

## Committee Puts \$800,000 In Budget for Morehead Port

Morehead City won a major battle in port development when the joint appropriations subcommittee at Raleigh decided Tuesday that \$800,000 should come to Morehead City over the next two years for construction of a warehouse, rail facilities and water tank.

The advisory budget commission, soon after the legislature convened, had recommended that no funds be appropriated for Morehead City during the coming biennium.

This recommendation was based to a large extent on a port study made by the James C. Buckley firm of New York City. The Buckley outfit held out little hope for development of Morehead City as a deep-water port and recommended that major appropriations for the next six years be poured into Wilmington.

### Fight Ensues

Release of the Buckley report and the advisory budget commission's recommendation of no money for Morehead City caused Morehead City port backers to throw full weight into a fight for the necessary improvements at Morehead City.

Many eastern Carolina towns and chambers of commerce backed Morehead City, and tobacco interests interested in shipping through the Morehead City port testified at Raleigh in favor of planned development here.

### Success Comes

Led by D. G. Bell, Carteret's representative in the general assembly, the fight was successful.

Mr. Bell said a behind-the-scenes move was started Wednesday to top \$100,000 off the \$800,000 recommended for Morehead City, but he managed to squelch that before it got going good. Cutting off \$100,000 would deprive the port of the needed water tank.

Mr. Bell said that the \$800,000 arrangement is one of three proposals he had made which would be agreeable to Morehead City port interests.

He said yesterday that the gaining of the appropriation for the next biennium shows Southern Railway that the state is interested in development of both Wilmington and Morehead City. (Southern Railway has not as yet stated whether it would accept the Atlantic and East Carolina Railway, which services Morehead City, under the conditions outlined by the ICC).

### Wilmington Cut

To get the Morehead City money, the subcommittee reduced the funds for Wilmington from \$3,100,000 to \$2,525,000. To the \$575,000 cut it added \$225,000 to give Morehead City \$800,000.

The Morehead City appropriation will be used, in part, to build 128,000 square feet of warehousing.

The appropriations committee will get the subcommittee report next week. Mr. Bell believes that neither the full committee will raise objections to the arrangement nor does he expect any opposition on the floor of the House.

"Wilmington," he said, "is still getting \$3 for our \$1, but we've got what we want."

## Committee Hears Case for Prison Labor on Banks

Before the conservation and development committee yesterday morning, D. G. Bell, representative from Carteret, presented the case in favor of using prison labor on the outer banks to help stabilize the banks.

Use of prisoners there to build sand fences is another step in the state's program to prevent the outer strip of sand from washing away. The banks form a protective barrier for the mainland.

Representative Bell, Sen. Luther Hamilton, Morehead City, and Rep. Bruce Etheridge of Dare County also introduced in the legislature this week a resolution calling for establishment of a right-of-way along the banks.

The right-of-way would follow the highest elevation of the banks and would pave the way for state action to prevent erosion.

Mr. Bell also proposed an amendment yesterday to a bill calling for regulation of motorboating in state waters. The amendment was proposed in committee and would provide emergency and contingency funds to finance study of the motorboating problem in waters where the Coast Guard does not have jurisdiction.

## Louis Johnson Leaves Johns Hopkins Hospital

Louis Johnson, 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Johnson, Beaufort, was discharged from Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, yesterday.

Louis, who underwent a serious operation, will be under limited observation for one more week. He is living in Washington, D. C., with his mother and grandmother. His father reported yesterday that the boy is getting along fine.

## 26-Year-Old Man Held For Breaking in Cottage

## First Surplus Products Cargo To Leave Port

## Cheese Export Scheduled; Dow Chemical to Up Tank Capacity at Port

Morehead City's first cargo of surplus agriculture products, three million pounds of cheese, will move out of the state port between June 20 and 28, J. D. Holt, port manager, announced yesterday.

The cheese will be loaded aboard the Rock Springs Victory and taken to Yugoslavia. It is a surplus farm product being sent overseas under the CARE program.

Mr. Holt said he believes the shipment will be the first of a series of surplus product cargoes. In connection with this new business for the port, Mayor George Dill, Morehead City, and Lou Larkham, a solicitor for the State Ports Authority, consulted with Wilson Gilliam of the Department of Agriculture in Washington, D. C. last week.

Mr. Holt also announced yesterday that Dow Chemical, which moves glycol out of Morehead City by tanker, is planning to build at the port an additional storage tank with a 15,000 barrel capacity. The firm is seeking bids on the tank now.

Mr. Holt said the new tank will double the amount of glycol which can now be stored prior to shipping to Texas for refinement.

The glycol comes from the Dupont plant at Kinston and recently other tank carloads have come from New Jersey and Ohio, contributing to a need for increase in the storage capacity, Mr. Holt said.

Cost of the new tank has been estimated at \$20,000 to \$25,000.

