

## Coroner's Jury Renders Decision on Bell Death

### JCs Hear Report On Park Lights

### Group Draws Up New Set Of Membership Rules At Monday Meeting

Several plans have been made for erecting lights at the Beaufort ballpark, but as yet no estimates have been obtained. Wiley Taylor Jr., reported to Jaycees at their meeting Monday night at the Inlet inn.

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"Death due to unknown reasons" was the verdict rendered by the coroner's jury at an inquest on the death of James Bell, Morehead City Negro, who died the night of Dec. 9. Bell's charred body was found at about 9 p. m. in his trailer-home which was destroyed by fire.

The inquest was conducted by Coroner Pritchard Lewis in the auditorium of the municipal building, Morehead City, Monday night.

Six Testify  
Six witnesses, all colored, presented testimony. The six men who served on the coroner's jury, all residents of Morehead City, were Dan Wade, D. J. Hall, James Lawrence, Earl Willis, David T. Willis, and Warren Beck. The jury was sworn to duty Dec. 9 at the scene of the fire.

Pete Davis, the first witness, related that the victim of the fire asked him to carry him home that night. Davis said he first took Bell to his mother's home and then to his home in the trailer at 5:45 p. m. He told the jury that Bell was not drinking but that he had some liquor with him.

The next witness, Ralph Collins, testified that while talking to a friend at about 9 o'clock Friday night, Dec. 9, he noticed a great deal of smoke in the air, and approaching the trailer in which Bell lived noticed a blaze behind the crack in the door.

Collins Hears Groaning  
He opened the door, he reported, found the whole inside of the place ablaze, and heard groaning. He shouted to his friend, James Willoughby, who ran and got an axe and chopped a hole in the trailer.

Collins said he saw a boot by the door, and thinking it was the foot of the person who was groaning, will determine those areas

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## Guy Watson, New Bern, Dies Of Injuries Received in Crash

Guy Watson, 49, New Bern, died at 8:20 Tuesday night in Morehead City hospital from injuries received at 12:40 Tuesday morning in a collision just west of Morehead City. Arrangements for the funeral are incomplete.

Watson, an employee of the Blue Anchor cafe, located on highway 70 west of New Bern, is reported by the Carteret county state highway patrol to have been traveling west on highway 70 out of Morehead City when his car and another, driven by Elvin Henry, 26, Negro, crashed head-on.

Henry was injured and taken to the Morehead City hospital where he is reported to be improving. He received slight concussions and Watson a severe brain concussion.

Cpl. W. S. Clagen, head of the state highway patrol, said Henry was traveling east on 70, just rounding the curve near the Curve inn, when Watson crossed in front of him. The front of the car driven by the colored man struck the rear of Watson's car.

Watson was driving a '47 Plymouth and Henry a '35 Chevrolet. The Plymouth smashed into a tree and was demolished. The Chevrolet, too, is beyond repair, Corporal Clagen said.

First 1950 Fatality  
Investigating the tragedy, in addition to the coroner, were Patrolmen J. W. Sykes, and W. J. Smith. Watson's death is the first county highway fatality this year.

He is survived by three brothers, Leo, of Norfolk, Walter of New Bern, and Bill, of Morehead City; and a sister, Mrs. Kelly Willis, of Wendell.

Symphony Fund Requires \$300  
Mrs. Bayard Taylor, chairman of the North Carolina Little Symphony membership drive, announced today that \$300 more is needed to reach the \$750 goal for the county.

The drive ends Sunday. Mrs. Taylor said tickets can be obtained by contacting her, B-434-1, Mrs. B. F. Royal, Morehead City, or Mrs. Robert Lowe, Morehead City.

## Fishermen to Meet With Scientists

Commercial fishermen of the North Carolina coast will meet at 9:30 Monday morning at the Institute of Fisheries Research, Morehead City, to offer their advice and assistance in plotting cruises of the Albatross.

The Albatross, fisheries research vessel, is due in Morehead City this morning, a day ahead of schedule. She will go on her first cruise from this port at noon Monday. This cruise has already been planned: Commercial fishermen's advice will be of advantage in subsequent trips, it was pointed out.

John Wagner and Carter Broad, members of the Institute staff, will be aboard the Albatross when it leaves Monday. The boat will work from Cape Lookout and Cape Hatteras in water from 25 to 80 fathoms.

