

Morehead Hosts National Guard

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Do you think restoration of the outer banks should be taken over by the government?

Dom Femia, Morehead City: "Yes, I think it would open up all of the North Carolina seaboard. Especially with the new tunnel coming in at Cape Charles. If North Carolina would take over where Virginia leaves off, it would be a great thing for the eastern part of our state."

A. T. Piner, Morehead City: "Definitely, I think if we are going to keep the outer banks, the government will have to do it. It will be of greater use to all the people, like tourist trade and such. Also, I think it will save the taxpayers a lot of money."

Leroy McIntosh, Beaufort: "Yes I think it would do this area a lot of good. Virginia spent a lot of money on that Cape Charles tunnel and that will help this part of the state. It would be a big asset to eastern North Carolina."

Mrs. Truman Kemp, Morehead City: "I certainly do, we would be

getting a greater benefit from our tax dollars. It would help with the tourist trade. The state parks that the government owns are much better than municipally owned parks."

Mrs. D. B. Willis, Morehead City: "Yes, I feel the government can do more than the individual. They would certainly have more money and could see to it that the outer banks becomes a national tourist attraction. Also, they could see that it links the North Carolina coast with all the tourist traffic on the eastern seaboard."

Wilson Davis, Straits: "Something definitely has to be done to save the banks, but I don't see why Uncle Sam has to own it all to do it. What they need to rebuild the banks is a strip of barrier. They don't need any parks. They got one at Hatteras and a state park at Fort Macon. We're not badly in need of parks in Carteret county."

Carteret WELCOMES The State National Guard Association

Devastating Fire Ravages Forests

One of the worst forest fires in recent years raged through 35,000 acres of valuable timberland this week. The blaze started Tuesday and endangered several homes, including that of Miss Georgina Yeatman, Open Grounds.

Walter Teich, Adams Creek, president of the County Wildlife club, says there is reliable information that the fires were set along the Merrimon road sometime Tuesday.

"Hunters in that section start fires around Panther Cat every year at this time. They want the undergrowth burned out. It's a terrible situation," Mr. Teich observed. "A lot of deer and wildlife have been killed in the fire. Also their feeding grounds have been seriously damaged and animals will be dying in weeks to come."

By yesterday morning the fire had passed the southwest prong of South river.

Don Varner, district forester, New Bern, said one head of the fire was burning toward North river yesterday morning and was expected to reach the river by noon. It was believed the river would stop it.

The fire-fighters thought they had the fire under control Wednesday afternoon. "We were within 30 minutes of holding it," Mr. Varner said, "then it blew up and we couldn't get equipment around to the other side to stop it."

There was darkness at noonday in Beaufort and Morehead City

yesterday. Clouds of smoke blotted out the sun and ashes were sifting everywhere.

Timberlands owned by Weyerhaeuser, International Paper Co., North Carolina Pulp and Miss Yeatman were destroyed, as well as tracts of smaller timber owners.

Blaine Baugus, Morehead City, who is in the timber business, lost a truck loader and 2,000 cords of pulpwood.

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Two-Day Convention Opens at 2 P.M. Today

Morehead City will play host, for the first time, to the North Carolina National Guard association today and tomorrow. Between 400 and 500 National Guardsmen are expected for the two-day convention at the Biltmore hotel. Maj. Gen. Weston H. Willis, a native of Davis and president of the association, will preside.

The convention will feature speeches by Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of the selective service system; Maj. Gen. Donald W. McGowan, chief of the National Guard bureau; and Maj. Gen. William H. Harrison Jr., president of the National Guard Association of the United States.

