

## Sea-Going Reynolds Family Docks at Morehead City



Photo by Bob Seymour

The world travelers aboard the Phoenix are top row, left to right, Nick Mikami, Mickey Suemitsu, Moto Fushima. Seated below them are Jessica with Duchess, the cat, Dr. Earle Reynolds, Mrs. Reynolds with the smaller cat, Amya, and Ted. Dr. Reynolds is the skipper; Mrs. Reynolds is cook; Jessica keeps the journal and helps her mother; Ted is navigator, and the three Japanese students act as crewmen.

The Reynolds family is a sea-going crew. And they all write too. They docked at 2 a. m. Tuesday at the Gulf dock, Morehead City, and plan to stay until about the middle of November when they will continue southward to the West Indies.

Head of the family, and skipper of the Phoenix, a 50-foot ketch, is Dr. Earle Reynolds, a scientist (anthropologist, to be specific). His wife writes books for children; his son, Ted, 19, has done some writing, and his daughter, Jessica, 15, has written a diary form about the family's travels. That now is in the process of being published.

Dr. Reynolds is a native of Ohio and former university professor. He left Ohio to go to Japan. There, at the request of the National Academy of Sciences he made a study of the growth of children as affected by atomic radiation. The Phoenix was built in Japan and the Reynolds have been sailing her about the world since October 1954, when they left Hiroshima.

**Three Students**  
In addition to the family, three college students from the University of Hiroshima are aboard and assist in general handling of the ship.

They are Moto Fushima, Mickey Suemitsu, and Nick Mikami.

Two other members of the complement are Duchess, a large calico cat, and Amya, a small cat. Both are of a succession of cats the Phoenix has sheltered because, Ted explains, cats are supposed to bring good luck.

The cats tread with lightfooted sureness the narrow gunwale, with never a thought of the wet, wet water just a short distance below.

From the West Indies, the Phoenix will traverse the Panama Canal, the Pacific, and make port in

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## Southern Officials to Arrive Today To Greet Civic, Business Leaders

### Outboard Motor Voyager Due Home Tomorrow

Mel West, Morehead City's Admiral Perry and Charles Lindbergh, is expected in Morehead City sometime tomorrow. Those who promoted West's spectacular outboard motorboating feat, yesterday were planning an official welcome for him.

Mel called his father, Barry West, yesterday afternoon and told him that he would leave Bermuda today. Mel reportedly took the island by storm.

He spoke at most of the civic club meetings this week and had an audience with the royal governor yesterday morning. The Bermuda outboard motorboat club gave him a trophy in recognition for his effort to prove that the motorboat has "come of age."

He told his father that he spent most of the day yesterday getting his famous boat, the Impossible, ready for shipment back to the U. S. The 15-foot 3-inch craft is now en route to New York where Mr. West and Mel plan to pick it up, put it on a trailer and drive back to Morehead City.

#### Eager for Home

Mel, who said that he thought he could sail around the world in a washtub "by the grace of God and common sense", admitted that he was pretty anxious to get back to Morehead City. His wife and children, as well as his parents and other relatives, are just as anxious to see him.

Mel set out for Bermuda 16 days ago, hoping to arrive in Bermuda within 50 hours. Four days later he was spotted by a tanker, given water, matches and food and continued on his journey. He was not heard from again until Sunday when a Coast Guard plane spotted him 185 miles from his goal.

#### Aid from Plane

The plane dropped him a radio transmitter, food, dye markers and flares. Ashore his father and friends sought unsuccessfully to get the Coast Guard to give him enough fuel to continue the voyage.

The plane kept him in sight until the Coast Guard weather ship Rockaway picked him up and took his boat in tow for the remaining distance to Hamilton, Bermuda.

The Coast Guard estimates that the junket cost them \$300,000, about 100 times as much as the \$3,000 it cost Mel.

### Draft Officials Win Certificates

The President of the United States has awarded to Dr. S. W. Thompson of Morehead City and Julius F. Duncan of Beaufort, Certificates of Appreciation for 15 years of service to the nation as medical advisor and government appeal agent, respectively, of the Carteret County draft board.

Dr. Thompson and Mr. Duncan have served continuously, without compensation, with exception of a brief period between termination of the 1940 act and the reorganization of the system under the present act.

