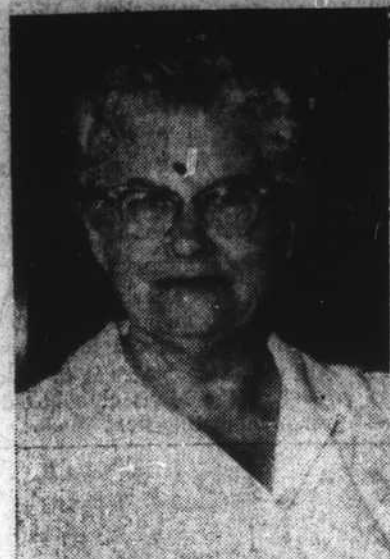


Residents Size Up Value Of Cherry Point to County



Mrs. Charles Stewart
... it's everything!



Henry Eubanks
... brings in dollars



Bill Moore
... more jobs



C. Z. Chappell
... gives aid in storms

In what ways do you think Cherry Point Marine air base benefits this area?

This question was put to folks during the past week. Their opinions follow:

Mrs. Kay Danielson, Mansfield Park, remarked that the base benefits this area in so many ways it's hard to name them. Civil service jobs are available at the base, providing employment for people here. Service people move here and contribute to the economy. She summed up with, "It's a wonderful place to have around here."

Henry Eubanks, North River, expressed one of the most frequent comments: "It puts more money in the county."

Claude Willis, Beaufort, summed up his opinion in one sentence: "It benefits us 100 per cent in every way."

The large number of jobs available at the base was cited by Mrs. Edsel Bell of Harlowe as a big benefit. She remarked that a lot of people who didn't have jobs before the base was built—have them now.

Mrs. Hirschel Miller, Morehead City, commented that if it wasn't for Cherry Point, there wouldn't be much in Morehead City. She mentioned the overhaul and repair department at the base, which offers a large number of jobs, as one of the base's major contributions.

Mrs. Billy Oglesby, Morehead City, commented that there is a whole lot more business brought our way since the base was established.

Mrs. Charles Stewart, Morehead City, declares jovially, "If we didn't have Cherry Point, we wouldn't have anything!"

Carlton Robinson, a Morehead City businessman, said he thinks the impact of the base is tremendous. He said many of his customers are civil service workers and he can feel the base's value by the way they pay. He concluded by saying that he didn't know what we would do without the base.

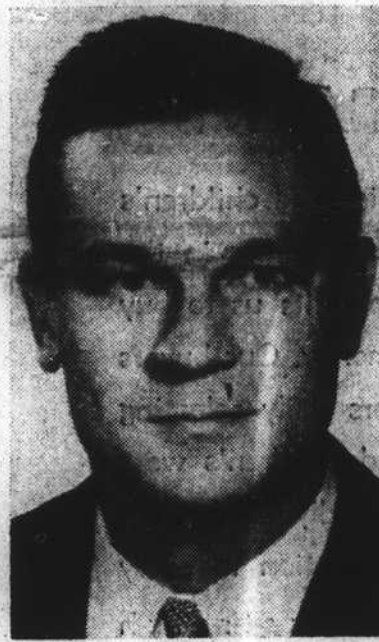
Chief of police Bill Moore, was brief and to the point: "More jobs and more money."

Darrell Sanders, Morehead City, thinks Cherry Point's money is its biggest contribution to this area. The money coming in from the base helps keep the county out of the dumps, especially during the winter, he said. Cherry Point brings people to this area to take advantage of the recreational facilities and many fine people are making their home here because of the base, he said.

Mr. Sanders commented that everyone ought to feel thankful for Cherry Point.

C. Z. Chappell, county commissioner, remarked that the Marine Corps and Cherry Point had helped this area in storms and that the installation brought a lot of money into the area.

Kenneth Wagner, Morehead City, termed the air station this area's "biggest industry."



Kenneth Wagner
... our biggest industry

Historical Group Will Meet Friday

The Beaufort Historical Association will meet at 8 p.m. Friday in the town hall.

According to the master calendar in the newspaper office, the regular meeting night is listed as the third Tuesday. That does not apply to the coming meeting. The night has been changed to this Friday.

Mrs. W. R. Hamilton, chairman, says this is a most important meeting. Past, present and potential members are cordially invited.

