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Because of a circus that played in a yard on Lucerne Way the other day, the Craven County Unit of the American Cancer Society has four additional dollars for research and treatment.

This amount was the total take for a gala attraction staged by four young ladies — none of them over 12. The contribution like the circus itself was strictly their own idea.

Producers of the extravaganza were Mathilde Duffy, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Duffy; Susan Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones; Ann King, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Francis P. King; and Mindy Bell, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William Bell.

Kids in the neighborhood loved it, despite the fact that elephants, tigers and lions were not included on the varied program. Assisting the aforementioned troupers, as they presented their version of the greatest show on earth were Judy Bunting, Sarah Jones, and Marion Mirph.

Backyard shows are nothing new, but more appealing even than was the circus is the manner in which these girls demonstrated bigness of heart for a worthy cause. People in show business are famous for their charitable nature, and the four young ladies lived up to this tradition.

We rather think that Garason A. Farrow, who was every inch a showman, would have liked this story. His passing has removed from the local scene a man of decided dramatic talent. In his day, he appeared in countless home talent plays. Only in name was he an amateur actor, since he had all the qualities of a true professional.

It is doubtful that any other New Bernian of any generation ever had a memory as good as his. He learned lines with the speed of lightning, and retained them indefinitely. Small wonder that he became literally a ritualistic wonder in the Elk and Masonic lodges.

He'll probably be remembered most for his direction of degree work in the New Bern Scottish Rite Consistory, and his own active participation in a majority of those degrees.

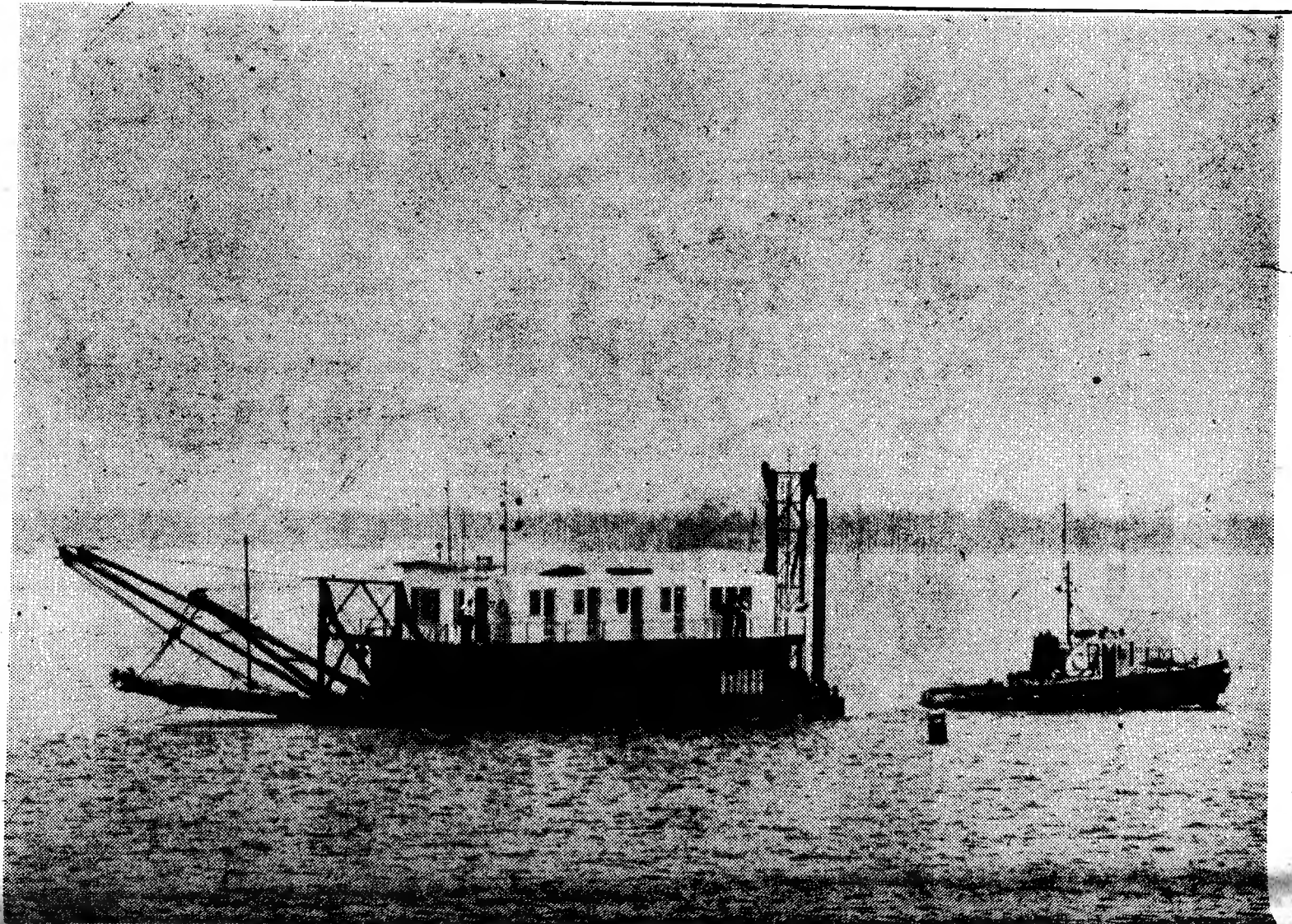
For our part, we'll remember with a tug of the heart the pleasure he used to get each Christmas as he assumed the role of Santa Claus on Station WHIT. We can see him now, smiling or at times looking a little sad, while he read letters mailed to the North Pole.

