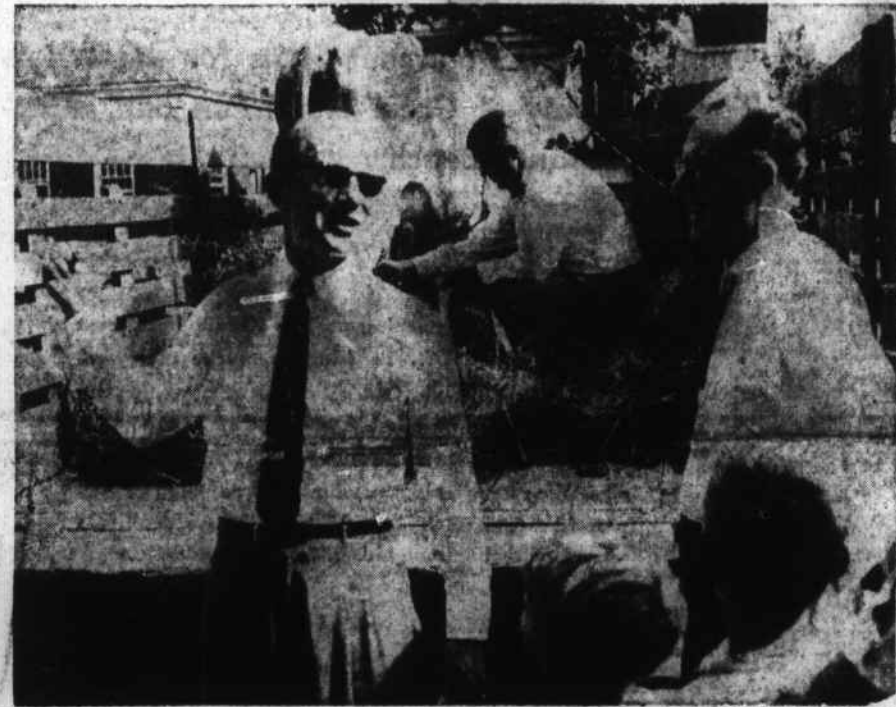


## Princesses Crowned



Moses Howard, chairman of the county commissioners, crowned the dairy princesses at the June dairy breakfast Wednesday morning. Here he crowns junior princess Gloria Parker of Atlantic. Senior princess is Nancy Broda of Beaufort. The breakfast was at the Hotel Fort Macon dining room.

## Look at Him Go!



Morehead City Mayor George Dill, left, and Beaufort Mayor C. T. Lewis concede defeat to Newport mayor pro-tem Wilbur Garner in the cow milking contest. The contest was conducted after the dairy breakfast. Newport Mayor Leon Mann was unable to attend, but he picked a sure winner for a substitute. Mayor Dill claimed the cow was from Newport and that there was a conspiracy afoot. But the cow really came from Rufus Oglesby's farm at Crab Point.

# Beaufort Board Considers Building New Town Hall

Town engineer Gray Hassell has been authorized to draw rough sketches of a proposed town hall for Beaufort. Mr. Hassell was asked to make the drawings at the town board meeting Monday night. He agreed to present the sketches at a special meeting of the board June 17.

Town clerk Dan Walker reported that repairs to the present town hall would cost about \$18,000. "That is more than the building would be worth," he commented. "We have to buy some new doors for the fire station. The doors are an odd size and have to be special-made. Right there is \$600."

**Worse Each Month**  
The old building is settling rapidly. Doors have been re-hung three times in the past year and it is nearly impossible to close the door on the east side of the clerk's office now.

"Civic pride, if nothing else, should move public sentiment toward the construction of a new building," Mr. Walker commented. "High state officials often visit Beaufort and it is embarrassing to show them the town hall."

"Actually, the town would save money in the long run by building a new town hall. Fuel bills, repair bills and inefficient office operation cost the town lots of money that would be saved in a new building," Mr. Walker reported.

Under present state regulations the town can borrow as much as two-thirds of the amount of bonds retired during the previous year. Since Beaufort retired \$16,500 during the 1955-56 fiscal year they can borrow up to \$11,000 on this year's budget (the fiscal year ends June 30).

During the current year, 1956-57, Beaufort has retired some \$27,000 worth of bonds, giving them the

right to borrow \$18,000 more anytime between July 1 and June 30, 1958.

**\$29,000 Available**  
Mr. Walker pointed out that the \$29,000 would be available within 30 days if the commissioners act now. Should they wait past the end of the month, \$11,000 would be lost so far as the town's ability to borrow it is concerned, he pointed out.

Mr. Hassell said that \$29,000 would not build the type of building that the town wants. "It would get one started, though," he said, "and once something like that gets started, it is always finished."