## Bus for Bean Pickers Picks Up Few Workers

Operation of a bus to pick up bean pickers this week was not very successful, Frank Nance, supervisory farm placement representative, said yesterday.

He said the bus would probably run today for the last time. The bus run was started this week to recruit more pickers for the snap bean crop. Tuesday morning 16 were aboard the bus, but nine were under 16 years of age and were not accepted for work.

Two pickers were on the bus Wednesday and three yesterday. The bus picked up workers in Morehead City and Beaufort in the morning and returned them to the pick-up stations at night. Mr. Nance said the bus would have to pick up 15 workers a day to make the run worthwhile.

There was such a tremendous shortage of pickers early this week that 54 prison laborers were used Tuesday on the Gibbs farm. Mr. Nance said, however, that using prison labor is too expensive—the cost was \$4.50 per prisoner per day, plus pay to the supervisors and gas mileage from the camp—but the one day's help saved one field of beans.

From a surplus labor pool in New Bern trucks have been bringing workers into this county and returning them at night. The workers came from Bayboro, New Bern, and James City. But the workers didn't get back home until 11 at night and then had to get up early the next morning to get here again, which wasn't very satisfactory. Mr. Nance said between 200 and 300 workers have come in daily that way this week.

The supervisor said that 200 more workers are needed now. Twenty labor crews were working yesterday and five more crews are still expected.

Prices for the hampers of beans have ranged from \$4.50 (a high last week) down to \$2.

### Cover Crops Help

ASC office manager B. J. May advises farmers that cover crops planted on land in the Soil Bank will keep the land from eroding and control the weeds. In order to be paid for placing land in the Soil Bank, farmers must protect that land, according to federal requirements.

Alton T. Brookshire, 26, Morehead City, was in the county jail yesterday charged with entering the Kenneth C. Royal cottage at Atlantic Beach. Brookshire's bond was set at \$500.

Chief of Police Bill Moore, Atlantic Beach, said Brookshire was arrested in the Royal cottage at 11:45 p.m. Wednesday. In the cottage at the time was Mrs. Kenneth C. Royal Jr., Durham, and some of her friends who were spending the night there.

### Forces Door

According to Chief Moore, Brookshire gained entry to the cottage by forcing open the back door which had been hooked. It happened that Mrs. Royal was speaking on the phone, long distance, to her husband. She told him that she heard someone forcing the back door open.

When Brookshire came in the house, he told Mrs. Royal to put the phone down. Mrs. Royal said that she did so but had already told her husband that someone was breaking in. He phoned immediately, long distance, to the Atlantic Beach police department, and told them what was happening.

Chief Moore, and Officers W. G. Mitchell and Charles Sloan went to the cottage and found Brookshire in a room "with the women backed around the room."

### Resists Arrest

The officers invited Brookshire to come with them, but when he resisted, officers threw him on the floor and put handcuffs on him.

Chief Moore said that Brookshire did not say why he broke into the cottage or what he intended to do. The women told the officers that Brookshire was threatening to hit them with a table lamp at the moment the officers appeared.

Chief Moore said that Brookshire had been drinking but was not drunk. When Chief Moore showed the warrant to Brookshire after he was put in jail, Brookshire took the warrant and read it.

Brookshire is originally from Houston, Tex., and lived on Highway 70 west of Morehead City with his wife and two children.

## Women Finish First Aid Course

Members of the women's first aid class, Morehead City, successfully completed their nine-week course Wednesday night at the civic center.

Dr. Berl Lewis, instructor, gave the second, written part of the final examination. The first part, a practical examination, was given last week at the beach.

Students who have completed the course and will receive first aid cards from the Red Cross are Mrs. Connie Young, Miss Thelma Memak, Miss Rosalind Colley, Mrs. Clem Johnson, Mrs. Retha King, Mrs. Ladigole Lindsay, Miss Patsy Holt, Mrs. Julia Holt, and Miss Ruth Peeling.

Dr. Lewis said that other first aid classes will be started soon and possibly courses in water safety. Anyone interested in a water safety course is invited to contact Dr. Lewis, 6-3312.

## Mrs. Malcolm Goodwin Heads Training Committee

Mrs. Malcolm Goodwin, Morehead City, was elected chairman of the training committee at the annual business meeting of the Girl Scout Council of Coastal Carolina yesterday at the recreation center, New Bern. Mrs. Goodwin is a member of the council's board of directors.

Mrs. R. O. Barnum, Morehead City, was named a member of the training committee and Mrs. Leonard Safrit, Beaufort, a member of the Juliette Low world fellowship committee.

Mrs. C. L. Hankins, teacher supervisor in Carteret and Onslow Counties, was elected chairman of Carteret district No. 10 which includes W. S. King and Queen Street Schools.

