

## Melvin Edwards, Beaufort Band Director, Played in Army Field Band

## Norwood Young Heads Outdoor Drama Group

Officers Who Will Plan Production Chosen At Meeting Tuesday

Norwood Young, Beaufort, accepted temporary chairmanship of the Carteret County Historical Drama Association at a board meeting Tuesday night at Mr. Young's home.

Other officers chosen to plan production of an outdoor drama are Mrs. Charles Hassell, vice-chairman; Mrs. G. W. Duncan, secretary, and James Wheatley, treasurer. Thomas D. Eure, Beaufort, was elected chairman of the board of directors.

Mr. Young, who has been serving as chairman of the "pre-organizational" group, said he would accept chairmanship of the board until it is determined whether "sufficient funds" can be raised to carry the project through.

Mrs. Hassell, who pioneered the outdoor drama idea, declined chairmanship of the board because of the time it will require. Due to her teaching duties, she said she could not assume the top executive position.

Mr. Young said that reorganization of committees will begin at once, and plans, "especially financing," will be given an overhauling.

The group hopes to raise at least \$50,000 and more if possible, to get the outdoor spectacle under way. Plans made prior to formal organization of the board Tuesday night, called for building a theatre in or near Beaufort to the east, plus employment of a playwright to produce a script based on the early history of the Beaufort area.

In Melvin Edwards, Beaufort school band has this year one of the best-qualified band instructors in eastern Carolina. Mr. Edwards, a native of Beaufort, is a former member of the United States Army field band which is recognized as one of the best bands in the country.

He and his three brothers, Clyde, Elwood and Carl, are well known to Beaufort—all are outstanding musicians and all started their music careers in the St. Paul's school band. Even their sister, Dolly May, was in the band. She played the clarinet.

Melvin played the trombone (which he played in the Army band), and his three brothers played the baritone.

Today, Elwood is still in the Army field band and Carl, playing the baritone, is in the Annapolis Naval Academy band. Clyde and Dolly May did not continue with professional music careers.

The father of the musicians is W. C. Edwards, who is now living in Morehead City. Mrs. Edwards died in 1943.

While the trombone is "my instrument," as Mr. Edwards terms it, he is familiar with all instruments and gives lessons to beginners in addition to directing the band. He is also directing the band at Newport this year.

Although some of the Beaufort band members were lost through graduation, and only 22 have been turning out for rehearsals this month, Mr. Edwards says the band has "wonderful prospects."

He added, however, that he has a few words of advice for parents: "Don't choose the instrument for your child." It's highly important that the youngster play the instrument he wants to.

"There are quite a few parents," Mr. Edwards continued, "who want their son or daughter to play a cornet just because they know somebody who plays one." He explained that a child may be able

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## Mrs. Hoyt Lee Hurt in Wreck

Mrs. Hoyt Lee, Morehead City, was admitted to the Morehead City hospital at 11:15 a.m. yesterday.

She had received general bodily injuries in an auto accident at Seventh and Arendell Streets. Dr. M. T. Lewis said yesterday afternoon that Mrs. Lee had no broken bones but that she was being kept in the hospital for observation.

Mrs. Lee was riding in a 1956 Ford driven by her husband when the accident occurred. George F. (Gerald) Woodard, Beaufort, driver of the other car, gave the following account of the wreck:

"I was driving east on Arendell when Lee cut in front of me. He had been driving west on Arendell and turned south and Seventh Street. I saw him about 10 feet before we collided and put on my brakes. My car (a 1953 Plymouth station) slid into him."

Morehead City Police Chief Herbert Griffin charged Lee with failure to yield the right of way. He estimated damage to the cars at over \$500 each.

## Cdr. William Lewis Gives Up Civil Defense Post

Cdr. William Lewis, USN (ret.), has resigned as county director of Civil Defense.

Commander Lewis said that his letter of resignation was sent to the county commissioners a couple months ago. No one has been appointed, however, to take Commander Lewis's place.

## Beaufort Principal Lists Faculty for Coming Year

Bruce Tarkington, principal of Beaufort School, announced this week the faculty members for the coming school year.

