

Morehead City Mayor Returns from 'Frisco

Mayor George W. Dill returned Monday afternoon, full of the west, and missing one suitcase and about 200 "keys to Morehead City".

The missing suitcase was not on the schedule. Distribution of the 200 or more keys to persons attending the American Municipalities meeting was held at the Sheraton Palace, San Francisco.

"I gave those keys out from Dan to Beersheba," the voluble mayor declared. "They went over big!"

The keys are about 2 inches long, on a key chain and have "Morehead City, N. C." imprinted on them. They were used as souvenirs during the Centennial.

The mayor left Morehead City Nov. 27. As president of the North Carolina League of Municipalities, he was one of the state's 10 delegates to the convention.

He made the cross-country trip by rail and by air. It was on the return trip that the airlines lost one of his suitcases. His return was delayed one day because planes were grounded by bad weather in Washington, D. C.

"As far as I can see," the mayor said, "the main purpose of the mid-continental states is to keep the oceans apart."

The hotel in San Francisco where the convention was held "was lousy with mayors," declared Morehead City's chief executive.

"Everybody called everybody else 'mayor' whether he was a mayor or not."

Port Fraternity
Conversing with Mayor Wagner of New York, Mayor Dill was asked if his town had a port.

"It certainly does," Mayor Dill said, "it's probably one of the newest ports in the United States. We're out looking for business. The only place I can see where we can get it, is from New York."

Mayor Wagner laughed and reckoned that maybe New York could spare a little.

Twentieth Century Fox studios furnished a three-hour show for the convention-goers. George Murphy was emcee and one of the stars was Andy Griffith, who has just finished the Coast Guard picture, Onionhead.

"That entertainment was a hum-dinger," the mayor declared. It was given at the Palace.

The mayor also had lunch with Andy Griffith in the Green Room at Warner Brothers Studios.

At the hotel he met Erin O'Brien, a rising starlet. He got her autograph for his daughter, Susan, and Erin asked that Susan write her. "Tell her to have all her friends write me, too," Erin said.

"My studio rates my popularity on how much fan mail I get and I'd certainly love to hear from your daughter and her friends."

Erin, of course, was presented a key to Morehead City, and the next day when the mayor saw her on a studio lot, she remembered him when he spoke to her and said, "Oh, you're the mayor of Morehead City!"

In Los Angeles, Mayor Dill was the guest of the city manager of Culver City, Deane Seegar. The mayor explains that Culver City is a municipality within Los Angeles. He groaned, "Do they have municipal problems out there! Ooo!"

At a gala cocktail party in the San Francisco city hall, given by George Christopher, the mayor of San Francisco, Mayor Dill met folks from South Carolina and they too were endowed with keys to Morehead City.

On the trip home, the mayor visited the Grand Canyon and threw a penny in it. He didn't say why, other than that he wasn't allowed to throw a rock. Presumably, the penny fell thousands of feet downward and some chipmunk on which the penny landed probably thought he was being hit by the falling Sputnik.

The mayor attended a Rotary See MAYOR, Page 6

Churches Will Join Sunday In Union Christmas Service

Churches of Morehead City will join in their annual Christmas worship service at the school at 7:30 Sunday night. Music will be sung by the school chorus, boys and girls' glee clubs, under the direction of Ralph Wade.

Soloists will be Mrs. Ralph Wade and Mrs. Theodore Phillips at the organ. Accompanists will be Miss Catherine Chalk and Miss Virginia Thompson.

Dr. John H. Bunn, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will give a Christmas message. Prayer will be offered by the Rev. J. F. Herbert, pastor of the First Methodist Church; the Rev. Noah Brown, pastor of the Faith Free Will Baptist Church, will pronounce the benediction.

The musical program follows:



Howard, right, cowboy-guide from the Bright Angel, the lodge on the south rim of the Grand Canyon, feeds Morehead City's Mayor George Dill some Arizona snow. In the background is, of course, the Grand Canyon.

Only Old-Timers Remember Temperatures Down to 16!

The mercury plunged to a low of 16 Wednesday night and did not get above 20 until nearly noon yesterday. Weather observer Stamey Davis says he believes it was the coldest it has been since the winter of 1917, when Bogue Sound froze over.

On Jan. 4 of that year the temperature dropped to seven degrees above zero. Mr. Davis, who has been keeping weather charts since 1947, says the lowest temperature he has ever recorded was 17 on Feb. 13, 1955.

Many water pipes were frozen and heads of the household had to get out blow torches to thaw things out. Smart folks who let their spigots drip just a little bit didn't have frozen pipes.

Motorists, even though they had anti-freeze, had a hard time getting their cars started, and some didn't even get theirs going.

