

## State Undertakes Its Biggest Oyster Planting Program

## Morehead City to Observe Its 100th Year in 1957

### Chief Reports Narcotics Theft At Drug Store

#### Front Lock Broken Friday Night on Carteret Drug; Only Dope Missing

Between \$75 and \$100 worth of narcotics were stolen from the Carteret Drug Store, Arendell Street, Morehead City, sometime between 10 p.m. Friday and 7 a.m. Saturday.

Chief of Police Herbert Griffin said the break-in was discovered by Dan Pigott when he went to work at the drug store about 7 o'clock Saturday morning. The chief said that there was also evidence that the door to Goodwin's Pharmacy, located about a block from Carteret Drug, had been tampered with Friday night.

The small lock in the middle of Carteret Drug's all-glass door was pried open and the hasp on the cabinet in which the drugs were locked was broken off.

After taking the "choice drugs," the ones used by dope addicts, the burglar or burglars, lifted the bar off the rear door of the drug store and departed. Nothing else was missing from the store.

Chief Griffin said the State Bureau of Investigation has been called in on the case. Fingerprints have been taken. The investigation was continuing yesterday.

### Elections Board Names Countians

The State Board of Elections named members of County Board of Elections Friday. Members of the Carteret board are Fred R. Seeley, Beaufort; Charles C. Willis, Morehead City; and Osborne G. Davis, Beaufort.

The county board is tentatively scheduled to meet Thursday, April 5, to elect its chairman and secretary.

Mr. Seeley and Mr. Willis are Democrats and Mr. Davis is the Republican member of the board.

Mr. Willis, prominent Morehead City Jaycee and co-chairman of the Miss North Carolina Pageant for 1956, is also fund chairman in Morehead City's current Red Cross drive.

Mr. Davis has served on the Board of Elections in the past and is secretary for the County Republican Committee.

Mr. Seeley for many years has been chairman of the County Board of Elections.

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Solomon Barnwell, Beaufort, was picked up Sunday night by Assistant Chief Carlton Garner on a charge of public drunkenness.

### News in Nutshell

**INTERNATIONAL**  
THE SOVIET UNION'S most dramatic program of mass re-education is underway—the smashing of the legend that built up Joseph Stalin, in his lifetime, to the proportions of a heroic demigod.

**IN LEBANON** troops and rescue workers are searching for bodies among the ruins of houses in 25 earthquake-stricken towns and villages. Altogether 127 people were believed dead and more than 200 were injured in the worst earthquake in Lebanese memory.

**NATIONAL**  
STORM-BATTERED NORTHEAST is digging out slowly from a mountain of snow heaped upon it by a violent winter-end tempest which cost lives, stymied transportation and smashed several ocean-going vessels ashore.

**DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS** clashed in the Senate on the election-year farm bill, and prospects for the passage of the bill yesterday were very dim.

**STATE**  
FOUR PEOPLE were injured Saturday night at Enfield when an Atlantic Coast Line passenger train collided with a freight train.

**THREE TORNADOES** hit sections of North Carolina Sunday as fierce thunderstorms and hail flurries moved across the state to the coast. One person was reported injured at Garner, where the storm did its worst, smashing buildings and toppling trees.

The State Commercial Fisheries Division has launched the largest oyster-planting program ever to be undertaken in a single year.

Seed oysters, 150,000 bushels of them, are being placed in specially-selected waters of Carteret, Pamlico, Hyde, Dare, Onslow, Brunswick, Pender and New Hanover Counties. Supervising the planting is Dr. A. F. Chestnut, director of the Institute of Fisheries Research, a unit of the University of North Carolina located at Morehead City.

The first of the seed oysters, which are dredged by oystermen from natural rocks at the mouths of the Neuse and Pamlico Rivers and taken from the Roanoke Sound area, were planted early this month. If weather conditions remain favorable and the supply of seed oysters stays constant, the program is slated for completion by early April.

By agreement with C. G. Holland, state fisheries commissioner, the oystermen catch and plant the seed oysters. The oystermen are paid on the basis of 25 to 33 cents per bushel.

