

## Painting of Morehead City Port Wins at Miami Exhibit

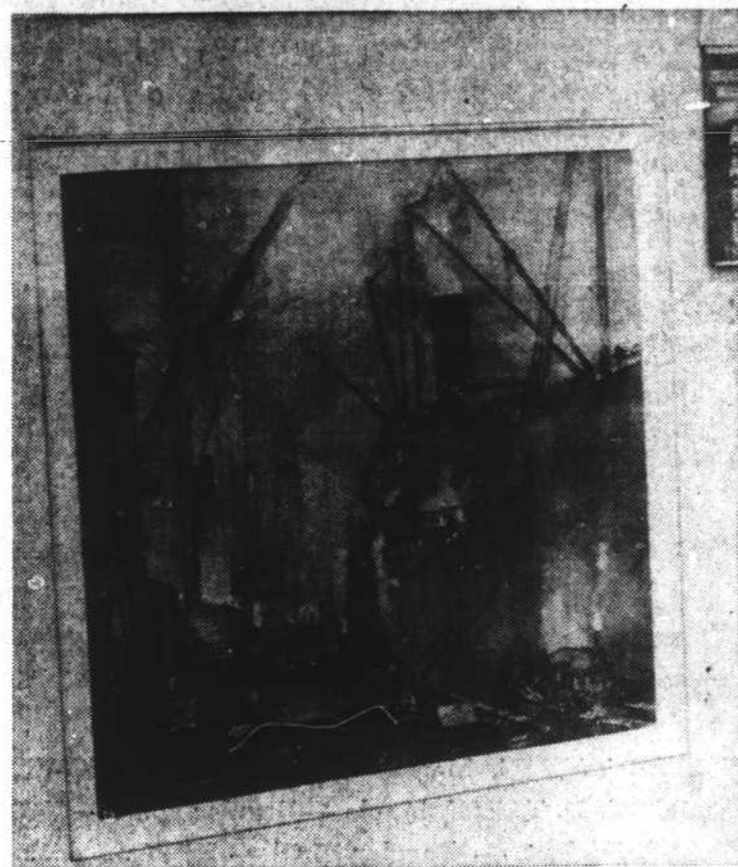
A painting of the Morehead City State port won first prize in the American Artists Professional League, greater Miami chapter exhibit, 1961. The painting, a watercolor, was done by John Llewellyn Skinner, Coral Gables, Fla.

The painting was made during the summer of 1959 when Mr. Skinner was visiting the W. J. Blairs, Morehead City. It shows a British freighter out of Hull, England, loading soybeans.

Mr. Skinner, an architect by profession, is a graduate of the University of Toronto. He received his master's degree in architecture at Harvard in 1920, travelled two years in Europe on the Harvard Nelson Robinson travelling fellowship, was an affiliated fellow of the American Academy in Rome, Italy, 1921-22, head of the department of architecture at Georgia Tech, 1922-25, and since then has been a practicing architect in Miami, Fla., with the firm of Steward, Skinner Associates.

The firm has designed the Miami public library, Dade County auditorium, Gulf Stream race track, University of Miami Medical School, Florida State University library and other outstanding buildings.

By invitation Mr. Skinner has exhibited his paintings at the University of Florida, Fairchild Garden, Miami, and in Nassau, the Bahamas.



This painting, which won first prize in Miami, shows Morehead City pier No. 1, which runs north and south. At the left is the grain loader and the vessel being anchored to take on grain is at the right.

## Woman Draws Jail Term In City Court

A Greensboro woman, Marietta Gay Dixon, will spend the next four months in jail as the result of sentences handed her on four different convictions in Morehead City recorder's court Monday.

Mrs. Dixon was convicted of falsely registering as the wife of Vernon Claudis Chappel, High Point, at a motel in Morehead City. In addition, she was charged with three counts of issuing worthless checks. Judgment of the court was that she serve 90 days in jail for falsely registering at the motel and 30 days in jail on one of the bad check charges.

On the other two counts of issuing worthless checks she was given 30 days in jail, each suspended on payment of court costs and the checks.

Chappel was also charged with falsely registering at the motel and drew a 90-day jail sentence.

In other court action, William Jones Griffin was given 90 days, suspended on payment of \$200 and costs on a drunk driving conviction, his second within a 12-month period.

