

Merchants Prepare for '51 Christmas Shopping Season

Beaufort and Morehead City business houses make final plans this week for celebration of the 1951 Christmas season. Santa Claus will arrive in Beaufort during a gala Christmas parade Saturday, Dec. 8, and tomorrow in Morehead City the first of the big cash prizes, to be given away each Saturday until Christmas, will be presented to Christmas shoppers.

The Christmas parade in Beaufort will begin at 1:30 next Saturday. Santa Claus is scheduled to arrive via the yacht "Mistletoe" at the post office dock several minutes before the parade begins. In his pack will be favors for all the boys and girls.

At a Beaufort chamber of commerce merchants committee meeting Wednesday night at Felton's store plans were made to give away cash prizes Monday through Saturday beginning the morning of Santa's arrival. Size of the prizes will range from \$50 to \$150. The time of the give-away will be 10:30 a.m. and the place, somewhere on Front street, will be announced later.

Christmas shoppers will be given tickets and certain of those tickets will entitle the holder to the cash prizes.

Because stores will be open Wednesday afternoons until Christmas parking meters will be checked. Chief Carlton Garner announced, and tickets will be given persons who overpark.

Santa Claus has informed the merchants committee that he will be in town all week immediately before Christmas.

Attending Wednesday night's committee meeting were Mrs. Bonnie Davant, Gerald Hill, Clarence Guthrie, Jack Barnes, Dan Walker, Jarvis Herring, Bill Willis and Jimmy Wallace.

Jaycee Chairman Explains Rules On Decorating

The Morehead City Jaycees Christmas decorating contest will bring an award of \$25 to the best decorated home exterior and \$10 to the best decorated store. Lester Styron, chairman, announced at Monday night's Jaycee meeting held at Captain Bill's restaurant.

The \$15 awarded the business will be donated in the name of that firm to some deserving family. Styron said. The club, he continued, will give a second prize of \$15 and a third prize of \$10 for home decorations.

Winners, declared the chairman of the decorating committee, will be selected by a secret panel of judges on a percentage basis of general artistic effect, 50 per cent; originality, 20 per cent; ingenuity in utilizing surroundings, 10 per cent; conformity to the Christmas spirit, 10 per cent; and size, 10 per cent.

The winners, added Styron, will be announced Dec. 20.

The club gave Bernard Leary and his committee a round of applause for their handling of the football games this season.

Leary, football chairman, stated that he will submit a complete football report at the next meeting. He thanked all members for performing the various duties the club undertook at the games.

Paul Cordova, chairman of the December scrap paper drive, read names of teams and team captains for the drive to be held Sunday afternoon, Dec. 2.

Oscar Ely announced that tickets are now on sale for the national "On to Dallas" fund. The holder of the lucky ticket will receive a 1952 Cadillac. Ten per cent of the sales proceeds will be retained by the local club.

Bill Chalk spoke briefly on Jaycees international. He read a letter from a French Jaycee.

The club heard that one of its members, Elwood Lewis, has become ill with tuberculosis.

Jaycees Will Collect Toys Saturday, Sunday

Morehead City Jaycees have scheduled two major toy collecting projects for the weekend. They are a children's show at the City theatre at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning where admission will be by a new or used toy and a collection at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon in conjunction with the monthly scrap paper drive.

The movie, sponsored in cooperation with O. J. Morrow, theatre manager, will consist of several cartoons, comedies and a western. The toys collected will be distributed at the annual Jaycee Christmas party, Frank Saffir, chairman.

Paul Cordova is in charge of the scrap paper drive Sunday. Papers, magazines, and cardboard will be picked up and persons having toys that can be repaired should place those at the curb also.

1952 License Tags Will Go on Sale At 9 Tomorrow

Morehead City Boy Scouts Will Collect Old Tags, Sell Them for Scrap

1952 motor vehicle license plates will go on sale tomorrow in Carteret county at the First Citizens loan department, Arendell street, Morehead City.