**To Plant Shells**  
In May the planting of oyster shells will start. Last year some 36,000 bushels of oyster shells were planted in areas known to be good for the propagation of oysters.

The seed oyster and shell planting are part of the oyster rehabilitation program authorized by the 1947 General Assembly.

The first seed oysters were planted in 1949, when 10,171 bushels of the bivalve were planted. The next planting of seed oysters was in 1952 when 7,768 bushels were planted. In 1954 plantings of seed oysters totaled 42,556 bushels and last year 83,000 bushels were planted.

Since the oyster rehabilitation program started in 1947 there have been 783,059 bushels of shells placed in more than 60 different localities.

While North Carolina is stepping up its efforts to give needed help to the oyster industry, the plantings of oyster shells in public waters of this state seem small in comparison with what Virginia and Maryland are doing to boost their oyster production.

**Other Plantings**  
A recent report shows that Virginia planted 509,534 bushels of oyster shells in 1954 and 792,000 bushels in 1955. In Maryland waters 2,067,000 bushels of shells were planted in 1954 and 2,200,000 last year.

Shells as well as seed oysters are essential in the increased production of oysters. The seed oysters usually grow to marketable size within two to three years if they survive the storms, hurricanes, and other natural enemies.

The shells actually provide homes for the tiny oysters after they are spawned, usually from mid-May until October.

Dr. Chestnut says the liberated spawn, upon fertilization, develops into microscopic larval oysters which are capable of swimming and are carried about by strong currents. For about two weeks daily changes in development take place until the larval oysters reach maturity and then attach to shell, rock, wood, metal, glass, rubber, and other materials. These young oysters are no larger than a pinhead by the time they become attached.

The larval oysters that are free swimming will perish if suitable material is not available for attachment or setting. Shells thus provide the young oysters with homes and help speed their growth.

**Oysters Smother**  
Once the young oyster or spat is attached or has set, it is subject to movement only by outside forces, Dr. Chestnut says. If the bottom is soft mud, the oysters may smother by sinking into the bottom. In other areas, the composition of the bottom may be coarse sand which is liable to shift with changes in currents or by wave action and smother the oysters.

This is what happened to a great extent during the hurricanes of 1954 and 1955. In many areas oyster mortality was greater than 50 per cent.

### Swansboro to Receive \$1,000 Check March 27

Presentation of the \$1,000 check to the town of Swansboro, as winner in the 1955 Finer Carolina Program will be made at a dinner Tuesday night, March 27, at 7:30 at the Swansboro Elementary School.

Hosts at the dinner will be the Carolina Power and Light Co., sponsor of the Finer Carolina program.

**\$556.81 Collected**  
Mrs. J. C. Harvell, chairman of the Easter Seal campaign, announced yesterday that \$556.81 has been collected to date. The goal for the county is \$2,000.

### Hen Delivers Twin Egg to Her Boss

R. G. Temple, route 6 Havelock, brought the product or rather products of one of his 25 hens to THE NEWS-TIMES office Saturday.

They were two eggs. But what made these two eggs different from just two eggs was that they were joined like Siamese twins and had been laid intact.

Mr. Temple said that he has frequently ordered two eggs for breakfast but that he had never thought to ask for the same dish from his hens.

### Patrolmen Check On Three Wrecks

State highway patrolmen investigated three accidents recently. At 6:30 a.m. Thursday a 1952 Plymouth, driven by Joseph Lee Gillikin, route 1 Beaufort, turned over on Highway 70 east of the North River Bridge. Gillikin was headed toward Beaufort.

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### Five Farmers Offer Potatoes

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Thus only 528 bushels from this county will move into government warehouses at the \$2.20 per bushel price. Mr. May said that the number of bushels purchased from each of the five farmers has been figured on a pro rata basis.

He said the farmers agreed to this arrangement. The potatoes will be state and federal-inspected, probably at an assembly point in Bettie where most of the potatoes are stored, Mr. May said.

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### Jury Awards Mother \$500 In 'Trick or Treat' Case

Mrs. Amy L. Chapman, Newport, mother of Ganes C. Chapman, was awarded \$500 damages by a Superior Court jury Friday afternoon, as the aftermath of the "trick or treat" shooting of 14-year-old Ganes on Halloween night.