Elizabeth Dawson, Swansboro, was ordered to pay court costs and to honor a worthless check. William David Ballou was taxed with court costs for having an improper muffler.

Three defendants were called and failed to appear, forfeiting bond. They were Richard Ray Cummins, Morehead City, failing to display 1961 state plates and having no city tag; Augustine Piner, Morehead City, having expired North Carolina plates; and R. C. Blanchard, Morehead City, public drunkenness.

Beverly Rae's Shibicki and Connie Willis Hall, both of Morehead City, were taxed court costs for having no city tag. Thomas Merlin Bullock of Beaufort, booked on the same charge, was not prosecuted.

Two Cherry Point Marines, Kenneth G. McDonald and Neil D. Magill, appeared in court to answer charges of breaking into a pay telephone coin box and larceny of its contents, plus malicious damage to property of Carolina Telephone Co. Each was given a six-month jail sentence, suspended on payment of \$75 and court costs and one year's good behavior.

Thomas Oliver Stanley, Jacksonville, charged with speeding, failed to appear and an order was sent out for the defendant to be brought before him in two weeks.

Two cases not prosecuted were against W. L. Biggs III, Laurinburg, charged with overtime parking and Ernest Wade, charged with vagrancy. No home address was listed for Wade. Also not prosecuted was Carey Durham Wilson, Newport, charged with having no operator's license.

Judge Phillips continued six cases until next week's term of court.

Part I

## Why It's Better to Live in Town

Tomorrow will be the last day the people in the area proposed for annexation to the town of Beaufort may register. The day of balloting will be Saturday, April 1. Ninety-eight had registered by noon Wednesday.

Ronald Earl Mason, town clerk, in a recent interview, commented on the advantages of being a resident of the town.

Mr. Mason points out that town-dwellers have little difficulty getting veteran and Federal Housing loans. A town provides the services that enhance property values and makes investment in in-town property more attractive to lending agencies.

The clerk said these same factors contribute to increasing the re-sale value of property located within town limits.

On Front Street extended is a home, now outside the town limits, which will be in the town if the

annexation program goes through. The increase in cost to the owner, if it becomes part of the town, will be \$17.66.

And the owner says the street lighting he will get and the privilege of being a citizen of Beaufort will be worth that.

The following table shows the actual comparison of costs this homeowner has now and what he would pay if he were in town:

	Out of Town	In Town
Taxes	None	\$92.76
Insurance	\$66.00	36.90
Garbage	None	26.00
Collection	None	10.00
Septic Tank	None	10.00
Flushing	None	10.00
Rural Fire Membership	None	10.00
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$112.00</b>	<b>\$129.66</b>

Assessed valuation of the above property is \$4,638. The property is insured for \$9,000.

The town tax rate is \$2 per hundred dollars of assessed value. Seven and one-half per cent of that rate is used for general town expenses; 7 per cent to pay salaries of the clerk and other department heads; 12½ per cent for the police force; 16 per cent for the street department, and 7 per cent for operation of the fire department.

Trade promotion funds helped finance the birthday celebration last summer, which was a tremendous success. This fund, though small, is available for use in co-operating with the Beaufort Merchants association.

In cooperation with downtown businessmen, the town is constantly working to improve traffic conditions on Front Street and the general appearance of the shopping district, all of which stimulate trade in the entire Beaufort area.

(To be Continued)

## Seven of Ten Housewives Object to Food Tax Proposal

By ELLEN B. MASON

Carteret housewives don't think much of governor Sanford's proposal that a tax be placed on foods to help finance a state education program. Of ten housewives contacted by telephone, only three said they were in favor of the program.

Mrs. Thomas McQuaid of Beaufort, wife of the Beaufort high school basketball coach, said that since her husband is in the education profession, she'd be willing to do most anything to get aid for education. "It would have to be a pretty bad arrangement for me not to be willing to do my part," she commented.

Mrs. Guy M. Styron of Laurel Road, on the other hand, said she was not willing to pay a tax on food. "I think I'm paying enough tax without taxing foods and medicines as I've heard they are going to do," Mrs. Styron said.

