

Events of Carteret County Reviewed on Eve of New Year

Tax Listing Begins, Will Continue 'Til January 31

County Board to Hear School Bond Matter at 2 Monday

January

Week of Jan 5:
The icy claws of winter have been gripping Carteret for the past six weeks. — Coroner Leslie Springle in his report for 1957 shows he investigated 54 deaths. Seven were highway fatalities; five murders, three drownings, two deaths by fire, two suicides and one by suffocation.

Construction work in Morehead City reached its lowest point in the past decade, only \$130,830 for the year. — Peter Block gave the biggest Christmas party in the county, attended by 535 adults and children. — Morehead City Chamber of Commerce moved to lobby of the Fort Macon Hotel.

Deaths: Mrs. Dula M. Salter, 82, Merrimon. David A. Kirk, Sr., 54, Newport. Mrs. Matilda Adams, 75, Broad Creek. Mrs. Corinne N. Harvey, Merrimon.

Week of Jan. 12:

Mel West considers another ocean trip in outboard boat. — Simmie Smith kills 22-pound bobcat at Core Creek. — David F. Jones Jr., county soil conservationist accepted position of agriculture engineer conservationist with Fifth Naval District. — Clayton Fulcher, Atlantic and Mrs. E. L. Davis, Beaufort, named to the board of trustees of Kafer Memorial Hospital, New Bern.

Four new rooms added to the elementary department of the W. S. King school in Morehead City. — Section of a tanker under tow hits the Coast Guard cutter Chilula doing an estimated damage of \$20,000.

Marriages: Miss June Seamon, Morehead City to Lt. John E. Alliyetti. Deaths: Mrs. Ila Safrin, 70, Beaufort. Harvey T. Piner, 78, Williston. Leslie Lewis, 64, Beaufort.

Week of Jan. 19:

Harry Byrd of Harrisonburg, Va., committed suicide at the home of Deyo Judy with a shotgun. — Fire razed the six-room house of James Harvey, early Wednesday morning in Morehead City. — Freezing weather every night over the weekend. — Woodmen of the World camp 336, Newport broke ground for their new lodge building.

Marriages: Miss Elizabeth S. Dixon, Beaufort, to Johnny G. Simpson. Miss Nadine Garner, Newport, to Sgt. James H. Bowen. Deaths: Miss Britnie Styron, 77, Sea Level. Daily M. Fulcher, 68, Atlantic. Harold Willis, 56, Morehead City. Fred N. Davis, 65, Beaufort. Mrs. Olivia W. Gibbie, 87, Morehead City.

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search for Mel West headed for Bermuda in an open boat. — Marriages: Miss Sarah H. Willis of Davis to Charles R. Brown. Deaths: Mrs. W. B. Martin, Merrimon. David M. Jones, 76, Beaufort. John R. Willis, 82, Portsmouth. Johnny A. Lewis, 54, Harkers Island.

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The Rev. W. E. Anderson, 85, retired Free Will Baptist minister died in Morehead City. — Dr. R. O. Barnum, Morehead City receives the Jaycee Distinguished Service award and Charles Markey was



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Week of Feb. 23:

Morehead City's new cemetery given the name of "Greenwood Park." — Robert A. Waite and Thomas E. Teague, Marines, killed when their car left the highway and went into White Oak River. — Beaufort Seadogs defeated the Morehead Eagles in final basketball game of the county tournament at Smyrna. The Smyrna girls team wins championship trophy. — Miss Gunhilde Gunnerson, Morehead City, made chairman county Red Cross drive.

Deaths: Mrs. Mattie M. Eborn, 69, Morehead City. Mrs. Linda P. Gillikin, 23, Harkers Island. Seth Hughes, 64, Morehead City. James E. Bryant, Beaufort. Livous H. Bell, 61, Morehead City. Marriage: Miss Margaret Fallin, Beaufort to Thomas Drake.

March

Week of March 2:

Cottage of Ned Grady on Atlantic Beach destroyed by fire. — Severe freeze during a week in February causes extensive destruction of fish and shrimp. — D. L. Williams, Savannah, Ga., becomes new ports director. — Llewellyn Phillips II awarded the Morehead scholarship to attend UNC. — B. E. Tarkington elected president of Beaufort Rotary.

