

# Phone Fight Fund Swelled by \$15.65

## Mayor John Wilson, Treasurer, Accepts Check for \$42.65

The phone fight fund has climbed to \$15.65 since last Friday when a check for \$42.65 was sent to Mayor John D. Wilson, Wilson, treasurer of the East Carolina Phone Fight Committee.

Mayor Wilson wrote THE NEWS-TIMES a letter acknowledging receipt of the money. He said, "Thank you very much for the check in the amount of \$42.65. This is a great help in the fight against higher telephone rates. The phone committee deeply appreciates your moral and financial support."

A letter accompanying the check, from the newspaper office, reported that the fund came from readers of THE NEWS-TIMES. The phone fight committee estimates that 20 cents per telephone in the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph area will finance fighting the requested phone rate raise.

Persons who have joined the fight, since the report in Tuesday's paper are the following (some names have been withheld upon request).

**Morehead City and RFD:** R. Willan, C. H. Freeman, Mrs. A. Baker Morris, Capt. and Mrs. Bill Styron, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Willis, Mrs. Agnew Guthrie, Mrs. Ervin Lupton.

**Beaufort and RFD:** Mr. and Mrs. Bul Dennis, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Douglas Arthur, Mrs. William Warren, and 2-3191.

**Atlantic:** Wesley Goodwin.

**Newport:** Mrs. Madeline Rivers, Mrs. Swindell Garner, Mrs. Elenor Garner, Mrs. Mary Ann Hibbs, Marshallberg; T. C. Davis.

**Davis:** Sterling Dixon.

Since the hearing before the utilities commission on the rate raise will not take place until April, money to finance the phone fight will be accepted at THE NEWS-TIMES office as long as readers wish to send it in.

# March of Dimes Stands at \$1,803

Wednesday's total in the county March of Dimes was \$1,803.81, according to Mrs. Clem Johnson, campaign treasurer.

Recent receipts included \$17.75 from Blue Crutch Day in Newport. FHA girls, Mrs. Ruby Simmons, advisor, carried out the project there.

Thirty-eight dollars in a single contribution was received from employees at the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph office.

Thus far, approximately \$392 has been received from telephone pledges. The total pledged was about \$600. Two hundred dollars is yet to come in. Persons who made pledges through the tv telephone are asked to mail their money in without delay.

All schools that have not yet turned in their March of Dimes money are requested to close their drive today. If the money is not called for today, it will be picked up next week, unless the principals prefer to bring it to the sheriff's office, Beaufort.

The room in each school which collects the most money receives a \$5 cash prize.

The March of Dimes was climaxed with a Mothers March in Beaufort and Morehead City last night. Results of the event will be announced Tuesday.

# Health Board Acts in Favor Of Mosquito Control Program

The county board of health, meeting Wednesday afternoon at the health center, Beaufort, recommended that the county board "take the proper steps to organize this county into a mosquito control district."

According to law, however, the initial move to organize into a mosquito control district must come from the people. Ten per cent of the voters "within the proposed district" (which in this case would be Carteret County) must present a petition to the county board.

From that point on, the county board can act.

The law was explained to the health board by Sidney H. Usry, engineer with the State Board of Health, and D. F. Ashton, entomologist with the State Board of Health.

The law provides that a tax up to 25 cents per hundred dollars of valuation can be levied to finance a mosquito control program.

Mr. Usry warned that no program can guarantee "no mosquitoes". He added that any control procedure requires continuous work year after year.

In the future, he predicted that mosquito control districts would

# And Now Where To?



Morehead City waterfront soothsayers report that Mel West, who made the famous attempt to reach Bermuda in an outboard motor boat, left Morehead City sometime early Thursday morning in the boat pictured here. Because it was heavily loaded with gasoline, they believe he is out to make another long cross-ocean trip.

Mel West, Morehead City, who in October tried to reach Bermuda in a 15-foot 3-inch open outboard motorboat, may be on his way again today to try to set an outboard motorboat record.

Tied up at the dock by Capt. Bill's Waterfront Cafe this week was a 17-foot white boat, broad in the beam, with mahogany decking across the bow. It was riding low in the water, indicating it was heavily loaded.