Mrs. Eugene Pond of Beaufort said she didn't like the idea, but

wasn't familiar enough with the entire program to really know. Mrs. Roma Styron, Morehead City, remarked that she wondered if a tax on food was the best way to get revenue. "A tax on cigarettes and luxuries might not bring in enough," she stated.

Mrs. Pender Smith of Broad Creek thinks food is high enough as it is. "Let them find something else to tax. It should be on beer, liquor or something that's not necessary to the family," she said. "I am very much against it," remarked Mrs. Loren Ballance of Morehead City. "I don't think it's a good way because it wouldn't be equal to everyone." Mrs. Gerald Mitchell, Morehead Bluffs, said, "It seems to me that we have enough taxes now. I want good schools, but I wish there was some way to revise the taxes we have now."

Mrs. Marguerite Yeomans of Harkers Island said she didn't know whether she'd be willing to or not, but the schools needed money so badly, she guessed she favored the tax. She suggested a higher tax on luxuries. "I think I am in favor of the tax, even though alcohol could stand a

higher tax," remarked Mrs. Lewis Williams of Morehead City. Mrs. Williams said she had a family of five and her food bill amounts to about \$30, so she wouldn't object to paying 90 cents tax. "I don't think that's too much," she said.

Mrs. O. J. Morrow said she was for education and anything to improve the schools, but she thought the tax should come from some source other than food, perhaps liquors and other luxuries.

Several legislators were expected to introduce substitute bills this week to combat the governor's program, which has received strong opposition from all parts of the state.

## Easter Seal Parade Planned

The Easter seal parade, a mother's march for crippled children's funds, will be conducted in Morehead City and Newport Sunday afternoon between 2 and 3 p.m.

Volunteers conducting the door to door canvass in Morehead City will be Mrs. Henry Cretella, Mrs. Fred Bartholomew, Mrs. John Morrison, Mrs. Russell Outlaw, Mrs. Charles Tolson, Mrs. Kenneth Broadhurst, Mrs. Ray Kennedy, Mrs. Bob McLain, Mrs. Albert Lea, Mrs. Norman Canfield.

Mrs. Joe Beam, Mrs. J. L. Seamon Jr., Mrs. Roy Denkins, Mrs. O. J. Morrow, Mrs. Carl Lewis Jr., Mrs. Bernard Weeber, Mrs. D. J. Odom, Mrs. Joe Elkins, Mrs. Lester Styron, and Mrs. Dale McConkey.

Mrs. Zeb Mauney is chairman of the campaign in Newport. She will be assisted by Mrs. James L. Adams, Mrs. Charles Hill and others.

## Motorist Cited Following Wreck

Michael Ebron, route 1 Morehead City, was charged with making an improper turn following an accident at 3:20 p.m. Tuesday 150 feet west of the highway 24 and 70 intersection.

Patrolman W. J. Smith, who investigated, said that Ebron, in a 1954 Chevrolet pickup truck, was headed east. A 1958 Plymouth, driven by Braxton E. Blythe, New Bern, was headed west.

The patrolman said Ebron made a left turn in front of the car. Damage to the Plymouth was estimated at \$250 and to the pickup truck \$200.

**Arrested Monday**  
James Simpson, Beaufort, was picked up Monday in Beaufort on a charge of public drunkenness, according to officer Mack Wade.

## Jaycees Buy Heating Unit



Guy Smith, left, of the Beaufort Jaycees presents a check to L. J. Hill for a \$9,000 BTU thermostatically-controlled suspended heating unit which the Jaycees purchased recently for the Scout building in Beaufort.

## Contested Divorce Suit Goes to Jury Yesterday

The contested divorce suit, LaRose Mann v. Lolleen Mann, went to the jury late yesterday morning. The jury decided all issues in favor of the defendant, Mrs. Mann, who was granted alimony without divorce.

The suit, in civil court, Beaufort, opened Tuesday afternoon. A. H. James, clerk of court, said he expected the one-week term would end today. Presiding judge is Albert Cowper.

## Doctors Hope to Persuade Board Toward Crab Point

### Stars of Portrait in Black



News-Times Photo by McComb

Renee Kemp, Morehead City, plays the widow of a wealthy ship owner in the community theatre play, Portrait in Black, to be presented next Friday and Saturday in Morehead City school auditorium. Bill Lockard, Beaufort, above, plays the role of Dr. Graham, her lover.