Fishermen invited to Monday's meeting are the following: Sam McCotter, R. J. Hudson, Earl Holden, all of Vandemere; Elmer Willis; William; Roland Styron and Garland Fulcher, Oriental; Richard Burnett, Wilmington; Otis Purifoy and Clyde Potter, Belhaven; William Wells and Lois Hardee, Southport, and Gehrmann Holland, Beaufort.

Mr. Wells, Mr. Hardee, Mr. Fulcher, Mr. Holland, and Mr. Burnett are members of the shrimp commission.

Mayor Dill Hears Public Drank Cases Monday  
Leonard Lupton was fined \$10 and costs for public drunkenness in Monday's session of Morehead City mayor's court. The bond of William Guthrie, charged with the same offense, was forfeited when he failed to appear in court.

The charge of disturbing the peace against Delsey Hester and Beatrice Marley was dismissed by Mayor George W. Dill, Jr. In dismissing the case the mayor warned the defendants "to clean your house" before the town had to do it for them.

December Court Receipts Bring County \$2,093.95  
Through court channels the county received \$2,093.95 during the month of December, according to a report to the county commissioners made this week by A. H. James, clerk of superior court.

Recorder's court revenue amounted to \$1,932.75, superior court, \$36.70, probate and clerk's fees were \$124.50. The total amount received at the clerk's office was \$4,393.16.

## Marine Faces Car Theft Charge In Superior Court

John R. Watson, Marine being held under suspicion of auto larceny, was found guilty of drunken driving in recorder's court Tuesday. Probable cause was found on the auto larceny charge and his case has been bound over to superior court.

Watson gave notice of appeal on the drunken driving verdict and his total bond for appearance in the next term of superior court is \$700. Judge Lambert R. Morris levied a \$100 fine and costs on the defendant after finding him guilty of drunken driving.

Two of the four colored persons arrested in a raid Sunday night on the Chicken Shack, Crab Point, were found guilty on various charges. Claudia May was ordered to pay costs and \$25 for aiding and abetting in the sale of beer illegally, assisting in operating a place as a public nuisance, and aiding and abetting in unlawful possession of tax-paid liquor. Louis Rice, Jr., faced similar charges but was found not guilty.

Tifton Rice was given a six-months' sentence suspended on payment of costs and \$50. He was charged with sale of beer without a state or county license and unlawful possession of tax-paid liquor. Bernice Newton, charged with the same violations, was not found guilty.

Charges of cohabiting against Louis Rice and Claudia May were dismissed, and the state chose not to prosecute the same charge against the other couple.

Sentence Suspended  
William "Foot" Fitch, charged with assault with a deadly weapon and assault on a female, was found guilty and was given a six-months' suspended sentence, providing he remain on good behavior two years and pay the costs.

Lloyd Filligame also received a six-months' suspended sentence after he pleaded guilty to destroying personal property, being drunk and disorderly, using loud and profane language, breaking the peace, and making threats against the plaintiff.

Judge Morris told him that unless he remained on good behavior for two years, paid the prosecuting witness \$10 and also court costs.

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## Jaycees to Award Gold Key Jan. 23

Morehead City's "Man-of-the-Year" will be acclaimed at a banquet Monday, Jan. 23. Recipient of the award each year is chosen by vote of eight civic groups in Morehead City. Jaycees, donors of the award, do not vote. The young man chosen must be between the ages of 21 to 36 and be considered to have done the most outstanding job of the year towards betterment of his community.

Jaycees held a considerable discussion at their meeting Monday on plans for the banquet. Former members of the club will be invited, former recipients of the Distinguished Service Award will be invited, and the meals will be served on a Dutch supper basis.

Bud Dixon was placed in charge of arrangements for the banquet which will be held in the Fort Macon hotel dining room. Bill Chalk asked all Jaycees to look for prospective members of the club and to be certain to invite them to attend club meetings. Treasurer Charles Willis announced that bills for 1950 dues had been sent out and urged all members to make prompt payment.

A letter was read announcing the candidacy of Rush Hamrick, Shelby, for the presidency of North Carolina Jaycees. James Murdoch's name was drawn to receive the attendance prize but he was not present.