Since a definite site for the building has not been selected, plans for the structure will be flexible. The fire station has to be 90 feet long to meet insurance requirements. There are six vehicles in the department, and each one is supposed to be allowed 15 running feet. The trucks in the fire station now are "stacked" two-deep. This would not be permitted in a new building.

When asked if this meant raising the town taxes, Mr. Walker said it would definitely not make the tax rates go up. "It would actually save us money," he said.

## Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar (Eastern Standard Time)	
HIGH	LOW
3:39 a.m.	10:07 a.m.
4:18 p.m.	10:48 p.m.
Saturday, June 8	
4:42 a.m.	10:59 a.m.
5:16 p.m.	11:42 p.m.
Sunday, June 9	
5:42 a.m.	11:49 a.m.
6:10 p.m.	
Monday, June 10	
6:36 a.m.	12:34 a.m.
6:58 p.m.	12:39 p.m.

# Laborers Await Trial in Court Here Next Week

### Men Cited with Burglary, Holding Gun on Victims While Taking Money

Two Negro laborers, Richard Doles Jr., Hilliard, Fla., and Charles Earl Carmena, Brunswick, Ga., are in the county jail awaiting trial in superior court next week.

Each has been charged with breaking and entering, assaulting and robbing W. C. Thomas and Amos West last Wednesday night, May 29. Bond on each has been set at \$1,000.

Thomas, one of the plaintiffs in the case, said that the two men broke into the place where he and West were sleeping, threatened them with a gun and took \$20 from Thomas and \$42 from West. Both Thomas and West are white men working here during the harvest season. Doles and Carmena are harvesters also.

Probable cause in Doles and Carmena's case was found by Judge Lambert Morris in county recorder's court last Thursday. The court faced a terrific backlog of cases due to there being no court on the previous Thursday, May 23.

**15 Forfeited Bond**  
Fifteen defendants forfeited bond, 49 cases were continued, the state decided not to prosecute five cases, and two cases were dismissed.

There was court yesterday but there will be no county court for two weeks because of the two terms of superior court, the first of which opens Monday.

Those who forfeited bond May 30 and the charges against them are the following: Luke T. Dudley, no operator's license; Bennie H. Uptegrove, exceeding weight limit on road; William (Lawyer) Hardesty, assault.

Willie Stewart, public drunkenness; Pearl Mae Duff, speeding; See COURT, Page 2

# Woman Injured In Auto Wreck

Mrs. Gertie Gillikin, Beaufort, was treated in the emergency room of the Morehead City Hospital Wednesday night after being injured in an automobile accident. She was cut over the left eye when the car she was in, a '55 Oldsmobile, ran into another car stopped for the traffic light at Seventh and Arendell Streets.

Mrs. Violet Ray Gillikin, Beaufort, was driving the 1955 Oldsmobile. It hit the rear of a 1957 Chevrolet driven by James W. English of Sandersville, Ga.

Lt. Joe Smith, Morehead City Police Department, investigated. He estimated damage to the Oldsmobile at \$105; to the Chevrolet, \$200. There were no charges.

Lt. Carl Blomberg investigated an accident in the 800 block of Arendell Street Monday afternoon. Mrs. Betty Sledge, Morehead City, was driving west on Arendell when Mayland Gray Gillikin, Marshallberg, backed out of a parking place and hit the side of her car.

Damage was estimated at \$80 to Mrs. Sledge's car and \$25 to Gillikin's car.

# Board Leases School Building

The County Board of Education, in session Monday afternoon at the courthouse annex, Beaufort, voted to lease the Salter Path school to the Salter Path Methodist Church. Lease arrangements are to be worked out.

The Salter Path School has been closed and all Salter Path children will now attend school in the Morehead City School district.

The board accepted recommendations by H. L. Joslyn, county school superintendent, on care of school supplies and grounds.

R. W. Saffrit Jr., chairman, presided. All members of the board, D. Mason, Atlantic; Theodore Smith, Davis; W. B. Allen, Newport, and George R. Wallace, Morehead City, were present.

# 165 Enroll in Meter School, Camp Glenn

One hundred sixty-five men enrolled this week in the annual electric meter school conducted here each summer by the extension division of North Carolina State College.

E. W. Ruggles, director, is in charge of the school, which is in session at Camp Glenn School. The session opened Tuesday morning and will close at noon today. Students and faculty members attended a dinner last night at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant.

# University Releases Economic Report on State Fisheries

# VA to Make Back Payments, Reinstates George Bridgers

George Bridgers, 32, Beaufort, may be thankful soon that he was dismissed as temporary mail carrier at the Beaufort postoffice. As a result of the publicity given the incident, the Veterans Administration has reviewed his suspended disability allotment.