Attending the meeting from Carteret were Mrs. Barnum, Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. Hugh Porter, Mrs. S. W. Smith and Mrs. Charles

# Morehead's Ramshackle Wood Buildings Burn Down Yesterday



Photos by Bob Seymour

This picture was taken about 15 minutes after the one below. The fire was at its peak and soon began to die down as the buildings collapsed and fuel for the flames ran low. The dry wood blazed right

up and was soon consumed. While the Moose Club fire on Atlantic Beach was going 15 hours after it started, this one was over and a mess of smoldering ashes in three hours.

## Masons Will Observe Past Masters Night

Ocean Lodge No. 405, AF&AM, will observe Past Masters Night at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Masonic Temple, S. 18th Street, Morehead City.

Clyde Carr, master, announced yesterday that the speaker will be Lester H. Gillikin, recorder of Sudan Temple. Mr. Gillikin is a past potentate of Sudan Temple, a certified lecturer, a past master and past secretary of Wayne Lodge and a senior grand deacon in the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Dinner will be served by the Eastern Star.

Past masters expected to attend, and the years they served, follow: Dr. Ben F. Royal, 1912; the Rev. John W. Alford, 1914-16; Harvey L. Joslyn, 1925-28; James E. English, 1928-31.

Linwood E. Wade, 1931-35; Orlan Phillips, 1935-40; Gibbie E. Sanderson, 1942 and 1948; Asa E. Cannon, 1943; Frank S. Reams, 1944.

Richard C. Jones, 1945; Aaron R. Craig, 1949; Cecil W. Sewell, 1950; J. Morton Davis, 1951; James B. Willis, 1952; Theodore Phillips, 1953; James I. Wade, 1954; Thomas L. Noe, 1955, and William G. Lewis, 1956.

## No Decision Yet On Newport Suit

The state supreme court did not hand down a decision Wednesday in the Newport water suit. The decision was expected then because the court apparently reviewed the case Tuesday, May 7.

According to George W. Ball, Newport town attorney, the supreme court issues its decisions every other Wednesday. He said yesterday that the decision may be handed down June 5.

The case was appealed to the supreme court after lower courts sustained demurrers filed by Newport officials. The suit was started to prevent the town of Newport from borrowing \$120,000 to put in a town-wide water system.

## Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar (Eastern Standard Time)

HIGH	Friday, May 24	LOW
4:04 a.m.	10:37 a.m.	
4:45 p.m.	11:15 p.m.	
Saturday, May 25		
4:57 a.m.	11:20 a.m.	
5:32 p.m.		
Sunday, May 26		
5:51 a.m.	12:01 a.m.	
6:14 p.m.	12:01 p.m.	
Monday, May 27		
6:36 a.m.	12:45 a.m.	
6:54 p.m.	12:43 p.m.	



This picture was taken about five minutes after the alarm went in to the fire station. Flames were already beginning to lick through the roof of the building (across Arendell Street from Fry Roofing Co.) when firemen arrived. In the foreground are the walls of the old frozen foods plant that burned several years ago. The picture was taken from the top of the old Atlantic and East Carolina caboose permanently parked near the buildings.

## Race Track Bill Goes in Hopper; Town Board Expresses Opinion on It

A bill which would allow counties of North Carolina to vote on establishment of race tracks within their boundaries was introduced in the House at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The bill was introduced by Walton Griggs, Currituck County, with D. G. Bell of Carteret as co-introducer.

It has been sent to the House judiciary II committee and a tentative hearing has been set for 2:30 Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Bell said yesterday, "Currituck County has the greater interest in this bill. That county lived on the dog track at Moyock. The bill means a tremendous amount to them." Mr. Bell pointed out that under the bill, Morehead City would not receive any revenue from the track as it did when the Carolina Racing Association conducted dog races at Morehead City from 1948 through 1953.

The proposed race track law would provide for a three-man state racing commission appointed by the governor.

A county could establish a racing enterprise, either dog or horse, within its boundary, by having 15 per cent of the registered voters sign a petition requesting a referendum. Upon presentation of this petition to the county commissioners, the county board would be required to hold a special election.

Should the voters favor a racing enterprise with pari-mutuel machines, any person interested in operating a track could apply to

## Laymen Speak At Marshallberg

In the absence of Rev. H. H. Cash, who was conducting a revival meeting at Whiteville, Marshallberg Trinity Methodist Church was pleased to have lay speakers Braxton Adair and Lance Smith of Ann Street Methodist Church, Beaufort, speak at the Sunday morning and evening services.

Mr. Adair delivered the message at the morning service. The morning worship was directed by Jimmy Piner, who introduced the speaker. Mr. Adair is currently employed at the Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, as an engineer.

Mr. Smith, a machinist, employed by Barbour's Marine Supply, Beaufort, delivered the evening message. Troy D. Moore conducted the evening worship service and introduced Mr. Smith to the congregation.

