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USS Hodges Takes Marines To Caribbean

Cherry Point—Loaded with over 750 Marines, Military Sea Transport Service ship, USS Hodges, left Morehead City Wednesday for Puerto Rico.

The ship was the last of 10 to leave from the eastern North Carolina port carrying tons of equipment, supplies, helicopters, observation planes, vehicles, and thousands of Marines to the Caribbean exercise site.

An entire infantry battalion was airlifted to the island of Vieques from here last week, the ground forces' training location. Marine All-Weather Fighter Squadron-114 will complete the move to the Caribbean when the squadron is air-transported Sunday and Monday in 18 R4Q "Flying Boxcars".

Aviation units will operate out of Roosevelt Roads, on the main island of Puerto Rico. Tactical Marine aircraft from VMF(AW)-114 will depart from here this weekend also. They were preceded by Marine Fighter Squadron-251 from Miami, Fla., Marine Attack Squadron-225 from Edenton, and four F9F "Cougar" jets from Cherry Point, led by Col. Richard E. Figley, MAG-24 commanding officer.

Col. John P. Condon commands all PhibTRAEX 1-58 forces. The exercise, now well underway, will extend through mid-March.

Morehead JC's To Present DSA Award Tomorrow

The Morehead City Jaycees will present their distinguished service award tomorrow night. A special DSA banquet-dance has been planned by the Jaycees with Dr. Russell Outlaw as chairman.

The banquet will begin at 8 p.m. at the Morehead Biltmore Hotel. At 8:45 Jasper Bell, former DSA winner, will introduce former winners.

He will then announce this year's outstanding young man and make the presentation.

The public is invited to the banquet and dance. The club president, Dr. R. O. Barnum, says that tickets will be on sale until 5 p.m. today. They can be bought from any Jaycee.

P. R. Jones and his orchestra will play for a dance immediately after the DSA ceremonies. The meal will be catered.

Final plans for the banquet and dance were discussed at the Jaycee meeting Monday night. The club met at the Hotel Fort Macon.

Driver Will Be Tried Thursday

Roscoe Conway, Beaufort, who was involved in a wreck in which his wife received a broken leg Jan. 18, will be tried in county court Thursday on charges of driving drunk, driving on the wrong side of the road and careless and reckless driving.

Conway, in a 1956 Ford, collided with a 1949 Ford driven by Robert Lee Smith at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, on the Lennoxville Road.

Smith, who lives on the Lennoxville Road, had just come out from the Highland Park Road and turned right on the Lennoxville Road.

Patrolman J. W. Sykes said that Conway, headed west on the Lennoxville Road, attempted to pass Smith, skidded 200 feet, hit the Smith car, and knocked it in a ditch.

A third person in the Conway car, a boy, was not identified. Smith and Mrs. Conway were hospitalized.

Damage to the 1949 Ford was estimated at \$300. Damage to the 1956 Ford was estimated at \$500.

Elks Plan Event to Raise March of Dimes Money

Elks of Beaufort-Morehead Lodge will stage a special event Sunday afternoon to raise money for the March of Dimes.

From 5 to 7 p.m. at the lodge on Arendell Street a free supper will be served. Sam Adler, chef, will dish up smothered chicken. John A. Baker, exalted ruler, says each Elk and his guest will be asked to contribute at least 10 dimes to the March of Dimes.

The goal is 2,500 dimes. Persons attending are asked to bring a pocketful of dimes. If they come in the door without any, a banker will be there to change their money

Gas Price War Predicted Here

Another gasoline price war, which has already started in counties to the west, is expected to hit Carteret by Monday.

During the past week, some of the lower-priced gasolines dropped a cent. More of the large-selling brands are expected to go down within a few days.

In some areas fuel oil is selling for less, as oil and gasoline dealers aim for higher volume.

Fifty Teachers Will Take Part In Workshop

Fifty teachers, representing five county schools, will take part in a special education workshop at Smyrna School Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

Dr. Felix S. Barker, director, special education, division of the state department of public instruction, will lecture on the slow learner with an IQ of 70 to 90 on the first day.

On the second day there will be a panel discussion on reading problems. Fred G. Lewis, supervisor of county schools, will act as moderator for the panel.

