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## Rites Conducted for Stella Youth Shot Saturday Night

## Hen Thief Gets Year on Roads

## Mark Washington Sentenced by Judge L. R. Morris Tuesday in Court

Mark Washington, a frequent offender, was found guilty of charges of "stealing and carrying away one hen the property of Willie Lewis" in Tuesday's session of recorder's court in Beaufort and received a sentence of one year on the roads. Judge Lambert Morris pronounced sentence.

The charge of drunken driving and resisting arrest against John David Whitford was amended to read reckless driving. He pleaded guilty to the amended charges and received a year's road sentence suspended on condition of two years' good behavior and payment of the costs and \$100.

Alphonso Truman pleaded guilty to charges of assault on a female and received a two-year road sentence suspended on five year's good behavior and payment of a \$25 fine and the costs. The charge of assault on a female and non-support against Harvey Lewis was deemed frivolous and malicious and the prosecuting witness was taxed with the costs. The warrant for William Godette, also charged with assault on a female, was with-

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## Honorary Tars Will Meet Here

The Honorary Tar Heels, a group of out-of-state newspapermen, magazine writers, publicists, radio men and others who have handled publicity on North Carolina, and now meeting at Nag's Head, have accepted an invitation to hold their next meeting in the Carteret county area. The invitation was extended Tuesday at Nag's Head by Robert G. Lowe, secretary of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of the chamber. He was accompanied by Tony Seamon, Morehead City.

The next meeting of the group will be the first or second week of September and will last five or six days. The group will be the guests of the state and all their expenses will be borne by the state.

A program of recreation has not been drawn up yet but it is expected that the major part of its time will be spent in relaxing and fishing. It is customary for North Carolina's governor to welcome Honorary Tar Heels and Governor Kerr Scott will probably appear sometime during the meeting, said Mr. Lowe.

## Harkers Island Bridge To Get Tar-Stone Topping

The bridge to Harkers Island is being resurfaced with 2 by 8 inch planks its whole length, a distance of seven-tenths of a mile.

On top of these planks tar and stones will be placed. E. H. White, in charge of the highway crew out of New Bern, which is doing the work, says the job will require a couple of months.

It is estimated that 10,000 board feet of lumber will be used.

## Negro Drowns Saturday Morning at Atlantic

Clarence Hill, 34, Negro packer employed at Clayton Fulcher Seafood company, Atlantic, drowned at 5 a. m. Saturday at Atlantic.

Hill, whose home is in New Bern, is believed to have walked accidentally off the dock at the fish house. He was missed by the other workers later in the day and when it was learned that he had not taken the bus to New Bern, a search was started. Lionel Gilgo and other workers at the fish house found the body near the pier at about 5:30 Saturday afternoon.

Hill is survived by his mother, New Bern, where the body was sent for burial.

## Hospital Board Lets Contract For Elevator Shaft

The Morehead City hospital board of trustees at their meeting Friday let the contract for building the new elevator shaft in Morehead City hospital to Raymond Ransom, Beaufort.

Two bids were submitted. Mr. Ransom's was accepted at \$8,465.75. The elevator, automatic in every respect, Miss Christine Vick, administrator, said, will operate from the basement to the fourth floor. It is being purchased from Otis Elevator company at a cost of \$14,489.

Construction on the fireproof elevator shaft will begin in about two weeks. The elevator is expected to be installed and ready for operation August 1.

To pay for the elevator and installation United States savings bonds held by the hospital will be cashed. The new elevator will be the largest major improvement in the hospital since the addition of the east wing.

The elevator now in use serves only two floors.

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## PMA Office Conducts Large Scale Farm Survey

The county office of the Production Marketing administration is busy these days doing its share in conducting the largest farm survey ever attempted in this country. Information obtained in the survey is to be used in establishing acreage allotments by the PMA.

The local office is contacting farmers and gathering information relative to the establishment of the allotments. Many farmers have already filed their reports and others are urged by Administrator B. J. May to do so at their earliest convenience. The deadline for the Carteret office to complete its report is May 31 and farmers' reports must be in at least three days prior to that time.

The measuring of potato acreage has also begun and will be completed by May 1. All farmers interested in crop support must make their applications and pay the service fee by May 31.

## Funeral Service for Stella Pelletier, 22, of Stella, was conducted at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pelletier, Stella.

The Stella youth was killed by a shot from the pistol of a police officer Saturday night five miles south of Savannah, Ga.

The policeman, Sgt. William M. Sheppard, who fired the fatal shot, is reported to be recovering slowly from a wound inflicted by young Pelletier who fired at Sheppard when the officer accosted the Carteret lad in the Southern Manor Tourist court south of Savannah.

Kinfolk of the young victim were told that Gerald went Saturday night to the cafe at the tourist court. He was sitting on the steps outside about closing time. A man and girl were inside cleaning up when Gerald told them he was cold and asked if he could come inside.

They told him he could and the three talked together a while. Suddenly, Gerald reached in his pocket and pulled out a pistol, saying "Stick 'em up, this is a hold up."

At that, the girl went out the back door, apparently unnoticed by Pelletier, who told the man to open the cash register. The man told the youth to open it himself because he was closer to it. The boy did so and the cash register was empty.

Gerald laughed and said, "Well, I guess this is a water haul."

Then he went outdoors and attempted to hitch a ride at the highway. Meanwhile the girl had called the police. The man and girl then followed him outside. Gerald turned and said in a few minutes that he wanted to go back in.

The man asked, "Why? You've already been in. There's nothing in there."

About that time a police car raced past the place, siren screaming, circled around and pulled up in back of the cafe. By that time, the man had opened the building again to let Gerald in. As the boy went in the front, the policeman, Sergeant Sheppard, entered by the back way.

According to police reports, he ordered Pelletier to surrender, and the boy fired once, striking Sheppard in the side. Sheppard then fired his pistol five times, killing the youth.

The man at the cafe is reported to have said that Pelletier apparently didn't notice the siren on the police car.

His kinfolk here said they believed the boy did not at all times have complete command of his mental faculties.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Geraldine Pelletier Garrett, of Guam, who is flying here, and his father who lives at Ayden. Mrs. Garrett told relatives not to delay the funeral because the time of her arrival is indefinite.

Young Pelletier was the nephew of Gerald and Lionel Pelletier, Stella; Rudolph Pelletier, Maysville; Mrs. