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Symphony Will Appear Here Feb. 14



The polished performance of the Little Symphony of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra which you will see and hear when the Little Symphony appears here Monday night, Feb. 14, in the Morehead City school auditorium at 8 o'clock is the result of weeks of hard work—one rehearsal after another, such as you see in a section of the orchestra pictured above. And even after the season opens there are rehearsals between each performance. The Little Symphony is directed by Dr. Benjamin Swalin.

Teen-Age Membership Drive Will Open Monday, Feb. 7

Beaufort Rotary Approves Report On Education

T. G. Leary, Beaufort Principal, Speaks At Tuesday Meeting

Beaufort Rotarians went on record Tuesday night at their weekly meeting at the Inlet Inn favoring recommendations that the State Education Commission made to the general assembly.

This action followed a lecture, accompanied by slides, which was given by T. G. Leary, principal of Beaufort school. The talk was titled, "Education in North Carolina, Today and Tomorrow."

Three Morehead City Rotarians attended the meeting. They were Charles N. Bennett, Dr. John Morris, and A. B. (Jack) Roberts. Mr. Leary told the Rotarians that of the 90,000 questionnaires distributed throughout the state 60,000 were returned and on these the state education commission, to a large extent, based their conclusions.

The majority of citizens indicated that they wanted North Carolina schools to equal the national average, they wanted equal educational opportunity for both colored and white children, and they were willing to pay the taxes necessary to bring the public education system up to standard.

To prevent the large number of children dropping out of high school, the commission recommended larger, consolidated high schools. This was a result of their findings which showed the larger number of pupils quit school when they were crowded into small classrooms and had an insufficient number of teachers.

In recent years the number of teachers with sub-standard certificates has increased, the commission reports. North Carolina's teacher load (number of pupils to each teacher) is the highest in the nation, and the state's teachers, in salaries received, stand 38th in comparison with those of other states.

The commission recommended that the State Board of Education be reorganized and that \$150 million be appropriated for new schools.

Southerners Speak: Read What They Have To Say

What is the impact of the civil rights problem, and of economic conditions, on individual southerners?

Appearing in this paper on Tuesday will be the first of six articles by Ben Price, a native southerner. He lets individual southerners tell in their own words what they really think about these matters.

He has interviewed various people in various walks of life and, while using fictitious names, reports candidly what they said.

The second annual membership drive for the Morehead City Teen-Age club and for funds to maintain the recreation center on Shepard street, the former USO, will begin Monday, Feb. 7.

Goal for this year's drive is \$5,000. Mrs. Harold Sampson, director of the recreation center, announced yesterday.

Conducting the drive, in conjunction with junior and senior teenagers, will be the Morehead City Women's club.

Mrs. Sampson stated that during the past year it has been possible to "just about meet" expenses. Weekly expenditures average \$130 and through donations, special parties and dinners, which have been served to civic groups, more money has been raised than was expected.

Mrs. Sampson said that efficient operation and close watching of the budget has made this possible. The electric bill, for example, has been cut from an average of \$72 per month to \$34. In addition to maintaining the building, meeting insurance and other expenses, a piano was bought for \$75 and an electric grill for \$100.

If the \$5,000 goal can be reached, necessary repairs can be made. Mrs. Sampson said, additional equipment can be bought, and it may be possible to employ an assistant director of recreation.

The drive for membership will continue through the month of February. There will be a block by block canvass of the city, with each block supervised by a Woman's club member who will select a Teen-Ager to work with her.

The Woman's club membership committee is headed by Mrs. R. T. Willis, Jr., Mrs. H. M. Eure, secretary, and J. G. Bennett, treasurer. Yet to be appointed to this committee are two members of the Lions club.

Senior teen-agers serving on the membership committee are Ann Darden Webb, Buck Matthews, Ann Garner, Denny Lawrence, and Corinne Bell Webb.

Junior teen-agers helping with membership drive are Hilliard Eure, Jackie Taylor, and Maxine McElhannon.

New appointees to the recreation center advisory board are the Rev. L. A. Tilley, Morehead City, T. G. Leary and the Rev. W. L. Martin, Beaufort. These men will serve six month terms.

Because an insufficient number of the cast showed up, the rehearsal for the Beaufort Jaycee minstrel show was cancelled Monday night. The next rehearsal has been scheduled for this Monday night at 7:30 in the Scout building on Pollock street.

Morehead
Jaycees
Marine Hurt
Teen-Age Drive
Oyster Cannery
Teen Topics

John Ratcliffe To Leave Monday

Prominent Beaufort Citizen Will Assume Position at Little Washington

John Ratcliffe, Broad street, for 20 years a resident of Beaufort, will leave Monday for Little Washington where he will assume the superintendency of the Washington staff, Home Security Life Insurance company.

Mr. Ratcliffe, prominent citizen of Beaufort and Carteret county, has been affiliated with the Home



John Ratcliffe

Security Life Insurance company for five years.

At present he is a member of the Beaufort school board of trustees, a member of the town board of commissioners, and secretary to the board of stewards, Ann Street Methodist church.