Teachers taking part will be Mrs. Audrey Edwards, Newport, Mrs. Rosalie Davis and Mrs. Lallah Williams, Camp Glenn, Ralph Wade, Mrs. Sara Willis and Mrs. Ella Morgan, Morehead City, Hugh Gordon and Miss Gertrude Styron, Beaufort, Miss Josie Pigott, Smyrna, Mrs. Rebecca Bell, Harkers Island, and Miss Fannie Robinson, Atlantic.

After the discussion, Mr. Lewis will discuss the audiometric testing program in county schools. An audiometer is a device used to check hearing.

Children with hearing defects get special seats in classrooms and in serious cases the parents are asked to get medical care for the children.

Two workshops, on art and music, were sponsored in the fall.

Once-Important Whaling Industry Leaves Few Reminders in County

By BOB SEYMOUR

A historical marker on Ann Street, Beaufort, a 65-foot long skeleton in the Museum of Natural History, Raleigh, a couple of harpoons lying around the county and a few old-timers with long memories are all that are left of one of the county's first big-time industries.

Up until about 75 years ago whaling was the principal source of income for many families living on Shackleford and Bogue Banks. Residents of whaling centers such as Diamond City and Whale Creek struck it rich during the early spring and lived on collards and fish during the other nine months of the year.

"Whaling never was what some of you young fellers think it was," claims 82-year-old Charles B. Lewis. "I lived at Whale Creek until I was 12 years old and I never saw more than three whales killed in a year.

"During March, April and May lookouts would stay on the beach to watch for whales. Some years they would stay there all spring and never see a whale.

Solid Salt Fish "In the summer we worked in gardens and fished a little. Fishing picked up in the fall and we sold a lot of salt fish to have money for store-bought goods.

"My father was an oarsman on one of the whaleboats. I was too young to remember very much about whaling. I never did go out with the men," he concluded.

Capt. Gib Willis is possibly the only man living in the county who helped kill a whale. Captain Willis says that he was not a whaler but a fisherman. "We had a chance to kill one and we couldn't turn it down," he says.

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For Doubting Thomases



Beaufort Mayor, C. T. Lewis, right, and water commissioner James Rumley inspect water taken from the Beaufort water system. The water was carried to the town board meeting Monday night by town clerk Dan Walker. Sand, see arrow, settled to the bottom of the jars in considerable quantities.

Chilula Leaves Here Tuesday On Unofficial Quest for West

The Coast Guard cutter Chilula left Morehead City at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning to look for Mel West.

Coast Guard headquarters would deny this, but checking of several reliable sources indicated that the ship was on a cruise, looking "unofficially" for the Morehead City boating enthusiast who is reportedly trying again to reach Bermuda in an outboard motorboat.

The Chilula had not returned to its berth at state port by noon yesterday.

Barry L. West, father of the 28-year-old voyager, contacted THE NEWS-TIMES from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., late Monday afternoon. He was interested in news of his son and was concerned about how Mel would fare on this winter trip.

Mel West tried to make the Bermuda trip in a 15-foot boat in October. He was rescued, short of his goal, by the Coast Guard. This time he is in a 17-foot boat with an enclosed cabin.

The Gazette, newspaper of Hamilton, Bermuda, contacted THE NEWS-TIMES Wednesday to verify information it had received relative to West's being on his way to Bermuda again. The telegram said, in part, "Doubts arisen here if West in fact en route."

THE NEWS-TIMES could not and cannot verify if West is en route to Bermuda. The only facts known are that he left Morehead City early Thursday morning and is reportedly attempting to get to Bermuda again.

Certain news reports have stated that West left Wednesday morning, Jan. 29. Mrs. Mel West of Morehead City told THE NEWS-

TIMES Thursday morning, Jan. 30, that her husband "was in town last night". Since there is little reason to doubt Mrs. West's word, this would mean that her husband had not left Morehead City Wednesday morning.

Persons on the Morehead City waterfront who were keeping a close eye on Mel's boat, said that the boat, heavily loaded, was still there Wednesday afternoon. Thursday morning the boat was gone.

Since his departure, rough weather has been reported between here and Bermuda. The Coast Guard at Hamilton, Bermuda, has reported waves 18 feet high and icy rains.

