

## Fire Routs Sleeping Family



Firemen battle blaze in the upper part of the Marino home Friday morning.



Fire burned through the side of the house the entire length of the chimney.

## County Board Accepts Adjusted Inventory Reports from Four Firms

### Garland Scruggs Attends Session At Washington

Homes built in the last 10 years may well become the most popular items in the 1960 residential market, Garland Scruggs, president of the Morehead-Beaufort Board of Realtors, commented after attending the mid-winter meeting of the National Association of Real Estate Boards last week at Washington, D. C.

He made his forecast on the basis of recent association market surveys discussed at the sessions. President Eisenhower spoke 30 minutes at a breakfast meeting last Monday.

"We know from our surveys that most home-buyers today are looking for certain amenities in particular," Mr. Scruggs explained. "These include a carport garage, second bathroom or an extra half bath and dining room. Most of these features are found with the greatest frequency in homes built since 1950."

The Morehead-Beaufort realtor explained that houses in this age group are concentrated in suburban areas and hence are appealing to one of the largest groups in the population—families with children. Most important of all, in this period of relative scarcity of mortgage money and higher interest rates, these homes are generally more acceptable to mortgage lenders as security than other property. This is one reason that these properties are selling faster now than they were a year ago, Mr. Scruggs observed.

Homes priced in the \$12,000-\$20,000 range were selling in greater volume in 47 per cent of the country and in the same volume in 37 per cent of the nation last fall compared with a year earlier, and the trend is continuing, Mr. Scruggs said.

### Teenagers Raise Funds for MOD

Between \$60 and \$75 was collected at the teenage March of Dimes dance Saturday night at the recreation building. Teen-agers from all over the country, numbering about 150, attended.

Combos composed of members of the Morehead City and Beaufort school bands provided music. Other forms of entertainment were presented by the teenagers. Miss Pat Hummer of Morehead City is teen-age March of Dimes chairman.

Henry Tuck, country and western entertainer, and the Rainbow Wranglers, hillbilly band from Cherry Point, presented a radio show at the recreation building Saturday afternoon to raise funds for the March of Dimes.

Bud Dixon, March of Dimes chairman, said that bad weather kept most folks at home, but expressed his thanks to the entertainers and those who attended.

Eight members of the Beaufort Junior Woman's Club conducted a mothers' march in Beaufort Thursday night, collecting \$58. Taking part were Mrs. Wiley Taylor, Mrs. Bryan Loftin, Mrs. W. B. Longest, Mrs. Frank Langdale, Mrs. Betty Sutton, Mrs. Ann Lewis, Mrs. John Cline and Mrs. Jack Taylor.

County commissioners accepted adjusted inventory reports from four county firms at their meeting yesterday at the courthouse.

The firms are Allen & Bell Hardware, Newport; Sound Chevrolet, Carteret Gas and Appliance, and Carteret Ice and Coal, Morehead City.

It was noted, upon investigation recently, that the firms' report on inventory to the county did not coincide with the report to the state for 1959. The firms were invited to make an explanation and adjustment.

Commissioner Gaston Smith commented yesterday that the report on inventories for tax purposes is a state law not just county.

Augustus Lawrence, Otway, appeared before the board and requested that the ditches be cleaned and drainage work be done on the fire tower road. J. L. Humphrey, county road superintendent, said that the state would do its share of the work, but work should be done by property owners, too, if the trouble is to be corrected.

Moses Howard, chairman of the county board of commissioners, suggested that Mr. Lawrence confer with the soil conservationist relative to draining the land in question.

Malcolm Coats, Harkers Island, requested that a 9-foot paved road on Harkers Island be widened. The board asked Mr. Humphrey to investigate the situation.

Commissioner David Yeomans,

Harkers Island, reported that a road on the island was under water yesterday. Mr. Humphrey agreed to go to the island to look at the road today, but commented that none of the property owners will allow a ditch to be dug.

Commissioner Smith said that the road to Cedar Island was under water too.

