

## Directors Elect Bud Dixon As President of Chamber

### Businessmen Plan Morehead Yule Observance

Morehead City businessmen planned the town's Christmas celebration at a luncheon at the Hotel Fort Macon Tuesday.

The downtown Christmas lights will be turned on Monday, Dec. 2. Tentative plans call for a Santa Claus parade that night with the stores staying open an extra two hours and sponsoring a special sale.

A cash giveaway will be the big feature of the Christmas program. For each dollar purchase a shopper will receive a ticket. Shoppers will be eligible for tickets beginning Friday, Nov. 22.

The first giveaway date will be Saturday, Nov. 30. The last will be Tuesday, Dec. 24.

On Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14 and 21 the cash prizes will be \$50, \$25, \$15 and \$10. If no one claims a cash prize, it will be held over until the next week and doubled. If the "jackpot" is not claimed on the following drawing, again it will be set aside and tripled. This procedure will be followed until the money is won.

Winners do not have to be present to collect their money. Winning numbers will be posted in stores, however, and the prize must be collected before the next drawing. To claim prizes on Dec. 24, the winners must be present.

The drawings will take place at the municipal building. Stores will stay open until 9 p.m. Dec. 20, 21, 23 and 24th. They will be open Wednesday afternoons Dec. 4, 11 and 18th.

Chairman of the Christmas promotion is Earl Lewis, manager of Belk's.

J. A. DuBois, chamber of commerce manager, presided at the meeting. Fourteen businessmen attended.

## Second Frost Is Reported

The second frost of the fall was reported yesterday morning, says weather observer E. Stamey Davis. In town it was a "high" frost, meaning that most of the frost fell on roofs and trees. From the rural areas of the county a heavy ground frost was reported.

The frost came after a week of relatively mild weather. Since the first of the month the minimum temperatures have been ranging in the middle fifties. Maximum and minimum temperatures follow:

	Max.	Min.	Wind
Friday	56	51	W
Saturday	64	56	SW
Sunday	69	53	SW
Monday	68	54	NE
Tuesday	62	52	E
Wednesday	62	47	NE
Yesterday	.....	40	.....

### October Court Receipts Amount to \$10,521.25

Court receipts for the month of October totaled \$10,521.25, according to the report given the county commissioners by A. H. James, clerk of superior court.

County court receipts amounted to \$2,767.64, Morehead City court receipts \$1,071.50, and superior court \$376.44. Probate and clerk's fees were \$92.16.

Paid to the county was \$4,307.74.

## Newport Future Farmers to Sponsor Tractor Operators' Contest Tuesday

For the first time Tuesday the Newport Future Farmers of America will sponsor a Junior Tractor Operators' Contest. The contest, to test the driving skill of young tractor operators, will start at 1 p.m. at the Newport School ball park. The public is invited.

Cooperating in sponsorship of the contest is the Newport Adult Farmer Association, the Newport School vo-ag department and equipment and petroleum dealers. Fifty dollars in cash prizes plus merchandise prizes will be awarded. Following the contest for boys between 14 and 21 years of age, members of the Adult Farmer Association will compete.

The boys will win cash awards as follows: first place \$15, second \$10, third \$7, fourth, fifth and sixth, \$5 each, and seventh place \$3.

Prizes for the adults will be first, tractor umbrella; second, tow chain; third, case of oil; fourth,

Bud Dixon was elected president of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of the board of directors Monday at the chamber office. Walter Morris was elected vice-president and J. R. Sanders was re-elected treasurer. Mr. Dixon succeeds W. B. Chalk.

There was considerable discussion at the meeting concerning the advantages which would be gained by moving the chamber office nearer the business district. No action was taken.

Mr. Morris spoke of the vital need for a strong and active merchants association. The directors agreed that now is the time to get it organized and functioning.

Annual membership dues were discussed, including the fact that the minimum dues of \$25 have been raised by most chambers to \$35 or \$50. The costs of chamber operation have been steadily on the increase, according to chamber manager Joe DuBois. No action was taken.

Mr. DuBois pointed out that this year has been an all-time high in the amount of publicity Morehead City and Carteret County have received.

Some of the things responsible for the publicity, he said, are the race track's attempted comeback, outer banks legislation, the state port, opening of the Morehead Biltmore Hotel, waterways hearings, the Centennial, the Fabulous Fishermen and Mel West's voyage to Bermuda.

## Leslie Morton Goes on Roads

Leslie Morton drew a year on the roads in Tuesday morning's session of superior court. He had entered a plea of guilty to assaulting Morehead City police officers with a shotgun and had asked the court for mercy.

Morton, represented by attorney Harvey Hamilton Jr., was accompanied to court by his pregnant wife and small child. After Lt. Joe Smith testified that Morton had threatened him and patrolmen Junior O'Neal and Buck Newsome with a shotgun, Morton went to the stand.

He testified that he was a construction worker, that his mother had left his father when he was 12 years old and that his father had reared him and five other children.

Attorney Hamilton told the judge that he didn't think his client had ever been given a fair chance to make good. He suggested that Morton be put on probation.

Judge Walter Bone, on examination of Morton's police record, said he felt the defendant had already had a chance to mend his ways. Morton had served time previously for assaulting his wife.

### County Tax Collections Last Month Total \$31,685

County tax collections in October amounted to \$31,685.89. Collected on the 1957 levy was \$29,214.74; on 1956 and prior levies \$2,471.15, according to E. O. Moore, tax collector.

Insolvent personal property taxes collected by the special deputy, E. L. Brinson, totaled \$883.40. By the first of November, 51 per cent of the 1957 levy had been collected.

### Suspends Licenses

The state Highway Safety Division has suspended the licenses of James S. Mennette, Fort Macon, and Charles M. Smith, Morehead City. Mennette lost his license after a conviction for speeding and reckless driving. Smith was convicted of transporting whiskey.

Equipment dealers of Craven and Carteret counties. All contest entries must be in Mr. Long's hands by Sunday.

The first driving course will be on a tractor with grain drill attached and the second will be a test of row crop cultivation.

Assisting Mr. Long in the contest will be John W. Glover, agricultural engineering specialist, state college, and Donald Gray, Clinton, sales representative for a tractor firm.

Furnishing the prizes are the following: Newport Adult Farmer Association, Newport Department of Vocational Agriculture, Newport Tractor and Equipment Co., Roy T. Garner Feed and Seed Store, all of Newport.

Sinclair Refining Co., Morehead City; J. C. Whitty and Co., Brinson Tractor Equipment Corp., New Bern Tractor and Equipment Co., and Swan Motor Co., all of New Bern.



Bud Dixon  
... new executive

## Newport Board Approves \$750 Bid for Town Lot

Newport town commissioners approved Tuesday night the \$750 bid of Royal D. (Hatch) Garner for the town lot that was auctioned Oct. 10. The commissioners met at the town hall.

They discussed charging a 10 per cent penalty on all water bills not paid when due, but no decision was reached.

To be investigated is the cost of placing remaining street markers in West Newport.

E. F. Carraway, who was recently appointed electrical inspector, appeared before the board to inquire about his eligibility to return to electrical contracting business, should he give up the inspecting job at any time.

The clerk was requested to write the state insurance department for further information on the question. Mr. Carraway succeeds the late Marly Thuc as electrical inspector.

The board approved purchase of a new stove for the fire station and ordered bills paid.

No progress was reported in obtaining the Campbell property for the town. The property adjoins the present town hall and fire station.

Mayor Leon Mann Jr. presided. All commissioners were present. They are Hilton Gurganus, Wilbur Garner, B. R. Garner, Douglas Henderson and C. H. Lockey. Also present were the town clerk, Miss Edith Lockey, and the town attorney, George W. Ball.

## Minute of Prayer Will Highlight Veterans' Day

Upon the sounding of bells and whistles at 11 a.m. Monday every person in North Carolina is asked to pause 60 seconds in silent prayer for "the veterans of past wars and for peace in the future."

S. Amos Maynard, chairman of the Governor's Veterans Day committee said, "We are most anxious that the entire state participate in a common act of prayer and reflection."

The committee sent letters to the commanders of all veterans organizations requesting their leadership by having every bell and whistle in each community sound for 60 seconds at 11 a.m.

Some cities and towns are planning parades, speeches, suppers, dances, flag displays and other activities.

## Jury Acquits Migrant Woman In Knife Slaying

### Mary Elizabeth Packs Tells Court She Wielded Knife in Self-Defense

Mary Elizabeth Packs, without benefit of a lawyer, won an acquittal in superior court Tuesday afternoon. A migrant worker, she was charged with manslaughter. After listening to the testimony of state's witness, she got on the stand and told the jury that she stabbed her common-law husband, Robert Lee Thompson, in self-defense.