Only one plate per vehicle will be sold this year and that is to be displayed on the rear of the car, truck, trailer, or motorcycle. The cost of the plate is the same as last year. Colors are the reverse of 1951 plates, with white numerals on a red background. According to reports from Central Prison, where the plates are made by inmates, the colors will not fade this year.

The loan department, located next to the bank, is open from 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Motorists may get their plates next month or in January. The 1951 plates expire Jan. 31.

REA Members Will Choose Board Tomorrow

Co-op Manager Expects Record Attendance at Annual Meeting

REA co-op members attending their annual meeting tomorrow will select nine directors to carry on the business affairs of the electric distribution company.

The nominating committee today announced that the following members will be nominated: L. W. Pelletier, Stella; Gordon K. Laughton, route 1, Morehead City; G. W. Ball, route 2, Newport; John S. Jones, Swansboro; Gilbert Whitehurst, Straits; Earl C. Day, Lola; Clarence Millis, Newport; Roger Brockway, Havelock; and Roger W. Jones, route 1, Newport.

In accordance with the by-laws of the corporation, additional nominations for directors can be made from the floor. Each member of the corporation has one vote.

W. C. Carlton, manager of REA, stated today that judging by post-card returns a record number of member-consumers is expected to attend the annual get-together which will be held at the Morehead City high school.

An electrical appliance exhibit will be held at the school gymnasium beginning at 10 o'clock, followed by a barbecue dinner at noon.

The business session starting at 1:30 in the school auditorium will feature the Morehead City School band, and an address by Harry B. Caldwell, of Greensboro, master of the State Grange. The election of directors and the drawing for electrical appliance prizes will take place at the business meeting.

Among the feature prizes this year is a Deepfreeze, a Frigidaire range, an ABC washing machine and many other home appliances. These appliances are gifts from dealers in this area who serve co-op members and from other companies offering awards as good will gestures, Carlton said.

Guild to Sponsor Choral Concert

To swell the organ fund the Wesleyan Guild of Ann Street Methodist church will present the Beaufort Choral club in concert at 7:30 Sunday night in Ann Street Methodist church. This will be the first appearance of the Choral club this season.

Among the numbers on the program will be Finlandia (Sibelius), Were You There? Go Down Moses, and Standing in the Need of Prayer (spirituals), Land of Hope and Glory (Elgar) The Star Spangled Banner (Key) and Recessional (de Koven) with solo by Mrs. Jarvis Herring.

The Choral club is directed by Mrs. Charles Hassell with James Wheatley business manager.

This is the second year for the club which was organized in the fall of 1950. It has appeared in both Beaufort and Morehead City and to climax its first season gave excerpts from three operettas last spring in the Beaufort school auditorium.

Alarm Answered
A hot water heater caught fire at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at 2405 Arendell st., Morehead City. Firemen answered the call but by the time they arrived the fire was out. Damage was reported slight.

Symphony Group Sets 1,000 Goal

The Rev. Leon Couch Assumes Duties at Methodist Church

Returns to Duke

In the late 1930s Couch returned to Duke university for graduate work in political science; he wrote his Master's thesis on Edward Brown, one-time vice-presidential candidate on the liberal-Republican ticket of Horace Greeley, and received his MA in 1939.

The Methodist minister has done further graduate work at the University of North Carolina, Yale, Harvard, and Columbia.

Most of his graduate studies, Couch stated, went on in the summer when he was free from teaching or administering school affairs. For 16 years he was superintendent of schools at Roxboro.

Leaves Teaching Field

While working towards a PhD in education, Couch said the desire to go into the ministry overpowered his desire to teach and so about 10 years ago he left the teaching field and entered the ministry.

First Methodist church in Morehead City is his second pastorate. His first charge was a church in Durham where he worked for nine years.