They are among the 68 original appointees to the North Carolina Selective Service System under the World War II Act who are still serving.

### Defendant Gets 30-Day Sentence In Court Monday

Marcellus Jones was sentenced to 30 days in jail Monday after he was found guilty of driving without a license. Morehead City recorder's court judge Herbert Phillips specified that the time be added to a sentence he is currently serving in Green County.

Nina Murray was found guilty of destroying personal and real property. She was ordered to pay court costs and the cost of repairing broken windows in the residence of Barbara Jones.

Two defendants, Lon J. Perkins and Blanca R. Davis, were fined \$25 and costs for driving without licenses. Willard Thorne presented a license at court but admitted that he did not have one when he was cited. He was charged costs.

John T. Olson paid \$10 and costs for speeding. Those who paid costs follow: Leon C. Tolson, Jephtha J. Long, Adrian D. Willis, and Graham Lee Davis, all for speeding.

Eugene P. Bishops was found not guilty of hit and run and Charles White was found not guilty of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Otis Simmons got a six-month sentence suspended on two years good behavior. He was charged with assaulting his wife.

Cases were continued against Hoyt Lee, George Duiley and Harrison Long.

Tuesday the Coast Guard buoy tender Conifer recovered the suction head lost last week by the Army Engineers' dredge Gerig. The suction head tore loose from the dredge while it was working in Beaufort Inlet.

At 10:15 this morning President Harry A. DeButts, accompanied by other top officials of Southern Railway, will arrive in Morehead City on a special train. At noon today, Southern Railway will be host at a buffet luncheon aboard its business cars on the train. The cars will be at Morehead City port.

The special train will leave New Bern this morning, continuing its "get-acquainted" trip over the Atlantic and East Carolina Railway, recently purchased by Southern.

William C. Radford, general manager of the A&EC has invited 50 Morehead City community and business leaders to meet Mr. DeButts at the luncheon.

In a special statement yesterday, Mr. DeButts called Morehead City "the frosting on the cake of progress for eastern North Carolina."

Explaining this comment, he said, "I have talked with a great many people in these last few days who are enthusiastic and hopeful about prospects for progress in the territory the A&EC serves."

#### Port Important

"All recognize the underlying importance of Morehead City's deep water port, especially now that adequate rail service is to be available.

Mr. DeButts continued, "With Southern's action, you have been assured of the kind of railroad connections you have long felt would be of greatest value in developing the port of Morehead City and attracting industry to the many excellent sites you have available all along the line from Goldsboro to Morehead City."

#### Support Pledged

"Southern will support you in your efforts to the extent of its ability. Working with chambers of commerce and other interested organizations, Southern has already done much through its industrial development department, and in freight rate matters, to further your hopes.

"Our success elsewhere in locating industry augurs well for your and our success here."

Southern's president added: "I understand there are excellent prospects of new grain elevator facilities. Perhaps there is much more of which I am not yet aware. But I am aware of the fact that greatly-increased development will come if the same enthusiastic support is given to planning for growth that was given to encouraging Southern to complete purchase plans for acquiring the A&EC."

Referring to the way in which Morehead City citizens and others supported Southern in its move to obtain permission from the ICC to purchase the A&EC, Mr. DeButts said, "Without such support, we would have appeared in the light of being solely an expansion-minded railroad. With it, we could present our case for what it really is—a growth and service-minded in-

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### Woodrow Gives Seriously Hurt In Bridge Crash

Stella Resident Suffers  
Multiple Leg Fracture  
Tuesday Morning

Woodrow (Woodie) Givens, Stella, suffered a serious leg injury in an automobile accident at 2:30 a. m. Tuesday when his car hit the end of the White Oak River bridge at Stella.

Mr. Givens, who is now in the hospital at Jacksonville, was employed as a doughnut cutter at The Do-Nut House, Morehead City. His right leg was broken in several places and is now in a cast. According to Mrs. A. F. Cunningham, Givens' employer, he will have to undergo operations.

The accident happened as Mr. Givens was returning to Stella after taking his wife to work at The Do-Nut House. She had been working in his place because he was not feeling well. With him at the time of the wreck was his brother-in-law, Johnny Brown, 17, Stella.