## Forest Ranger Fights Four Fires in Four-Day Period

Four forest fires in four days have been brought under control by E. M. Foreman, county ranger. Mr. Foreman says March has been an extremely dry month and warns everyone to guard against fire.

A one-acre woods fire at Atlantic was put out Saturday. Mr. Foreman said two Marine corps sergeants at the airfield helped keep the fire under control until he got there. Three more acres of woods burned at Atlantic Tuesday.

Mr. Foreman said he believed the Tuesday fire resulted from trash burning. Both the Atlantic fires were attributed to carelessness and negligence.

One hundred thirty acres of young growth, belonging to the International Paper Co., on the Merrimon road near Back creek, burned Sunday. Mr. Foreman said the fire was deliberately set.

A mile from that fire, another fire occurred Tuesday night. It started about 9 p.m. and three acres burned.

Mr. Foreman said that he has been busy patrolling forest areas throughout the county. Fires in the Croatan Forest have been handled by the National Forestry service.

In addition to there being little rain, high winds have done much to take moisture out of the ground and encourage fire.

People who want to burn off fields or undergrowth must get permits to do so, unless they burn between 4 p.m. and midnight. Permits are available from Mr. Foreman at Core Creek, the sheriff's office, Beaufort Hardware, district wardens and the Otway fire tower, manned by Mrs. Patricia Lawrence.

## 12 Candidates Run for Office

Twelve owners of beach property have notified M. G. Coyle, town clerk of Atlantic Beach, that they are running for office.

Opposing the mayor, A. B. Cooper, who is seeking re-election, is John A. Baker, Atlantic Beach realtor.

Running for town commissioner (or aldermen as they are called in the town charter) are W. L. Derrickson and R. A. Barefoot, who are on the town board at present; J. E. Talton, J. C. Sherrill Sr., R. G. Wrightenberry and Charles Walters, all of Atlantic Beach; M. D. Foxman, Kingston; Oscar G. Gully Jr., Tarboro.

The ballots will be mailed to eligible voters March 27 and must be returned to the clerk, Mr. Coyle, by Saturday, April 8. Those elected will serve a four-year term beginning May 1.

Wednesday, March 15, was the last day for filing for office.

## Hospital Staff Objects To Distance to Webb Site

Moses Howard, chairman of the county board of commissioners, said yesterday that doctors have contacted him relative to changing the site of the proposed county hospital.

Skinner Chalk, Morehead City, who is a member of the county board, said "two or three emissaries" representing the doctors had been to see him.

Although no doctor will permit himself to be quoted, the doctors are generally known to favor a Crab Point site over the Webb site which the county board chose last week.

Mr. Howard said yesterday he was calling no more special meetings to discuss the hospital.

The county board is meeting Monday as the board of equalization to consider tax matters. Commissioner Chalk said, in his estimation, that is no time to hear other matters, but he supposed that if the board, by motion, agreed to hear another matter, it could be done.

The doctors feel that the Webb site is too distant from their Beaufort and Morehead City offices. They believe the Crab Point area would be closer.

Mr. Howard said yesterday, "I don't see how we can consider anything unless it is within the bounds of what we told the people before they voted Nov. 8." The board announced before the referendum that the hospital should be at least three miles west of Morehead City.

Doctors, in speaking of getting the site changed, are anxious to add that they don't want to do anything to jeopardize building of a county hospital. If a doctors' delegation doesn't appear before the board in person, a petition asking the board to consider a "more convenient site in the Morehead City area" may be put before the board.

One county commissioner was told that mayor W. H. Potter, who was leading a Beaufort force interested in getting the hospital in Beaufort, has consented to go along with a Crab Point site. Mayor Potter, in a letter to Mr. Howard last week, threatened court action unless the county board considered two Webb sites and a Beaufort site known as the Gibbs farm.

The mayor's letter was sent to Mr. Howard following the board's decision on the waterfront Webb site Thursday, March 9.

The county had not, by yesterday, exercised its option on the Webb site located on Bogue Sound. It was decided that the final agreement would not be made until test borings were completed this week. The last boring was expected to be taken yesterday.