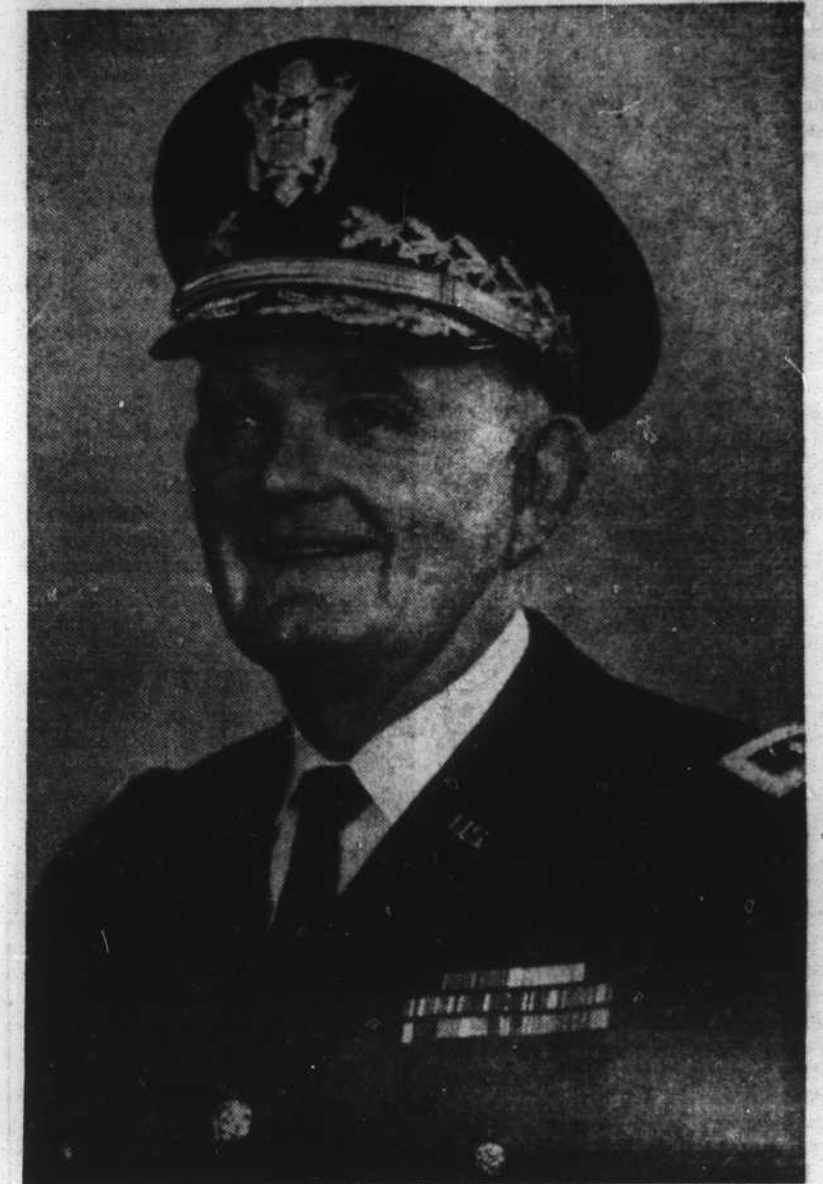
The first session will begin at 2 p.m. today. After the call to order, members of the Morehead City National Guard unit will post the colors. Members of the color guard are Sp4 Max E. Deitz, Sp4 Derl G. Roberts; Sp4 Donnie R. Russell, Sp4 David E. Moore, and Pfc George R. Nelson.

Chaplain Thomas A. Summey will give the invocation. Johnsey P. Arnold will lead the national anthem. Major General Willis will welcome the group and committee reports will be heard. Lt. Col. William P. Keeton Jr., commandant, will give a talk on the North Carolina Military academy.

An official welcome from Morehead City will be given by Mayor George W. Dill Jr. Saturday morning at 9. Speakers at this second session will be Maj. Gen. Claude T. Bowers, the adjutant general, Ma-