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Grady Davis fish house at Davis destroyed by fire Sunday morning. — Atlantic Beach breaks ground for town hall. — Barrroom brawl at Ann's Place results in the shooting of two Marines. — Two Coast Guardsmen killed in auto wreck near Broad Creek. — Gordon Becton elected president Beaufort PTA.

Week of March 16:

Marriages: Miss Carolyn Nelson, Harkers Island, to Liston Lawrence. Miss Carol J. Smith to Robert L. Russell Jr., Beaufort. Miss Christine Dunn of Beaufort to Ernest Hill. Miss Judy Golden of Beaufort to R. L. Buttry. — Deaths: Mrs. Edward Whitehurst, 80, Beaufort. Agnes M. Currier, 3 years, Mill Creek. Mrs. Mary Dudley, Morehead City. Mrs. Bessie Smith, 68, Morehead City.

Week of March 23:

The Missionary Baptist Church of Sea Level was organized Sunday from a mission of the Atlantic Baptist Church. — Timothy Sykes held on a charge of manslaughter following the death of Clayton B. Hall, shot by Sykes at Ann's Place. — St. James Methodist Church of

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Deaths: Mrs. Faye P. Simmons, 30, Morehead City. Kenneth C. Waller, two-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Waller, Beaufort.

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R. M. McClain elected chairman of County Citizens Committee for Better Schools.—Community Theatre gives awards to Miss Lillian F. Giddens, Miss Ruth Peeling and H. L. Joslyn for their outstanding roles during the past year. — Clarence Millis, Newport, Gilbert Whitehurst, Straits, and Gordon K. Laughton, Crab Point honored for years of service with the Electric Membership Corp.

Miss Vivian May, Morehead City, named chairman of the County Cancer Society. — C. A. Stone heads Emeritus club for the year. — Fred Willis Jr., and Joan Guthrie winner in the Morehead City



Llewellyn Phillips, Morehead City senior, in March was named recipient of a Morehead Scholarship to the University of North Carolina.

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contest "Vision and Highway Safety." — Smyrna Nite Raiders won the New Bern recreation league basketball championship. — Deaths: Roy C. Willis, 56, of Smyrna. Mrs. Julia A. Garner, 90, Newport. Berkeley A. Willis, 64, Davis. Charlotte A. Isaac, 16 months, Morehead City. Carl L. Siebenschub, 38, Broad Creek. Parker A. Guthrie, 64, Newport. Jerry P. Thomas, 75, North River. Ida M. Raynor, 38, Morehead City. Mrs. Mary C. Shepard, 71, Beaufort.

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Smyrna girls copped the county basketball championship in February by defeating the Morehead City Eagles 33-61. The tournament was held at Smyrna.

Defendant Sent To Goldsboro For Theft Trial

Judge Herbert Phillips in Morehead City recorder's court Monday ordered James L. Phillips, Goldsboro, returned to Goldsboro for trial on theft of an automobile. Phillips was convicted in Morehead City court of driving without a license and driving on the wrong side of the road. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail.

According to police, Phillips stole a 1957 Ford in Goldsboro and drove it to Jacksonville where he swapped it for a 1951 Ford and \$20. Then he proceeded to Morehead City and was picked up for the motor vehicle violations.

Leon H. Haislip, Morehead City, was fined \$100 for driving without a license, careless and reckless driving and going through a red light. He voluntarily surrendered his driver's license for 90 days.

He was not tried on charges of driving drunk, failing to heed a siren and running a stop sign.

Robert Mills, Morehead City, was given 30 days in jail for possession of non-taxpaid whiskey. Harold Mobley, also of Morehead, was ordered to pay costs and reimburse Calvin Hester \$5 to pay for bike tires Mobley cut.

Paul R. Taylor, Morehead City, paid \$50 and costs for careless and

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1959 Commercial Boat Tags Are Available Now

1959 licenses for commercial fishermen are available now, C. G. Holland, commercial fisheries commissioner, announced this week.

All boats using any type of commercial gear or selling the catch must be licensed.