A. D. Fulford, county sanitarian, appeared before the board. He reported that Woodrow Chadwick had been employed as sanitary mechanic and would assist with insect, rodent and dog control.

The commissioners asked that the clerk, Odell Merrill, write a letter to Rep. Graham Barden, expressing the county's appreciation for Barden's service to this county during his 26 years in Congress. The congressman has announced his intention to retire.

The board approved payment of \$95 to C. L. Beam, county veterans service officer, to meet expenses of the officers' attending a rehabilitation conference in Washington, D. C., the first week in March. A jury for the March term of court was drawn yesterday afternoon.

Plans for the extension of the clerk of court's north office were approved. The contract will be let some time after July 1. Estimated cost of the addition is \$20,000.

Attending the meeting, in addition to those mentioned, were commissioners Harrell Taylor, Skinner Chalk and county attorney Alvah Hamilton.

A fire that started in an outside furnace room Friday morning destroyed the major portion of the upstairs of the Frank Marino home at 109 N. 7th St., Morehead City.

The fire was discovered by Miss Mary Arendell, who happened to be going by the house about 7:45 a.m. She pounded on the front door and awakened the Marinos, then called the fire department.

By the time firemen arrived, flames had pretty well gutted the attic of the two-story house and had broken through the outside wall along the length of the chimney.

The Marinos were able to save only a few articles of clothing from the upstairs.

By concentrating their efforts on the upstairs and attic, firemen had the blaze extinguished in less than an hour. Mr. Marino said the loss is partially insured.

The Marinos are living now in another home they own at 2901 Arendell St. Mr. Marino manages the Rex Restaurant, Morehead City.

### 2.59 Inches Rain Fall in Four Days

Carteret County was saturated with 2.59 inches of rain from Wednesday night through Sunday night, according to weather observer Stamey Davis.

Mr. Davis said the rain stopped during Sunday night, but more is expected by Wednesday. He gave the following temperatures and wind directions for the period Thursday through Sunday:

	Max.	Min.	Wind
Thursday	62	51	S
Friday	60	45	NE
Saturday	53	47	NE
Sunday	55	44	NE

## Methodists Meet at Atlantic



Atlantic Methodist church, picturesquely situated among live oaks, was the scene of the annual session of the New Bern district Friday.

Methodists of the New Bern district, numbering 225, met at Atlantic Methodist church Friday. Pastor of the host church is the Rev. David M. Lewis.

Five young men were licensed to preach. They are Robert Clifton Reynolds, Newport; James Ar-

thur Tingle, Stonewall; James Prescott Morris and Earl Wright, Vanceboro, and William Amos Taylor, Trenton.

Licenses of 13 other preachers, not yet having conference status, were renewed.

According to the membership re-

port, 638 new members were acquired in the last six months of 1959. Babies baptized numbered 144.

Dr. A. J. Hobbs, district superintendent, presided. The session closed at noon with dinner served by women of the Atlantic church.

# Jaycees Present Top Awards To G. M. Paul, R. E. Outlaw

Citing education as the key to prosperity and a necessity for the survival of a free country, state senator James O. Simpkins Friday night told Jaycees and their wives attending the DSA banquet that money and more money is the only answer to the educational problems in North Carolina.

Mr. Simpkins listed a multitude of problems with which the state education system is faced. Among these were underpaid teachers, run-down schools, out-moded facilities and crowded school conditions.

Mr. Simpkins called the Hodges Incentive Plan which was proposed to the 1959 General Assembly a flop. The plan, which called for \$10 million in state funds to become available to counties on a matching basis, was termed unfeasible by the senator, because of the politics it involved. The New Bern legislator said that lobbyists and pressure groups caused members of the General Assembly to vote against their own convictions.

Mr. Simpkins added that he did not think that taxation programs on the city or county level were the answer to the educational problem, simply because there isn't enough money available at this level to pay for the needed improvements.

The speaker outlined a state tax program which he believed could supply the needed money for North Carolina schools.

