

## Marine Killed In Early Friday Morning Wreck

Three Passengers Hurt;  
Fatality is Seventh  
In County This Year

Cpl. Julian W. Sorrell, 26, of the Cherry Point Marine Base, was killed early Friday west of Newport when his car ran off a road and into a row of mailboxes and a sign at Pine Acres.

Three Marines, passengers in the car, were slightly hurt.

Patrolman W. J. Smith said Sorrell fell asleep at the wheel. His wife and two small children live in Albany, Ga. His parents are Julian J. Sorrell of Charlotte and Mrs. Edith W. McAbee of Asheville.

The injured were Cpl. William A. Stockum, 26, of Columbia, Pa., and Baltimore, Md.; Pfc. William R. Arr, 18, of Denver, Colo.; and Pfc. Lester S. Winters, 18, of Amarillo, Tex.

The accident happened at 1:10 a.m. 2.8 miles from Newport on Highway 70. The 1950 Ford Sorrell was driving toward Cherry Point. When it struck the mail boxes and the "Pine Acres" sign, the patrolman said a 2 x 4 plank went through the window and hit the driver on the head.

The injured, all Cherry Point Marines, were taken to the hospital by a Marine, an unidentified master sergeant who came to the scene. Stockum had cuts on his knees, left arm and chin and a bruised right arm.

Arr had a scalp cut and Winters a gash on his lip.

A Navy ambulance picked up Sorrell. Damage to the car was estimated at \$300.

Sorrell recently had returned to the United States from service in Okinawa. His death was the seventh highway fatality in the county this year.

## Beaufort Child Injured Sunday

Roscoe D. Conway Jr., 8, of Lennoxville Road is still in the hospital after a bicycle accident at 10:20 a.m. Sunday, his birthday. Beaufort Police Chief Guy Springle reports that Roscoe ran into the left front fender of a 1952 Chevrolet driven by his uncle, Harvey Fillingame. The accident was on Ann Street extension near the cemetery.

Chief Springle says that Roscoe rode his bike out of the dirt road running west of the cemetery and smashed into the side of Mr. Fillingame's car. Mr. Fillingame told the chief that he picked the child up and rushed him to the hospital. It wasn't until they were in Morehead City that Mr. Fillingame recognized whom he had in the car. The little boy was unconscious and bleeding.

This marked the second time that Roscoe has been run over on his birthday. Two years ago he fell off a truck and was run over by the rear wheel.

Doctors operated on him for internal injuries Sunday night and the hospital reported that he was resting well yesterday morning.

## Newport FFA Elects Officers

By Jimmy Skinner,  
Leonard Jarman, Class Reporter  
A special meeting was held Wednesday night, Sept. 18, by the Newport Chapter, Future Farmers of America. The special meeting was held in order to elect new officers.

They are Tommy Howard, president; Allen Gray, secretary; Woody Barnes, treasurer; Jimmy Skinner, reporter; Leonard Jarman, assistant reporter; Lewis Forrest, sentinel; Terry Garner, chaplain; Edward Corbett, parliamentarian; and C. S. Long, advisor.

The chapter has an enrollment of 55 boys of which 15 are new members. They will receive their membership cards and degree pins in the near future. This membership is one of the largest we have ever had.

The v-o-g class is in process of assembling 500 or more pounds of tobacco to be sold in the near future for class purposes.

## Workman Hurt Thursday When Boat Frame Falls

Clarence Cunningham, Swansboro, a workman at the Morehead City Shipbuilding firm, suffered a broken shoulder Thursday when a boat frame got knocked down. It fell on him.

The accident happened at 8:30 a.m. Cunningham was admitted to the Morehead City Hospital where he was still confined yesterday.

## Rat Cheats Cat



Photo by Reginald Lewis

Tabby just missed her dinner the other day on the Morehead City waterfront when the rat she had her eye on, spotted Tabby. The rat, left, was headed along the gutter toward the paper bag, right. Tabby was watching and when the rat got right in front of her she was going to swat him and eat him for lunch. Suddenly, the rat noticed Tabby and scurried in the opposite direction, away from the paper bag. Tabby was so surprised, she just stared in amazement. That's what happens sometimes to a cat's lunch when said cat is afraid to get its paws wet!