She testified that she had been out with friends on the night of June 23. When she returned to the migrant laborer tenant house at Crab Point where she, Thompson and Cleveland Howard were staying, Thompson assaulted her.

Describes Assault "He pushed me down on the bed and slapped me," she testified. "The bed broke down and he pulled me into the kitchen by the neck. He was choking me and when I saw a knife on the table I grabbed it."

"I struck at him with the knife and he stopped choking me. Then I ran into the bedroom without even knowing I had hit him. In a minute or two I opened the door and saw blood on the kitchen floor."

"I ran outside looking for him and found him dead on the road. I threw the knife down while I was looking for him."

State's witnesses in the case were Howard, Lt. Joe Smith and Capt. C. E. Bunch of the Morehead City Police Department and deputy sheriff Bruce Edwards.

Friend Testifies Howard testified that he was asleep when the killing took place and woke up just in time to see Thompson leave the kitchen. He testified that he left the house immediately to call for help.

Lieutenant Smith said that he got to the scene of the killing at 11:33 and found the woman and Howard near the dead man. Captain Bunch testified that he found the knife the next day. Deputy Edwards said that he questioned the defendant and she told him that she had killed Thompson in self-defense.

Since there were no witnesses to the killing, the jury accepted the woman's story and returned a verdict of not guilty.

Three other defendants were found not guilty during the court term. They were James O. Chapman, charged with larceny, Roscoe Garner, charged with improper passing, and Edgar Lewis, charged with assaulting his wife.

## Richard Conner Hurt in Wreck

Five Morehead City boys were involved in an accident at about 9 o'clock Wednesday night on the Stella Road. Richard Conner, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Conner, 1608 Shepard St., suffered a brain concussion, numerous bruises and a severe back bruise.

Richard is still in the Morehead City Hospital. His brother Roger, 13, suffered minor cuts and bruises, as did the other boys, Thomas Webb, 15, Robert A. McCabe, and Daniel Swindell Jr. Webb was confined to the hospital Wednesday night but was discharged yesterday morning.

The boys were in a 1951 Plymouth driven by Swindell. State Highway Patrolman W. E. Pickard said that the car was headed east, failed to make a curve and turned over.

Swindell has been charged with careless and reckless driving. The patrolman judged the car a loss.

## Years Rest Lightly



Mrs. N. W. Taylor, Beaufort's matriarch who is affectionately called "Ma", will observe her 97th birthday tomorrow. Ma will greet her friends at an open house at her home, 305 Ann St., from 3 to 5 in the afternoon and from 8 to 11 at night. She earnestly requests that no gifts be given her.

## Fire Causes \$45,000 Loss Early Wednesday at Atlantic

### Grandpop Grows 'Em Big!



Mary Rose Campen admires a prize-winning head of cabbage her grandfather, Earl Campen, entered in the county fair, Beaufort. Mr. Campen, who farms north of Beaufort, says that his tobacco plant bed is the best place he has found for a fall garden.

## New Ports Administrators Will Take Office Tuesday

The new State Ports Authority members will take their oath of office at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Raleigh.

The members, named by Governor Hodges Tuesday, are Earl Norfleet Phillips, High Point manufacturer; Kirkwood Floyd Adams, Roanoke Rapids paper manufacturer; Robert L. Eichelberger, Asheville, retired Army general; William Grimes Clark Jr., Tarboro businessman; Collier Cobb Jr., Chapel Hill businessman; John Mercer Reeves, Pinehurst businessman; and Charles Dowd Gray Jr., Gastonia businessman.

In announcing the new ports authority members Tuesday, Governor Hodges said he will recommend to them that the new director of the ports be located at Raleigh.

At present the ports office is located in Wilmington. Col. Richard S. Marr, present ports director, has resigned, his resignation to become effective Dec. 31.

When the new authority meets in Raleigh Tuesday a chairman and vice-chairman will be elected. Also elected will be a secretary and treasurer who may or may not be a member of the authority.

At a later date the authority will select a new executive director. Governor Hodges appointed none of the former ports authority members. Mayor George Dill, Morehead City, said yesterday, "I feel the governor's action was taken after due consideration and what has been done was done for the best interest of the ports."