Wind Shift Puts End to Warmth

The weather last week took a rapid turn to the cooler side. A shift of wind to the northeast dropped temperatures from a high Wednesday of 82 to a high Thursday of 67.

The change also brought some much needed rain, in fact, almost too much of it. Friday had .06 inch in an afternoon shower, while Saturday night brought 1.23 inches. An additional .04 inch of rain fell early Sunday morning. Accompanying the rain were cloudy skies, which were largely absent the first part of the week.

Temperatures and wind for the week, according to E. Stainey Davis, area weather observer, are listed below.

	High	Low	Wind
Sunday	80	56	SW
Monday	80	65	SW
Tuesday	79	65	SW
Wednesday	82	61	SW-NE
Thursday	67	58	NE
Friday	79	60	Variable
Saturday	71	58	NE
Sunday	69	58	NE

The Morehead City high school chorus will present its annual spring concert Friday night, announces Ralph Wade, director. The concert will be at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium. The public will be welcome.

Resolution Calls For Precinct Meeting Notices

● Democrats Convene At Courthouse
● Judge Hamilton Addresses Convention

County Democrats, in convention at the courthouse Saturday morning, adopted a resolution stipulating that no precinct committeemen shall be seated in the future unless proper notice is given of precinct meetings.

The resolution was proposed by Rudolph Mason, Morehead City. It states that the county chairman of the party shall give a 10-day notice of the county convention and precinct chairmen should give a 10-day notice of precinct meetings, in compliance with state rules of organization.

The resolution mentioned that there is a question as to whether precinct committees elected in Morehead City should be certified to the state convention, due to the fact that meetings were not announced.

Judge Luther Hamilton moved that the resolution be adopted. It was seconded by W. H. Potter, Beaufort. Judge Hamilton said, "If there were those who were denied the opportunity to take part in the precinct meetings, that resolution is in order."

"If there's any fault," he continued, "it's with the precinct chairmen and such chairmen are not to be commended."

Wiley Taylor Jr. recommended that a resolution be drawn in memory of the late Alvah Hamilton. Adopted also was a resolution presented by Cecil Morris, Atlantic, recommending that the State Water Resources commission be given the same status as the State Highway commission.

The resolution passed almost unanimously. One loud "No" thundered forth when the vote was taken.

All Democrats in good standing were designated as delegates to the state convention Thursday at Raleigh.

A. H. James, chairman of the Democratic committee, who presided, announced names of committee officers for the coming two years. They were elected at an executive committee meeting prior to the convention.

Mr. James was re-elected chairman; others re-elected were Mrs. D. F. Merrill, first vice-chairman; and Mrs. Clayton Fulcher Jr., second vice-chairman. George Hancock was elected third vice-chairman (an office that had not been filled the past two years); Mrs. Thelma Pittman was elected secretary, succeeding Ronald Earl Mason; and Nathan Garner was elected treasurer, filling a post that had not been filled recently.

Candidates were introduced and other outstanding county Democratic

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Sea Level Hospital Plans Fish Fry

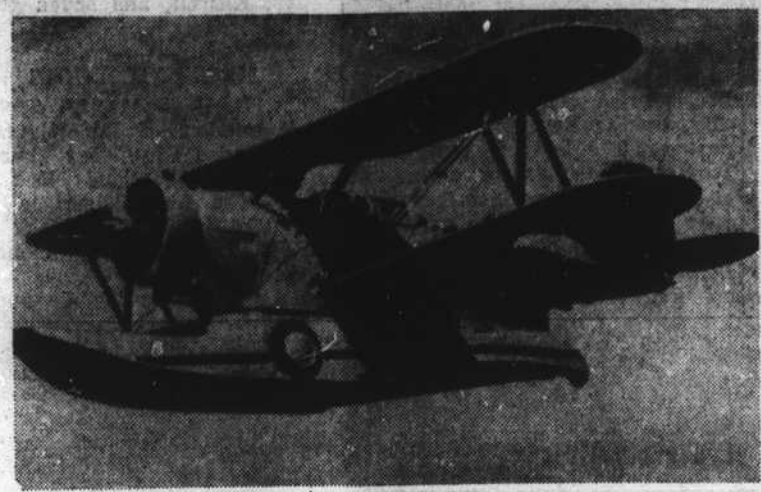
Plans are already in the making for the ninth annual July Fourth fish fry for the benefit of Sea Level community hospital.