If West is on his way to Bermuda and if he does not run into too much trouble, sidewalk forecasters say he might reach his destination by Monday.

Women Offer Scholarship

A scholarship of \$1,000 annually will be awarded to some outstanding young woman at the Greater University of North Carolina this year. This is offered by the North Carolina Federation of Women's clubs for the first time.

The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of ability, citizenship, character, and financial need. The period of tenure is for four years if her academic record and conduct, in the opinion of the university committee, justifies the continuance of the gift. All applications must be completed and in the hands of the scholarship chairman by March 1.

Mrs. Charles Webb Davis, Beaufort, is scholarship chairman for district 12 of the North Carolina Federation. All applicants in the counties of Carteret, Craven, Pamlico, Lenoir, Jones, and Onslow should contact Mrs. Davis or the president of the local Woman's Club for details. The president of the Morehead City Club is Mrs. Truman Kemp. Mrs. Davis is president of the Beaufort club.

One applicant from each of the 16 districts will be selected for the final interview on the state level.

Morehead Firemen Answer Alarms

The Morehead City Fire Department got two alarms within two hours Wednesday. There was one alarm at 11:30 a.m. and one at 1:30 p.m.

The first call was from a house at 6th and Bridges Streets where an oil stove had overheated. Firemen said that soot had stopped up the flue. The only damage was caused by smoke.

The second fire was at Macon Court, where grass had caught on fire. The fire was put out in 10 minutes.

Clinic Feb. 15 The next orthopedic clinic at the Morehead City Hospital annex will be Saturday, Feb. 15, and not this coming Saturday as mentioned in Tuesday's paper.

Tide Table

Table with tide data for Beaufort. Columns: Tides at the Beaufort Bar, HIGH, LOW, Day/Time. Data includes times for Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

Newport Plans Annex Of Lake Park, Church

Newport town fathers took the initial step Tuesday night to add two new areas to the town.

The one area is a new subdivision, Lake Park, being developed by Joe Hill, and the other is the area occupied by the Missionary Baptist Church. The church property has been under consideration for some months.

It is being taken into the town at the request of the church. A street on the east side of the church, which had been maintained by the town, was found to be privately owned. It was reported Tuesday night that all the necessary agreements had been made to proceed with annexation.

Resolution Passed The board passed a resolution regarding the new territories, authorizing the advertising of the board's proposal to annex, and setting the date of a public hearing, April 1, as required by law. The hearing will be at 7:30 at the town hall.

To settle a variance in the town line and Joe Hill property line, George Ball, attorney, was requested to check on metes and bounds, so that an agreement can be made.

Mr. Hill said that he thought it would be advisable for the town to take in his development before any property is sold there. He said that he, personally, believes it would be advantageous both to him and the town, to have Lake Park in the town.

Why Be in Town? He asked, however, for a listing of the advantages in being a part of the town, so that he would be able to inform prospective buyers.

Mayor Leon Mann ticked off the following: 1. The Newport Rural Fire Association will not be in existence after 1960, so fire-fighting service will be available only within town, as far as can be foreseen now. 2. Fire-fighting service means a 50 per cent reduction in fire insurance rates.

3. The town provides garbage pick-up. 4. During the summer, mosquitoes are sprayed several times a week—a rate the county can't match.

5. A municipal government offers the property owner "a place of appeal" to settle problems arising within town jurisdiction.

6. The town provides street lighting, street markers 7. Street maintenance and paving is provided by the municipality 8. Pure water supply is assured.

The board and Mr. Hill discussed location of a road which would tie Lake Park into the town system of streets, entering West Newport. Powell street funds were discussed prior to the formal resolution to start wheels turning toward annexation.

Trailer Park Kerney Smith, Morehead City, reported that he plans to establish a trailer park on the property west of Newport Tractor and Equipment Co. He is leasing the land from Dr. W. H. Bell. The board had no objections to the proposal.

Ira Jones, water clerk, gave a report on the water system for the period Oct. 1-Jan. 31. He said 190 units had been connected; revenue was \$570 a month and expenses thus far \$107,424.34.

The board authorized an extension of 30 days for erection of the water tank. A 60-day extension period had been requested.

