing dunes back into place. Contracts for the work are expected to be let within the next 10 days.

## Two Students Win Recognition

Two members of the Morehead City High School Band, Bill Murrill, drummer, and Billy Laughton, clarinetist, have been chosen to represent their school in the 125-member concert band that will perform at East Carolina College in Greenville Friday and Saturday.

During the two-day period members of 35 high school bands in the eastern counties of the State will receive instruction and rehearse under the direction of experienced teacher-musicians.

Friday night the East Carolina Concert Band, directed by Herbert L. Carter, will honor visiting bandmen with a program at 8 p.m. at the College Theatre.

The climax of the two-day rehearsal and study period will be a concert given by the assembled concert band at 8 p.m. Saturday. The band will be under the direction of Dr. Kenneth N. Cuthbert, director of the college music department.

The public is cordially invited to the concert.

## Longshoremen To Get Back Pay

William T. Davies of the Morehead Shipping Co., announced yesterday that longshoremen have back pay coming to them for the unloading of four ships during December and the first part of January.

He said that he will be at his office, located in the former Guthrie Net Works building, 1207 Shackelford Ave., Morehead City, from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday and asks that the men call to collect their money then.

Under recent union agreement, base pay has been raised from \$2.10 an hour to \$2.21 and the money to be paid is retroactive to December. Mr. Davies said 150 to 175 men are involved and the amount due them ranges from 60 cents to \$7.00.

## Editorial

### Fencing in Freedom . . .

THE NEWS-TIMES, like other newspapers of the state, views with concern the current wrangle in the legislature over open and closed meetings.

We sympathize with the folks who perhaps have not been following this squabble closely. They may wonder just what the fuss is about.

Simply, it is this: in 1953 a committee on appropriations adjourned to a hotel room to fight in peace over how much money should go where. Reporters learned of the meeting and asked to be admitted. The committee said no. The next day newspapers carried a report of the incident.

Also the next day a bill was introduced that gave the committees on money matters the privilege of holding closed sessions following the required open hearings. That made reporters mad. Things stewed and bubbled until this session of the legislature. Now a rule (a rule defines the procedure lawmakers follow in their deliberation) has been approved by both the House and the Senate which allows ALL committees to meet behind closed doors IF a majority of the committee members vote to do so. This does not put a statute on the books which, in essence, gives lip service to free and open sessions. But, it is worse than the 1953 secrecy law. The rule can even bar members of the legislature.

Now the reporters and the people of the state might say, with a feeling of great faith in the lawmakers, "Oh, but they'll never put the rule into effect. Let them have their rules if it will keep them happy."

Perhaps. But what concerns us is the precedent set in this action by our legislators. Human beings are attempting to put fences around freedom, an intangible which cannot be defined any more than can love, hate, beauty or ugliness. What one man thinks is freedom is sheer imprisonment to another. What one man thinks is beauty is repulsive to his neighbor.

It is dangerous to define by law what people shall be privileged to know of their government. At this point, we doubt if any rule or law will be satisfactory to both reporters and legislators.

At the risk of being called unqualified to comment on the situation in Raleigh because we have not been personally barred from a committee meeting, we suggest that a moratorium be called on the whole issue.

This would require the House and Senate to wipe from the record the 1955 rule (the 1953 act has been repealed).

It would mean that reporters and lawmakers are back on the same footing they were prior to 1953. This would require a more sympathetic and understanding attitude on the part of both reporter and lawmaker.

Newspaper reporters are not infallible. Neither are lawmakers. A fresh start is needed. Both the newspapers and the lawmakers, we feel, have learned lessons in this squabble. It is up to reporters to rededicate themselves to the principles of good journalism and it is imperative that legislators realize that they are tampering with the keystone of democracy when they attempt to put fences around freedom.

## Alarm Interrupts Firemen's Supper

A barbecue supper for Morehead City and Beaufort firemen at the Morehead City fire station Thursday night got off to a flying start when Morehead firemen were called to the school gym to look after an overheated water heater.