When he came to Beaufort from Greenville Jan. 1, 1929 he worked with Gaskill Mace for a short time, with Pender's for two years, and with C. D. Jones 13 years. Although a native of Spartanburg, S. C., he lived there with his family for only six months. From 1915 to 1925, he lived at Little Washington.

"Going there now," he said, "is sort of like going home."

The district office of the Home Security Life Insurance company is located at Washington, also. Five

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Newport Board Approves \$50,000 Bond Issue

Health Officer Presents Board With '48 Report

Dr. N. T. Ennett Commends Government Units For Cooperative Efforts

In making his annual report to the Carteret county board of health this week Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, health officer, commented that during 1948 the county commissioners, the board of health, the board of education, the commissioners of the various towns and the citizens at large "have been remarkably cooperative."

Tuberculosis, said the health officer, is our chief medical problem. The county tuberculosis association furnished 118 free X-rays during the year. Ten active cases were reported, five in the sanatoria and five waiting for admission.

"It is tragic," Dr. Ennett commented, "that patients have to wait from three to four months for admission to the sanatoria."

Eight hundred forty-seven blood tests for syphilis were made during the year. Ninety-seven, or 11 per cent, were positive. These were referred to private physicians or to the rapid treatment center at Durham where treatment is given free of charge. Sixty cases of gonorrhea were treated.

Health education was carried on in talks before Parent-Teacher associations, the health officer continued, before civic clubs, through health pamphlets, the newspaper, and radio.

General immunizations were given at the Beaufort and Morehead City offices of the health department, at pre-school clinics and rural county-wide clinics. Vaccination figures areas follow: diphtheria, 607; whooping cough, 574; small pox, 377; and typhoid fever, 3479.

In the schools 994 examinations were made by the health officer and 3,973 inspections by health nurses.

Total number of inspections of cafes, restaurants, meat markets, dairies, and pasteurization plants was 1,326.

A rat control program, limited to the town dumps, was put on in Morehead City and Beaufort, Dr. Ennett reported, and in addition, the department assisted the county agent in a rural rat control program.

In the fall, at the request of the Newport town board, the health department made a sanitation survey of the town.

Six hundred twenty-four food handlers were examined. Births

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Port Terminal in Several Years?



This architect's drawing outlines North Carolina State Ports Authority plans for improving Port terminal, Morehead City. This view looks north westward from Bogue Sound, showing highway 70 and the bridge which crosses the Newport river. Small building at right and dock where ship is tied up constitute the present terminal facilities. The oil storage tanks are privately-owned. Warehouse and dock need repair. The four larger structures and dock at the eastern end have been recommended for construction, although initial building would be confined to transit mooring capacity. A recommended increase in channel depth from 30 to 34 feet would make the terminal available to larger cargo vessel.

Educators and Their Problems IV

Harkers Isle Principal Asks for More Rigid School Attendance Regulations

Sea Dogs Await Lejeune Invasion

Big Game of Season To Be Played Tonight On Local Hardwood

By Milton Loughton
Beaufort boys finished their mid-term exams today but will meet their biggest test tonight when they play host to the Camp Lejeune basketball teams.

Lejeune girls will be out to avenge, in the 7:30 opening tilt, a 31-18 defeat handed them by the Beaufort sextet earlier this season.

The Lejeune boys will be fighting hard to maintain their undefeated record. Beaufort Sea Dogs suffered their only defeat of the current season, 56-38, at the hands of the Lejeune five at Lejeune.

The Green and White is hoping to be fired up tonight as they were when they defeated Camp Lejeune on their home court last year after suffering a defeat to the tune of 48-16 at the Marine headquarters.

The game tonight, as far as the players and students of BHS are concerned, is the BIG game of the season.

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Even though there is a compulsory attendance school law, educators point out that the state has provided no means to enforce it, pushing on to local welfare department the job of checking on truancy.

George D. Hardesty, principal of Harkers Island school, comments in this, the fourth in a series on local and state-wide education problems, on compulsory attendance.

Mr. Hardesty, who received his bachelor of arts degree at the University of North Carolina, has taught at Stovall, Beaufortville, and Ayden, and has served as principal at the following schools: Fairfield, Dysartsville, Buxton, White Oak, East Lake, Hobucken, Dover, Shine, and Harkers Island. He has also coached basketball and baseball.

Mr. Hardesty comments on compulsory school attendance as follows:

In 1945 the General Assembly of North Carolina finally achieved a long-sought goal, the gradual raising of the school-leaving age from fourteen to sixteen. This was the result of the combined efforts of many groups and agencies actively concerned with the welfare of North Carolina school children.

Under the state law an educational institution may have a special attendance officer who has responsibility for the enforcement of the compulsory attendance law. In school districts of smaller units, county superintendents of public welfare retain the responsibility for compulsory attendance.

The county welfare departments have and will continue to work with school officials on the problem of keeping children in regular attendance.

