

Carteret Observes Library Week

Students at Beaufort and Morehead City high schools have made numerous posters publicizing Library Week, which started Sunday.

In Beaufort School, children from the second grade through high school made posters that helped to carry out the Library Week theme, Wake Up and Read.

Mrs. Grace Fodrie, librarian, supervised the placing of posters in business places and offices throughout town yesterday. Members of Lambda Chi, the library club, assisted her.

Mary Lou Temple and Brenda Smith, library club members, made the bulletin board poster in the main entrance hall of the school. It, too follows the Library Week theme.

Miss Hortense Boomer, librarian at Morehead City School, supervised making of posters there for display throughout town.

All libraries are carrying special displays on Library Week and invite everyone to become better acquainted with their libraries this week.

County librarians are Miss Hortense Boomer, Mrs. E. A. Council, both of Morehead City; Mrs. Fodrie, Mrs. Paul Woodard, both of Beaufort; Mrs. Ada Allen, Newport; Mrs. Monroe Willis and Mrs. Lily Chadwick, bookmobile librarians.

F. C. Salisbury assists Mrs. Council at the Webb library. Miss Dorothy Avery, Beaufort, acts as director of the county library at Broad and Pollock Streets, Beaufort.



Photos by Bob Seymour

Janie Costlow, barely three years old, is one of the favorite patrons of the county library, Beaufort. She can read many of the books on the children's rack already. Here she reads a story to her

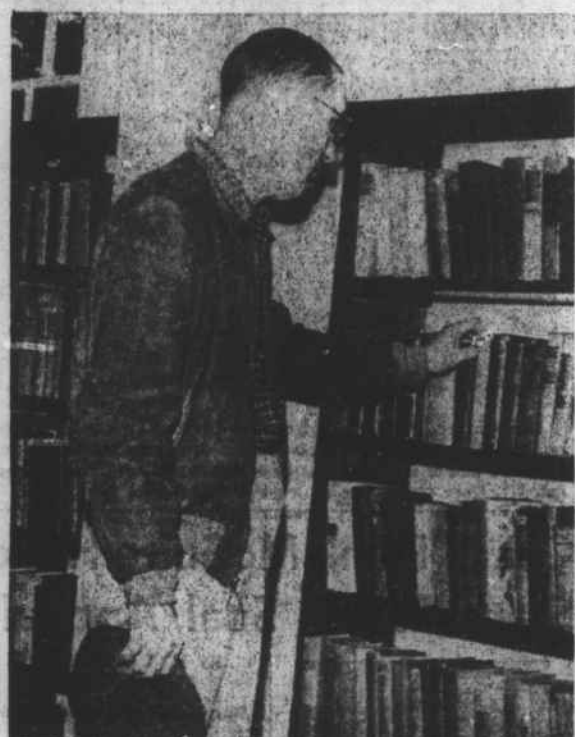
grandmother, Mrs. John Costlow Sr. of Baltimore, right. Others in the picture, left to right, are librarian Mrs. Paul Woodard, Mrs. L. J. Klein and Mrs. H. W. Peterson.



Miss Hortense Boomer, Morehead City High School librarian, second from left, discusses some science books with John Glancy, Beth Mayo, Al Cooner, Linwood Swinson and Craig Willis, left to right. The science books are furnished by the county library.



Mrs. Ada Allen, right, Newport librarian, hands Mrs. Frances Skinner one of the many good fiction books kept at the Newport PTA Center.



A. J. Barbour, above, selects a book from the shelves of the Webb Memorial Library, Morehead City. Mr. Barbour is a regular visitor to the library.

Reading or Lack of It, Shows in Communities

This week is National Library Week. The theme of the week is "Wake Up and Read".

In conjunction with observance of the week in this county, Mrs. J. O. Barbour Jr., Beaufort, chairman of the County National Library Week Committee, comments as follows:

"I want you all to look at the people around you. Do they look like fairly typical Americans? Well, if they are, and if you are 60 per cent of you—three out of five of you—have not read a single book in the past year except the Bible.

And only 17 per cent—only one of every six people in this county—are reading a book at the present time. Just one out of every ten of you has visited a library during the year.

"Does this sound incredible? These are actual findings of re-

cent Gallup polls and library surveys. Every other major English-speaking country has a better reading record. A British poll found three times as many people reading.

"True, more books are being published today than ever before. Magazine and newspaper circulations are higher. But in this age of a thousand distractions—when we are bombarded with entertainment all day long—we wonder if reading is keeping pace with other leisure time activities.