#### Fog Blankets Bridge

Mr. Givens was driving his 1952 Chrysler. He told Mrs. Cunningham Wednesday night, from his hospital bed, that there was a blanket of fog over the bridge. As he approached the bridge, he couldn't see and by the time he did see where he was, he said he couldn't avoid hitting the bridge railing.

A 2 x 6 piece of timber crashed through the left front of the car, struck his legs and pinned him in the wreck. He said it was either hit the railing or go overboard.

#### Summons Help

When Brown could not get Mr. Givens out of the car, he walked to Stella for help. Mr. Givens was bleeding badly and a resident of Stella got his car and took him to the hospital. Brown's arm was slightly bruised.

The Givens have a little boy and another child is expected. They have no hospital insurance. Their home is a trailer at Stella. Mrs. Cunningham said that she and her husband are helping the family all they can, but the Givens are having a hard time meeting expenses. She added that they are not the type of people who expect help and that when Mr. Givens is back on his feet, he will do his best to pay his debts.

Mrs. Cunningham commented that anything people could do to help them would be appreciated. Mr. Givens has been employed at The Do-Nut House since it opened in March 1957.

## State Ports Authority Hears Report From Director Tuesday at Charlotte

### Members Want Industry Boost

Twenty-five per cent of the 60 persons replying to a recent Morehead City chamber of commerce survey, said they would like to see more funds invested in industrial development.

This project topped a list of projects the chamber plans to promote, according to J. A. DuBois, chamber manager. Others getting much support, in order, were a car ferry from Cedar Island to Ocracoke, more funds for advertising and publicity, a four-lane highway from Havelock to Morehead City, an armory or gymnasium with convention hall, an ocean drawbridge over the Newport River, and completion of a Morehead City soundside municipal park.

Five per cent recommended chamber backing of a school bond issue.

The survey sheets were distributed at the recent chamber of commerce dinner. Of those, 50 were returned immediately and Mr. DuBois later received 10 in the mail.

### Police Cite Stacy Man After Wednesday Wreck

Wilbert Lewis Jr., Stacy, was charged with following too close after his 1950 Chevrolet ran into the rear of a 1951 Henry J at 6:12 p. m. Wednesday.

Both Lewis and Mrs. Bernice Willis, Morehead City, driver of the Henry J, were going west on Bridges Street near the Morehead City town limits.

Damage was estimated at \$100 to each vehicle.

A report by Col. Richard S. Marr, executive director of the State Ports Authority, consumed a large part of the SPA session Tuesday morning at Charlotte. Proposed expansion programs at both ports were discussed.

Although there were rumors that a shake-up in administrative policies of the SPA were in the offing, nothing in this respect was aired at the meeting, according to information from the Wilmington port office.

A summary of Colonel Marr's report, released by the SPA, follows:

"The report I bring you today is the finest report that I have ever made to you. I take great pride in bringing you this report on the status of the North Carolina State Ports Authority, and I feel that each of you should have great pride in the accomplishments of the authority, just as I do.

"Four years ago, shortly after you people were appointed to the authority and I was named its executive director, we had two very badly disorganized state port facilities with almost no cargo passing over the docks. The state

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### Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Friday, Nov. 1	
3:35 a. m.	9:59 a. m.
3:48 p. m.	10:21 p. m.
Saturday, Nov. 2	
4:28 a. m.	10:48 a. m.
4:42 p. m.	11:05 p. m.
Sunday, Nov. 3	
5:18 a. m.	11:33 a. m.
5:32 p. m.	11:47 p. m.
Monday, Nov. 4	
6:02 a. m.	12:18 p. m.
6:17 p. m.	12:27 a. m.
Tuesday, Nov. 5	
6:40 a. m.	12:27 a. m.
6:56 p. m.	1:00 p. m.

### Port Calendar

USS Vermillion—Due at state port tomorrow with Marines returning from the Mediterranean.

Karen Maersk—Due at state port Sunday to pick up a cargo of tobacco for Bangkok.

USS Thuban—Due at state port Tuesday with Marines returning from maneuvers.

Patella — Due Wednesday at state port, with asphalt.

#### To Head Scouts

James E. Crowe, Beaufort, was elected chairman of the Carteret District Committee, Boy Scouts of America, at a meeting of that group Tuesday night at the civic center, Morehead City. He will take office in January, replacing present chairman Bob Howard.

## Flu Epidemic Causes Closing of Two Schools

Morehead City and Camp Glenn Schools will be closed today due to the flu epidemic.