They got the situation under control and reported no damage from fire, then returned to the fire station. Their guests in addition to Beaufort firemen, were Mayor Clifford Lewis of Beaufort, J. P. Harris, Beaufort fire commissioner and members of the Morehead City police force.

Mayor Lewis spoke and Gerald Woolard, secretary-treasurer of the Beaufort department, introduced Beaufort firemen. Capt. Joe Rose and Gus Mason of Morehead City provided music for the occasion. Drinks were donated by the Pepsi-Cola Co.

## Correction

A typographical error appears in the Phillips Super Market ad on page 4 of the White Elephant tabloid section in today's paper. Famo Flour, 10 pound bag, sells for 69 cents instead of 30 cents. The 69-cent sale price is 20 cents under the regular price.

# Hair-Raising Chase Ends In Capture of W. H. Barber

## Flames Sweep Through Inn



Repairs have now been started on the Willis Inn, a boarding house at 107 N. 10th St., Morehead City. The home, operated by Mrs. Myrtle Simpson, was damaged by fire early last Wednesday morning. Flames are shown leaping from the windows but the Morehead City Fire Department did an excellent job in keeping the fire from spreading to frame homes on either side.

## Barber Brothers To be Tried Here

W. H. Barber and J. H. Barber, both of Durham, and believed to be brothers, will be tried in County Recorder's Court next Tuesday for alleged violation of the liquor laws.

After a hair-raising chase at 6 o'clock Sunday night over the Mill Creek Road, ABC Officer Marshall Ayscue forced W. H. Barber, who was driving a supe-up jalopy, to the side of the road near Newport. Found in the back of the car were 78 gallons of bootleg liquor. Barber was charged immediately with transporting non-taxpaid whisky and just as quickly he posted \$300 bond for his release.

**Cadillac Motor**  
Barber was driving a 1940 Ford with a 1950 Cadillac motor. The back seat had been ripped out to make room for his 13-case cargo. The car has been impounded in the county jailyard.

Officer Ayscue came upon the Barber automobile at the intersection of Highway 101 and the Mill Creek Road. He happened to be out driving with Mrs. Ayscue.

When he started after Barber, Barber took off and at 6:15 p.m. on a short curve near Newport, the officer pulled alongside his quarry and forced him to a stop on the shoulder of the road.

J. H. Barber had preceded W. H. in an Oldsmobile, running the white lightning out of the county in tandem. Officer Ayscue radioed to the state highway patrol to pick up J. H. and he was apprehended in the vicinity of Pollocksville.

**Posts Bond**  
J. H., charged with aiding and abetting in transportation of non-taxpaid whisky, posted \$200 bond for his appearance in County Recorder's Court here Feb. 8.

Officer Ayscue and members of the sheriff's department put a 100-gallon still out of commission Thursday afternoon. They used eight sticks of dynamite to blow it up. The still was located between Highway 70 and Highway 101 near an old blueberry farm. The still was located by a farmer in that section who notified Sheriff Hugh Salter. A small amount of mash was destroyed.

## March 1 Set as Deadline for Essay Contest Among Boys 6-16 Years Old

### Groundhog Will Pop Up Tomorrow

Tomorrow's the day. If Mr. Groundhog gets up and sees his shadow, he's going to return to his burrow and sleep 'cause there'll be six weeks more of winter.

Last year Carteret County groundhogs looked around, saw their shadows and so there were six more weeks of winter. The forecast for tomorrow is cloudy, so maybe the groundhog won't see his shadow and the longest-for spring will come.

March 1 has been set as the deadline in the state-wide contest being sponsored among boys by the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce. The contest topic is "What I Like Most About North Carolina."

The winner will be given a four-week expense-paid vacation at Camp Morehead, located west of Morehead City. A four-week stay at the camp costs \$185. If the winner lives upstate, he will be flown here by Piedmont Airlines.

Boys 6 to 16 years of age are eligible to compete. The contest entries must be limited to 50 words. They may be written in pencil, pen or typewritten. All entries are to be forwarded

to the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce. Ted Davis, manager of the chamber, said that judges, yet to be named, will be residents of Carteret County.