Couch married Miss Ruth Worthington of Winterville in 1932. Leon, 10, is their oldest child. Next comes Lois, who is 7, and then Paul, 4.

Morehead City's new minister is very enthusiastic about the recently formed World Council of Churches. "It is the greatest single event of the 20th century," he stated. "During its formation in Amsterdam in 1948, our church bells in Durham rang every hour."

Farmers to Elect Soil Supervisor

Carl W. Garner and L. W. Howard have announced that an election of a third supervisor for the Lower Neuse Soil Conservation district will be held during the week of Dec. 3 through Dec. 8.

Floyd M. Garner and W. J. Hardesty, incumbent, have been nominated by regular petition.

One supervisor is elected each year for a term of three years. The supervisors promote and direct work in soil and water conservation throughout Carteret county, serving without pay.

The one receiving the highest number of votes will serve as supervisor for the county which is part of the Lower Neuse Soil Conservation district made up of Carteret, Craven, Jones, Onslow and Pamlico counties. Ballot boxes will be located at Gaskill's Feed and Seed store, Beaufort, L. N. Conner's store, Harlowe, Lee Murdoch's store, Wildwood, Roy Gardner's store, Newport, and Jim Young's store, Stella.

Garner and Howard are urging all farmers and their wives to cast their ballot sometime during next week.

Chamber of Commerce Officials Meet Last Night

The board of directors, advisory council, and committee chairmen of the Morehead City chamber of commerce met last night at the civic center to hear reports on developments within the past month.

A chamber membership meeting for early in 1952 was discussed. Commented J. A. DuBois, manager, "We need the active support of every member to maintain the reputation of our community as the most hospitable and progressive on the Atlantic coast."

\$200 Will Go from Carteret County to Aid Korean Civilians

Through the Beaufort Junior Woman's club, the Beaufort Book club, the Morehead City Woman's club and other civic organizations \$200 has been collected in the CARE for Korea campaign.

In Beaufort \$95 was contributed by the Junior Woman's club and \$5 by the Beaufort Book club, both affiliated with the General Federation of Women's clubs. In Morehead City, a campaign spearheaded by the Woman's club, raised \$100 through individual contributions and gifts from other civic organizations.

Mrs. E. A. Council, president of the Morehead City Woman's club, in making her final report yesterday, declared:

"Over four million Korean women are organized into clubs affiliated with our General Federation of Women's clubs. A close bond has been developed between the women of Korea and the women of the United States, and in their hour of need the women of the United States are taking the initiative in helping their unfortunate friends overseas."

"The Korean civilians are suffering. See \$200, Page 3"



The Rev. Leon Couch

Farmers Will Nominate PMA Committeemen

Monday, Tuesday Night Meetings Will be Followed by Election Dec. 13

Meetings to nominate Production Marketing administration community committeemen and also delegates who will choose a county committee will be conducted next week, B. J. May, PMA secretary announced today.

The nominating meetings have been scheduled as follows: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at C. S. Long's classroom, Newport school, and the county PMA office, post office building, Beaufort; 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the community building, Pelletier, Clevé Gillikin's store, Bettie, and Lee Murdoch's store, Wildwood.

May emphasized the importance of large attendance at the nominating meetings for there the decisions are made as to who shall serve for the coming year, he declared.

"If farmers expect these PMA programs to continue," he warned, "they will have to take more active part in the nomination and election of officers."

Six men will be nominated for the five committee posts in each community (three regular members and two alternates) and three men will be nominated as delegates to the county convention (two will be elected, a regular delegate and an alternate).

The election will take place Thursday, Dec. 13. Polls will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and will be located at the following places:

Pelletier's store, Stella; community building, Pelletier; Joe Taylor's store, Bogue; Quinn's store, Nine-foot road and Roy Gardner's feed store, Newport.

Lee Murdoch's store, Wildwood; C. G. Gaskill Feed co., Beaufort; Clevé Gillikin's store, Bettie; post office, Merrimon, Lionel Conner's store, Harlowe.