A portion of Governor Hodges' statement relative to port administration, follows: "It is not easy to change completely the membership of an important agency such as the State Ports Authority. Such changes have to be made, however, when conditions and circumstances—many times beyond the control of any individual involved—make it necessary."

"Above all, it is my responsibility as Governor to seek always what is best for the State as a whole in the operation of these two

deep-water port facilities. After months of study and consideration, I reluctantly came to the conclusion that serious problems in public relations and morale required a complete change in the Authority."

"I should like to make it clear that this decision was entirely mine, and that it is not meant to cast reflection on any member of the old Authority because they are my friends and men with outstanding records in their individual fields of endeavor."

"I hope very much that not only Wilmington and Morehead City, but the entire state will rally behind the new ports authority and all citizens who can will assist the state ports in export and import shipments. Our tonnage is growing at each of the ports, and I believe there is a bright future ahead for Wilmington and Morehead City. North Carolina needs these growing and expanding port operations if we are to meet the serious economic challenges ahead."

## Judge Approves Continuing Cases

The November term of superior court ended at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday. Several cases were continued, three of them at the request of the defendants.

Motions for the continuation of cases against H. Earle Mobley, charged with embezzlement, and Ennis T. Bass and John James Jr., charged with driving drunk, were approved.

The other cases continued were held over "for the convenience of the court."

### Revokes Licenses

The state has revoked the driver's licenses of Frank G. Massey, Newport, and William Z. Jackson, Morehead City. Massey had been convicted of driving drunk. Jackson had been convicted of driving drunk and transporting whiskey.

## Four Fire Departments Save Part of Fish Plant

A fire that caused an estimated \$45,000 damage swept through the Atlantic Fulcher shrimp packing building and dehydrating plant early Wednesday morning at Atlantic. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

Fire equipment from four communities answered the call for help. Trucks were on the scene from Atlantic's Down East department, Marshallberg, Beaufort, and Morehead City.

Fish-packing operations were proceeding as usual at the undamaged parts of the plant yesterday and the trawlers were out fishing. Harry Fulcher, who owns and operates the business with his brother, Clayton Jr. and his father, Clayton Sr., said that they are fortunate the shrimp season is over. The shrimp packing building will not be needed until spring.

The Fulchers, meanwhile, hope to get their buildings rebuilt by that time.

The fire is believed to have started in the wiring near the roof of the buildings. Time of the outbreak of the flames has been set between 1:30 a.m. and about 3 a.m.

Harry and Clayton Jr. were working at the plant until 1:30 a.m. and when they left, everything was normal. Lionel Gilgo Jr. noticed the flames as he was starting out fishing and wakened the Fulchers a few minutes before 3 a.m.

By the time the brothers got there, the roof was ready to cave in. The shrimp packing plant was a frame building about 45 by 90 feet and the dehydrating plant was concrete block, L-shaped, 120 by 40 by about 20 feet.

In the shrimp house were parts for boats, netting and 400 boxes of trash fish which were ready to go into the dehydrating plant. In the dehydrating plant were four tons of dried fish meal in addition to the dehydrating machinery.

One of the Fulcher trawlers tied up at the dock started to catch fire, but Harry got aboard and moved it to the other side of the harbor.

He said it was extremely fortunate that the wind was from the north, fanning the flames offshore. Had it been from the south, the entire plant may have been lost.

He said the Down East fire truck, housed at Atlantic, spelled the difference, too, between partial and total loss. All the fire departments did a fine job, he declared.

This is the first time that the Fulcher plant has ever suffered fire loss. The shrimp packing plant was about 10 years old and the dehydrating plant was built about three years ago.

with the exception of verification of back taxes.

J. F. Duncan Jr. and Joe Long were appointed by the board as trustees for the firemen's relief fund. Other trustees appointed by the fire department and the state, are John Hill, Charles Harrell, Leon Swain and Clarence Davis Jr., treasurer.

Gerald Hill, fire commissioner, reported five alarms during October, four in town and one out of town, and one rescue truck call.

Bids on hose and other equipment for the fire department were reviewed. The bids were opened Oct. 30. Seven companies entered bids, one company bidding on both cotton and dacron hose.

Accepted were the bids of John W. Barnes for 20 50-foot sections 2 1/2-inch double jacket fire hose, 400 pound test, \$1,080; six 50-foot sections 1 1/2-inch double jacket hose, \$222; and one 12-foot 4-inch soft suction hose, \$90.