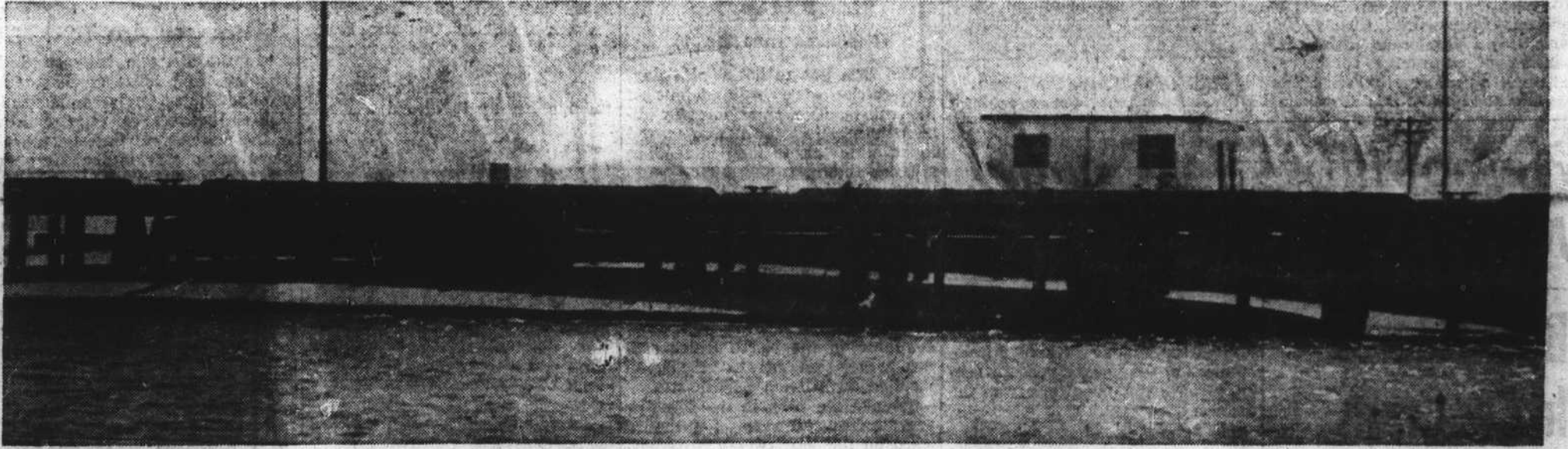


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New Dock Built for Cutter Chilula



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Fort Macon's commanding officer said the Chilula would possibly move to her new home some time in July, as soon as all construction plans and dredging are completed.

The Chilula presently docks at the Morehead City port terminal. Lieutenant Pehaim stated that

cost of the new dock, which is constructed of steel and cement, and the new parking area near the dock, is \$312,000.

Continuation of the steel sheet piling, renewing the old piling and dredging, which is the second part of the construction, is estimated to cost \$151,000, he said.

The last part of the construction will be new barracks for the Coast Guardsmen, replacing the present antiquated frame structure.

He said he wasn't certain as to when construction of the new barracks would begin.

Beaufort Will be Site Of Antique Show, Tour

An antique show and Old Homes Tour will be the feature attraction in Beaufort the weekend of June 28-29.

The antique show, on the Turner street lot between the Odd Fellows Lodge and Masonic Hall, will be staged by Eastern Carolina antique dealers under the sponsorship of the Beaufort Historical society.

The Old Homes tour will be sponsored by the Beaufort Woman's club.

Plans were discussed at the meeting of the Beaufort Historical society Monday night in the lounge of the new dormitory at Duke University marine lab, Pivers Island.

The antique show is known as a "station wagon antique show" because the items on display will be those that dealers can load in a station wagon and carry to the show site. The dealers pay a \$10 exhibit fee each. People who attend pay an admission fee. The items the dealers display will be for sale.

Beaufort merchants have agreed to arrange window displays in keeping with the historical weekend.

It was announced at Monday night's meeting that Beaufort will be the subject of the Literary and Historical society regional spring meeting this weekend at Greenville. Charles Paul, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin W. Davis, will present an historical treatise on Beaufort.

Mrs. W. R. Hamilton, past president of the historical society, was appointed to get old pictures of Beaufort and maps to the meeting to lend color to Mr. Paul's presentation.

Sunday, May 26, was set as the opening date of the old jail on the courthouse square. The building dates back to 1831. On the first floor, items of historic interest will be on display.

It is planned that eventually a cell will be "furnished" on the second floor as it was in the early part of the 19th century.

From May 26 throughout the summer, the museum is scheduled to be open from 1 to 4 p.m. daily.

On the opening date there will be a tea at 1 p.m. Those in charge are Mrs. Gilbert Potter, Mrs. Julius Duncan Jr., Mrs. Peggy Simmons, and the Misses Mildred, Ada, and Ethel Whitehurst.

Bill Nicholson reported that the Ann Street cemetery has been

cleaned and bulbs planted. Thomas Respass was in charge of the project. Mr. Nicholson, treasurer, also gave the treasurer's report. The secretary's report was given by Miss Ethel Whitehurst.

Mrs. Charles Cheek, vice-president, presided until the arrival of the president, Dr. John Costlow. Thirty-eight attended. The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 20 at the Duke dormitory.

General Assembly Will Visit at Bogue Field

The General Assembly of North Carolina will be guests of the Marine Corps Tuesday morning at a demonstration at Bogue field, highway 24, near Cedar Point.

The legislators will witness a demonstration of aircraft landing on short runways. It is estimated that a group of 500 will see the show.

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Mayor Talks to Town Board About Water System, Disposal of Sewage

Gray Hassell Speaks to Club

The Beaufort Rotarians had Gray Hassell as their guest speaker Tuesday night at the Surf Side restaurant.

Mr. Hassell is city engineer of Beaufort and a candidate for the office of mayor.

The speaker gave his reasons for running for office and his qualifications.