A Scott Atwater outboard motor was attached to the stern. Visible in the stern were several drums, believed to contain gasoline. It was also reported that West had another motor aboard the boat for use in case of emergency.

On both sides of it were painted the yellow and red insignia of the Shell Oil Co., which supplied West with the gasoline, and the words Shoup Boats.

In contrast to the first craft West took off in last October, this boat, dubbed the Empress of N. C. State (15 N.C. 400), has a canvas-sheltered cabin.

It also has an antenna that will enable radar screens to spot the craft. The antenna looks like fine wire mesh strung to metal frames.

Mr. West, who was finally picked up by the Coast Guard when he ran out of fuel on the Bermuda trip, said several weeks ago that he expected to make another trip. But he declined to say when or give his destination.

The daring voyager was in Morehead City Wednesday night. The pictures of the boat, which accompany this story, were taken Tuesday afternoon. Yesterday the boat was not at captain Bill's.

Whether it was merely moved to another dock or whether West is in it and on his way somewhere, was not known at press time. Waterfront observers insist, however, that West is out again to prove that outboard motors can take a craft across the ocean.

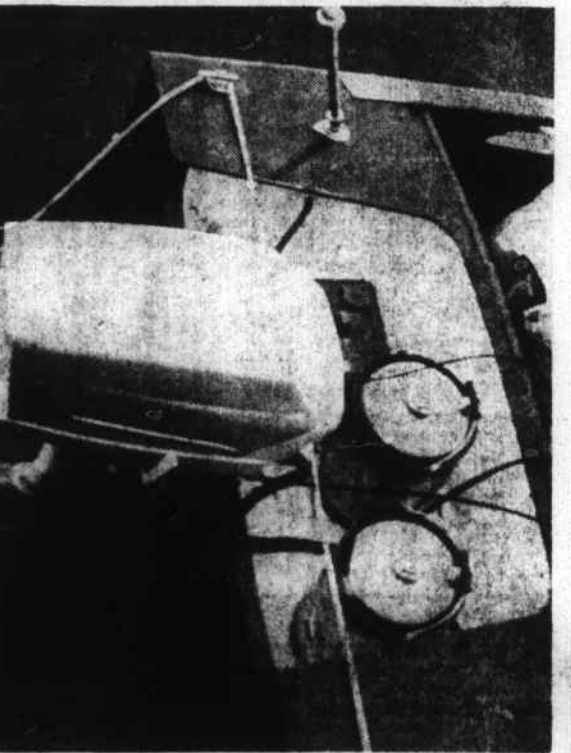
# Today's the Last Day to List Taxes

Today is the last day to list taxes!

Persons who have not listed their real and personal property in their respective townships will be charged a penalty of 10 per cent if they wait until tomorrow—or any time thereafter—to list.

Those who fail to list are subject to a fine of \$50 or 30 days in jail.

A person can file a claim against



This is the stern of the 17-foot craft dubbed the Empress of N. C. State. Visible here are three gasoline cans. Three additional 55-gallon drums are reported stowed away elsewhere in the boat.

# Unemployment Claims Surpass 1957 Figures

Unemployment claims in the county were up 66.8 per cent this month over January 1957. Mrs. Julia Tenney, manager of the employment security office in Morehead City, says that there was a total of 1,668 claims for unemployment insurance during the month ending Jan. 25.

During the same period in 1957, there were 1,000 claims presented at the office. Initial claims accounted for 423 of the total.

There were 560 persons filing initial claims this year. Mrs. Tenney says that many of them are fishermen who are filing claims against other states.

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# Ambulance Gets Emergency Calls

Adair's ambulance made two emergency trips this week. The first was at 5 p.m. Tuesday. Tobe Clawson, Beaufort, had a reaction from a penicillin shot in a doctor's office and had to be rushed to the hospital.

At 10:30 a.m. yesterday the ambulance was called to the Fish Meal plant at West Beaufort. It picked up Alvin Day, who had been buried under a pile of fish scrap.

Day had been moving the scrap with a bulldozer when it caved in and covered him up. Another bulldozer freed him before he was smothered. He was treated for shock and a cut hand at the Morehead City Hospital.

# Draft Office to Close

The county draft board office on the second floor of the courthouse annex, Beaufort, will be closed Monday through Saturday next week. The office will reopen at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 10.

# Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Friday, Jan. 31	
4:39 a.m.	11:26 a.m.
5:09 p.m.	11:27 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 1	
5:37 a.m.	12:19 a.m.
6:05 p.m.	
Sunday, Feb. 2	
6:28 a.m.	12:19 a.m.
6:55 p.m.	1:03 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 3	
7:16 a.m.	1:10 a.m.
7:42 p.m.	1:50 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 4	
8:02 a.m.	2:00 a.m.
8:29 p.m.	2:35 p.m.

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# Coast Guardsman, Charged With Seduction, Goes Berserk

## Beaufort Chamber Opposes Proposed Telephone Hike

The Beaufort Chamber of Commerce went on record Tuesday night as opposing the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company's request for higher rates. Directors met at the chamber office on Front Street.

Director Norwood Young made a motion that the chamber send a letter to the State Utilities Commission stating the chamber's position.

David Jones and Vic Bellamah were appointed to see all the merchants and businessmen in town and ask them to write letters to the commission.

## Sylvester Bell Fails to Pay Costs, Gets Jail Term

Sylvester Bell got the only jail sentence handed down in Morehead City recorder's court Monday. Judge Herbert Phillips gave him 30 days for failing to pay costs of judgment against him last October.

Bernard Cooper Willis was in court on three charges. One case was dismissed after he showed that he had paid all back fines and court costs.

He was fined \$25 and costs on a second charge, driving without a license. A third case involved support payments. His wife in Lee County, Ala., had charged that he was not making payments for their children.

## Chamber Officer Pledges Help On Fall Cruise

J. A. DuBois, manager of the Morehead City chamber of commerce, reported yesterday that he has written W. J. Smith, Chapel Hill, who is making plans for a passenger cruise from Morehead City.

The chamber manager assured Mr. Smith that hotels, motels and restaurants in the Morehead City area will be ready to serve all persons coming to Morehead City next fall to go on the Caribbean cruise aboard the Arosa Sky.

Mr. Smith is affiliated with the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association, which is booking its membership for the cruise.

## Outfit Honors M. C. McKeon

Cherry Point (AP)—The court-martialed leader of the 1956 Marine "death march" at Parris Island, S. C., has been named January's "Marine of the Month" by the All Weather Fighter Squadron 114 at this Marine air station.

The squadron chose Pfc. Matthew C. McKeon for the honor. He has been a member of the squadron since last November.

McKeon, after his general court-martial conviction for negligent homicide in the drowning of six recruits, vowed that he would stay in the Corps and recapture his record as "a good Marine."

## Shriners Plan Benefit Dance

The county Shriners will sponsor a valentine dance at the Morehead Biltmore Hotel Thursday night, Feb. 13. Buddy Bair and his orchestra will play dance music from 8 to midnight.

Donations of \$5 per couple will be accepted for the crippled children's hospital sponsored by the Shrine Club.

Advance tickets can be bought from Theodore Phillips, Marshall Ayscue, Capt. Bill Ballou, Capt. Otis Purifoy, Tommy Russell, Cicero Hardison, Gerald Mitchell, Hugh Salter, Robert Safrin and Dan Sadler.

## Riggs Case Slated For Trial Yesterday

Docketed for trial in county court yesterday were Oliver J. Riggs and Cleveland W. Riggs. The two were charged with stealing tractor rollers, a section of a harrow and other machinery from the real estate section being developed by William McLean just east of Swansboro on Highway 24.

The Riggs were picked up Friday night, Jan. 17, on Highway 24 by Sheriff Hugh Salter and Constable Ralph Paul. They were driving a truck loaded with junk. The truck had no tag.

## 40 Bus Drivers Attend Luncheon

Forty school bus drivers were the guests of the County Board of Education at a barbecue lunch at noon Wednesday at the Morehead City Recreation building.

Following lunch, talks were made by Carl H. Walker and George Maddrey, both of Raleigh. Mr. Walker, accountant with the Department of Public Instruction, gave facts and figures on school bus operation.

Mr. Maddrey, safety specialist with the State Board of Education, spoke on safe driving factors. He commented that statistics show teen-age drivers have better driving records than adults.