## State Highway Crews to Work In Beaufort

### Mayor Announces Plans For Street Improvements At Meeting Tuesday

Mayor Lawrence Hassell, Beaufort, announced this week that state highway crews will begin work in Beaufort this month on improving Fulford street from Ann to Front and Broad street from Turner west to the town limits.

This announcement followed a meeting Tuesday afternoon in the town hall when Commissioners G. W. Duncan, Jr., D. F. Merrill, C. T. Lewis, and the mayor met with Guy Hargett, second division highway commissioner, R. Markham, highway engineer, and Ralph Pollock, highway job estimator.

\$9,600 Accumulates  
Mayor Hassell stated that \$9,600 has accumulated in the state highway fund, earmarked for improvement of the highway, which in town follows Ann st. and Live Oak.

The mayor told the state highway officials that highway traffic frequently uses the portion of Fulford and Broad streets mentioned above, and they agreed that the funds could be used to put those into better condition.

Survey Soon  
Mr. Hassell said he believes a survey will be made of those streets within the next 10 days. The highway officials also agreed that a larger drain should be placed in the 700 block of Ann street to carry away the large amount of water that collects there during heavy rains.

## County to Receive \$928 as Share Of Forest Receipts

Carteret county will receive \$928.66 as its share of receipts from Croatan National forest, part of which lies within the county's boundaries.

Congressional acts providing for the return of the funds to the counties state that the money shall be used for public roads and schools within the counties where the forests are located.

Twenty-five counties will share in \$85,498.47 being distributed by the U. S. Forest Service in lieu of taxes on national forests located within North Carolina.

The governor's office said he had been informed by Lyle F. Watts, chief of forest service for the U. S. Department of Agriculture, that this is the sum being returned to North Carolina from national forest receipts during the fiscal year which ended last June 30.

Counties in which the forests lie receive 25 per cent of the forests' receipts, with the share for each county being determined by the percentage of the national forest acreage within that county.

State Treasurer Brandon Hodges' office said that as soon as the check is received from the Forest Service, the funds will be forwarded to the counties. National forests in this state are Cherokee, Croatan, Nantahala, Pisgah and Ucharie.

Craven county's share amounts to \$989.47. Watts also informed Governor Scott that the Forest Service has \$34,199.39 to spend on the development and maintenance of roads and trails within the national forests in North Carolina.

4-H Members to Attend Tractor School at Raleigh  
A tractor maintenance school at North Carolina State college, Raleigh, for 4-H club members and leaders will be held February 13, 14 and 15, county agent R. M. Williams announced today.

This school is designed especially for those members who are interested in promoting home tractor maintenance in the county, Mr. Williams said. All expenses for the three-day school are paid so attendance will not place any member under a financial strain, he continued.

## Fisheries Scientists Release Drift Bottles in Coastal Waters

### Beaufort JCs to Honor 'Man-of-the-Year' Jan. 21

The Beaufort Jaycee man-of-the-year award will be presented at a banquet Saturday night, Jan. 21, at the Blue Ribbon club.

This award, a gold key for distinguished and outstanding service to the community, is presented to a man between the age of 21 and 36. He is chosen by a secret committee and his name will not be revealed until the night of the presentation.

Beaufort Jaycees did not make an award last year. The year previous it was won by John Butler, who was then president of the Jaycees. In 1947 the honor was bestowed upon John Haynes.

## March of Dimes Begins Monday

### A. H. James Heads Drive in County; Goal for 1950 is \$7,200.

The 1950 March of Dimes gets underway in Carteret county and throughout the nation, Monday, and will continue until the end of the month. The county's goal is \$7,200.

Termining the 1950 March of Dimes the most critical in the history of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, A. H. James, Morehead City, county campaign director, said that the fund-raising machinery is all set to launch the greatest March of Dimes ever undertaken.

"It is imperative," Mr. James said, "that all know the seriousness of today's polio situation. More than 40,000 cases were reported during 1949, the worst polio onslaught in the history of the disease in this country."

Aid Imperative  
"Thanks to public support of previous annual appeals of the National Foundation, prompt and effective aid was rendered the stricken. But as case after case developed, chapter after chapter of the National Foundation found itself without funds. Financial aid was rushed to them from the organization's epidemic reserve fund. So great was the drain that millions of dollars earmarked for emergency assistance dwindled to the vanishing point."

