

## Chamber Office at New Location



J. A. DuBois, Morehead City chamber manager, above, now sends out his signals from the lobby of the Hotel Fort Macon. The office is located across from the registration desk, in the southwest corner of the lobby. The phone number is the same as alwa ys, 6-3404.

## Check for \$42.65 Goes to Phone Fight Committee

### Money Will be Accepted To Fight Rate Raise As Long as Folks Send It

A check for \$42.65 went from the newspaper office Friday to Mayor John D. Wilson, of Wilson, treasurer, East Carolina Phone Fight Committee.

The money was given by NEWS-TIMES readers to help finance the fight against higher telephone rates.

Since Friday, more money has come in. The phone fight committee says 20 cents from each subscriber is needed to finance battling the case before the State Utilities Commission. Should the case be carried to the supreme court, more funds may be needed.

Money will be accepted as long as telephone subscribers want to send it in. Names of persons sending their 20 cents are published only to assure the sender that his money was received.

If readers don't want to be identified, they needn't identify themselves.

Received since Friday was \$7.90. Contributions ranging from 20 cents to a dollar, were given by the following:

**Atlantic**—Mrs. Wallace Robinson, Brantley Morris, Lambert Morris, Mrs. Dale Styron, (no name) CA 53101, Samuel Salter.

**Marshallberg**—A. W. Daniels, Tenny Lewis, Guy C. Lewis, Ralph Neal, Archie Jones, Neal Jones.

**Beaufort**—David L. Beveridge, Mrs. Dallas Willis, Charles Noe, Mrs. John Steed, James Steed, Beauty Bar, Mrs. Maude R. Garner, Mrs. B. E. Windley, Mrs. Mary Roberts, Earl T. Willis, R. C. Allen.

**Morehead City**—Paul W. Cordova, Jessie Holland, Tony Seamon, Bob Atkinson, Mrs. Thomas Noe, J. L. Humphrey, Kenneth Fischler, (no name) 6-4850, J. C. Morgan, Eugene M. Espy.

D. A. Pigott, Kemp Wickizer, Luther Simmons, K. W. Olsen, Vera Loecky, and Mrs. L. M. Jones.

### Suspends License

John A. Sewell, Morehead City, has lost his driver's license for six months. The license suspension came after he was convicted of racing and driving 90 miles per hour.

## Beaufort Jaycees Present Three Top Awards Last Night

### Dan Walker Honored As Community Leader

Three men were honored at the Beaufort Jaycee dinner meeting last night at the Scout building, Beaufort. They were Dan Walker, Ralph Creech and A. C. Blankenship. Dan Walker received the Community Service Award. The award was established last year and is given annually to an outstanding community leader over 35. The Distinguished Service Award, for men under 35, was not presented this year.

Mr. Walker, who is town manager, came to Beaufort in August 1948, as manager of the chamber of commerce. He became town manager Aug. 7, 1950. The Jaycees pointed out that since that time Mr. Walker has given unceasingly of his time and ability to promote and improve the town. He has effected improvements in town government, guided the town on a firm debt-repayment program and developed all departments on a business-like basis.

Mr. Walker was born in New York City but moved to Burlington with his parents when he was 5. He was graduated from Burlington High School.

He received his bachelor of arts degree from Davidson. He has been a special student at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, and Notre Dame University, South Bend, Ill. He also attended the Southeastern Institute for Organizational Executives at Chapel Hill.

Mr. Walker was the charter president of the Burlington Jaycees, who honored him with a life membership in 1955. He was a national Jaycee director at one time and has received state-wide recognition for his work as a Jaycee.

Mr. Walker married Mrs. Ruth Cabbage of Beaufort in September 1954. They have a son, Neal Sanford. Last year's winners of the CSA were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hassell. They were invited to present the award to Mr. Walker last night.

**Outstanding Farmer**  
The Outstanding Young Farmer award went to Ralph Creech of Harlowe. Mr. Creech has been farming in the county for less than a year. In that short period he has been recognized as one of the best farm managers in the county. He won second place in the county in the News and Observer's farm income contest this year.

A. C. Blankenship was named key man in the Jaycee organization. Mr. Blankenship has lived in Beaufort since 1946. He is the second oldest Jaycee in years of membership in the club. He was graduated from Beaufort High School in 1949 and married Miss Peggy Guthrie in 1950. He has worked for Esso Standard Oil Co. for six years, with a break of two years in the service.

During his membership in the Jaycees, he has been chairman of every committee in the club. This year he is public relations chairman.

**Committees Tie**  
Awards for the outstanding committee went to the beauty pageant committee and to the football committee. A tie in the voting made the twin awards necessary.

George Murray Thomas was chairman of the beauty pageant. Ronald Earl Mason was chairman of the football committee.

Hubert King won the spark plug award. The award goes to the outstanding member who joined during the past year.

**Principal Warns Against Unlicensed School Solicitors**  
Lenwood Lee, principal of Morehead City School, warns persons against unlicensed out-of-state trade and correspondence school solicitors.

