

### BIRD COUNT HERE MAY WIN TITLE

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Chat," the bulletin of the North Carolina Bird Club, Wilmington placed third in the entire state. Matamuskiet National Wildlife Refuge lead the state with 64 species and Raleigh was scored with 63 in 1945.  
Hence the noted increase in the latest bird census here may bring the state title to the local bird club and New Hanover county.  
A number of out-of-town expert observers participated in the recent census, Mrs. Appleberry revealed.

They were Bill Craft and John Carr, of Greensboro, Sandy McCulloch and George Williams of Raleigh; John Trotter, Jr., of New London, N. C.; Bob Holmes III, of Mt. Olive; and Mrs. Sibbel Turnbull, a 78-year-old bird enthusiast of Rockport, Mass.  
There experts were aided in the 1945 census by Mr. and Mrs. Appleberry, Mrs. W. C. Mebane, Miss Ruth Loman, Miss Anne Payne, the Rev. K. R. Wheeler, Jim Smith, Steve Smith, Claude McAllister, Miss Helen Lovinger, and Dr. Thomas Hall.  
Throughout the day the group stalked the birds in field and wood and marsh, making their tabulation. In the evening, they met for supper on the Sound where they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sprunt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Worth, and Mrs. Nell Durham. There the reports of the day were consolidated and prepared for forwarding to state and national headquarters.

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### Along The Cape Fear

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**NO AIR-CONDITIONING**—Back in the Nineteenth Century each railroad coach had a wood-burning stove. Passengers close to it roasted, while those further away froze. And windows were always kept closed securely, as fresh air was considered unhealthy.  
Coach larks burned whale oil. Schedules were erratic. Passengers and crewmen alike were called on to help "wood up" the tender at stations. Engine oil was called "tallow."  
We know Miss Emily Post would throw her arms above her head and scream in trolly horror if she had been forced to ride aboard one of the earliest "Iron Horses."  
Just listen to what Mr. Hull has to say about a major hazzard faced by those hearty pioneers:  
One of the most objectionable features of rail travel in the very early days was the tobacco-chewing habit of many male passengers. Chewing, smoking, and loud talking were abhorred by the ladies. Aristocrats preferred to travel by stagecoach.  
And we must add that we can easily understand why stagecoaches, despite the threat of unfriendly Indians, were popular in those days.

### Obituaries

#### CLIFF BROWN

LUMBERTON, Dec. 31. — Cliff Brown, 56, died in the Veterans hospital at Roanoke, Va., Sunday, Dec. 29th at 12:30 a. m.  
Funeral services will be held in Lumberton from the Stevenson Lumber home Thursday, Jan. 2 at 2:00 o'clock.  
He is survived by two stepdaughters; Mrs. G. L. Gilmore of Kure's Beach, Mrs. Tom Nichols of Durham, and one daughter-in-law, Mrs. W. M. Lackey of Leland.

#### CAPT. JOHN E. O'NEILL

CHADBOURN, Dec. 31. — Captain John E. O'Neill, age 79, died at his home in Chadbourne, on Dec. 31, after a long illness.  
He was a member of the Catholic church. He was born in Northfield, Vermont and came to North Carolina in 1901.  
He was with the Central Vermont railroad before coming to the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad company. He was with the two companies for 45 years and an engineer at the time of his retirement.  
Funeral services will be announced by the Peacock funeral home when completed.  
He is survived by his wife, one son, Jack O'Neill of Chadbourne.

#### MRS. EMMA THOMPSON

LUMBERTON, Dec. 31. — Mrs. Emma Duncan Thompson, 78, wife of the late S. H. Thompson of Bladenboro, died at the home of her son, Alton Thompson, with whom she lived, Monday at 5:30 p. m. after an illness of five years.  
Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 at Shady Grove Missionary Baptist church, of which she was a member, by the Rev. C. B. Horne of Roseboro, a former pastor.  
Interment was in Old Field cemetery beside her husband, who died in 1941.  
Mrs. Thompson had 86 living descendants. A native of Columbus county, where she was born October 31, 1868. She was the mother of 11 children, eight of whom survive: four sons, F. W. Thompson of Charlotte; A. H. of Rocky Mount; Alton of Bladenboro; and D. G. Thompson of Lumberton. Four daughters: Mrs. O. J. Carroll, Mrs. Haves Pait and Mrs. P. M. Cook, all of Bladenboro, Route 2 and Mrs. J. L. Hooks of Whiteville; 47 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren.