They are as follows:  
First grade—Miss Ethel Whitehurst, Miss Myrtle Piver, Mrs. Ann Neal, Mrs. Beatrice Martin.  
Second grade—Miss Ruth Gibbs, Miss Laura Gibbs, Mrs. Peggy Rhodes, Mrs. Evelyn Lewis.  
Third grade—Mrs. Carrie Lee Hancock, Miss Susan Rumley, Miss Grace Wilson, Mrs. Ellen Dickinson.  
Fourth grade—Mrs. Elizabeth Woodard, Mrs. Isabel Morris, Miss Annie Morton, Miss Phyllis Piner.  
Fifth grade—Mrs. Pearl Day, Mrs. Hazel Parker, Mrs. Eileen Jones, Mrs. Gladys Thomas.  
Sixth grade—Mrs. Mary Arrington, Miss Maude Green, Mrs. Sarah Dudley.  
Seventh grade—Miss Gertrude Styron, Mrs. Florence Brooks, Hugh Gordon.  
Eighth grade—Mrs. Cora Jones, David Lee, Mrs. Betty Merrill, Mrs. Shirley Babcock; Melvin Ed-



Melvin Edwards teaches music

## 139 Civilians Dropped from Air Base Work Force

Letters went out Wednesday to 139 civilian employees at Cherry Point notifying them that their jobs at the base would end Sept. 30.

The cutback was necessary, according to a Public Information Office release, because of a "\$440,000 reduction in annual funding" at Cherry Point. The order to reduce expenses, came from the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics.

In addition to the dropping of 139 from the payroll (136 permanent employees and three temporary), 80 civilian employees were downgraded to allow their retention on the payroll and yet remain within the funds allotted.

Prior to the cutback, civilian employees at the base numbered 3,236. Those given termination notices were chosen on the basis of the type of civil service appointment, length of federal service and whether or not they were veterans.

## Labor Day Weekend Will Bring Last-Holiday Crowds

Coming up is the last big holiday weekend of the summer season. Labor Day is Monday. Atlantic Beach and other Carteret vacation spots are ready for the influx of visitors expected for the last hot-weather fling before school opens.

From present appearances, the weatherman has perfect days in store for the vacationers.

Most business places will be closed. Beaufort Chamber of Commerce members voted recently to observe Labor Day as a holiday. Most of the business places in Morehead City are expected to close.

Banks and postoffices will be closed, as well as the county library, courthouse and town hall in Beaufort, and the town hall and Employment Security office in Morehead City.

Morehead City recorder's court, usually held on Monday, will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2. Newport Rotary Club will not meet Monday night.

The training program is designed for advanced students of Italian universities and will be held at the Naples Zoological Station. It is being sponsored by the Italian National Committee for Nuclear Research, the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, and the Italian National Research Council.

Dr. Chipman plans to visit briefly in Rome, Madrid, and Lisbon before returning to the United States in early October.

# Lejeune, Cherry Point Units Will Join in International War Games

## Willie Henry Falls from Boat

### Coast Guardsmen Drag For Body Without Success Wednesday

Willie Henry, 22, Beaufort, was given up as drowned Wednesday night after Coast Guardsmen abandoned hope for retrieving his body from the waters near Harvey Smith's fish factory in West Beaufort.

Henry fell over the stern of the Sea Dog, a 65-foot menhaden boat owned by Seashore Packing Co. of Beaufort at 4 p.m. Wednesday. The boat was tied to a pier at the packing company.

Gene Springle and Gene Hodges, both of Beaufort, witnessed the accident. The men told Beaufort Police Chief Guy Springle that they heard a splash and then saw Henry in the water.

Purse Boats Used  
Purse boats were nearby and they tried to get to Henry but without success. Chief Springle was notified and he called the Coast Guard. EN/1 Earl Sells, EM/2 James Manette and SN Eugene Carpenter of the Fort Macon station dragged the bottom from the drawbridge to Smith's factory.