The plan, as explained by senator Simpkins, would place a one and one-half cent tax on soft drinks. Such a tax, the speaker said, would put \$18½ million dollars biennially in the education till. He also said that the plan would be one way in which the Negro population of the state would be given the opportunity of contributing to the educational program.

In citing some of the reasons for what he called "North Carolina's sorry state of affairs in the education field," senator Simpkins said, "We've got a businessman governor and he's overlooked some of the important things in the taxation program."

The senator was introduced by judge Herbert Phillips, Morehead City. The talk preceded presentation of awards.

Jerry Willis gave the invocation.

### Coast Guard Looks For Florida Trawler

Coast Guardsmen were trying yesterday to establish communication with the Deep Water II, a fishing trawler en route from Florida to this area to fish.

Shortly after leaving Florida the trawler lost radio contact with shore and Coast Guardsmen were trying to determine her location.



Dr. Russell Outlaw  
... DSA winner



James Guthrie  
... Teenager of the Year



Bob Saffit  
... outstanding chairman

Grayden Paul of Beaufort and Dr. Russell Outlaw of Morehead City were honored Friday night with the highest civic awards of their respective towns at the annual Jaycee Distinguished Service Awards banquet. The banquet was held at the Morehead City country club.

Dr. Outlaw was one of five nominations for the coveted



George M. Thomas Jr.  
... Key Man



Dickie Dickinson  
... Beaufort Sparkplug

### Happy G-H Day!

If the Groundhog saw his shadow this morning, we're in for six more weeks of winter. If the winter isn't much worse than what we've had, most folks will be satisfied.

Groundhog Day isn't a holiday by any means. But it is not often forgotten.

One day as George was leaving for work, his wife said, "You know what day this is don't you?" with that knowing tone in her voice.

"Sure, sure," her husband replied, not knowing what she was talking about, but determined not to let her think he had forgotten an important date.

He went to work and all day wracked his brain to figure out what day it was. He wasn't successful, but to be on the safe side, he went home laden with flowers and candy.

"Why, thank you, dear," the little woman replied, "this is the nicest Groundhog Day I've ever had."

### New Ferry Will Be Called 'Sea Level'

Name of the car ferry that will ply Core Sound between Ocracoke and Atlantic will be the Sea Level.

The ferry is now at Norfolk where outfitting is being completed. It is expected to be in this county some time this month.

The vessel has been built by the Sea Level-Atlantic-Ocracoke Ferry Co., Inc., Sea Level, an enterprise owned by Dan, Alfred, William and Leslie Taylor, natives of Sea Level. Operation of the ferry is expected to start early this spring.

### Couple Arrested

Annette and Ernest Barrett, Beaufort, were arrested Saturday. Annette was charged with public drunkenness and her husband with possessing non-taxpaid whiskey, according to police chief Guy Springle.

### Tide Table

HIGH	LOW
Tides at the Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, Feb. 2	
12:06 a.m.	6:04 a.m.
12:22 p.m.	6:29 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 3	
12:54 a.m.	7:02 a.m.
1:10 p.m.	7:25 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 4	
1:42 a.m.	8:07 a.m.
1:58 p.m.	8:27 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 5	
2:23 a.m.	9:11 a.m.
2:51 p.m.	9:25 p.m.

## Pupils to Hear Music From The Gypsy Baron

One week from tonight the North Carolina Little Symphony will present two concerts at the Morehead City school auditorium. A children's matinee, free to students in Morehead City and Beaufort, will be given at 2 p.m., and an adult concert is scheduled for 8 p.m.

Under the direction of Benjamin Swain, the state orchestra first visited Morehead City in 1947. This year the symphony is giving 113 concerts—72 by the Little Symphony, including 42 free children's programs.

Included on the children's program will be selections from three larger works: Strauss's The Gypsy Baron; Haydn's "Clock" Symphony; and Delibe's ballet, Coppelia.