The allotment was discontinued in April 1952, when he refused to leave Beaufort for medical examinations. Back payments due Mr. Bridgers, according to his figures, come to \$3,075.75.

Mr. Bridgers refused to leave Beaufort to testify in the trial of a fellow postal employee in New Bern and was dismissed as a result.

He has been unable to leave Beaufort because of a phobia he has had since the fall of 1950. Congressman Graham Barden took an interest in Mr. Bridgers and was instrumental in getting his VA allotment renewed.

The congressman wrote a four-page letter to H. B. Dean, regional director of the postoffice department in Atlanta. In the letter he said that the firing of Mr. Bridgers was certainly not just and in his opinion not even decent.

Mr. Bridgers says that perhaps Congressman Barden's letter will help get him reinstated as a mail carrier. If he gets his job back, he will be paid for all the time he has missed, according to the congressman.

While waiting for word on his job, Mr. Bridgers has been working in the daily vacation Bible school at the First Baptist Church, Beaufort.

Mr. Bridgers' phobia, he believes, goes back to Jan. 9, 1943, when he was torpedoed off the coast of Dutch Guiana. Most of the men on the ship, a merchant vessel, managed to get into life boats. When the ship went under, the suction pulled some of the lifeboats under with it.

When the boat Mr. Bridgers was on went under, 12 men were swept off it and never seen again. The survivors were picked up after 14 hours by a patrol cutter and taken to Dutch Guiana where they spent 20 days.

After returning to the United States and taking a leave, he was sent on another merchant vessel to Africa. Mr. Bridgers was in the Navy but worked as a member of gun crews aboard armed merchantmen.

When he came back from Africa he was hospitalized in St. Alban's Hospital, New York, for three months. He was discharged from the hospital in March 1954, with a disability allotment due him.

Until the fall of 1950, he was able to travel as he pleased. On a trip to Core Creek he became panicked and had to turn back to his home in Beaufort. He went to New Bern the next Easter to be baptized, and that was the last time he was able to leave the county.

Mr. Bridgers says that when he realized what was happening to him he tried to fight it. "I used to drive toward Newport every day until I lost my breath and panicked. Then I would stop and sit still a while and try to go a little farther. Late in the spring of 1951 I got as far as Newport, but I never got any farther."

"When my physical examination for my VA allotment was due in Winston-Salem I wrote and told the VA that I couldn't leave Beaufort. They told me to try to make it to Wilmington, but I couldn't go that far. When I didn't show up, they cut off my allotment."

Now that Mr. Bridgers has his allotment restored and seems to be on the way to getting his job back, the whole episode may be a financial windfall for him.



George Bridgers has been informed that his veteran's disability payments have been reinstated. The payments are retroactive as of April, 1952. He says the first check should be for \$3,075.75. Here he holds a letter from Congressman Graham Barden, who went to bat for him.

# Commissioner Emphasizes Importance of Drum Inlet

## How to Give Your Dad a Big Thrill

Is your Dad a prince of a guy? Then why not give him the surprise of his life this month and submit his name as Father-of-the-Year? If he wins, he will receive a deluge of Father's Day gifts from leading Morehead City businessmen.

Full details on the contest and an entry blank appear on page 8 section 2 of today's paper. The deadline for putting your dad in the running for Father-of-the-Year is 10 a.m. Wednesday!

# A. T. Willis Jr. Installs Officers

A. T. Willis Jr., New Bern, installed Down East Lions Club officers at the installation meeting Friday night at the Sea Level Inn. Mr. Willis is first vice-president of the New Bern Lions Club.

New officers are Aldridge Daniels, president; Wayne Parker, first vice-president; Worden Gillikin, second vice-president; Charles E. Morris, third vice-president; Joe Mason, secretary-treasurer; tail twister, Allen Jones, Lion tamer, Ed Willard, and Burnis Morris and Elbert P. Itman, directors.

Guest Lions from New Bern, besides Mr. Willis, were Guy L. Hamilton, president of the New Bern club; Ed Berry III and Jack Hooks.

The Lions will attend their regular meeting at the Sea Level Inn at 7 Monday night.

# US Navy Boat Runs Aground

A 26-foot Navy "whale" boat ran ashore at Shackleford Point Wednesday afternoon and was still high and dry when THE NEWS-TIMES went to press yesterday afternoon. The boat is a utility craft used to carry men to and from ships anchored offshore.

Crews from the mother ship, USS Compass Island, and Fort Macon Coast Guard station were working to get the boat in position to float her at high tide.

Sunday night Fort Macon got a call from Congressman Graham Barden who was boating near Harkers Island. He said that a boat was aground near the island and had been abandoned.