The county convention, at which the county PMA committee will be elected, will be held Friday night, Dec. 14, at the PMA office, Beaufort.

Chamber Releases Tourist Folder

The chamber of commerce of Morehead City has released a blue and white folder depicting attractive features of the locality. Edited by the chamber's advertising committee, the pamphlet folds, has six pages, and fits into a business-size envelope. Five thousand copies were printed.

Over 1,500 folders will be sent immediately to travel bureaus and other chambers of commerce who have requested them, said J. A. DuBois, manager of the organization.

The rest will be sent to cities in the state and along the east coast, he continued, and will probably be completely distributed within a month. A limited number, DuBois added, may be obtained by local merchants on request.



North Carolina's children annually hear free concerts by the state symphony orchestra. Here several youngsters are getting first hand information about a xylophone.

Morehead City Court Officers To Take Oath at 10 Tomorrow

The officers of Morehead City's recorder's court will be sworn in at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning in the board room of the municipal building. Administering the oath will be A. H. James, clerk of superior court.

The first court session will take place at 10 o'clock Monday morning in the court room on the second floor of the municipal building. Court officers expect at least several cases at this initial session. There will be no mayor's court or municipal police court as in the past. That court was conducted by the mayor, George W. Dill, and took place each Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Judge of recorder's court will be George McNeill, who is town attorney, the solicitor will be Herbert Phillips, clerk of court will be John Lashley who is town clerk, and assistant court clerk will be Mrs. Blanda McLohon, city treasurer.

E. J. Willis, chief of police, who is officer of the court, has already been sworn in.

Establishment of municipal recorder's court was made possible by passage of a bill in the recent legislature. Under that bill municipal courts may be established in Morehead City, Beaufort, and Newport.

Court costs, the same as in the county recorder's court, will go to the town, but fines and forfeited bonds will go into the county education fund.

20 Boys Present Brilliant Performance Monday Night

Holders of Community concert tickets got their money's worth Monday night when they heard the Apollo Boys' Choir in Beaufort school auditorium.

Coleman Cooper, director and founder, led the 20 bright-faced singers in 16 numbers and eight encores. It was the first community concert of the 1951-52 season.

The boys range in age from 9 to 14 years and come from many states to attend the Apollo Choir school in Palm Beach, Fla. North Carolinians are Francis Bondurant, Greensboro, and Lyn Miles, Asheville.

Highlight of the concert was the artistic rendition 12-year-old Emory Moore from Rome, Ga., gave Handel's O Had I Jubal's Lyre. His flute-like voice soared over the Handel cadenzas like Lily Pons.

Other soloists were Karl Hermann, John Stovall, and Ray Hemrick. Hermann came to the United States after the last war from that part of Germany now occupied by Poland. He sang Sing, Smile, Slumber by Gounod and the choir's final encore, Little Man You've Had a Busy Day.

Stovall and Hemrick presented the only duet, Handel's Come Unto Him. Other numbers sung by the choir.

Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar

Friday, Nov. 30	
HIGH	LOW
8:52 a.m.	2:20 a.m.
9:12 p.m.	3:20 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 1	
9:43 a.m.	3:15 a.m.
10:06 p.m.	4:12 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 2	
10:38 a.m.	4:08 a.m.
11:04 p.m.	5:06 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 3	
11:34 a.m.	5:08 a.m.
	6:03 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 4	
12:05 a.m.	6:13 a.m.
12:34 p.m.	7:00 p.m.

Morehead Band To Conduct 'Tag Day' Tomorrow

The Morehead City band will conduct its annual Tag Day Saturday beginning at 9 o'clock in the morning and at 11 o'clock will stage a "thank you" parade in appreciation for support which has enabled them to buy uniforms.

Money collected Saturday in the "tag day" project will be used to pay the balance due on the uniforms. Every person who contributes to the band will receive a tag designating that he has given and wearing of the tag will indicate that the person is not to be solicited further.