Consequently, Mr. James pointed out, if the Carteret county chapter is to continue providing services to polio patients in this and other communities, everyone must "hit the line hard" during the campaign Jan. 16-31.

Polio Costs Money  
Citing the high cost of polio, he disclosed that during the height of the recent epidemic season the National Foundation was spending March of Dimes funds at the rate of \$100,000 per day to pay patient bills alone! He said that it is estimated 17,000 of those stricken in 1949 will require continued aid in 1950, in addition to victims from prior years who also still need help.

"Obviously," Mr. James said, "there's a tremendous job of work ahead of us. I am confident, though, that all the people in Carteret county will do their utmost to meet the challenge during the coming March of Dimes."

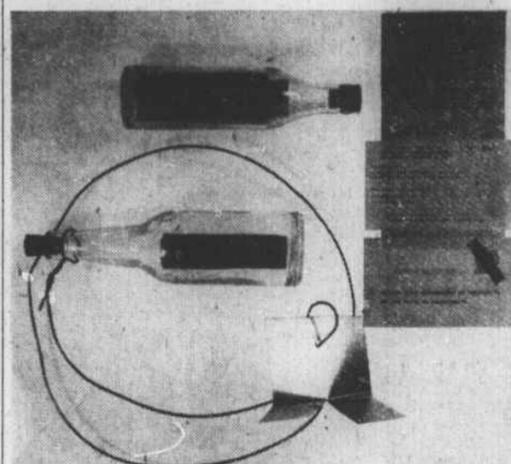
Patrol Accepts Jack O. Arthur  
Jack O. Arthur of Beaufort, route 1, has been accepted for assignment to the state highway patrol training school, according to an announcement this week from Highway Patrol Commander C. R. Tolar.

The school will be held at Chapel Hill, starting Jan. 16, and will run for six weeks. Hundreds of North Carolina men applied for the course. The applicants eventually were narrowed to a field of 200, and the final 60 were selected on the basis of physical and mental examinations conducted last week.

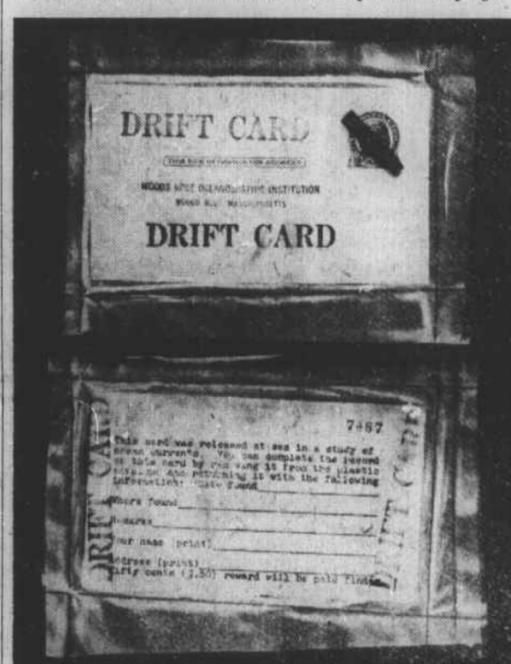
The school is a project of the Institute of Government and is directed by the institute director, Dr. Albert Coates, with Clifford Pace as assistant.

The 60 candidates have been ordered to report by 5 p. m. on Jan. 15. They will be quartered at the Patrol barracks on the University of North Carolina campus and will be supplied meals.

More X-Rays  
Percentage increase in the number of X-rays was 1300. This was due to the mass X-ray program



Two methods are being employed to determine drift, bottles, pictured above, and cards, pictured below. Here are the bottles, one with a drag and one without. The drag is designed to prevent wind from affecting movement of the bottle. Printed instructions for return of information inside the bottle are pictured at top right.



An experiment is being conducted with drift cards. Sealed in a plastic envelope, these cards are thrown overboard. This method is less expensive than using bottles and if found successful, the bottle idea will be discarded. For each card returned to the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, 50 cents will be paid the sender.

## Annual Report Shows Increase In Public Health Achievements

Work of the Carteret county health department has shown expansion at several points, Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, health officer, reported to county commissioners Monday morning. During 1949 there was an increased number of immunizations, examinations of school children, more extensive work in tuberculosis control, venereal disease control, and sanitation.