A boat from the Cape Lookout station towed the boat to Harkers Island. It has been identified as belonging to D. H. Oats of New Bern.

Tuesday afternoon a utility boat from the Coast Guard station met an Esso tanker, the Gettysburg, and removed Calvin Kentfield, 32, who had injured his knee. He was taken to Morehead City Hospital for treatment.

# Court Decision Expected Today

The Supreme Court decision on the Newport water system law suit is expected to be handed down today at Raleigh.

If the justices have not as yet acted on the case, the decision may not be handed down until the latter part of the month.

According to the office of the clerk of the Supreme Court, the court has no regular time at present for handing down decisions, but sets dates, periodically, when the decisions will be made public.

After today, the next date for giving such decisions may not be until the end of June.

The law suit, filed by Jeff J. Garner and others, against town officials of Newport seeks to block the borrowing of money to install a town-wide water system.

# Pack House, Shed Burn On John Wooten Place

John C. Wooten's pack house and shed on the Roberts Road near Newport burned at 3:05 a.m. last Friday.

Newport firemen put the blaze out, but the loss was estimated at \$3,500. Mr. Wooten has \$2,000 insurance on the property. A neighbor rode into Newport to give the alarm when the fire was discovered.

# Prisoners Enjoy Moonshine Until Jailer Gets Wise

Mark Washington, Beaufort, frequent violator of whisky laws, felt sorry Monday for the boys locked in the county jail. So he took them some moonshine. The prisoners ripped up a sheet, used it for a rope and pulled the whisky up into the jail through the back windows.

The money was thrown out on the ground before Mark made the delivery.

Jailer Bruce Edwards discovered that his charges were drinking so he and Carlton Garner, Beaufort's assistant chief of police, set up a watch and discovered what was going on. Inside the

jail they found five pints of moonshine.

In short order, Washington was inside the jail too, docketed on charges of possessing non-taxpaid whisky for purpose of sale.

When Sheriff Hugh Salter was asked if he charged the recipients of the whisky with any violation he replied, "I couldn't lock them up any more than that they were!"

In county court yesterday Mark was fined \$50 and costs, given a year's suspended sentence and told to behave himself for three years.

Released yesterday by the University of North Carolina was the study, An Economic Analysis of the Commercial Fisheries of North Carolina.

The study, by George M. Woodward of the Bureau of Business Services and Research, was financed through special legislative appropriation and has been in process of preparation for the past four years.

The study presents a comprehensive analysis of the amounts of fish caught on this coast, prices they have brought in past years, degrees of acceptance of the North Carolina product on the market, and processing of seafood, both at present and the potential.

**More Money Possible?**  
Dr. Rex S. Winslow, director of the Bureau of Business Services and Research, in the foreword to the study, stated that the study sought the answer to this question: "Can North Carolinians do anything to make more money out of fishing?"

The answer to that question is not a cut and dried "Yes" or "No."

The study says that there is a possibility of upping fishing income in certain phases, commenting that the biggest possibility for growth and development is in shellfish — shrimp, oysters and crabs.

As pointed out in the foreword, some of the facts uncovered in the study may run counter to general belief and certain predictions as to the potential of the North Carolina fishing industry, but the study is a factual analysis and should be accepted as such.

**Appraisal Necessary**  
Asked his opinion of the study Wednesday, Dr. Winslow said, "Unless it gets a lot of attention and appraisal, it will do no good at all."

Copies of the study are being sent to every fisherman owning an 18-foot boat or larger, to all shore dealers, and to editors of all daily and weekly newspapers in the coastal counties. Further analyses of the report will appear in THE NEWS-TIMES.

# Beaufort to Get New Police Car

The Beaufort town commissioners have voted to advertise for a new police car. In session at the town hall Monday night, they learned that the old (1955 model) patrol car was in need of a complete overhaul.

Police Chief Guy Springle and town clerk Dan Walker suggested that the town buy an eight-cylinder car with an automatic transmission. Reports from other towns, they said, indicated that patrol cars with automatic transmissions had fewer upkeep problems, particularly in the transmission systems.

Chief Springle also said that the department needed a four-door car. Putting drunks or reluctant prisoners into the back seat of a two-door car is a big job, the chief commented.

Police commissioner Math Chaplain made the motion that the town advertise for bids on a new car. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Chaplain gave the following police report for May: arrests: Chief Springle, 6, Assistant Chief Carlton Garner, 3, Officer Otis Willis, 3, and Officer Maxwell Wade, 0. Traffic violations, 1, motor violations, 251.

**Spraying in Full Swing**  
The town of Newport started its mosquito spraying program Monday, May 6, and will continue throughout the summer.