Bruce Goodwin, president of the Morehead City Band association, stated yesterday that the band greatly appreciates the contributions which have made the purchase of uniforms possible. "The band was proud to represent Morehead City in the Raleigh Christmas parade. They consider it an honor to represent the school and the community and will work hard to justify this honor," Goodwin declared.

The annual band association meeting will take place at 8 o'clock Wednesday night in the high school auditorium.

Charles A. Pratt Joins Ad Staff

Charles A. Pratt joined THE NEWS-TIMES staff today in the dual capacities of advertising salesman and promotion manager. Lockwood Phillips, publisher, announced.

"Volume of advertising placed in THE NEWS-TIMES has increased in direct proportion with the increase in NEWS-TIMES circulation and has reached the point where William H. (Bill) Willis is unable, singlehandedly, to service all advertising clients," Phillips stated.

"Pratt and Willis, dividing the advertising load between them will be able to give more concentrated advertising services to all NEWS-TIMES advertisers. Pratt will also serve as promotion manager," the publisher said.

Pratt was graduated from the University of North Carolina's School of Journalism, Chapel Hill. He comes to THE NEWS-TIMES from the Daily Herald, Roanoke Rapids, where he served during the past two years as advertising manager. Prior to that he served on various other North Carolina newspapers and at one time was telegraph editor of the Durham Herald.

He was born at Burlington. Mrs. Pratt who was born near Greensboro is a graduate of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina.

The Pratts have four children. Charles A., jr., 11; Penny, 9; Frank, 7; Carol, 6. They are living in Hancock Park, Beaufort.

Christmas Leave Assured
Coast Guard enlistees who are in boot camp by Dec. 15 will get Christmas leave. Darrell Lupton, BM/2, Coast Guard recruiting officer, announced today.

Today is Last Day for X-Rays

Today is the last day the mobile X-ray trailer will be in Carteret county. It is located in front of the Joe House drug store, Front street, Beaufort, and will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

X-rayed in Morehead City Tuesday were 61 patients and on Wednesday 42 patients.

Persons who should have chest X-rays taken but as yet have failed to do so should visit the trailer in Beaufort without fail today, declared Dr. N. T. Ennett, health officer.

Those who should have the X-rays are the following: "mass X-ray" patients who need follow-up X-rays, patients referred by physicians, persons exposed, at some time, to tuberculosis in the home, persons who have had TB, persons who have early symptoms of tuberculosis.

As stated in X-ray-trailer publicity, the trailer service is for persons under "suspicion" and not for groups of apparently well people. The trailer was obtained by the health officer with the understanding with the State Health Department that in no sense would there be a mass X-ray.

Dr. Ennett said it is not known when it will be possible for the X-ray unit to return and therefore stressed the necessity of taking advantage of the unit while it is here.

It was in Morehead City Tuesday and Wednesday and came to Beaufort yesterday.

Dr. Ennett expressed appreciation to the following persons for their cooperation in the program: Doctor W. A. Smith, director, Tuberculosis Division, State Board of Health, who furnished the trailer; Tide Water Power co., who made the necessary connections and furnished the current; the police departments of Morehead City and Beaufort who made street space available for the trailer; the Morehead City hospital who developed the films; The S&W Drug store of Morehead City and the Joe House Drug store in Beaufort who furnished space for patient registration; the technicians on the trailer; Brantley Tutor and Carl Rowell.

All films go to the state sanitarium at McCain for interpretation. The health department expects a report from the sanitarium in two to three weeks, and in turn the health department will notify the patients by letter.

Inquest Delayed

The inquest on the death of Elmo Lawrence will be delayed indefinitely, Sheriff C. G. Holland stated this week, because Allen Gillikin, jr., who was in the car in which Lawrence was killed, has requested through counsel that he be present at the hearing. Gillikin is still in the hospital.