A special song was presented at the evening service by Ellen Piner, Jimmy Piner and Andrew Davis.

### Wednesday Wreck

Atlantic Beach Police Chief Bill Moore reported a wreck on the Salter Path Road about midnight Wednesday. The wreck was investigated by State Highway Patrolman J. W. Sykes.

The Morehead City town board, in special session at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the municipal building, Morehead City, passed a resolution stating that operation of a dog racing track in this county would be advantageous to the county's tourist industry.

The resolution followed a discussion of the proposed racing bill which was introduced at Raleigh at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday. Mayor George W. Dill, who had a copy of the bill, explained that the bill would allow all counties in the state to vote on whether they wanted racing.

He further stated that Morehead City would not participate in the revenue as it did in past years.

Opinions Asked  
Ted Garner, mayor pro-tem, said that closing of the track had hurt the restaurant business in town "and we'd like to have it back. The way it was operated I could see no harm in it."

Commissioner Jasper Bell said that he believed the track "rounded out" the recreation program offered visitors to the county.

Commissioner D. J. Hall said, "I think it will help business, but personally, I'm not in favor of any type of gambling."

Commissioner Gibbie Sanderson: "I'm not capable of saying whether operation of a track is right or wrong. It will help this area as a resort area. If a person wants to gamble, he's going to do it anyway and in my opinion the track was conducted in a very orderly manner."

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One of Morehead City's worst eyesores caught fire yesterday morning and burned to the ground. The half-burned wooden structures across from Fry Roofing Co. caught fire and went up in smoke.

The alarm was sounded at 10:30 a.m. No one knows how the fire started. The fire company was called by Bill Lewis, who works for the Carolina Water Co. He noticed the flames while driving by.

The brick walls of the old Croatian Frozen Food Co., unfortunately, could not be consumed by the flame, but the two wooden buildings to the east, burned well. They have been a target for expressions of disgust from town residents and visitors for the past several years.

The building next to the Croatian Frozen Food Co. was once known as the Gulf Stream Club. The larger building next to it had been occupied for some time by a junk and scrap metal concern owned by Carl Goodwin. The buildings and the brick walls of the old frozen food plant are reportedly owned by Miss Delia Hyatt, Kinston.

Morehead City town commissioners, on several occasions, asked Miss Hyatt to remove the eyesore. There was some question, however, as to whether the buildings were situated on private property or the railroad right-of-way.

A bill is now on its way through the legislature which would have empowered the town of Morehead City to tear the old buildings down.

Several town commissioners attended the fire. All of them agreed that the buildings were too far gone to save before the fire engines arrived on the scene. The old wooden structures burned in a matter of minutes.

Firemen played water on electric poles that caught on fire from the intense heat of the blaze. Persons as far away as the Yacht Basin noticed the heat.

The sunken boat to the east of the larger of the buildings caught fire even though it was several feet away and in the water. The Cygne (French for swan) was the "sister wreck" to the Omar Babun. The Babun graced the scene until it was towed to Beaufort and burned.

C. R. Wheatly Jr., Beaufort attorney, represents Miss Hyatt. He was not available for comment yesterday afternoon.

## Emeritus Club Head Names New Directors

New directors of the Emeritus Civic Club were appointed by president G. W. Huntley Monday night. The club met at the civic center, Morehead City. The new directors are N. L. Walker, D. F. Merrill, R. C. Dixon, Dr. G. C. Cooke and J. W. Kellogg.

Joe DuBois, manager of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, was principal speaker at the meeting. He discussed current real estate trends in and around Morehead City.

The club has received word that an overlook at Fort Macon State Park will be constructed by the state. The overlook will be near the picnic area—not by the fort as the club had hoped.

A resolution endorsing the deepening of Bogue Inlet at Swansboro was passed. It will be mailed to headquarters of the Army Engineers.

Mr. Walker, Mr. Kellogg and C. B. Wade were appointed to make plans for a ladies night program for June 17.

President Huntley appointed the following to make a study of the club constitution and make recommendations for amendments: Mr. Kellogg, Dr. Cooke, Mr. Walker, Mr. Wade, W. S. Kidd, U. E. Swann, and E. P. Spence.

## Drivers Lose Licenses For Speeding, Drinking

Ten county drivers have surrendered their driver's licenses to the state highway safety division. Eight of the drivers lost their licenses due to convictions of driving drunk.

They are Clem Gillikin, Aaron Archie, Ellis Gray Gillikin and Elijah Smith of Beaufort, Joe E. Lewis and James Ogal Hagan of Newport, Charles Quintin Willis of Davis, and Wilbur Chapman Bruce, Morehead City.

William Luke Smith Jr.,arkers Island, and Leary R. Campbell, Beaufort, lost their licenses for speeding.

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