Snow fell in Raleigh Wednesday, as well as Kinston. A few flakes were reported in New Bern and numerous flakes in the eastern part of Carteret.

Until Wednesday, temperatures had ranged from moderate to warm. The maximum and minimum temperatures and wind direction for the past week follow:

Table with 4 columns: Day, Max, Min, Wind. Sunday: 62, 55, SW; Monday: 58, 55, Calm; Tuesday: 55, 39, NW; Wednesday: 57, 38, NNW; Yesterday: 16.

(Mr. Davis records temperatures from 5 p. m. to 5 p. m.)

Down East Fire Department Elects Officers for 1958

Gaston Smith, Atlantic, was elected president of the Down East Fire Department in the recent election at the fire department building, Atlantic. He succeeds Clayton Fulcher Jr.

Other officers are Monie Fulcher, who succeeds Joseph Peppers as first vice-president; Elbert Pittman, succeeding Aldridge Daniels as second vice-president; Edwin Davidworth, replacing Earl Day as third vice-president; and Bernice Morris, replacing William Gorges as secretary-treasurer.

The new officers will serve during 1958.

Firemen are now selling tree light sets to raise money to make the last payment of this year on their building.

Mr. Gorges, secretary-treasurer, says, "To date, we have had a very good year and hope we will get the cooperation of all the people down east for 1958. During 1957 we paid out \$1,200 on our building. We paid \$700 on old debts that were due.

Officers Blow Up Still Near Church

Another still was "fermented" to the skies Wednesday morning when three county officers put several sticks of dynamite under it.

The two-boiler hundred-gallon outfit was just 300 yards from the Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, North River, and was located in the woods.

It was operating Tuesday when discovered by the officers. The lookout spotted the law coming, gave the warning shot, and the operators took off.

There were 1,500 gallons of mash at the still. On the dynamite detail were ABC Officer Marshall Ayseue, Deputy Sheriffs Bobby Bell and Bruce Edwards. A still, between Morehead City and Newport, was blown up last Thursday.

Bulkhead Goes Up

Work is proceeding on construction of the bulkhead at Marshallberg harbor.

Kemp Wickizer Survives Tug Sinking in Gulf

Kemp B. Wickizer, 1304 Shepard St., Morehead City, was recovering in a hospital yesterday after being rescued from a lifeboat in the Gulf of Mexico.

Mrs. Wickizer said her husband was aboard a tug which sank in the Gulf Sunday. Mr. Wickizer and three other men, from New Orleans, were adrift in a lifeboat. Two of the men died. Mr. Wickizer and the other survivor were picked up by the Coast Guard Wednesday.

Mr. Wickizer informed his wife of the tragedy by telephone at midnight Wednesday. He phoned her from the hospital. Mrs. Wickizer was so shaken, however, that she couldn't recall what hospital he said he was in, or where.

She planned yesterday to contact the company which owned the tug to learn where Mr. Wickizer is hospitalized.

Her husband joined the tug in Jacksonville, Fla. The tug, traveling without a tow, was bound for New Orleans when it sank.

Mr. Wickizer told his wife that he was "all right", but the doctor told him he was in shock and he had to stay in the hospital several days to guard against catching pneumonia.

Postoffices Go On Extra-Hours Holiday Schedule

To accommodate Christmas mailers, the Beaufort and Morehead City postoffices have gone on their Christmas schedule.

J. P. Betts, Beaufort postmaster, announces that the postoffice will be open Saturday afternoons from now until Christmas. Beginning Monday, there will be an extra assistant in the office and two additional letter carriers on the streets.

Mr. Betts repeats postal workers' pleas: wrap packages securely, see that packages and cards are properly addressed and get cards and packages in the postoffice early.

He said the Beaufort postoffice's busiest time is between 8:30 and 10:30 and suggests that persons try to come to the postoffice after 10:30 in the morning if they want to buy stamps or mail packages.

At Morehead City the postoffice stayed open Wednesday afternoon and will be open this coming Wednesday afternoon. Harold Webb, postmaster, reports that four more persons have been added to the postoffice staff to take care of the Christmas rush.

He says the time between 8:30 and 10:30 a. m. is the "least rushed" and suggests that persons may not have to stand in line if they do their mailing then.

Postoffices close at 5 p. m.

Newport Rotarians Plan Ladies Night Program

The Newport Rotary Club will conduct a special ladies' night program at the Rex Restaurant Monday night. The program will begin at 6:30 p. m. with Bob Montague in charge.

The club did not have a program at its last meeting Monday night at the PTA Center in Newport. H. L. Joslyn and T. D. Lewis visited from the Morehead City Rotary Club.

Pat Corbett, Newport School student visitor of the month, attended the meeting.