Frederick Melvin Fisher, better known as "Jive" to those who trade at Service Barber Shop, is an artist when it comes to shining shoes. He is also a sports fan who carries a wealth of facts and figures in his head.

This week his face beamed brighter than the shines he gave, and his happiness was well founded. At St. Joseph's Catholic School, his seven year old son, Stephen, had ended the year with the best scholastic average in the first grade, eight year old Frances did likewise in the third grade, nine year old Frederick in the fourth, and eleven year old Marilyn in the sixth.

Not content with having the best marks in her class this year, Marilyn had the highest average that any Elementary pupil has ever racked up in the long history of the St. Joseph's school. Fisher has two other youngsters of pre-school age, and they promise to be just as smart as their older brothers and sisters.

We were impressed Monday night, while serving as master of  
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**SOMETHING NEW**—Said to be the first all-steel dredge from keel to pilot house ever built in North Carolina, this craft was constructed by Barbour Boat Works for Hodges

Dredging Corporation. Here it is seen being towed down Neuse river to go into action for what should be a lengthy life, deeping coastal waters.—Photo by Billy Benners.

## Outstanding New York Youth Has a Bridgeton Background

In New York City, with its teeming millions, a High school graduate must have a terrific record to attract even limited attention. If a youngster goes well beyond that point, and barges into the limelight, it's a foregone conclusion that he has plenty on the ball.

Peter Herman is such a lad. We hasten to sing his praises this week because, to some extent, Craven county can claim him as its own. It's true that the talented teenager wasn't born in our midst, but his mother is the former Sarah Windley of Bridgeton.

His maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Windley, have been leading citizens in our neighboring town across the Neuse for several decades, and still reside there. You can imagine how proud they must be of their grandson.

At George Washington High school in New York, Peter has been an honor student during his entire four years, and this year has served as president of the school's National Honor Society.

Even as a freshman, he was selected to represent the school at the Manhattan Council of High Schools, and has represented it in the same capacity each year since.

His classmates voted him Mr. George Washington for this, his senior year. It's a distinction that thousands covet, but only a single student attains. To be selected for the distinction in a student body as large as George Washington High boasts of is an honor indeed.