Does it matter? "Of course many people may say, 'How important is it anyway? We can get our culture in capsules these days... flash bulletins, illustrated diagrams, movies that cover the history of Western man in 120 minutes. How much do we really need reading?' To find out, we must ask who

is affected by reading in every community.

It matters to parents—mothers and fathers who see their children bored with easy entertainment, but unable to use imagination to supply their own. These children have become the wildest generation in history, in their restless search for excitement, but have not tried unlocking the excitement in books.

"It matters to businessmen—who need employees who are able to read and absorb material intelligently... Job holders with the powers of concentration that reading can develop.

"It matters to the community leaders among you. For the causes you care about, you need public backing—support that can only come from people who read enough background to understand the issues.

"It matters to teachers, terribly. In the coming universal education, they cannot cope with huge num-

bers of students who have no common reading experience to build on... students who may never have read one book all the way through, outside of classwork.

"It matters to doctors, to social workers, to ministers—all those who deal with human suffering. Every day they see people with desperate problems and lacking the inner resources to face them. They have not learned to draw strength and courage from others who have lived through crises and written about it.

Everyone Affected "So you see, all of us have a stake in the growth of reading today. And a committee of leaders from every field—education, business, labor, writing, publishing—can help us to do something about it.

"This group, the National Book Committee, is joining the American Library Association in a vast, nation-wide reading campaign—to increase the number of readers in America—to expand use and support of libraries.

"The drive is using every possible mass resource to bring home to the millions the value of the printed word—the importance of libraries. It will reach a climax with the first National Library Week, March 16-22."

Mrs. Garner Announces Meetings for This Week

Mrs. Floy Garner, county Home Demonstration agent, has announced the following meetings for this week:

At 2 p.m. today the County Home Demonstration Council will meet in the home agent's office, courthouse annex. Mrs. Dewey Jenkins, chairman of the 20th district, will be present and Mrs. Garner urges all council members to attend.

The Camp Glenn Club will meet at 2 p.m. tomorrow at the home of Mrs. Frances York. Mrs. Joe Williams will be hostess to the Crab Point Club at 2:30 Friday and the Gloucester Club meets with Mrs. Henry Chadwick at 2:30 Friday.

Morehead City firemen went to a grass fire at Macon Court at 3:10 p.m. yesterday. There was no damage and firemen had the flames out in 30 minutes.

Four Scouts Plan To Attend Summer Camp at Philmont

Four county Boy Scouts have made reservations to go on an Explorer Scout expedition at Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, N. M. They are John Crowe and Mike Lewis of troop 334, sponsored by the Parkview Baptist Church, Morehead City, and Truman Kemp and George Wallace, troop 130, sponsored by the First Methodist Church, Morehead City.

The Scouts will spend 26 days, June 21-July 16, traveling almost 5,000 miles. They will spend a day at the Grand Canyon, visit an Indian reservation and attend a wild west rodeo in addition to spending 12 days at Philmont.

District Scout executive Rudolph Alexander says that the East Caro-

lina Council has reserved 76 places at Philmont. A place will be reserved for the first 76 Scouts who send the \$25 registration fee to East Carolina Council, Box 405, Wilson, N. C. Total cost of the trip is \$175.

Each Scout who registers will be mailed a list of the personal equipment he will need on the trip.

Home Agent to Conduct Aluminum Etching Class

Mrs. Floy Garner, county home agent, will conduct an aluminum etching workshop this week. The workshop will be held at 7:30 on Thursday and Friday nights at Mrs. Garner's office in the courthouse annex, Beaufort.

Anyone who is interested in aluminum etching is invited. There will be no charge except for the materials used.

Girl Explains Reasons For Brother's 'Illness'

Terre Haute, Ind. (AP)—Helen Colvin, secretary of the Terre Haute Boys' Club, reports this conversation with an 8-year-old girl and her 5-year-old brother:

"He's a nice little boy," Miss Colvin told the girl.

"Yes, but he's sick," replied the little lass.

"I am not sick," the boy said.

"He is too sick," his sister shot back, "because every time I hit him his nose bleeds."

Jones in Jail

Horace "Honey Bee" Jones of Harkers Island was back in jail a short while after he was set free Saturday. Beaufort Police Chief Guy Springle picked him up for soliciting money on the streets. He had been in jail before for public drunkenness.

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