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Law Requires Citizens' OK To Borrow School Money

W. E. Easterling, secretary of the Local Government Commission, has told county officials that Carteret cannot borrow money to build schools without approval by the people.

H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, George Wallace, a member of the county board of education, Moses Howard, chairman of the county board of commissioners, and J. D. Potter, county auditor, conferred with Mr. Easterling at Raleigh.

County education officials are seeking \$2 1/3 million to construct school buildings throughout the county during the next ten years.

They say that amount of money will be needed to accommodate the growing school population.

Mr. Easterling said that he did not know whether the county could market the bonds even if the people voted in favor of borrowing the money. He added that the interest rate would probably be high.

He promised the Carteret group that he would study the county's financial status and send them a letter reporting what he had found and his opinion on the matter.

Mr. Potter said yesterday that taxes would have to be raised to meet the bond obligation.

Mr. Easterling made it clear that regardless where the money is obtained, whether on the bond market or through local banks, the citizens would have to vote approval.

The county's school requirements for the next ten years, based on a survey by the State Department of Public Instruction, are as follows:

Morehead City — 750-pupil high school building, \$750,000
Beaufort — New 500-pupil high school, \$500,000
Newport — New High school, \$350,000

Smyrna — Renovated auditorium and gym, \$100,000
Camp Glenn — Auditorium, \$60,000

Atlantic — Four classrooms and gymnasium, \$120,000
Harkers Island — Auditorium, \$60,000

W. S. King — Shop, gymnasium and classrooms, \$105,000
Queen Street — Four rooms and gymnasium, \$120,000
Stella — New school, \$50,000

White Oak — Replace school destroyed by fire nine years ago, \$120,000.

The above costs are estimated on the basis of present building prices.

Morehead City Group Will Meet With SPA Dec. 17

Mayor George Dill, D. G. Bell, Dr. John Morris, and Dr. B. F. Royal have accepted an invitation to meet with the State Ports Authority at Raleigh at 2 p. m. Tuesday.

Mayor Dill received the invitation this week from Ed Kirk, secretary-treasurer of the SPA. Mr. Kirk said that the authority would convene at 10:30 a. m. in the education building and that the group would meet at 2 with representatives from Morehead City.

Mr. Bell, Dr. Morris and Dr. Royal, members of the port advisory committee, met with the executive committee of the SPA last Friday. The meeting was an emergency follow-up conference following the SPA's firing of J. D. Holt, Morehead City port manager Tuesday, Dec. 3.

The advisory committee went to Raleigh in the interest of putting before the SPA information on the port of Morehead City. The advisory committee also felt that the SPA had acted rather hastily in removing Mr. Holt.

According to John Reeves, chairman, the outing was undertaken at the recommendation of former port officials. Because the SPA executive committee, consisting of Mr. Reeves, William Clark Jr., and Collier Cobb Jr., could make no decisions, the Morehead City representatives were told they would be heard at a full session of the authority.

New Fish, Wildlife Lab To Be Inspected Monday

The new \$32,000 addition to the Fish and Wildlife laboratory, Pivers Island, will get its final inspection Monday and moving into the new building will begin next week.

The building is 32 by 73 feet and will house the radiobiological personnel and other investigators now working in the present Fish and Wildlife building.