Mrs. Chapman, in her complaint on behalf of her son, stated that Ganes and several of his friends were playing "trick or treat" on Halloween night and called at the home of William L. Carroll, Newport farmer.

According to testimony, Carroll ordered the children to leave and not come back, and that if they did return, he would shoot them.

**Boys Return**  
The youngster said that he and his friends left, but that he and Johnny Zirm returned to play a "trick" since they hadn't been "treated."

They started scattering paper on Carroll's front porch and were caught in the act by Carroll. They started to run as Carroll, carrying a .22 caliber rifle, pointed it at them.

Carroll fired the rifle and 63 shot struck Ganes, 10 of which penetrated the skin. Young Ganes testified that he was 30 feet away when Carroll shot him.

### Governor Hodges Plans Full Day at Morehead March 29

### Islanders Doubt That Missing Man Was Robbed

Many residents of Ocracoke do not agree with a report that Albert Styronek, 63, Ocracoke fisherman who disappeared March 6, met with foul play.

Since location of Mr. Styronek's powered boat Saturday, authorities believe that Mr. Styronek may have been robbed. The boat was sighted by William Cochran, pilot of the Cape Hatteras Flying Service, at Terrapin Shoals four miles south of Hatteras in a section of Ocracoke Island which is now a part of the seashore park.

Found in the boat were Mr. Styronek's empty wallet, his social security card, wrist watch and hip boots. Members of the family said he had about \$120 with him when he went out to plant oysters March 6 and never returned.

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### New Bern, Beaufort Teams Debate

The Beaufort High School debate team lost to the New Bern High School team Friday.

The affirmative team, Frank Potter and Jackie Wheatley, members of the freshman class at Beaufort, were defeated by a vote of 2 to 1, by the New Bern team comprised of seniors from New Bern High School.

Judges were Mrs. U. E. Swann, the Rev. C. Edward Sharp, and Mrs. Lockwood Phillips.

Linda Salter and Allen Autry, freshmen from Beaufort, presented the negative side of the question. Resolved: That the government should subsidize college education for needy high school students. They were defeated by the New Bern team in New Bern.

Mrs. Naomi King, debate coach, accompanied the negative team to New Bern. Mrs. Frances Shuey was in charge of the team which debated in Beaufort. Paula Hill was timekeeper here.

Gov. Luther Hodges will combine his Chamber of Commerce address at Morehead City March 29 with a hurricane rehabilitation conference at the Hotel Fort Macon at 1 p.m. that day.

Members of the governor's Citizens Advisory panel will meet with a state-federal committee to work on plans for building up North Carolina's defenses against future storms.

Cpl. Harry E. Brown, Civil Defense official who takes over April 1 as director of North Carolina's hurricane program, will attend the meeting.

The governor said North Carolina's delegation to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress is being invited to the meeting. In this connection, he announced the appointment of the Rivers and Harbors delegation. E. L. White, former mayor of Wilmington, and George W. Dill Jr., mayor of Morehead City, were designated co-chairmen.

Ways and means of implementing recommendations in a detailed report on recent hurricanes in the state will be discussed at the Morehead City meeting.

Governor Hodges has already asked the federal government for more than \$19,000,000 to start on the hurricane rehabilitation work.

John H. Farrell of Wilmington is chairman of the Citizens Advisory Panel, Col. B. C. Snow of Raleigh is co-chairman, and John

### Freak Weather Heralds Spring's Arrival Today

Tornadoes ripped into three sections of the state Sunday and the coast got its share of freak weather—an ominous harbinger of spring which arrives officially at 10:21 this morning.

Winds in Carteret County blew at 30-35 miles an hour and slightly higher in gusts Sunday. Thunderstorms, accompanied by sharp lightning, brought torrents of rain Sunday night.

On Friday the heavy winds blew out a window at Lipman's Shoe Store in Beaufort. In Morehead City a skiff owned by Weldon Fulcher was lifted from its "dry dock" perch and flopped on to the ground.

The high temperature for last week was registered Wednesday, 68 degrees, and the low was recorded Saturday when the temperature dropped to 35 degrees, according to E. Stamey Davis, weather observer.