The tax is \$2.50 for any boat 18 feet or under; 50 cents per foot for boats up to 26 feet, and 75 cents a foot for boats over 26 feet in length.

The tags are good Jan. 1 through Dec. 31. They must be posted on the boat.

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Fleet Assembled Off Beaufort Prior to Assault on Fort Fisher

By F. C. SALISBURY

Never before or since has the bight at Cape Lookout and the harbor of Beaufort presented such a scene as it did on Jan. 8, 1865. On that day the federal naval squadron assembled there under the command of Admiral David D. Porter. It left on that date to make the second naval assault on Fort Fisher off the mouth of the Cape Fear River. The assault resulted in the reduction of the fort and surrender.

Naval history covering the sea battles of the Civil War give little information leading up to the assembling of the fleet at Cape Lookout and Beaufort, as the chief base of the North Atlantic blockading squadron.

It is from personal letters written by Admiral Porter to his friend, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, G. V. Fox, that some facts are obtained of this locale preceding the naval and land battle of Fort Fisher.

The squadron, leaving the shores of Carteret County Jan. 8, 1865, consisted of over 50 vessels of various types, from iron-clads to supply boats. These men, with Marines and sailors from the war vessels, were landed to engage in the land operations of the battle.

In a letter written on board the flag ship Malvern, dated Beaufort, Jan. 7, 1865 by Porter to his friend Fox there is an expression of optimism over the coming battle. Porter says: "It is the easiest work I ever undertook. It can't be beaten... I will silence their guns in twenty-five minutes... you need not be surprised to hear that the webfooters have gone into the fort."

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As required by law, the county board of commissioners, at its meeting Monday in the courthouse will conduct a hearing on the proposed \$2,500,000 school bond issue. The hearing will begin at 2 p.m.

It is expected that county board of education members will attend the hearing.

Citizens seeking information on the bond issue, persons in favor of it and those against are welcome at the hearing, Moses C. Howard, chairman of the county board, announces.

Alvah Hamilton, county attorney, said this week that even though there may be a protest against the bond issue, the county board has the authority to proceed with putting the matter before the people in a referendum. The referendum, originally expected to be sometime this month, will be in February, according to stipulations set forth by New York bond attorneys.

"I think this hearing is merely to get a cross-section of the feeling of the people," Mr. Hamilton remarked. If a protest against the bond issue is made, this fact will be forwarded, as required by law, to the Local Government Commission.

The Local Government Commission supervises the borrowing activities of town and county governing units. The government commission has no authority, however, to block the county's move to go through with the bond referendum. W. E. Easterling, secretary to the Local Government Commission, has stated that the matter rests entirely with the county board of commissioners.

The county board of education is in favor of the bond issue. H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, in a series of three articles which appeared last month explained the need for better schools, the desirability of consolidated schools and the importance of obtaining a large amount of money, \$2½ million at one time, in order to build the consolidated schools.

Any other measure, the superintendent stated, would be expensive and piecemeal.

Harry Mielke, Newport, who is in favor of maintaining the present school plants and improving them on a pay-as-you-go plan rather than borrowing money to build consolidated schools, made the following statement this week: "It has been a hard road that

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Presbyterian Pastor, Family Arrive Here

● The Rev. Charles Kirby Begins Pastorate

● New Minister Studied Year at Edinburgh

The Rev. Charles L. Kirby, new pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, and his family moved to the manse, 2810 Evans St., Morehead City, Tuesday. Mr. Kirby will begin his duties at the church at 11 Sunday morning, with a communion service. The topic of his sermon will be in the beginning and will be based on the first chapter of John.

Mr. Kirby is a native of Ft. Pierce, Fla. He came to North Carolina in 1943, was graduated from Davidson College and received his ministerial training at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.

From October 1953 to July 1957 he was pastor of four churches, Black River Church at Ivanhoe, Caswell at Atkinson, Harmony at Kerr, and Stafford Memorial Church at Garland.

He resigned the four-church pastorate in July 1957 and went to Edinburgh, Scotland, where he attended the School of Theology, University of Edinburgh, for one year. He and his wife, Charlette, and son, Charles Thomas, 2, returned from Scotland Sept. 18, 1958.