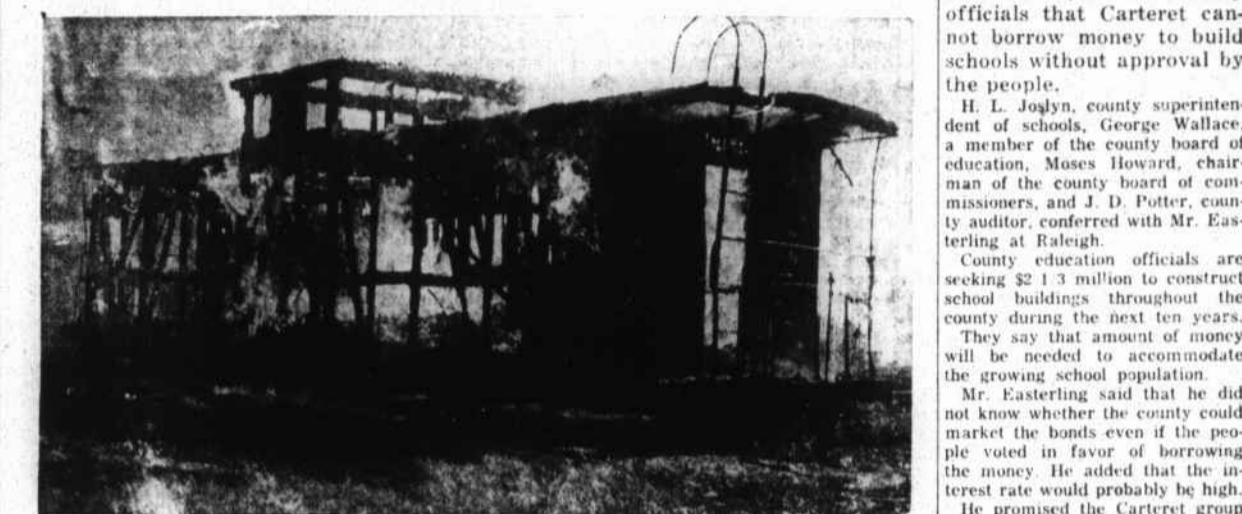
Two Oyster Areas Will Open Monday

C. G. Holland, commercial fisheries commissioner, announced Wednesday that two areas now closed to oystering will be opened Monday.

They are Shell Bay in Hyde County and West Bay in Carteret. Commissioner Holland said the areas are being opened on the recommendation of Dr. A. F. Chestnut, director of the Institute of Fisheries Research.

The bays were not opened when the oyster season opened because the oysters there were not of marketable size. Oystermen are continuing to get good prices for their catches, Commissioner Holland said.

Another Eyesore Burns



The old caboose that has been "parked" east of the Morehead City Yacht Basin was burned Wednesday. Carl Goodwin bought it from Southern Railway and asked the Morehead City Fire Department to supervise its burning. Firemen gladly accepted the invitation. Mr. Goodwin plans to scrap metal from the caboose.

Time Grows Short...

Persons planning to give cash donations to the welfare department are reminded that the time is growing short.

Miss Georgie Hughes, welfare superintendent, said yesterday that Carteret welfare patients in boarding homes, foster homes, and hospitals will not have a happy Christmas without at least one gift.

In years past, cash donations have been sent by the welfare department to persons in charge of homes or institutions and those persons bought the gifts the Carteret patients would appreciate most.

In one case Miss Hughes, however, brought a gaudy costume jewelry necklace for a mental patient and the woman was so thrilled that she wrote several thank you letters.

Last year the welfare department received approximately \$150 for such gifts.

Stolen Swansboro Car Found in Morehead City

Morehead City police were holding yesterday a 1957 Bel Air Chevrolet for its owner, Neal Hatcher, Swansboro. The car was stolen at Swansboro Wednesday night.

It was spotted, parked along the Morehead City waterfront, yesterday afternoon by a resident of Swansboro who recognized it.

The Swansboro man, unidentified, notified the police department at about 1:45. Morehead City police sent a message by radio to Swansboro stating that the car had been found. It was not damaged.

Tide Table

Table with 3 columns: Time, Day, Tide. HIGH Friday, Dec. 13: 12:48 a.m., 1:02 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 14: 1:44 a.m., 2:00 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 15: 2:42 a.m., 2:58 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 16: 3:43 a.m., 4:07 p.m. LOW Friday, Dec. 13: 6:46 a.m., 7:27 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 14: 8:06 a.m., 8:34 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 15: 9:17 a.m., 9:36 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 16: 10:18 a.m., 10:31 p.m.

Pretty Strutters Escort Santa



The Beaufort High School band was one of the biggest attractions at the Beaufort Christmas parade last week. The majorettes wore white sweaters and red skirts with tinsel sewed around the hems. They had Christmas bells on their boots. Majorettes marching in front of the band were Linda Fodrie, Ann Davis, Sheila Willis, Virginia Arthur, Dorothy Ransom, Bunay Moore, Harriet Hill, Glenda Harris, Sandra Haskins and color guards Patricia Lupton and Donna Hudnall.

Korean Fishery Agent Visits Here

Dong Jae Koh, a fisheries specialist with the South Korean government, is a guest at the U. S. Fish and Wildlife laboratory, Pivers Island.

Mr. Koh (pronounced Ko), came to this area last Thursday and will leave next Thursday for Miami and then New Orleans. He has been visiting marine laboratories, menhaden plants, and conferring with federal investigators on Pivers Island.

Mr. Koh is particularly interested in the method of obtaining and publishing fishery statistics, according to Charles Stewart, who is fishery statistician.

In addition to conferences with fish and wildlife personnel, Mr. Koh spent some time with Leon Thomas of the commercial fisheries office, and learned about the shrimp and oyster fisheries of North Carolina at the Institute of Fisheries Research.

Yesterday afternoon he visited Wallace Fisheries and talked with Ted Miller, chemist, there. He hopes to go out on a menhaden boat if the weather ever gets decent.

After an eight-month stay in this country, Mr. Koh will return to South Korea.