A total of one and a half inches of rain fell during the week. The high and low temperatures and the wind directions were as follows:

	Max.	Min.	Winds
Tuesday	57	50	NE
Wednesday	68	53	SW
Thursday	65	45	NE
Friday	63	45	SW
Saturday	60	35	NW
Sunday	61	37	SW

### County December Sales Set Record

December was a whopper for retail sales in Carteret County. Figures compiled by the Sales and Use Tax division of the state Department of Revenue show December 1955, as the greatest sales month in the county's history.

Not only were retail sales in this county this past December \$210,873.00 ahead of retail sales in December 1954 they were \$306,308.00 ahead of retail sales in the month of November 1955.

Following are the break-down figures:  
Total December 1955 sales were \$1,544,033.00 of which food accounted for \$308,806.00.  
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Total November 1955 sales were \$1,237,727.00 of which food accounted for \$247,545.00.

Morehead City will celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of its founding next year, 1957. The decision was made at the Morehead City Town Board meeting Thursday night at the municipal building.

Jasper Bell, member of the board of commissioners, was designated as the board's representative to work with Joe DuBois, manager of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, in formulating preliminary plans.

A series of Founder's Days will be designated to highlight the year of festival.

Morehead City was founded in 1857 and incorporated in 1858. The board declined the request of the Colonial Store to widen 11th Street a distance of 150 feet north of the Colonial Store.

The board's decision was based on the following points: widening would not run the full depth of the block between Arendell and Bridges Streets; parking would be hazardous to school children who use the block in large numbers; and a request by the store that parking meters not be installed could not be granted.

The board concurred in the decision of the zoning board denying a request by J. Hicks Corey of Greenville to erect a business building on the north side of Arendell Street in the 2800 block.

Mr. Corey had proposed to build a \$6,000 structure to house a dairy products store to be known as The Dairy Bar. The board said that, for the present, no change would be made in re-zoning that area for business.

Thomas Eure of Beaufort was awarded a contract to erect a fire dock at the Bogue Sound end of 8th Street. His bid was the lowest, at \$8,900. The dock will be 18 feet wide and 60 feet long, extending to channel depth. In the event of water failure a fire department pumper will use the pier to pump salt water.

John E. Lashley, town clerk, was directed to order a dozen Fine-O-Meters. Six will be installed on Arendell Street between 7th and 9th Streets and three elsewhere at places not yet designated.

The meters provide an easy way for persons to pay \$1 overtime parking fines.

The town, having decided not to exercise its option to acquire land between old Highway 70 and the Golf Club Road for a cemetery, R. R. Barbour, owner, returned the \$100 option fee to the town.

Gibbie Sanderson, commissioner for streets, reported that drainage difficulties on 20th Street are being corrected.

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Moses C. Howard, chairman of the board of commissioners, said yesterday that the board of equalization will sit each day as long as there are persons to be heard. He said that if those appearing are taken care of by 11 a.m., the board will recess until the next day. Each session begins at 10 a.m. Property owners are requested to be at the courthouse at that time.

valuations during February and were not satisfied with the result, were invited to appear before the board of equalization this week.

Property owners are given a number as they appear at the courthouse, and each property owner appears in sequence before the board to state his problem.

Commissioners, as well as the appraisers, Leon Brinkman and Leon A. Marshall, take evidence in each case. Property owners will be informed of the decision after the board studies the matter.

The board will be in session through Friday. Chairman Howard said things were proceeding well and the people were most cooperative.

Patrolman Robinson said the collision occurred on the right lane as traveled by the pickup truck, but further investigation has led the officer to believe that the Collins car went over in that lane to avoid hitting the pickup, which had apparently been on the wrong side of the highway.

### Three-Hour Good Friday Service to Take Place

Good Friday will be observed in Morehead City again this year with a three-hour service at the First Methodist Church.

Seven preachers will take part in the service, which will begin at 12 noon and end at 3 p.m. The public is invited to attend any or all of the seven periods of the service. Soloists will be Mrs. Josiah Bailey Jr. and Miss Maxine McLohon.

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Shopping Days



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