Since no one saw Henry before he fell over the stern there is no positive story as to what happened. Mr. Hodges said that Henry had suffered from a fit that morning and possibly had a recurrence that made him fall over the side. Chief Springle said that Henry had been afflicted for several years.

Swift Current  
When the Coast Guard gave up the search Wednesday night, many observers said that there was little chance of recovering the body any time soon. An eight-mile current flows through the channel when the tide is falling and it could possibly carry the body out to sea.

There is a chance, Chief Springle pointed out, that the body may be caught in an eddy and not drift far from where Henry went down.

## Big Ones Come Inshore



One of the favorite night-time sports on the Morehead City waterfront is catching sharks. Walter G. Fulcher, Morehead City, caught this 311-pound fellow off Capt. Ottis Purifoy's dock. At the right is Carey Lewis, Morehead City, who has caught his share of sharks too.

Heavy line is used and the leader is a chain. Half a dolphin or a whole mullet is used for bait. The sharks come close in shore on the night-time high tide to feed.

This gray shark, shown here, is one of the reasons why the Coast Guard ordered a boy out of the channel the night of the water parade during Centennial week.

Bill Taylor, Morehead City, recently landed a 260-pound shark on the waterfront with a rod and reel.

## Interest Grows in Re-Showing Of Pageant Given Centennial Week

Since comments were requested in Tuesday's paper regarding re-showing in the future of the pageant given Centennial week, several persons have expressed their interest.

Miss Lillian Frances Giddens, past president of the Carteret Community Theatre, in a letter to the editor, commented as follows: "The Blue and the Grey of Carteret County" should be presented every year.

Mr. F. C. Salisbury, the author, and Mrs. John Herndon, the director and elaborator, have begun an historical epic.

The scale of the pageant as first presented was minimum in comparison to what will be done in the future if this community has the pride, foresight, energy and willingness to undertake a project so great, a drama so grand as to equal any pageant in North Carolina or surrounding territory.

"The Blue and the Grey" was presented Aug. 8 and 9 during Centennial week was in practice only three weeks before its presentation. It required intensive thought and practice. What was accomplished in three weeks by a few people should certainly be done by the community organizations under the leadership of a most capable director.

Marine troops from Camp Lejeune and Cherry Point will take part in an elaborate four-day exercise, Operation Deepwater, in the Sargos Gulf-Turkish straits area the latter part of September.

Participating in the exercise in the heart of the area where Communism is making headway in the internal affairs of nations, will be the United States, Italy, Greece, Turkey and Great Britain.

Materiel from Camp Lejeune has been moving steadily to the Morehead City port during the past 10 days. There Navy transports will pick up equipment and men to take them to the Deepwater rendezvous area — through the Mediterranean into the Aegean Sea between Greece and Turkey.

Cherry Point air units engaged in the exercise will operate from the Tanagara air drome, Greece, and from the aircraft carrier, USS Lake Champlain.

Units from the Second Marine Air Wing, Cherry Point, will support the 8th Marine regiment from the second division, Camp Lejeune during the amphibious assault on "aggressor" beaches.

The operation will be similar to the Marine exercises carried out on Onslow beach and in the Caribbean, except that it will be on a much larger scale, including the forces of North Atlantic Treaty Organization nations.

Helicopters will land Marines behind "aggressor" or "enemy" lines and aid in close support of ground troops.

Until all the gear and equipment from nearby Lejeune and Cherry Point reaches Morehead City port, the embarkation point, residents of the port area can expect to hear the rumble of convoys for several days to come.

## Officials Tour Outer Banks Area

Army engineers, state and local officials started yesterday from Atlantic on a tour, by boat and car, of the outer banks.

Making the trip are Col. Harry Brown, head of the state's hurricane rehabilitation project; W. H. Rogers and R. Markham, state highway engineers; Gehrmann Holland, state fisheries commissioner; Rudolph Savage, Joseph Caldwell and Simon Krock, of the Army engineers' beach erosion division, Washington, D. C., and J. A. DuBois, manager of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce.

The party went from Atlantic to Drum Inlet, by car from Drum Inlet to Swath Inlet, then covered the same area by boat. They landed at both ends of Portsmouth Island.