## Morehead Board Adopts New Policy on Insuring Firemen

### Chamber Officers Meet at Kinston

Chamber of Commerce officials from towns along the Atlantic and East Carolina line met at the Hotel Kinston Thursday afternoon. The purpose of the meeting, called by Charles L. McCullers, manager of the Kinston chamber, was to "stimulate area-wide interest in growth of the areas along Southern's route . . . with all communities taking part." Southern has bought the A&EC stock.

Attending the meeting, in addition to Mr. McCullers, were J. A. DuBois, manager of the Morehead City chamber; John Riddick, Goldsboro manager; Olin Wright, New Bern manager; W. M. Edwards, president of the New Bern chamber.

Henry Belk, of the Goldsboro News-Argus; J. P. Strother of the Kinston Free Press, and Eli J. Perry, Kinston.

Prior to the meeting, Mr. DuBois was the guest of Mr. Perry at the luncheon meeting of the Kinston Rotary Club. Mr. DuBois received a prize for being the person who had come the farthest distance to the meeting.

## Scout Fund Goal Set at \$3,780

Carteret County's goal in the current Boy Scout fund drive has been set at \$3,780. Scout executive Rudy Alexander says that if this amount is raised it will put the county on an equal basis with the other counties in the East Carolina Council.

Last year the county raised \$1,902 during the fund drive. That amount allowed \$5.92 for each Boy Scout in the county. Actually \$9.14 per boy was spent. Mr. Alexander said that this cost the council \$3.22 per boy or \$1,378.16.

The Carteret-Onslow County service area raised \$10,058.48 last year. The county's contribution accounted for 19 per cent but the county got 40 per cent of the service and has 32 per cent of the members.

Mr. Alexander says that he has high hopes that Carteret will carry its share of the economic burden this year.

Morehead City town commissioners decided at their meeting Thursday night that insurance shall be carried only on those firemen who live within a mile of the town limits. The board further stipulated that the number of volunteer firemen shall not exceed 90.

Board members were appalled, upon examination of the insurance policy, that some firemen are insured who are dead and others who permanently live in Texas, Louisiana, Virginia, and other states, are insured as active firemen.

In view of this fact, the board passed a resolution directing that the secretary of the fire department file immediately, with the town clerk, an up-to-date list of firemen and that this be done annually hereafter.

The list shall not include any who live more than a mile beyond the town limits. This restriction was set because it was reasoned that no one living farther than that would be able to hear all fire alarms and therefore was not likely to answer the calls to fires.

The board further reasoned that carrying "dead wood" on the fire department roster prevented addition of new members to the department.

The restrictions do not prevent a person from being an honorary fireman, but honorary firemen are not insured.

Mayor George Dill said that the town in no way could justify spending tax money to insure persons who live in Texas or persons who live out in the country but like the idea of being a fireman.

It was pointed out that some of the honorary firemen are now interested in being put back on the active list so that they may participate in the retirement plan for

firemen approved by the 1957 legislature.

Commissioner S. C. Holloway remarked that if this were being done, then every town with a volunteer fire department has to contend with the problem of having a lot of old men in the department and only a few young men capable of fighting fires.

The commissioners discussed the League of Municipalities meeting to be held in Raleigh next week, Sept. 29-Oct. 1. Planning to attend are Mayor George Dill, first vice-president of the league; George McNeill, town attorney; Commissioners Gibbie Sanderson, D. J. Hall and Jasper Bell, and John Lashley, town clerk.

## Morehead Dollar Days Scheduled

Shoppers in Morehead City Thursday, Friday and Saturday will find "best prices" on quality merchandise at the stores participating in Dollar Days sales.

The merchants have made special purchases of items they feel will be in demand this fall. In order to save customers money, they bought those items in large quantities, aiming for volume rather than a high profit on each item sold.

There will also be great savings on summer wear that the stores do not want to keep over the winter.

Stores participating in the sale are Belks, Eastman's Town and Sound Shop, Webb's, Western Auto Associate Store, E. W. Downum Co., Hill's, R&N Furniture Co., Early Jewelers, Morehead City Drug Co., Dress Shop and Adler's.

## The Rev. W. T. Roberson Accepts Charge at Shelby

The Rev. W. T. Roberson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Beaufort, has resigned. He announced at the Sunday morning worship service this decision to accept the pastorate of the Second Baptist Church, Shelby.