Twenty-three per cent of the county student body was absent yesterday. Not countingarkers Island and Stella schools, where a phone call check was impossible, 1,432 pupils were absent, according to the county health department. Total county school enrollment is 5,991.

Lenwood Lee, principal of Morehead City School, said that he and R. W. Davis, principal of the Camp Glenn school, hoped that closing the school today would curb the spread of flu.

"Parents' cooperation will be needed," Mr. Lee said, "to keep

## District VFW Will Meet Here

Ervin Lupton, Morehead City, a member of Jones-Austin Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will preside at the VFW district meeting this weekend in Beaufort. Mr. Lupton is district commander.

The meeting will open at 5 p. m. tomorrow with a social hour in the VFW post home, Highway 101. Dancing will begin at 8 with music by an orchestra.

The post home will open at 9 Sunday morning and lunch will be served at 11:45. There will be a joint meeting of the post and auxiliary in the afternoon, as well as individual business sessions.

Vance Fulford, commander of the Beaufort post, will conduct the opening ceremony at the joint session and will preside at the lunch.

Two hundred persons, representing posts in the fourth district, are expected. This will be the second time that the Beaufort post has been host to the district since its building was completed.

the children home and away from crowded places."

The principals hope the three-day weekend respite will prevent additional flu cases and that those ill will recover and be able to come back to school Monday. There will be no teen-age party at the recreation building this weekend.

Today's school "holiday" will have to be made up some other time during the school year, probably in the spring.

Absences in each school have been recorded by the health department as follows: Morehead City 332, Beaufort 257, Camp Glenn 220, Smyrna 203, Newport 170, Atlantic 105, Queen Street 103 and W. S. King 59.

## Harry A. DeButts' Childhood Dream Was to Become a Railroad Conductor

Harry A. DeButts, who became president of the Southern Railway System Jan. 1, 1952, was one boy who didn't want to grow up to be a locomotive engineer. Instead, he wanted to be a conductor. But trainmaster was the closest he came to realizing that youthful ambition.

Like many other members of the Southern, he is the son and grandson of Southern railroaders. His father railroaded until hurt in a freight train derailment, after which he returned to farming and raising horses.

His grandfather was for many years station agent at Delaplane, Va., where the future president of the Southern was born Oct. 13, 1895, and where he first came under the spell of railroading.

While visiting his grandfather at the station, he used to help the local crew unload freight for which he was rewarded by a free box-car ride to the next town. He still feels that the five-mile walk back was a small price to pay for the ride.

#### Went to VMI

During public school years the idea of railroading as a life's work kept running through his mind, and when he graduated from high school he decided to study civil engineering at Virginia Military Institute because he thought that would be good training for a railroad man. He had already decided on the railroad. "The Southern was the only one I knew about," he says. "That was THE railroad, and it still is."

In 1916, upon graduation from VMI at 21, he landed a job with the Southern at Culpeper, Va., as a student track apprentice. His

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Harry A. DeButts  
... Virginian heads Southern

## Owner Claims Tail-Less Dog

The Negro owner of the male blue tick hound which lost its tail in the Morehead City postoffice door, has claimed the dog.

Dr. C. E. Paden reported that the dog was returned to its owner Wednesday and the owner has promised to take good care of it. He said he did not have the owner's name.

After a notice appeared in The Pet Corner in Tuesday's paper stating that the dog was ready to leave the vet's, Dr. Paden said he received at least eight calls from persons who wanted to give the dog a home.

The dog lost about 8 inches of his tail Wednesday, Oct. 23, when the door of the postoffice closed on his tail. Dr. Paden said the hound yelped long and loud because as soon as the wound was caused, flies started to bite it.

A bystander from Raleigh gave Dr. Paden \$10 to take care of the dog. Later the Raleigh man (again Dr. Paden said he didn't know his name) came to the office and Dr. Paden said he returned the money to him.

Today's Pet Corner appears in the second section, page 4.

#### Decision Upheld

The State Supreme Court yesterday upheld a Carteret superior court decision in favor of the family of Albert Fallin, a Negro killed in a New Year's Eve murder in Beaufort in 1955. The court agreed that the insurance company should pay \$2,000 benefits because the shooting of Fallin was not "intentional" on the part of his assailant, Levi Williams.