## Fumes Affect Driver of Auto

Michael Lewis, Morehead City high school senior, was hospitalized about 10:30 Tuesday night after he was overcome with fumes from the car he was driving.

According to Bill Moore, Atlantic Beach police chief, Lewis's 1956 Chevrolet station wagon ran up over the curb at the Idle Hour Amusement center, Atlantic Beach, and came to a stop.

He said he was called by employees at the Idle Hour and when he opened the car door, he thought Lewis was dead. His pulse was strong, however, so he was rushed to the Morehead City hospital where he was revived.

Lewis said the last thing he remembered was going under the signal light at the beach and Salter Path road. Chief Moore said that when he opened the car door, the odor of carbon monoxide fumes in the car was extremely strong.

He said that when the driver was overcome, the car probably choked out, because the motor wasn't running when it came to a stop. Employees at the Idle Hour turned off the ignition and the headlights before calling chief Moore.

Lewis was discharged from the hospital Thursday morning. He's a member of the Atlantic Beach rescue squad and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lewis.

## Chamber Mails Folder About Ocracoke Island

The two-color brochure on Ocracoke, published by the Ocracoke Civic club, is being mailed by the greater Morehead City chamber of Commerce, to those who inquire about the outer banks.

J. A. DuBois, chamber manager, calls the attractive folder "a remarkable piece of literature."

## Merchants Make Plans for Good Neighbor Days

Plans for East Carteret Good Neighbors Days were made at a meeting of the Beaufort Merchants association Tuesday night at the Surfside restaurant.

Good Neighbor Days are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 21 and 22, and have been planned to give eastern Carteret communities an opportunity to publicize their area.

Windows in Beaufort stores were assigned the various communities. They may put in the window any type of display they wish. The windows will be available for the displays Wednesday, April 19.

Mrs. Leslie Moore is chairman of a coffee which will be held at the Inlet inn Saturday, April 22, in conjunction with the event. Mrs. W. R. Hamilton is assisting Mrs. Moore.

Making brief talks at the meeting Tuesday night were mayor W. H. Potter, sheriff Hugh Salter, Mrs. Charles Hassell and Mrs. Moore.

The next meeting of the association will be Tuesday, April 11, according to William Roy Hamilton, publicity chairman.

## Pathologist's Report Awaited

Edgar Willis, Straits, is being held in the county jail, pending a report from Dr. D. H. Lippitt, New Bern pathologist, who examined the body of Mrs. Agatha Ballou.

Mrs. Ballou was found dead Feb. 13 in a barn at Straits where she had been reportedly living with Willis.

Sheriff Hugh Salter said Tuesday that a report from the laboratory of the Federal Bureau of Investigation indicates that there were no traces of poison or narcotics in the woman's vital organs, sent there for chemical analysis.

He considers the report incomplete until he hears from Dr. Lippitt, who examined the body soon after it was found by officers.

The sheriff is also holding Willis for violating terms of a suspended sentence and is contemplating charges against him of attempting suicide.

Willis slit his throat Feb. 13 before officers broke into the barn and found Mrs. Ballou's body. He also tried to hang himself, but the rafter from which he had suspended a chain broke under the weight of his body.

He was under 24-hour guard at Morehead City hospital until he was discharged Saturday.

## Officers Make Trip Wednesday

Law enforcement officers of this area attended the Eastern North Carolina Law Enforcement association meeting Wednesday at Goldsboro.

Deputies Bobby Bell and Billy Smith (former Morehead township constable) flew to Seymour Johnson field, Goldsboro, from Cherry Point.

Other officers who made the trip by car were Marshall Ayscue, county ABC officer; Bill Moore, Atlantic Beach police chief; David Morris, license examiner; H. W. Dickson, state internal revenue officer in this area; Herbert Griffin, Morehead City police chief; Carl Bunch, Carl Blomberg, Bill Condie and Joe Smith, all of the Morehead City police force.

The next meeting of the association will be Sept. 20 at Camp Lejeune.

**Taken to Hospital**  
Luke Rice, Beaufort, was taken to Morehead City hospital about noon Wednesday by the Brooks and Mason ambulance, after he collapsed at the corner of Moore and Broad Sts., Beaufort. According to Brooks and Mason funeral home, he apparently suffered a heart attack.