The fish fry will begin at noon on the hospital grounds, announces Charles F. Caudell Jr., hospital administrator.

Mr. Caudell adds that negotiations have just been completed for new cooking equipment to be used at the fish fry. The outdoors dining area is also going to be enlarged and improved again this year.

The menu will be announced at a later date, closer to the time when tickets will be placed on sale.

Cherry Point MCAS was Officially Commissioned 20 Years Ago, May 20



A Grumman "Duck" (J2F), piloted by Lt. Col. Thomas J. Cushman, was the first aircraft ever to use Cherry Point's runways. He made the landing on March 18, 1942. Lt. Col. Cushman, now a retired lieutenant general, was the first commanding officer of MCAS, Cherry Point. (Official US Marine Corps Photo)

Chamber Ad Committee Hears Report on Projector

Members of the chamber of commerce advertising committee heard a report Monday night from the chairman, Ben Alford, on use of the new slide projector.

It was used during the garden club convention and at the port when the Ariadne sailed Wednesday. Mr. Alford said the chamber now has 80 slides, but more are needed for better coverage of the many attractions the county has.

He noted that the request for slides, made through THE NEWS-TIMES, brought a good response.

The bon voyage send-off for the Ariadne was discussed and the committee agreed it was successful, but statewide and tv coverage was not what had been hoped. Bob Simpson, committee member, was appointed to handle news and publicity for the sailing of the Victoria May 23. The committee agreed to give any assistance necessary.

J. A. DuBois, chamber manager, was asked to write letters of appreciation to all who helped in the bon voyage activities for the Ariadne: the hostesses from Beaufort and Morehead City; Ralph Wade, director of the Morehead City high school band; band members, majorettes, Morehead City Floral Co., Otis Fish market, Jefferson restaurant, Coca-Cola Bottling Co., charter sportsfishing fleet, Ben Alford, Walter Friedrichs, Charles McNeill, Clifton Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Davies, all port employees, and THE NEWS-TIMES.

Signs proposed for posting on the outskirts of every town in the county were shown. A committee will visit all communities to seek participation in the project.

Mr. Simpson told of progress being made by Fabulous Fishermen to raise \$1,700 for the production and circulation of a color movie on sportsfishing in Carteret.

Bill Strickland revealed plans for the blue marlin festival in Morehead City June 2 and asked that folks be on the lookout for more floats and parade features.

Attending the meeting, in addition to those mentioned, were W. C. Matthews Jr., W. L. Derrickson, Tom Talton, Charles McNeill, and Kenneth Newsom.

Calls off Trip

Mayor W. H. Potter, Beaufort, a vice-president of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, said yesterday he will not be attending the rivers and harbors meeting this week at Washington. His private business and town business, he said, demands his staying home.

Town Suffers Weekend Series Of Break-Ins

A series of break-ins marked a busy weekend for the Beaufort police department.

Chief Guy Springle and sheriff's deputy S. B. Edwards called in an SBI agent to look into a break-in at the Hamilton Furniture Co. on Live Oak street. The store was entered sometime Friday night, the entry being made by prying a door off its hinges in the warehouse adjoining the store.

Entrance to the store itself was made by breaking the glass and unhooking a latch on a door. An attempt was made to get into the safe in the store office, and about \$7.50 taken from the cash register.

Another break-in over the weekend was at Paul Motor Co., which was entered by a trap door in the floor. About \$10 in change was taken from a change box on a snack display.

Reported Friday morning were two cases of vandalism and a possible entry into two firms on US 70, Beaufort. The One-Hour Dry cleaners reported the glass broken in a back door, but nothing was reported missing.

The Red and White Grocery next door had telephone wires pulled loose from the side of the building. Water faucets at the back of both buildings were turned on, flooding the back lots of the stores.

Hangar Looters to Go Before Juvenile Judge

Several youngsters under 16 will appear Saturday morning before juvenile judge A. H. James on charges of breaking into a plane hangar at Beaufort-Morehead airport last week.

The sheriff's department reported yesterday that items taken from the hangar have been recovered.

The theft was discovered Thursday night by Joe Elkins, who leases the hangar. Taken were a citizens' band walkie-talkie radio valued at \$150, ammunition, hunting clothing and life jackets.

The loot was found in the youngsters' homes and outdoors where they had hidden it. The boys were apprehended Friday.