Letter Read Mayor Mann read a letter from the prison department which stated that the proposal for laying a water line to the prison camp was being considered. The town offered to put the line in if the prison department would advance the money.

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Education Board Names 'Better Schools' Leaders

Five persons were named Monday afternoon by the County Board of Education to serve as chairmen of the Citizens for Better Schools Committees in their respective school districts.

They are R. M. McClain, Morehead City; Charles F. Caudell Jr., Atlantic, Dr. Theodore Salter, Beaufort; Gerald T. Merrill, Newport, and Mrs. Headen Willis, Smyrna.

This group will meet with H. L. Joslyn, school superintendent, at the education office in the courthouse annex, Beaufort, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday night.

Members of the Beaufort School board appeared before the county board and pleaded for a gymnasium for Queen Street School. A gym for the school is on the proposed building program for the next 10 years.

Members of the Beaufort education board were Raymond Ball, Halsey Paul and George Huntley Jr.

The board reviewed the opinion of W. E. Easterling, secretary of the Local Government Commission, on the possibility of the county's borrowing \$2 1/2 million for school construction.

In view of the fact that the Harkers Island School board is not in favor of granting private property owners a right-of-way through school property, the county board refused to grant the requested thoroughfare.

Mr. Joslyn reported that the boiler at Harkers Island School was "re-tubed".

No action was taken on the offer of an architect to remodel a room at Smyrna School to demonstrate what the cost would be.

Robert Safrit, chairman of the board, presided.

Jurors Listed For Civil Term

The county commissioners drew the names of 40 persons for jury duty during the March 10 term of civil court. The names drawn follow:

Morehead City and Morehead RFD—Stacy Willis, Gordon Turnage, Clifton E. Nance, Woodrow Wilson Fulcher, Jennie Galantius, Warren Taylor, Reginald N. Willis, George Stafford, Noah A. Rouse.

Edward L. Smithwick, C. W. Williams, Delr Gray Roberts, A. J. Barbour, Douglass C. Wade, Arthur Baugh, Jerry J. Willis, Harold D. Ketterer and J. T. Oglesby.

Beaufort and Beaufort RFD—Robert Neal Campen, Wesley M. Jones, C. C. Courtney, Herman R. King Jr., W. D. Pridgen, Robert L. Lewis, Earl T. Willis, Charles A. Clifton, Woodrow Fodrie, Robert P. Humphrey, Joseph R. Higginham Jr. and B. J. May.

Salter Path—Alvin Willis, Gloucester—Henry R. Nisbet, Marshallberg—Melvin Davis, Stacy—Alfred H. Gaskill, Atlantic Beach—Shelby M. Freeman, Newport RFD—Alonso Salter Jr., Emanuel G. Ross, Levi Holt Riggs and Charles C. Barnes, Harkers Island—Lennie Whitley.

False Alarm A false alarm was turned in from the box at Orange and Cedar Streets, Beaufort, at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The car was demolished.

Petition Requests Town to Maintain Highway 70 on Live Oak from Cedar

The zoning group also suggested that a set back line 45 feet from the center of Live Oak Street be established from Ann Street to the north city limits.

The third recommendation was that a new zoning map be put up in the town hall. The zoning board also requests up-to-date copies of the zoning regulations to be available for all interested parties.

Finally, the zoning board would like copies of the minutes of all meetings in which the town commissioners discussed and acted on zoning regulations.

These recommendations were submitted by Halsey Paul, chairman of the zoning board. Gerald Hill made a motion, seconded by James Rumley, that the recommendations be carried out.

Helmet Requested Gerald Woolard, secretary of the fire department, attended the meeting. He had firemen's helmets with him and showed them to the

commissioners. The fire department, he said, needs 50 helmets and plans to buy them unless the town will pay for them.

He showed the commissioners a surplus helmet that cost him less than \$4 and compared it with a \$14 helmet. There was little difference in the two.

Town manager Dan Walker said that he would try to get the helmets under civil defense when he goes to Raleigh again. Mr. Woolard also said that the fire department needs some new hose.

Two sections (100 feet) burst when cars were driven over them. Mr. Woolard said the town should have an ordinance prohibiting people to drive cars over fire hose. Town attorney Gene Smith was instructed to draw up such an ordinance.

Fire commissioner Hill said that there had been five alarms in