Since that time, they have been living with Mr. Kirby's foster father, Dr. Thomas D. Sparrow of Charlotte.

Mr. Kirby said yesterday, "We are very happy to be here. Morehead City is a lovely town. We're excited about the potential of Morehead City and are looking forward to living here with real anticipation."

Mr. Kirby succeeds the Rev. A. G. Harris Jr. as pastor of First Presbyterian.

Court Friday
County recorder's court will convene at 10 this morning, Friday. The past two regular sessions were not held because of the holidays.

Listing of taxes will begin this morning, Friday, throughout the county.

After Saturday, Jan. 31, there will be no more listing. The law states that persons who do not list during January or who attempt to conceal property in an attempt to evade taxation shall be subject to fine, imprisonment, or both.

All personal property and improvements to real estate must be listed. List takers, on duty in communities throughout the county, are the following:

Walter Smith, Atlantic township; U. E. Swann and C. Z. Chappell, Beaufort (courthouse); Mrs. Dora Day, Cedar Island; Mrs. Delia Davis, Davis and Stacy; Charles W. Hancock, Harkers Island.

Mrs. S. E. Wilkinson, Harlowe; James Gillikin, Marshallberg; George Hardy, Merrimon; John Baker and Jerry Willis, Morehead City (municipal building).

Prentiss Garner, Newport; Mrs. Blanche Willis, Sea Level; Mrs. Dolly Taylor, Smyrna; Theodore Willis, Straits; and Sam B. Meadows, White Oak.

Each citizen subject to tax must sign the blank on which he sets forth the items of property he owns. Therefore, no listing can be done by phone or at any place except where the list takers have their books.

Biologists Hear Dr. G. S. Posner

Dr. Gerald S. Posner, oceanographer at the University of North Carolina Institute of Fisheries Research, spoke to biologists of the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Duke University, and Oyster Institute of America laboratories, at Pivers Island recently. His subject was physical, chemical, and biological studies conducted in Albemarle, Croatan, Roanoke and northern Pamlico sounds from October 1953 to August 1957.

The findings of Dr. Posner are of particular significance to biologists of the Fish and Wildlife Service because of their current research on the striped bass fishery in the Albemarle Sound region of North Carolina, including the Roanoke and Chowan rivers, and to staff members of the UNC Institute of Fisheries Research because of their research on nursery grounds of the striped bass and distribution of the general fish fauna of the area.

The work of Dr. Posner provides the basis for a clearer understanding of the many factors which control biological production within North Carolina coastal waters, said Dr. A. F. Chestnut, director of the UNC fisheries institute.

State Approves Road Program

Raleigh — The State Highway Commission has approved and set up funds for re-treating eight county roads and the streets in Atlantic.

This work involves re-treating, with standard drag seal, the following roads: county road at Stacy, county road three-tenths of a mile east of the North River bridge, county road north of Newport between US 70 and old Nine-Foot road, county road at Broad Creek on NC 24 loop road, county road at Gales Creek on NC 24 (old NC 24), county road at Bogue loop road, county road (old Black Swamp Road) between NC 24 and the Jones County line, community streets in Atlantic, and county roads between US 70 and Sea Level.

It is anticipated that work on these roads will be completed on or before June 30, 1959 at an estimated cost of \$37,867.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar

HIGH	Friday, Jan. 2	LOW
1:27 a.m.		7:48 a.m.
1:42 p.m.		8:17 p.m.
	Saturday, Jan. 3	
2:26 a.m.		9:06 a.m.
2:45 p.m.		9:24 p.m.
	Sunday, Jan. 4	
3:30 a.m.		10:12 a.m.
3:45 p.m.		10:24 p.m.
	Monday, Jan. 5	
4:35 a.m.		11:10 a.m.
5:02 p.m.		11:20 p.m.
	Tuesday, Jan. 6	
5:37 a.m.		12:06 a.m.
6:26 p.m.		



Admiral "Black Dave" Porter, the boarded and boldhearted Navy officer, on board the flagship Malvern while in harbor at Beaufort before the battle of Fort Fisher. After the war, he became superintendent of the Naval Academy in Annapolis. He succeeded Admiral Farragut as admiral of the Navy in 1876.