#### MRS. SALLIE PINER

WILLARD, Dec. 31. — Funeral services for Mrs. Sallie Newton Piner, 30, wife of Charlie Piner of Willard, who was killed in an automobile accident last Friday night, was held here Sunday afternoon.  
The Rev. I. D. Dickens, of Wilmington officiated and interment followed in the Gurganus cemetery, near Willard.  
Palbearers were: E. C. Gurganus, Lee Wells, R. W. Rochelle.

### UTILITY FIRM REVEALS PLAN

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The installation of equipment to improve voltage regulation throughout the system at a cost of \$100,000.  
The building up of construction crews for the work has been underway for several months, officials said, with many of the vacancies filled by returning servicemen who were with the firm prior to the war.  
Other important items included in the budget will be the installation of more efficient sub-stations, with Wilmington slated to see the completion of the Dock street station to lead to the improvement of service and future growth in the downtown sections of the city.  
The budget also calls for the spending of \$150,000 on improvements of the concern's gas and water systems at Washington, New Bern, Kinston, Fayetteville, Wilmington, Morehead City, Beaufort and Snow Hill.  
Spokesmen for the firm pointed out that the program was more or less a backlog of planned war-time projects. The hope that the work could be completed in the coming year was expressed, but at the same time officials said varying shortages of vital equipment may prove to be a retarding factor.

### HAMPSTEAD FARMER'S CONDITION REPORTED "FAIR" BY HOSPITAL

Attaches at James Walker Memorial hospital reported the condition of J. W. Howard, 47-year-old farmer of Hampstead who was injured in an automobile accident Monday night, as "fair" late last night.  
According to state highway patrolmen, who investigated the accident, which demolished two light pickup trucks, Howard was turning into his yard at Hampstead when the accident occurred. A truck belonging to the International Paper Co. collided with his vehicle, according to the officers, and Howard was knocked from his truck by the impact.  
The driver of the paper company truck escaped without injury.

### EXECUTIVE ORDER ENDS WAR POWERS

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party's socialization platform. Years of planning and campaigning preceded the election landslide that made the Socialist dream come true.  
Cabinet Confers  
The cabinet, realizing the importance of the transfer, held a long discussion Tuesday, and radio appeals were broadcast to miners to reduce absenteeism at the pits.  
The National Coal board will run up its blue flag, bearing the initials NCB, over the mines on New Year's Day, and the board officially will take over the industry which economists estimate is worth \$656,000,000.  
In a message celebrating the transfer, Prime Minister Attlee said that great advances lie ahead if the workers, the Coal board and the government "use their rights wisely."  
Lord Hyndley, chairman of NCB, prepared his dedicatory message saying that this is a great adventure and all of us are in it. It cannot be allowed to fail.  
Vast Properties  
Involved in the transfer are some 1,500 collieries, formerly owned by 800 private companies, as well as 400 small mines, more than 1,000,000 acres of land and such equipment as wharves, trucks, freight cars and pit ponies.  
The Coal board will become the boss of some 690,000 miners and numerous clerks and administrative workers.  
The board doesn't know how much unmined coal it will own—it only knows that private operators had hoped to dig some 20,000,000,000 tons over the next 100 years.  
Payment to private companies is to be made by government stock. The exact amount is to be computed by an independent tribunal of experts.  
The leaves of a mature maple tree will manufacture 3630 pounds of carbohydrates in a single summer.

### THOUSANDS GREET ARRIVAL OF 1947

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Deer may be hunted today for the last time this season.  
The Negro football teams will present an "Oyster Bowl" contest at the American Legion Stadium at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.  
And many are expected to remain home to listen to the radio accounts of the various football contests. A list of the games and stations broadcasting them can be found on the sports pages of today's Star.