The children will join the orchestra by singing Oh Worship the King by Haydn and Marching to Pretoria, a song from the African Veld. Their concert will also in-

clude the ballet music from Schubert's Rosamunde and three selections by Debussy: The Snow is Dancing and Golliwog's Cakewalk, from Children's Corner Suite; and Cortège from Petite Suite.

Preparation for the children's concert is under way in local schools. In their classrooms the youngsters study about the composers of the music they will hear, learn to sing the songs and play melodies on simple instruments. They become familiar with the instruments of the orchestra and may work creatively, dancing and painting, to the music.

Friday evening the symphony will appear in New Bern at the Eleanor Marshall School Auditorium. The 8:30 p.m. concert is open to all members of the symphony society, since membership entitles the holder to attend any regular adult concert given by the orchestra this season.

DSA award. The 34-year-old optometrist has long been active in civic, town and church affairs. He is a past president of the Morehead City Jaycees, a member of the American Legion, a member of the Morehead City town board of commissioners, a past president of the Toastmasters club, a member of the First Methodist Church, a member of the board of directors of the Morehead City Touchdown club and a past president of the Southeastern North Carolina Optometric Society.

Dr. Outlaw has also been active in youth recreation programs and during the past summer was in charge of umpires for the Morehead City Little League. Dr. Outlaw lives with his wife and two sons, David and Brennan, at 2106 Arendell St. H. S. Gibbs Jr. presented the DSA award.

Others nominated for the DSA were Lenwood Lee, Garland Scruggs, James Webb, and O. J. Morrow.

Beaufort citizen Grayden Paul was the recipient of the Beaufort Jaycee Community Service award which is comparable to the DSA award. Mr. Paul, unfortunately, was not present to accept his award. He said he got lost and couldn't find the road to the country club.

Mr. Paul, who as much or more than anyone else, can be called Mr. Beaufort, has spent almost his entire life in the community.

He spent two years as mayor of the town during the war years of 1940-42; he is a past president of the Beaufort Rotary Club, superintendent of the First Baptist Church Sunday School, an ordained deacon in the church; director of the Beaufort Historical Association and has served as chairman of the civil defense program in Beaufort.

Besides spearheading Beaufort's 231st anniversary celebration in July, Mr. Paul will be in charge of the permanent Museum of the Sea and the re-enactment of the capture of Beaufort by the Spanish. Mr. Paul will also conduct landmark guided tours of Beaufort this summer.

Other awards presented by the Beaufort Jaycee club included a key man award which went to Jaycee president George Murray Thomas and a sparkplug award which went to Jaycee Dickie Dickinson. The awards were presented by mayor W. H. Potter, Beaufort. The club also presented certificates of appreciation to the radio and press.

Dick Babcock of station WMBL received the award for his station and Larry McComb accepted the award for THE NEWS-TIMES. There was no representative present from radio station WBMA to receive that award. Similar awards to the press and radio were made by the Morehead City Jaycees.

James Guthrie, Morehead City high school graduate, was the recipient of the Morehead Jaycee Teenager of the Year award. James, an outstanding student and athlete at Morehead City high school, is presently attending Duke University on a football scholarship.

Dickie Dickinson and Bob Saffit were presented awards by the Beaufort Jaycees for their work as outstanding committee chairmen.

## Planners Obtain County Funds

County commissioners approved payment of \$1,000 to the county planning board yesterday. The money will be used as the planning board sees fit.

George Huntley, chairman, and W. C. Carlton, secretary of the planning board, told commissioners, in session at the courthouse, that it will probably be used to match federal funds. The thousand dollars was set up in the 1959-60 county budget.

The community planning division of the Department of Conservation and Development has already requested \$1,000 in federal money.

Mr. Carlton explained that the planning commission needs a map. The money requested from the federal government would be used to prepare a "county base map" at a scale of one inch to 4,000 feet, and to draw up regulations for subdivisions.

Mr. Carlton reported that the planning commission has been meeting regularly since its organization in the fall. Its next meeting will be Monday night.