The Rev. Mr. Roberson came to the First Baptist Church four and a half years ago from the Shelby section. His resignation will become effective Thursday, Oct. 31.

In church conference at 8 tomorrow night the congregation will elect a pulpit committee which

will have the responsibility of finding the Rev. Mr. Roberson's successor.

At Second Baptist, Shelby, the Beaufort pastor will succeed the Rev. Homer Baker, who is going into full-time evangelistic work.

The Robersons have three children, Hanes, 5, Amelia Kay, 3, and Nancy, 1.

At the Sunday morning service the First Baptist congregation also adopted its budget for the coming year. It totals \$49,920 of which \$13,900 has been earmarked for missions.

# State Takes No Stand, Says Director, on Rate Proposal

## State Gives \$200,000 More For Seashore Park

An appropriation of \$200,000 was approved Friday by the Council of State at the request of the National Park Service to complete the land acquisition at Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area.

The additional allocation was found necessary, it was stated, because of the rise in land values since initial land costs estimates were made a few years ago.

The \$200,000 which the state is providing together with \$200,000 which two cooperating Foundations have already given, will allow the project to be completed satisfactorily, according to the Park Service.

### Initial Sum

In 1952, through the generosity of two donors, \$618,000 of private funds, matched by an equal amount donated by the State, provided an initial sum of \$1,236,000 for land purchases.

The seashore area is now formally opened as to all lands under Federal ownership and jurisdiction. It is believed that the land acquisition program should be completed by July 1, 1958. There are approximately 4,850 acres of land, or interests in a portion thereof, to which the United States does not have title at this time.

### 1966 Target Date

The development of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area is due to be completed in 1966, the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service.

The estimated construction cost of physical improvements—roads and trails, buildings and utilities, erosion control, and miscellaneous costs—contemplated during the next 10 years will be approximately \$4,375,580.

At the present more than 300,000 visit this area during the year.

The \$200,000 allocation approved yesterday will come from the State's contingency and emergency fund.

## Carolyn Lea Unhurt by Car

Carolyn Lea, 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lea, 203 N. Ninth St., was unhurt Thursday afternoon at 4:10 when she ran into the fender of a car on Arendell Street in front of Rose's 5 and 10, Morehead City.

Carolyn was crossing the street, from north to south, just as the signal light was changing and on the south side of the street passed one stopped car but ran into a car right beside it as the car started east.

Driver of the car was Westray B. Brantley, 117 S. Boylan Ave., Raleigh, Chief Herbert Griffin, who investigated, said Brantley took Carolyn to the hospital where she was examined in the emergency room and discharged.

Carolyn suffered a mild stomach upset but otherwise was in good health Friday, her father said. No charges were preferred.

## Firemen Squelch Fire At Beach Home Saturday

Atlantic Beach and Morehead City firemen combined forces to put out a fire before it got started good at 9:15 p.m. Saturday. A couch in Marvin E. Sanders' beach cottage near Frontier Village was burning.

The people renting the cottage from Mr. Sanders were not home at the time. Atlantic Beach firemen were breaking through the back door when the truck from Morehead City arrived.

Smoke and water caused the only damage to the building. The fire never spread beyond the couch.

### Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar  
(Eastern Standard Time)

HIGH	Tuesday, Sept. 24	LOW
8:16 a.m.	2:10 a.m.	
8:40 p.m.	2:39 p.m.	
Wednesday, Sept. 25		
9:07 a.m.	2:57 a.m.	
9:31 p.m.	3:27 p.m.	
Thursday, Sept. 26		
9:59 a.m.	3:42 a.m.	
10:26 p.m.	4:16 p.m.	
Friday, Sept. 27		
11 a.m.	4:28 a.m.	
11:05 p.m.	5:06 p.m.	

## SPA 'Stays Out' of Debate On Rail Rates to Morehead

### Closed Oyster Areas Listed

Leon Thomas of the commercial fisheries division announced yesterday that oyster season will open Tuesday, except in the following places:

Carteret County—Point of Marsh area will open Oct. 15. West Bay, North Bay, and Turnagin Bay are closed areas.

Pamlico County—Jones Bay and Mouse Harbor are closed.

Hyde County—Deep Bay and Deep Cove are closed.

Mr. Thomas said all closed areas will be marked with buoys.