Choral Club to Sponsor Workshops

The Carteret Choral club will sponsor in Beaufort this summer a summer workshop in music, speech, drama, arts-crafts and painting, announces Mrs. Charles Hassell, choral club director ... providing enough people enroll.

The workshop will continue six weeks, from June 18 to July 28. Members of the faculty will be Mrs. Hassell, Mrs. Robert Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Griese and Mrs. Al Hubbard.

A complete schedule has been set up and persons may get registration blanks from choral club members or at the arts-crafts display scheduled for downtown Beaufort May 22-26.

No registration will be accepted after May 26. Size of enrollment will determine site of classes, Mrs. Hassell explains. Several buildings, she said, are available. "We will choose a cool, roomy, comfortable working place for a pleas-

ant atmosphere and relaxing activity," she said.

Mrs. Hassell explained that this is a grassroots, hometown cooperative movement to establish a summer arts colony or workshop.

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Mr. and Mrs. Griese, who will teach art, are from Richlands. They have classes in the Swansboro-Jacksonville section and are members of the State Art museum. They have done many illustrations in connection with the civil war centennial and the forthcoming tercentenary.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Tuesday, May 15	LOW
5:19 a.m.		11:38 a.m.
5:54 p.m.		
Wednesday, May 16		
6:05 a.m.		12:10 a.m.
6:33 p.m.		12:19 p.m.
Thursday, May 17		
6:48 a.m.		12:53 a.m.
7:09 p.m.		12:59 p.m.
Friday, May 18		
7:27 a.m.		1:35 a.m.
7:43 p.m.		1:38 p.m.

Air Base Now Employs Close To 12,000 Marines, Civilians

Cherry Point — With little fanfare, Lt. Col. Thomas J. Cushman assumed command of the Marine Corps Air station, Cherry Point, during official commissioning ceremonies May 20, 1942.

The ceremony was almost austere. Officers were invited to attend if their work loads and other responsibilities permitted.

The United States was at war—this was not the time for colorful military pageantry or prolonged patriotic speeches. A giant military installation was being built. Its muscle and sinew, its men, runways and aircraft were desperately needed for defense and training. It was to become the world's largest Marine Corps Air station.

Today, exactly 20 years later, Cherry Point is still a giant, still needed for defense, still needed for training. In these days of "cold war" tensions, the sprawling giant can look back on its accomplishments of World War II and the Korean conflict, confident in its ability to meet whatever new role which might be demanded of it.

Before the coming of construction workers, bulldozers and Leathernicks in 1942, Cherry Point was a quiet, tranquil, rural land. By today's standards it would probably be described as a depressed area.

Forty-two families were scattered across its original 8,500 acres. Large segments of the acreage belonged to the State and Federal

government. Most income was gained from farming. Few roads existed and even fewer were paved.

Cherry Point took its name from a postoffice that had existed for lumber interests in the area. It had closed in 1935. It is said the postoffice took its name from the "point" of land which jutted into the Neuse river near Hancock creek. Cherry trees once grew there.

The original appropriation for construction of the massive air station was \$10,000 short of \$15 million. Value of privately owned land (7,582.2 acres) was appraised at \$104,869. More was to be acquired later.

Preparation of the site started Aug. 6, 1941, and paving of runways began in November. With the declaration of war following the attack against Pearl Harbor, construction was accelerated. Workers began laboring 10 hours per day, seven days a week on day and night shifts.

On March 18, 1942, Lt. Col. Cushman landed the first aircraft ever to use the runway at Cherry Point, a two-winged amphibious aircraft (J2F) built by Grumman.

It was a small beginning but the later pace might easily be called fantastic. Before the end of World War II, untold thousands of pilots and enlisted technicians were to pass through Cherry Point. Squadrons, groups and wings were to be established, equipped, and trained; many were transferred to the war in the Pacific.

The 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing was organized at Cherry Point in November 1942. After its departure See AIR BASE Page 8

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Farmers did not get the dollars, Mr. Wang said, storage businesses profited while the farmer absorbed the losses caused by the decrease in farm prices. Forced to produce more with less, to meet the cost of higher priced supplies, farmers increased production.

The present plans are to manage supply, and to reduce surplus commodities by distribution to needy nations to promote peace. The feed grain program releases grain on the open market as acreage is retired, reducing surplus stock as part of the supply management plan.

County ASC office manager B. J. May presided at the meeting. Twenty-five ASC committeemen attended.