Unless a solicitor has a pocket card signed by Dr. Charles F. Carroll, bearing a picture of the solicitor and other personal data, the solicitor is violating the laws of the state and the person solicited may become subject to fraud.

A list of the North Carolina licensed trade and correspondence school solicitors will appear in Friday's paper.

**Weather Observer Reports Heavy Rain**  
Weather observer Stamey Davis recorded nearly an inch of rain in Morehead City Friday. Reports from Newport indicate a much heavier fall of rain in the western end of the county. The rain started at 9:30 a. m. and ended at 1 a. m. Saturday.

The temperature climbed to 60 degrees Sunday afternoon to make that day the warmest recorded since December. The maximum and minimum temperatures and wind direction for the weekend follow:

Thursday ..... 49 32 ENE  
Friday ..... 55 41 SE  
Saturday ..... 58 46 SW  
Sunday ..... 60 36 W

### Beaufort Tries New Trash Can



Dan Walker, Beaufort town clerk, drops a paper cup in a new lid trash container on Front Street. The can is a 55 gallon oil drum with a special lid made by the prison department.

Making use of DDT drums, Dan Walker, town clerk, and Wardell Fillingame, street superintendent, say they will be able to save the town about \$22 on each new trash can.

The present town trash cans need replacing. New ones cost about \$40. But with a DDT drum and a special lid made by the State Prison Department, the can will cost only about \$18.

The problem of getting a lid for

the drums was taken by Leigh Wilson, assistant executive director of the League of Municipalities, to Raleigh. State Prison Industries worked on the idea and came up with a lid that will cost \$14.

Welding handles on each side of the can will cost about \$4, Mr. Walker said.

A new trash can, with custom-made lid, is now in front of the Merrill building on Front Street, on trial.

**Driver Bruised As Car Wrecks**  
Gehrmann Guthrie, Salter Path, got a bruised check and Larry Guthrie, Salter Path, who was riding with him, was unhurt at 1 a. m. Sunday when their car wrecked on the Salter Path road.

Gehrmann, who was driving the 1957 Buick, said he fell asleep. The car skid to the left, back to the right and through yanpon and myrtle thickets for a total distance of 370 feet, according to Patrolman J. W. Sykes.

Damage to the car was estimated at \$1,500. Gehrmann has been charged with careless and reckless driving, speeding and driving on the wrong side of the highway. The accident happened about two miles west of Atlantic Beach.

**Marine Movement**  
US Navy Ships began arriving at state port today to load Marines for maneuvers. Nine ships will take part in the exercise. They are the Thuban, Plymouth Rock, Rushmore, Capricornus, Monrovia, Hermitage, Vermillion, C a s a Grande and Shadwell.

## Morehead School to Stage Science Fair March 27, 28

### Only 540 Doses Polio Vaccine Left

Whether there will be any free polio vaccine available after April 1 is a question no one can answer.

Neither the state nor the federal government has appropriated funds for vaccine and no commitment has been made by the County Chapter for Infantile Paralysis for purchase of vaccine in 1958.

That is why the county health department urges persons to take now the vaccine the health department has on hand.

Only 540 doses are left and they must be used by April 1. The shots are given at the regular health department clinics Tuesday and Thursday in Beaufort and Morehead City.

**President Calls Little League Session Tomorrow**  
All persons interested in helping build a Little League baseball field at Camp Glenn school are invited to a meeting at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow. The meeting will be at the offices of Dr. R. O. Barnum, 1512 Arendell St.

Dr. Barnum, president of the Little League, says that plans for next season will be discussed.

Morehead City High School will stage its second annual Science Fair Thursday and Friday, March 27 and 28. A Science Fair is an exhibit of the work of junior and senior high school students who are interested in science.

James D. Mellon, teacher of biology and physics, is director of the 1958 fair. Assisting him is Mrs. J. C. Harvell, former teacher and director of the 1957 fair.

Lenwood Lee, principal, commented Friday.

"Preliminary planning sessions have revealed that student interest in the fair is quite high again this year. To date 189 students have expressed their desire to exhibit 119 individual or small group projects. There will be class room projects also.

"To stage a successful Science Fair it is necessary to tap community resources. Last year school officials presented their plans to many individuals whose training and professional experience qualify them to act as consultants and advisors to the students. These people responded enthusiastically and gave a great deal of their time and energy to the undertaking. The success of the fair was of course, in a large measure, due to their help and interest."

**Advisors Named**  
Many of these same people are serving again this year along with several new ones. Following is a

list of those who have already agreed to serve:

Institute of Fisheries Research: Dr. A. F. Chestnut, director and associate professor; Dr. William E. Fahy, Dr. Austin B. Williams, Dr. Earl E. Deubler Jr., all associate professors; Hugh J. Porter, instructor; Mrs. Fred K. Parrish, research assistant.

Duke University Marine Laboratory: George Reese, resident investigator; Mrs. Walter Chipman, research assistant.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Fishery Laboratory, Pivers Island: Charles Walburg, Fred June, John W. Reintjes, Doyle Sutherland, Kenneth Fischler, James Sykes.