The story on fishing regulations in Friday's paper referred to private scallop beds. There are no such things. Scallops move around like fin fish and therefore the places where they grow cannot be staked out as can oyster beds. Apparently, around here at least, no one has attempted to confine scallops to one place.

Mr. Thomas also emphasized that anyone fishing commercially who is caught without a license on display, will be prosecuted.

## Three Accidents Happen at Port

The Morehead City port was plagued with accidents Tuesday. Three men, including a longshoreman, John B. Kelly, Newport, and two Camp Lejeune Marines, were injured.

Mr. Kelly suffered a broken hip in the hold of the Sally Maersk while tobacco was being loaded. He was reportedly knocked to the deck by a swinging hoghead being lowered into the hold.

Mr. Kelly was taken to the Morehead City Hospital where he is getting along satisfactorily, according to his doctor.

During the Marine movement, Batrex, a Marine suffered a crushed foot when a bulldozer blade dropped on his foot. Another Marine fell 17 feet from the mezzanine deck to the main deck of a landing ship dock. The Marine suffered broken bones and was temporarily paralyzed.

Both were taken to the Lejeune hospital by Navy ambulance.

### Commissioner Reminds Contractors of Deadline

Jasper Bell, Morehead City commissioner of buildings and grounds, reminds contractors that Tuesday, Oct. 15, is the deadline for submitting bids on the water system at the new town cemetery.

Contractors interested may contact Mr. Bell at the Sanitary Barber Shop, 903 Arendell St., or at his home, phone 6-4581.

### Tanker Due

The SS Lyric, a tanker under charter to Standard Oil, will dock next Monday at the Morehead City port to unload bunker oil. It will arrive here from Wilmington. The Soterdyk, loaded with tobacco, left the port Saturday.

Col. Richard S. Marr, executive director of the State Ports Authority, said yesterday that the state is taking no stand on Southern's proposal to equalize freight rates to Morehead City. Southern hopes to put freight rates to and from Morehead City on the same basis as those to Wilmington and Norfolk.

At a hearing before the Southern Freight Association scheduled for today at Atlanta, the city of Wilmington will file objection to Southern's proposal.

"We are staying out of this," Colonel Marr said.

F. A. Downing, director of Wilmington's bureau of rates, industry and commerce, will present his city's protest. He also says that the South Carolina Ports Authority and the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad are opposed to the move.

### Observer Present

Colonel Marr said that the State Ports Authority will not be represented at the hearing, but it will have its director of commerce and traffic, Jack Lee, there as an observer.

Asked if the proposed rate reductions are on specific commodities, Colonel Marr said they were but he could not remember what commodities. He added, however, that tobacco was not among them. (Most of the tobacco to the Morehead City port moves by truck.)

Southern Railway has filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission a series of proposals to put Morehead City rail freight rates on a par with Norfolk and Wilmington.

If this is done, Downing says that Wilmington will lose some of the advantages it now enjoys in freight rates.

### Recommends to ICC

The hearing at Atlanta will be before the Southern Freight Association's general freight committee. The Southern Freight Association makes recommendations to the ICC.

Although there are objections to Southern's proposals, those familiar with rail freight structures say that the objections will probably carry little weight, since Southern controls the lines which will be mainly affected by the rate change.

These observers say that if other railroads do not go along, they will merely make figuring of rates terribly complicated for all roads in the southeastern area.

It is believed that the new equalized rates will go into effect in the near future, as soon as they are published by the ICC.

Relative to the Morehead City port, Colonel Marr added yesterday that the "building program is moving along nicely" and construction on a new warehouse at the port is expected to start soon.

### David Morris Assigned Here as Driver Examiner

David Morris, formerly of route 2 Snow Hill, has been assigned to this county and Havelock as driver examiner. Mr. Morris succeeds the late Ed Walston.

He has office hours Monday and Tuesday in the Morehead City municipal building, is at Cherry Point Wednesday, and in the courthouse annex, Beaufort, Thursday and Friday.

## Bus Official Commends Town Police Force

R. C. O'Bryan, traffic manager of the Seashore Transportation Co., has sent a letter to THE NEWS-TIMES congratulating the Morehead City police department. The letter follows:

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We in public service know that it is infrequent to hear of the good works performed by our public servants. That is why I must not let the excellent police work of the Morehead City Police Department go unheralded.