## Route Number Changed

Havelock route 6, which covers the Bachelor and Harlowe areas, has been changed to Havelock route 1.

John W. Ford, a Coast Guardsman stationed at Ocracoke, will be tried in this county on a charge of seduction after he is released from a hospital where he is receiving treatment for drinking iodine Monday night.

Ford was arrested by Sheriff Hugh Salter on a charge of seducing Mrs. Bertha Gaskill, a Morehead City divorcee.

The sheriff said that Ford was jailed and later released on bond.

Ford returned to the Ocracoke station and there, according to reports available at press time yesterday, armed himself Monday night with weapons and ammunition stored at the station, cut loose the Coast Guard craft based there and drank a bottle of iodine.

Upon being captured, Ford was flown to the Elizabeth City Coast Guard Station and was reported yesterday to be in a hospital at Portsmouth, Va.

John Tilling of the Coast Guard public information office, Norfolk, said yesterday that the Coast Guard is making an investigation.

Ford's case was continued in county court yesterday.

Also continued for two weeks was the case against Tommy Hutcheson, another Coast Guardsman, who was charged Jan. 18 with driving drunk, careless and reckless driving, and numerous other crimes.

Judge Lambert Morris reduced Hutcheson's bond to \$500. Hutcheson has been in jail since Jan. 18 under \$3,000 bond. The bond was reduced at request of the Coast Guardsman's attorney, H a r v e y Hamilton, who also requested that the trial be deferred for two weeks.

Hutcheson, stationed aboard the Chilula, looks like a small-size edition of the movie star, Robert Mitchum. Of slight build, with rounded shoulders, he also sports a hair-do that most girls would be pleased to wear.

It is resplendent with waves, curving from the front to the back in the style sported by male rock 'n rollers.

## Chamber Officer Pledges Help On Fall Cruise

The Arosa Sky is sailing this fall from Wilmington. It is a Swiss-owned and operated luxury liner. The capacity is a thousand passengers, but the passengers for the cruise from Morehead City will be limited to 500.

The cruise will last 11 days. The Arosa Sky will stop at several ports in the Caribbean. At present, Mr. Smith says 112 have indicated interest in making the trip.

## Firemen Make \$44.50 on Pies

The Marshallberg Fire Department made \$44.50 on its recent pie sale at the community building.

The pies were baked and donated by women of the Marshallberg area. They sold for a dollar each or by the slice.

Barber shop songs were sung by Walker George, tenor; Ralph Neal, second tenor; Norwood Lewis, baritone; Willard Piner, second bass, and Odel Guthrie, low bass. Roy Willis played the baritone ukelele.

The party was climaxed at 9 o'clock with a few clog and tap dances. The final dance was done on "all four" when Odel Guthrie did the rabbit dance.

## Shriners Plan Benefit Dance

At the Friday night meeting of the fire department, Lester Murphy, assistant chief, presided in the absence of Chief Ikie Guthrie.

Capt. Cicero (Wump) Lewis and Lt. Fernie Willis reported the fire truck and equipment in good shape. Obtaining new equipment for the department was discussed.

## Farmers Invited to Place Orders for Farm Workers

Douglas Amerson of the farm labor office, Beaufort, reminds farmers that they can place their orders with him for farm labor on the following days:

Tuesdays: 10 a.m. to noon at Roy T. Garner's, Newport; 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the labor office on Highway 70 across from Beaufort School.

Wednesdays: 10 a.m. to noon at the Employment Security office, Jacksonville; 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., at Fred Barbee's Smith-Douglas warehouse, Richlands.

Mr. Amerson says he has applications from several farm workers wanting work on a 50-50 or weekly basis. Farmers who would like to rent to a farm family should contact Mr. Amerson.

Due to extensive rains, many farmers have been late getting soybeans harvested and in getting their cabbage set. But at present, most farmers are getting their cabbage set and plan to get the soybeans later, Mr. Amerson commented.

## Eleanor Johnson Given Year in Prison Yesterday

Eleanor Johnson, charged with cutting her sister, Marie Murrell, with a butcher knife, was given a year in woman's prison in county court yesterday.

The Johnson woman has an extensive record of law violations and has served time before. The victim and Sheriff Hugh Salter testified for the state.

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