It is the duty of all school teachers and principals to carry out the instructions of the State Board of Education. It is the duty of the classroom teacher to notify the parents in case a student comes to school one day and stays home two.

If the parents, or guardian fails to do his duty to his child, the teacher is duty bound to report the name of the child and his parents to the principal of the school.

The principal must report such unlawful absence to the County Welfare department. The Welfare department must make a thorough investigation of the cases, read the

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Colored Comics Will Appear in NEWS-TIMES

After months of effort THE NEWS-TIMES has secured an extra allotment of newspaper sufficient to provide an eight-page section of colored comics.

This section will appear hereafter in the Friday edition.

And, in keeping with THE NEWS-TIMES policy to provide the most and the best, the Tuesday edition hereafter will contain one complete page of your favorite comics in black and white.

Watch Tuesday's paper for further announcements.

Marine Recovers From Injuries

Weapons Carrier Overturns On Highway 70 During Movements Toward Port

Pfc. Stanley M. Perdue, Marine of air base squadron 22, is recovering from injuries received a 11:30 Friday morning when the 5 1/2 ton weapons carrier he was driving overturned just west of Morehead City after a minor collision with another government vehicle.

Pfc. Perdue, who suffered multiple abrasions and a large cut over his right eye which require four stitches, was assisting in the movement of equipment to Port Terminal, Morehead City, when loading has begun for the second Marine air wing's mid-winter exercises.

In preparation for these maneuvers in the Caribbean area, officers and men of the second Marine air wing and the second Marine division have been coordinating effort in command post and field exercises at Camp Lejeune.

The exercises carried on were primarily designed to facilitate the coordination of staff personnel and to assure continuous and rapid communication between ground and air elements. Units from MCAS Cherry Point included in these preparatory exercises were the tactical air command headquarters of Marine air control group one, and Marine tactical control squadron one.

While these activities were going on at Camp Lejeune, Lt. C. S. B. O'Neill, Jr., commanding officer of air base squadron 21, a newly-formed addition to the second wing, has instituted a similar type of field training for his organization without leaving the air station.

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The commissioners of Newport at their monthly session Tuesday night in the town hall authorized the floating of a \$50,000 bond issue for the installation of a town water system.

These bonds will not be sold, however, until approval of the move is gained by the townspeople in a special election. Prior to that time, however, the local government commission must approve the move, and Newport, by an act of the general assembly, must be put under State law as relating to tax levy.

The latter bill, which would repeal the provision in the town charter limiting the tax to 66 2/3 cents per hundred, was introduced this week by H. S. Gibbs, the county's representative in the general assembly (HB 201).

Newport's tax rate now is 35 cents on the hundred. It is the opinion of the board that as long as the revenue from the Newport ABC store goes to the town of Newport, the bonds can be retired without increasing the tax rate.

According to the ordinance approved by the board, bonds issued shall not exceed \$50,000, nor shall they be issued for a period longer than 40 years.

The town is without debt and assessed valuation of property for municipal taxation is \$285,673.25.

The ordinance, in detail, appears in today's paper under "Special Notices."

Morehead Jaycees To Present Award To Man-of-Year

Men Make Tentative Plans To Invite Employers On Presentation Night

Morehead City Junior Chamber of Commerce will present the annual man-of-the-year award for distinguished service in Morehead City this month. The exact date, however, has not been set.

On that evening the Jaycees also plan to invite their employers, combining Bosses' Night with the award presentation.

Kenneth Wagner, chairman of waste paper drives, reported that nothing further has been decided on the proposed collection.

To equip the ballpark with lights, Bernard Leary suggested that a softball league be organized among civic groups and each team asked to contribute money for payment of the light installation. No definite action was taken, but also in the sports realm, Floyd Chadwick, Jr., announced that tentative plans have been made for the Jaycees to play basketball with the Lions club and the staff of WMBL.

Superlatives are as follows: Most popular — Frankie Lewis and John Hamilton; best dressed — Marie Goodwin and Weldon Robinson; most friendly — Joyce C. Daniels and Roscoe Salter; best looking — Marie Goodwin and John Hamilton; most athletic — Anne Willis and John Hamilton.

Neatest — Abbie Gaskill and Weldon Robinson; biggest flirt — Marie Goodwin and Roscoe Salter; wisest — Frankie Lewis and Weldon Robinson; most mischievous — Anne Willis and Roscoe Salter; most talkative — Frankie Lewis and Roscoe Salter.

Best sport — Fay Mason and John Hamilton; most intellectual — Geneva Daniels and John Hamilton; best personality — Geneva Daniels and John Hamilton; most musical — Elsie Hamilton and Weldon Robinson; cutest — Clara Smith and Weldon Robinson; best dancer — Anne Willis and John Hamilton; best all-around — Joyce Daniels and John Hamilton.

Most conceited — Marie Goodwin and Roscoe Salter; biggest pest — Anne Willis and Weldon Robinson; quietest — Clara Smith; laziest — Anne Willis and John Hamilton; most studious — Clara Smith and Weldon Robinson.

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