Revival in Progress
Revival services are now in progress in the Pentecostal Holiness church, Beaufort, announces Rev. Hildred Potter, pastor. The guest evangelist is the Rev. Peter Rivas, New Bern. Services will be held each night at 7:30 through Sunday.

Clubs Endorse Issue
Veterans of World War I and the Civitan club, Morehead City, have endorsed the Morehead City armory proposal, according to Dr. Russell Outlaw. Persons helping to promote interest in the armory bond issue will meet at 7 tomorrow night at the armory.

Republicans Set Date for Dinner

Carteret Republicans are sponsoring a fund-raising dinner Thursday, May 24, in Morehead City.

The speaker will be Claude L. Greene Jr., Robersonville, who is seeking the Republican nomination as US senator from North Carolina. If successful in the primary, he will run against US Sen. Sam J. Ervin in October.

The dinner, which takes the place of the Lincoln Day dinner usually held in February, will begin at 8 p.m. at Capt. Bill's restaurant.

ASC Members Attend Annual Dinner Friday

County ASC committeemen met Friday night at Fleming's restaurant, and heard Wayne Wang, of the state Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office, speak.

Mr. Wang commented on the national farm problem after the dinner, saying that the United States has the unique position of being the only nation in the world with a problem of abundance.

The principal problems facing the nation in farm surpluses are the high cost of storage, decreasing farmer's income and the distribution of the surplus. The supply management and use of the surplus for peace is the means of solving the problem used by the present administration, Mr. Wang said.

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A. Alexander Will Address Neuse Group

Atwell Alexander, Stony Point, beef cattleman and poultryman, will be the speaker at the banquet of the Neuse Development association at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Biltmore Motor hotel, Morehead City.

Mr. Alexander is a member of the North Carolina Poultry council, the North Carolina Agricultural Marketing association and the North Carolina State Board of Agriculture. He is on the advisory council for the Dean of the School of Agriculture, and chairman of the Alexander County Industrial Development association.

He has been active in the North-west North Carolina Development association since 1956 and served one year as its president.

Mr. Alexander was chairman of the Alexander County Poultry council when the idea of establishment of a poultry dressing plant in that county was conceived. He was instrumental in seeing that this plant was established.

He served two terms as a county commissioner, and was active in soliciting funds for the establishment of the Alexander County hospital. In addition to these activities, Mr. Alexander is active in church affairs and the North Carolina State Grange.

Mr. Alexander has been a leading supporter of North Carolina agriculture and of North Carolina State college for many years. He did his undergraduate work in geology and later worked for Shell Oil Co. in Texas as a geologist. In addition, he has completed much of the work for a doctorate at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Some years ago Mr. Alexander decided to go into farming. Since that time he has built one of the most successful farms in the state. It has a capacity of about 20,000 layers and 100 head of beef cattle.

Three Cars Crash Friday

A three car accident occurred in Beaufort at 9 p.m. Friday.

Police said that John Weeks, Beaufort, stopped suddenly near Marsh and Cedar streets, and Harvey Hughes Fillingame, Beaufort, driving a 1959 Ford in back of Weeks, slammed on brakes and was struck in the rear by a 1956 Ford driven by Roscoe Conway, route 2, Beaufort.

Damage to the Fillingame car was about \$250 and damage to the Conway car totaled about \$300.

Weeks was charged with making a sudden stop without warning. Fillingame was charged with drunken driving and Conway was charged with following too closely.

The accident was investigated by officer Howard Hill, who also investigated another accident Saturday, when Billy Hardy, Beaufort, skidded on wet pavement in Highland Park and his 1956 Ford slid into a ditch. Only minor damage resulted to the car.

Roadwork Near Town To be Finished This Week

With good weather, completion of resurfacing roads east and north of Beaufort is expected this week. The roads are highway 70 to North river and the Merrimon road to the Laurel road.

When that is finished, the causeway to the beach will be resurfaced, a job which will take about a day and a half, according to J. H. Burruss, resident highway engineer in the county.

Also to be paved are the parking areas at the Fort Macon state park. Cost of that paving will be met by state park funds, Mr. Burruss said.

Supports Chalk
A news letter, mailed by P. R. Dietzel, route 1 Morehead City, to fellow world war I veterans, asks world war I veterans to vote for S. A. Chalk Jr., Morehead City, for Congress.