On Sunday, Sept. 15, my agent at the Morehead City Bus Station called to advise me that her office had been robbed at about 7:30 a.m. when she had stepped out for a moment. She had reported to the police who showed up promptly with equipment for taking fingerprints. Within a matter of minutes they had found the empty cash box in the area near the station and finger printed same.

The following morning I traveled from New Bern to Morehead City and was advised by my agent, Mrs. Marie Taylor, that the chief of police, Mr. Griffin, had left early for New Bern to pick up the thief and was due back at any moment.

Shortly after, I met with the chief, and he not only had the right man but also most of the stolen money. He had received a call from the New Bern Police Department to check on the story of a Negro youth who had been apprehended with a considerable sum of money and said his aunt in Morehead gave it to him to buy clothes.

A check with the aunt proved the story untrue. The alert chief didn't stop at this point. He asked the New Bern police to check on a certain peculiarity of a finger print. When he received the answer, he knew he had his man. We salute the Morehead City Police Department.

R. C. O'Bryan  
Traffic Manager  
Seashore Transportation Co.

The youth had taken \$79.98 from the company cash box and \$2.75 from Mrs. Taylor's purse. Police recovered \$55.26 of this amount.

County juvenile judge A. H. James sent the youth, a resident of New Bern, back to New Bern for a hearing. The New Bern juvenile court, Mr. James says, already has a case history on the boy.

### Town Board Appoints D. Cordova CD Director

Delfido Cordova was named civil defense director for Morehead City at the meeting of the town board Thursday night at the municipal building.

Mr. Cordova is former instructor of industrial arts at Morehead City High School and secretary-treasurer of the Morehead City Rotary Club. He succeeds James B. Willis.

### To Speak Tonight

J. A. DuBois, Morehead City, will speak to the St. Andrew's Men's Club at 7 p.m. tonight at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant. He will report current developments in the All-Seashore highway project.

# Northern Lights Make Spectacular Display Here About Midnight Sunday

Mrs. W. E. Congleton, Macon Court, Morehead City, reported yesterday morning that the northern lights made a spectacular display Sunday night between 11:55 p.m. and 12:05 a.m.

She described the lights as being red and white, their beams dancing from the horizon to directly overhead. Close to the horizon there were shades of green and blue.

Mrs. Congleton said that the last time she saw the northern lights, she was just 7 years old, but they weren't nearly as spectacular as they were Sunday night.

The northern lights, or aurora borealis, is seldom seen this far south.

Kenneth A. Sheppard of the Forsyth Astronomical Society, wrote of the northern lights in Sunday's Greensboro Daily News. His article, in part, said:

You have perhaps seen some of the peculiar reddish glows in the northern sky recently. They were displays of the beautiful aurora borealis, or northern lights.

This mysterious phenomenon is expected to become more and more frequent during the next two years because of its periodic relation to the sunspot cycle, which is now approaching a maximum.

The name Aurora Borealis means "northern dawn" or "northern glow."

Varies in Shape  
The aurora varies widely in shape and brilliance. A mild or weak display may be only a faint red glow streaking up in the northern sky, and looking very much like the reflection from a distant neon sign. It is usually almost obliterated by bright moonlight. It changes shape slowly and continuously, and fades away in about five or 10 minutes.

A brilliant aurora is a beautiful and thrilling spectacle. The entire northern sky may be spanned by a great arch of vivid red light, and above this arch extend long streaks of alternating red, yellow and green. The area below the red arch shades from yellow to bright green near the northern

horizon. Such was the aurora which appeared shortly after midnight on Sept. 12. It lasted about 40 minutes, and faded about 1:30 a.m.

### Theories Of Cause

The cause of the aurora isn't definitely known, but there are two prevailing theories about it. According to the first, it is produced by high speed streams of protons and electrons shot out from the sun. These particles strike the earth's upper stratosphere and set off a reaction producing auroral light.

According to the second theory, rays of ultra-violet light from the sun ionize the atoms and molecules of the upper stratosphere, and these charged particles drift toward the earth's magnetic poles, where they recombine and emit auroral light.

In either case, the aurora is definitely triggered by outbursts of solar radiation, and invariably occurs in the earth's magnetic field, at heights of 250 to 500 miles above sea level.