

#6F Tales from Beaufort and Morehead ... (The Mailboat Spring of 1991)

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Charles Hassell

"Oh yes... One day we played Morehead. The people from Morehead had to get here by boat, we didn't have no bridge. We played up there on the courthouse square — on the backside of it... We all went to the game and of course, Beaufort won. And going back, a little boy going along with his daddy, was a heading up the street. And they were bragging, "You got beat — You got beat!"

There was a Styron guy that was playing for Morehead coming along about that time and he heard 'em. About that time, he spit a "map of Europe" right in both of their faces -tobacco juice. Well, it ended up with them overboard... they were a fighting all the way down to the water."

Myron "Ace" Harris

"One time I was playing with Beaufort and we played Morehead. It was the last of the game and I was pitching ... Jack Gardner was batting. We got two strikes on him ... and I threw one of those crazy pitches and he missed it. We came back to Beaufort that e'ning; we dressed there in the barber shop... Oh - you know we were the greatest things that's ever been!

Well Sunday, the next day, we played them again. I went in and relief pitched some the last inning and I throwed one of them crazy balls again ... and that John Hansell?), I believe his name was, like to 'a knocked the top off of the building out yonder over centerfield. They fired me and Elvin [Davis]... fired both of us ... and I thought Elvin was going to kill somebody!"