### GOVERNMENT TO OPERATE MINES

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lowering of emergency excise taxes on liquor, night clubs, jewelry and other items. The rates will go back to pre-war levels.  
The government's power to seize strike-bound plants to get them going again died. No private plant may be seized henceforth under the Smith-Connally act, and in six months the coal mines must be returned to their operators—whether a wage contract is reached or not.  
And—unless further legislation is passed—the government's program to support the price farmers receive for many products will lapse at the end of 1948. Had Mr. Truman waited another day to issue his proclamation, these programs would have run throughout 1949.  
The move caught most of the capital by surprise. It sent federal officials scurrying to law books to recheck their powers.  
One Republican, Rep. Dendero of Michigan, voiced a common reaction from members of the decontrol-minded 80th Congress, about to convene:  
"The President seems to be putting in our program by proclamation, without waiting for legislation."  
Senator Taft (R-Ohio), a leading GOP Presidential aspirant, declared it "a great pleasure to see the President carrying out his idea of cooperation with Congress and putting into effect a plank for which we contended in the election."  
Admiral Byrd found plants growing within 200 miles of the South Pole.

### WOMAN WOUNDED BY FAKE CAMERA

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### CITY BRIEFS

#### MOVES OFFICE

The office of the District Representative for the Naval Reserve has moved from its former location, Room 243 Customhouse, to Room 229 in the same building.

#### SUGAR STAMP VALID

Spare stamp No. 53, good for five pounds of sugar becomes valid today. Stamps 9, 10, and 51 expired yesterday.

#### SERVICES SCHEDULED

Two communion services will be held today, January 1 at St. John's Episcopal church, the Rev. E. W. Halleck, rector, announced last night. The services are scheduled to be held at 7:30 and 10 a. m.

#### ENLISTS

Carl E. Walston, 3110 Market street, has enlisted in the V-6 unit of Naval reserve, on inactive status, the local Naval reserve district representative's office reported.

#### MRS. JACKSON ILL

Mrs. Lilla Jackson, Whiteville, is a patient in James Walker Memorial hospital where she is undergoing observation and treatment preparatory to having an operation performed, her family announced.

#### STONE ILL

Jimmy Stone, young son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stone 811, Ann street underwent an appendectomy at James Walker Memorial hospital yesterday. Attendants at the hospital reported his condition as "fine."

#### JAYCEE AUXILIARY MEETS

The first meeting of 1947 of the Junior Chamber of Commerce Auxiliary will be held Thursday night, Jan. 2, at 7:30 o'clock in the banquet room of the Friendly cafeteria. All members are urged to attend.

#### POSITION ABOLISHED

The position of chief administrative assistant in the Wilmington district Corps of Engineers has been abolished, effective today, it was learned yesterday.

#### NAMED TO POSTS

M. G. Gage, of the Wilmington district Corps of Engineers, has been assigned to the position of Chief of Personnel, effective today, according to a memorandum by Col. B. C. Snow, district chief. D. J. Fulcher, has been named Gage's assistant.

#### SERVICE PIN

George D. Lashley, 306 N. 14th street, an employee in the transportation department of the Atlantic Coast Line, has been awarded a 25-year service pin by Lloyd Crocker, superintendent of the Wilmington division, made the award. Lashley entered the service of the railroad Dec. 22, 1921.

#### PLANNING BOARD

The City Planning board will hold its regular meeting Thursday night at 8 o'clock in the offices of City Manager J. R. Benson, J. Fred Rippey, its secretary announced.

#### STORE ROBBED

Thirty-three dollars in silver and 50 pounds of sugar was stolen from the C and B grocery at 721 Castle street Monday night, city police reports revealed last night. Entry into the building was made by breaking a padlock on the door, according to the manager.

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### HUGE WARHEAD GOES UP; LOST

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the testing grounds at White Sands, N. M., said that as far as the experts know the warhead could still be in the skies, though Newton wouldn't believe it.  
The rocket takes off with a swoosh and a flash of flame. As it rises, it gains speed until by the time it is out of sight it is traveling too fast to be heard. It can do 3,500 miles an hour, while sound drags along at 700. It returns to earth at 2,400 miles per hour, which means if it hits you, you never heard or saw it.  
Conservative experts think it has landed somewhere. Others of the Jules Verne school note that 2,000 pounds, traveling at 2,400 miles per hour, can't exactly sneak in.

### OFFICERS CONTINUE SEARCH FOR MISSING CAMP LEJEUNE MARINE

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As near as they could figure it,

#### MARCH OF DIMES

Committees and programs for the 1947 March of Dimes will be announced on the return to the city of W. K. Rhodes, Jr., chairman, it was announced by his secretary Miss Joan Mincey.

#### HOLLAND VISITOR

Henry Tancelle, of Holland, connected with Standard Oil company, is here visiting his brother Louis Tancelle, of Wilmington, and will remain here until after New Year's day, it was reported.

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