The essay subject was changed from "Why I'd Like to Spend the Summer in Carteret County" to "What I Like Most About North Carolina" so that it would be more appealing to students throughout the state.

## Alonzo Thomas, Beaufort, Receives Commendation

Alonzo Thomas of Beaufort, formerly employed at the U. S. Fishery Laboratory on Pivers Island, has been presented a commendable service award from the U. S. Government. The citation accompanying the awards reads as follows:

"After more than 28 years of service with the Federal Government, Mr. Alonzo Thomas was retired Aug. 1, 1953.

"Mr. Thomas began his employment with the War Department on Nov. 1, 1922 after having served in the military service from Sept. 17, 1917 to June 4, 1919. He left the War Department on May 31, 1923 and later entered Federal Service with the Bureau of Fisheries, a predecessor agency of the Fish and Wildlife Service, on March 21, 1927, as clerk-stenographer.

"Thereafter, his entire service was spent at the Biological Laboratory, Beaufort, N. C., where he occupied positions of clerk-stenographer, clerk-typist and senior clerk in charge of all administrative matters.

"In recognition of Mr. Thomas's work and achievements in the Service program, it is a pleasure to award him the Commendable Service Award of the Department of the Interior."

The award includes a bronze medal with the insignia of the Fish and Wildlife Service on one side, and pictured on the other side is the Department of Interior Building in Washington, D. C., with inscription "Award for Commendable Service to Alonzo Thomas." Also presented to Mr. Thomas was a Department of Interior lapel button and lifetime pass to all national parks.

Mr. Thomas is well known in

this area, having lived in Beaufort all his life. He attended St. Paul's School in Beaufort and later studied at North Carolina State College at Raleigh. He is active in Veteran of Foreign Wars and American Legion affairs and held offices in both organizations for several years, including Grand Commander of the Military Order of Cooties.

"The government is not only grateful to Mr. Thomas for his many years of faithful service, but also to his father and mother, Alonzo Thomas and Annie Thomas, who donated the Pivers Island property to the U. S. Government in 1901 for the purpose of establishing a fishery research laboratory in this area. Previously, his great grandfather had operated a turpentine still on the island," commented G. B. Talbot, present director of the Fish and Wildlife lab.

## Rotarians Hear Talk on Indo-China

Major William H. Irvin USMC, VMF 114, Cherry Point, was the speaker at the Morehead City Rotary meeting Thursday night.

Major Irvin, introduced by program director David Murray of the international service committee, spoke on the geo-political significance of Indo-China. In his opinion it is difficult today to forecast the attitude of strategists toward that country, and its impact on Far Eastern conditions.

Truman Kemp has as his guests Bernie and Allen Appel of New York City. Visiting Rotarians were Buck Damorn, Fayetteville, and Ed Comer, Newport.

## Where's Daddy?



Typical of many a scene enacted over the weekend is this one showing a mother and her two sons awaiting Daddy's return from the Mediterranean. Navy transports in port over the weekend brought back Marine and Navy personnel from a tour of duty overseas. Mrs. Paul Gibson and her sons, Joe and Steve, are pictured as they were waiting for Yeoman Third Class Paul Gibson to return from the Mediterranean last fall.

## Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, Feb. 1	
2:35 a.m.	9:25 a.m.
3:04 p.m.	9:34 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 2	
3:45 a.m.	10:29 a.m.
4:19 p.m.	10:38 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 3	
4:56 a.m.	11:27 a.m.
5:29 p.m.	11:37 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 4	
5:59 a.m.	12:21 p.m.
6:28 p.m.	12:21 p.m.

## Marion Mills' Camp Burns Saturday Morning

The camp belonging to Marion T. Mills, Morehead City, and located three miles south of Cherry Point was destroyed by fire sometime Saturday morning. Mr. Mills says he doesn't know how the blaze started.

Damage was estimated at \$3,000. The Morehead City Jaycees were planning to hold an oyster roast at the camp last night but held it at Bruce Goodwin's camp instead.