Peter's classroom brilliance has earned him a New York State Regent Scholarship, and he has been awarded a four year scholar-

ship at Columbia University. That he will excel on the college level is a certainty, or certainly as certain as anything can be.

In view of his outstanding scholastic record, it might be presumed that he spends most of his time

perusing textbooks. To the contrary, Peter has been quite active in the Boy Scouts since he joined up as a Cub.

He was chosen the outstanding Explorer in New York in 1959, and served for two years as presi-

dent of the greater New York Explorer Cabinet. He is a Life Scout and belongs to the Order of the Arrow. He is editor of his own Post's newspaper, and the bugler for most Scout functions.

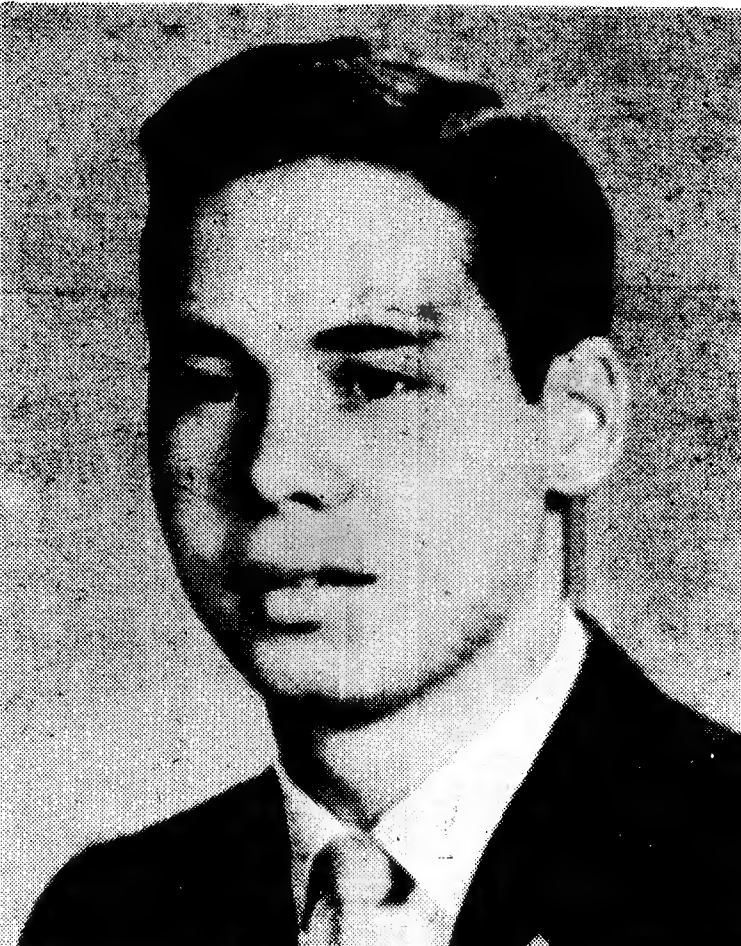
During the summer months, the youngster works at Ten Mile River Scout Camp, where he teaches swimming and canoeing. In addition, he has worked every afternoon, when school lets out, during the last two years in High school.

Peter is very active in the Collegiate Church, and the recognized leader of the young people there. Incidentally, the pastor of the church, Dr. Daniel Poliny, is a brother of one of the five chaplains who went down together on an American warship that was sunk in World War Two. It was one of the most publicized events of the war.

Peter's father, Alexander Herman, is Assistant District Attorney in New York City, and his duties have identified him with some of Gotham's most celebrated criminal cases.

His mother is well remembered by sports fans in eastern North Carolina. She and her sister, Charlotte, teamed as stars on a Bridgeton High school sextet that made basketball history in these parts.

Peter's own High school days have been liberally sprinkled with exciting experiences. On our desk for example is a newspaper photo that shows him being congratulated as an Explorer Scout by Commander James F. Calvert of the U. S. S. Skate, the nuclear-powered submarine that set a submersion record of 31 days and 5½ hours.  
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PETER HERMAN