Dr. Ennett said there is a great need for an assistant to the sanitarian and also for another nurse in the health department, but that he felt confident additional personnel would be added as county finances permit.

Clinics Successful  
The health officer was especially pleased with the eye and tonsil clinics conducted for children. He reported that more progress had been made in Carteret county in tonsil clinic work than in many other counties in the state.

Fourteen children underwent tonsillectomies during 1949 and 29 were treated at eye clinics held in cooperation with the State Blind commission, the welfare department and the Morehead City Lions club.

Immunizations for diphtheria, whooping cough, typhoid fever, and similar diseases increased 69 per cent in 1949. The number of inoculations during 1948 was 5,736, in 1949, 9,723.

Two thousand four hundred nine examinations of school children were made last year as compared with 994 in the year prior, an increase of 230 per cent.

By Dr. Eugene W. Roelofs  
University of North Carolina  
Institute of Fisheries Research

Inhabitants of coastal counties of North Carolina may shortly find along the beaches glass bottles washing up on the shore which contain a post card addressed to the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, at Woods Hole, Mass. Fishermen may find them snared in their nets. These are not bottles thrown overboard by ocean-going vessels as a part of the debris but are known as "drift bottles" and have been released by the Fish and Wildlife Service vessel Albatross III as she traveled from Woods Hole, Mass., to a point off the South Carolina coast in her second cruise in North Carolina waters.

The Albatross operated here for one month last spring. Because of the information developed at that time, she is on a second and longer cruise.

Trawling Problem  
The present cruise, which began Jan. 4, is an outgrowth of the earlier survey. While off the North Carolina coast from Jan. 10 to the last of February, most of the time will be spent trawling in areas now relatively unknown to our trawling fleet. Areas between the 50 and 150-fathom lines will be studied for trawlability and presence of marketable quantities of fish. A conference with a number of trawler owners and captains, to be held Monday morning, will determine those areas

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## Robert G. Lowe Reports on Miami 'Trade Center'

Robert G. Lowe, manager of the Morehead City chamber of commerce, yesterday commented favorably on the suggestion that a permanent "trade center" be established in Miami, Fla.

This "trade center" would show incoming businessmen from Central and South America the advantages to be gained by doing business with states represented there.

Meeting at Raleigh  
Mr. Lowe attended a meeting at Raleigh Tuesday where the plan was discussed with state ports officials, Dr. W. H. Walker, president of the Miami chamber of commerce, and Governor Scott.

Mr. Lowe stated that Dr. Walker pointed out the importance Miami is assuming as an international air terminal and suggested that North Carolina place an exhibit at the proposed "trade center" or "exposition" to show its industrial wares.

Committee Proposed  
Governor Scott has requested George Ross, head of the board of conservation and development, and Col. George W. Gillette, State ports director, to set up a five-man committee to work with the Miami exposition authorities and determine to what extent North Carolina should participate. Eventually, Scott said, North Carolina might assign a man to remain with the State's exhibit at the proposed center.

Dr. Walker said he was in North Carolina to discuss general plans for the exposition, which is expected to open in 1952. He said the purpose of the center is to "establish confidence between the United States and South America as a basis for trade."

Attending the conference in addition to Mr. Lowe, Governor Scott, Mr. Ross, and Colonel Gillette were: W. G. Broadfoot, chairman of the Wilmington Ports commission; J. K. Hiers, director of the Wilmington Ports commission; R. M. Williams, member of the Wilmington Ports commission and J. C. Grey, traffic director for the State Ports Authority.

## Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Friday, Jan. 13	LOW
8:24 a.m.		10:00 a.m.
3:44 p.m.		9:56 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 14		
4:31 a.m.		11:07 a.m.
4:49 p.m.		10:59 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 15		
5:34 a.m.		Noon
5:52 p.m.		12 Midnight
Monday, Jan. 16		
6:32 a.m.		12:07 a.m.
6:49 p.m.		1:03 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 17		
7:25 a.m.		12:56 a.m.
7:42 p.m.		1:53 p.m.

True Bill Found  
The Craven county grand jury returned a true bill Tuesday, charging Leslie Feagle, Morehead City, with robbery.