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good old days

#### SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

With only \$200 in the bank and taxes for 1930 essentially uncollected, and with \$31,000 in interest on county bonds due Dec. 1 and salaries of public school teachers, totaling \$80,000, three months in arrears. W.M. Webb, chairman of the county commissioners was empowered to borrow \$150,000.

*The Beaufort News* published 77 pages of tax foreclosures.

Babe Ruth, the famous drawing card of baseball and the idol of millions of ball fans worldwide, spent several days last week hunting game at Camp Bryan in Craven County and duck hunting at Davis in Carteret County.

#### Around 1930 FIFTY YEARS AGO

David Pearce Willis, administrator of Allendale County Hospital, Fairfax, S.C., will succeed Hoyle Greene, who has accepted a position in Dunn, as administrator of Morehead City Hospital. Charles F. Caudell Jr., with Chicago Pharmacal Co., will become administrator of Sea Level Community Hospital, succeeding Marshall Whisnant, who has accepted a position in Kingsport, Tenn.

County commissioners have suggested that the county airport commission erect no trespassing signs at the county airport to discourage "hot-rodders" from using the air strip as a race track. Sheriff Hugh Salter said he will make every effort to enforce the regulation.

In the second division of a \$50 million state school bond referendum, the county will receive \$170,473 for school construction. The county received \$108,068 two years ago, building an elementary school addition and an annex at Queen Street School in Beaufort and

classrooms at W.S. King School, Morehead City. The next projects will occur on Harkers Island and at Smyrna.

#### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Two Morehead City men have been arrested in connection with the killing of a female porpoise and charged with unlawfully taking, transporting, possessing and landing a marine mammal. Bond was set at \$5,000 each.

County commissioners have unanimously elected Mary Sue Noe, Morehead City, as chairman, the first woman to hold this position.

The N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries has started a campaign to hike commercial fishing license fees.

#### TEN YEARS AGO

An estimated 9,500 persons attended the 8th Annual Core Sound Decoy Festival over the weekend at Harkers Island Elementary School and the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum.

Morehead City Councilmen have approved a rezoning request clearing the way for the N.C. State University Center for Marine Sciences and Technology (CMAST), a 25,000-square foot major marine science research facility on the campus of Carteret Community College, a joint venture between the university, community college and the UNC Institute of Marine Sciences.

First Citizens has opened its 8,514-square foot, \$1.4 million main office at 35<sup>th</sup> and Bridges Street, Morehead City.

Widening of Highway 24 from Hibbs Road to Morehead City is under way with grading and prep work and the relocation of waterlines. The \$6.2 million project is expected to be finished in a year.