They spent last night at Ocracoke and will return to the mainland today.

The survey was made in conjunction with the restoration of the outer banks areas which have been severely damaged by storms.

Sincerely yours,  
Lillian Frances Giddens

President Eisenhower has signed the bill appropriating \$6,503,000 for Cherry Point Marine Air Base and \$428,000 for Camp Lejeune.

## Newport Board Acts on Water System Bids

At a special meeting Tuesday night at the town hall, Newport commissioners accepted low bids on the water tank and installation of water lines for a total cost of \$110,453.95. Actual contract letting is subject to the sale of bonds, tentatively set for Sept. 17 at Raleigh.

Low bidder on the 100,000-gallon steel tank was R. D. Cole Manufacturing Co., which bid \$27,955 and promised completion of the job in 145 days.

The board agreed that the tank shall be painted in a green aluminum paint with the letters, Newport, N. C., in black, on opposite sides.

C. M. Hefelfinger's alternate No. 1 bid, \$82,498.95 for installation of water lines, was accepted. The lines will be of cast iron with mechanical joints.

Bids were opened Tuesday night, Aug. 20, but acceptance was deferred pending recommendations from the engineers, William F. Freeman, Inc., High Point.

Mayor Leon Mann Jr. presided at this week's meeting. All commissioners were present: Wilbur Garner, Bennie R. Garner, Doug Henderson, Dick Lockey, and H. C. Gurganus.

The commissioners stressed the fact that everyone should get his tap put in while the contractor is at work. The cost at that time will be \$40. After that the price is \$75.

To let the town know whether a tap is wanted, homeowners or business owners should call the town hall, 2081, Saturday mornings and register with Jone Jones, water clerk.

## Gerald Hill Wins Contest

Beaufort Rotarian Gerald Hill proved Tuesday night that it doesn't take new or fancy clothes to win a beauty contest. Mr. Hill wore a pair of homemade bermuda shorts and a 31-year-old formal dinner coat to the club meeting at the Scout Building. The coat was part of his wedding suit.

At the other extreme was J. P. Harris, who wore fancy western bermudas complete with riding boots and spurs and carried a bull whip. The other Rotarians were more or less conventionally dressed—in bermudas, of course.

Mrs. Clarence Noe and Mrs. Street Wetherington were judges. After making all the Rotarians march around the table they selected Mr. Hill, David Jones and the Rev. Edward Sharp as finalists.

These three made another turn around the table and the judges announced that Mr. Hill was the winner. He was presented a broken, second-hand knife (which turned out to be a new one) by Glenn Adair, promoter of the contest.

Mrs. Lillian Davis of the Beaufort Baptist Church was guest speaker at the meeting. She told the club of the Baptists plan to raise money for their new hospital in New Bern.

Visitors were Bob Howard, Grady Rich and Bud Dixon, Morehead City, and Stanley Potter Sr., Sanford.

## Leg Art a la Rotary Club



How well do you know the menfolks? These are Beaufort Rotarians — lower extremities only — as they appeared at their meeting Tuesday night at the Scout building. If you can't tell who these legs belong to, turn to page 5, clip out that picture and match it to the top of this. Fourteen Rotarians entered a contest to select the Rotary cheesecake king.

## Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar (Eastern Standard Time)		
HIGH	Friday, Aug. 30	LOW
12:17 p.m.		5:43 a.m.
		6:26 p.m.
	Saturday, Aug. 31	
12:41 a.m.		6:41 a.m.
1:12 p.m.		7:35 p.m.
	Sunday, Sept. 1	
1:38 a.m.		7:30 a.m.
2:09 p.m.		8:45 p.m.
	Monday, Sept. 2	
2:37 a.m.		8:59 a.m.
3:08 p.m.		9:46 p.m.
	Tuesday, Sept. 3	
3:40 a.m.		10:00 a.m.
4:08 p.m.		10:41 p.m.

## Hospital Aid

Duke Endowment funds, according to the January through September 1956 report, paid for 2,545 days of patient care at the Morehead City Hospital during that period. This was 19.6 per cent of the total days of care, 12,979.