Radiobiological Laboratory: Dr. Theodore Rice, John Baptist, Miss Joyce Smith.

The Oyster Institute of North America, Pivers Island: Dr. Kenneth Downes, Frank Carlson, Miss Joan Chipman.

Dr. L. J. Norris Jr., M.D., Miss Lillian F. Giddens, anesthetist, Morehead City Hospital; Mrs. John D. Costlow, zoologist, Mrs. George Reese, anesthetist, Mrs. John Taylor, botanist, all of Beaufort.

Mrs. Hugh J. Porter, biologist, Mrs. James C. Harvell, bacteriologist, and Mrs. Malcolm Goodwin, laboratory technician, all of Morehead City.

Among the sponsors of North Carolina Science Fairs is the Carteret Publishing Co., publisher of THE NEWS-TIMES.

## 50 Years Ago Today Fire Destroyed Block of Buildings in Morehead City



This picture made a few days following the fire covers the burnt area. At the right near the small office building of Dr. Headen can be seen the large chimneys of the Dixon house still standing. Also the chimneys of the Willis house on Evans Street are outlined against the Jesse Bell shop which is the two-story building next to the city hall. Back of the city hall stood the furniture store of T. D. Webb. Later the present hospital was erected on this site. Photo by F. C. Salisbury



This is a today's view of the area swept by fire in 1928. The fire was checked at the point now occupied by the Commercial National Bank, the building with the deep aluminum front.

By F. C. SALISBURY

Fifty years ago today, Morehead City suffered one of its most disastrous fires, when several business places and homes in the square between 8th and 9th streets were totally destroyed.

It was about midnight when the cry of fire was carried from house to house. Firemen and citizens responding to the call found the two-story Wallace building standing next to the Paragon building, in a mass of flames.

This building consisted of two store spaces on the ground floor with a stairway between. The east side was occupied by Robert Wallace and J. B. Davis who conducted a general store.

Next to the alley was the department store of L. L. Leary, known as the Paragon Store. It was in the millinery department of this store that the fire is thought to have started.

On the second floor of this building was the barber shop of Fred L. Royal, also the printing plant of the Morehead City Coaster, owned and operated by B. F. McCullen. The space in the rear was a large room known as Wallace's Hall where civic and social events were held.

Two years before this fire, the town had purchased a motor-driven pumper, as well as organizing a volunteer fire department consisting of the young men of the town.

Firemen and citizens, aroused by the cries and the clanging of the fire bell, soon had the hand-drawn pumper connected with a cistern on 8th Street. With a head start and a strong northeasterly blowing, the fire spread rapidly to adjoining buildings. Of wood construction, the buildings made a fierce fire that turned what little

water could be played on them, into steam as it hit the flames.

On the corner of 8th Street was a one-story building containing the general store of W. P. Adams. His home stood between his store and the Wallace building. In a section of the Adams' house was a small store space which in former years was the office of Dr. McIntyre, town physician and compounder of that famous family remedy, "McIntyre Liniment."

This space was occupied by R. E. Lee as a candy and refreshment store. On 8th Street in the rear of the Adams' building was the home of Jim Arthur. It was not long before all of these buildings were a mass of flames.

Efforts on the part of the firemen to prevent the fire jumping across the alley to the adjoining Dixon building was of no avail. The Dixon building, a one-story structure, housed the general store of Will Dixon. Here was located the postoffice under the postmasterhip of Alvin S. Willis. Adjoining the store was the Dixon or Stockton house occupied by Postmaster Willis and family.

Exhausting the supply of water from nearby cisterns, the pumper was moved to a dock over the sound, the water at that time, before the building of the seawall in 1911, came part way up 8th Street.

A vacant space between the Dixon house and the office of Dr. Headen combined with the unlimited water supply from the sound, prevented the spread of the fire. Before the pumper was moved over the sound, the home of Thomas G. Willis, facing Evans Street in the rear of the Dixon building, caught fire and was destroyed.

In the rear of the Wallace building stood a metal covered building used by Will and Ide Howland

as a woodworking shop. At the end of the alley between the Wallace and Dixon buildings was the machine shop of W. R. Wade, built out over the water. Neither of these buildings suffered any loss.

Farther along Evans Street was the carriage and coffin shop of Jesse Bell, and the city hall. Across the street was the home of George Styron and J. O. Wyatt. These buildings escaped the fire.

Like other sections of the town that have met with improvement during the past half century, this square has become the principal business site of the town.

## SPA Meets Today At Wilmington

The State Ports Authority will meet today at Wilmington. An open meeting is scheduled at 2 p. m. at the ports authority office. The authority will also confer in the morning and inspect shipyards in the Maritime Commission is planning to sell.

Also to be inspected are the Champion Compress and Sprunt docks which may be used for temporary storage. The SPA decided in December not to purchase the docks.

It is possible that the SPA today may select a ports director to replace Col. Richard S. Marr, who has resigned. Recommendations will be made to the authority by Handy Associates of New York, the firm retained to seek qualified candidates for the position.

Edward E. Lee Jr. is acting ports director.