Rock Due! Dan Walker, town clerk, said that A. T. Leary, lessee of the Beaufort and Morehead Railroad, reported that rock is on the way for fixing the railroad bed on Broad Street. Work on the street is scheduled to start Monday morning.

The board authorized purchase of 60 feet of 18-inch asphalt sewer line to replace the broken-down line draining Hedrick Street, the school bus garage, and several other businesses in that area. Cost of the pipe was estimated at \$300.

Mr. Walker gave the street department report which covered sewer work, rebuilding and repair of town equipment, painting parking lines downtown and garbage pickups totaling 1,900 for the month of October.

The clerk reported that the audit by William and Wall was ready,

Bids on four other items, including chemical hose and wrenches were rejected because prices varied so extensively that it was felt the companies were not bidding according to specification.

Mosquito spraying was discussed and spraying was authorized for another week if the money is available.

Phone Rates Mayor Clifford Lewis raised the question of the proposed raise in phone rates and the attorney was authorized to write the state utilities commission, before whom the application for higher rates was filed, to learn more details.

Math Chaplain, police commissioner, reported 178 meter violations during October, five traffic violations, and citations issued, 20; twelve by Chief Guy Springle, seven by Assistant Chief Carlton Garner, one by Officer Maxwell Wade.

Grover Conway, a member of the street crew, appeared before the board to request a raise in pay. The board felt that one employee couldn't be given a raise without giving the raise to all.

Attending the meeting, in addition to those mentioned, were Commissioners William Roy Hamilton and Otis Mades, Chief Springle, Wardell Fillingame, street superintendent; J. F. Duncan Jr., and Gerald Woolard, building inspector.

## Band to Conduct Its Annual Tag Day Tomorrow

Tomorrow the Morehead City School band will conduct its annual tag day.

Band members in uniform will canvass the town beginning at 8:30 in the morning. Those who give donations will be given a tag, if they would like to have one, to show that they donated to the band.

At 10 a.m. the band will congregate at 12th and Arendell Streets and will parade east to 5th Street. On their return, they will stop in the business section and play several numbers.

Majorities will collect funds in the downtown area. The band association hopes that persons will be generous because the band would like to raise all its money tomorrow and not have to have additional drives later in the year.

The band's first trip this year will be to Winston-Salem to play at a football game after Thanksgiving.

Director of the band is Ralph Wade.

## Only Six Cases Are on Docket

Only six cases were on the docket for Monday's session of Morehead City recorder's court. Ira D. Settle got the heaviest fine, \$100 and costs for driving drunk. He got a 90-day suspended sentence.

Jasper D. Mallicoat forfeited a \$75 bond for speeding and driving without a license. Ernest C. Amoral Jr. was fined \$25 and costs for driving without a license.

Judge Herbert Phillips told him the \$25 would be refunded if he presented a valid license to the court within two weeks.

Mrs. Hoyt Lee refused to testify against her husband after she had sworn out a warrant against him for assault. The judge ordered her to pay costs of the court.

Mrs. Harrison Long also paid costs when she refused to testify against her husband. She had charged him with assaulting her with a razor.

The case of Joseph Gaskins was continued until Monday.

## Commissioners Set Contract Terms for Street Paving

Beaufort town commissioners set terms of a contract for paving sections of Broad and Fulford Streets Monday night when they met at the town hall.

Gene Smith, attorney, presented the proposal. Although only Fulford Street representatives were at a recent meeting called to discuss the terms, the board set forth the same requirements for Broad Street residents, if they want paving.

Estimated cost was \$1.55 per front foot for each lot owner. It was estimated that the assessment would be \$75 per property holder.

The residents signing the contract will agree to pay \$10 a month, starting Dec. 1, until their assessment is paid in full. The contract will be let when the funds are in the hands of the town.

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## Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Friday, Nov. 8	LOW
8:21 a.m.		2:21 a.m.
8:43 p.m.		3:00 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 9		
8:52 a.m.		2:56 a.m.
9:20 p.m.		3:38 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 10		
9:31 a.m.		3:29 a.m.
10:06 p.m.		4:16 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 11		
10:17 a.m.		4:04 a.m.
11:04 p.m.		4:54 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 12		
11:14 a.m.		4:42 a.m.
		5:40 p.m.

### Jaycees Meet

The Morehead City Jaycees met Monday night for a social hour at Bruce Goodwin's camp near Newport. The Jaycees had an outdoor oyster roast.