Incoming Rotary president Jack Price gave a report on the Rotary conference that was held recently in Wilmington.

Rotarian Charles Smith, Scoutmaster of troop 51, which is sponsored by the Beaufort Rotary club, gave a report on the camporee that the troop attended recently in Jacksonville.

Dr. W. L. Woodard was program chairman for the meeting.

Cool Weather Pushes Spring Days Aside

Although Thursday didn't feel much like spring, the three days before showed signs of warm weather, with temperature highs in the 70's.

	Max.	Min.	Wind
Monday	74	62	WSW
Tuesday	72	64	WSW
Wednesday	72	54	NNE

Biggest Tanker

The largest vessel ever to enter Morehead City harbor tied up Wednesday at Aviation Fuel Terminals. The tanker, American Eagle, was 651 feet long and 80 feet 5 inches wide. The tanker unloaded jet fuel.

"People complaining about the town's proposal to buy the water system and install a sewage disposal plant, if federal funds are obtained, don't understand the plan," George Dill, Morehead City mayor remarked to town commissioners at their meeting Thursday night at the town hall.

Mayor Dill commented that a sewage disposal plant is impossible unless the town owns the water system.

Under the proposed program, if the town can acquire the water system, REVENUE bonds would be sold to finance the town's share of the cost of water and sewage.

Revenue bonds do not require a vote of the people. Assurance that they would be paid off is guaranteed by revenue from the waterworks.

Water and sewage go hand in hand, the mayor pointed out. "You can't cut off sewage from a house," he explained, "but if people don't pay their sewage fee or water, you can cut the water off." At present, through a cooperative arrangement with Carolina Water Co., operator of the town's water sys-

tem, the water company bills people for the sewage fee.

The town now has a sewage system, but all outflow from it goes into surrounding water. The State Stream Sanitation commission says this has to stop and the town has to install a sewage disposal plant. Sewage fees range from a minimum of 50 cents upward, depending on the amount of water used.

"People tell me the pipes in the water system are old and it would cost money to fix up the system. That may well be," the mayor continued, "but if we're going to have a sewage disposal system, we also need the waterworks."

Commissioner Jerry Willis wanted to know whether it would be advantageous to have a sewage disposal plant if Beaufort doesn't. (Beaufort recently decided against participation in a federal program which would enable a sewage disposal plant, if Beaufort could raise its share of the cost and if federal funds were made available.)

"It will do a lot of good," the mayor said. "Beaufort's on the other side of the bulkhead and the way the waters flow we'd go a long way in cleaning up this pollution problem. We can't stand still forever just because Beaufort wants to."

Referred to Carolina Water Co. was a request from the State Ports Authority for an 8-inch water line to the port. At present the port is served by a 6-inch line.

Roadblocks Set

The Morehead City Junior Woman's club will sponsor roadblocks from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday to raise money for the crippled children's fund. The roadblocks will be on highway 70 west of Morehead City and on the Beaufort-Morehead causeway. High school girls will assist club members at the roadblocks.

Request May Bring Second Crab Hearing

A letter requesting another hearing on the taking of sponge crabs, if it bears five signatures, will give crab dealers a second opportunity to be heard on the subject.

This is the information given W. R. Hamilton, chairman of the county board of commissioners, by Robert Stallings, director of the Department of Conservation and Development, and Eric Rodgers, chairman of the commercial fisheries committee.

Mr. Hamilton contacted the officials Wednesday. Carteret crab dealers and crab house operators were angered Monday when the fisheries committee refused to lift a ban on the taking of sponge crabs.

The committee and the C&D department, of which the committee is a part, were in session at Greenville.

Mr. Stallings told Mr. Hamilton that people north of Pamlico sound do not want to take sponge crabs (female crabs ready to lay eggs).

The spawning season lasts several weeks. In recent years, the restrictions on taking sponge crabs have been lifted, and Carteret residents would like the same action to be taken again this spring.

Two Seek Positions On Newport Town Board

Only two people have filed for town office in Newport, according to Miss Edith Lockey, town clerk. They are C. H. (Dick) Lockey and V. E. Kincaid, both of whom have filed for commissioner. Mr. Lockey is a member of the town board now.

Those who plan to run for office must file with the clerk by 3 p.m. tomorrow. To be filled are the office of mayor and five commissioners. Filing fees are \$10 for mayor and \$5 for commissioner.

A civil term of superior court will open at 9:30 a.m. Monday in the courthouse, Beaufort. Judge Howard H. Hubbard will preside.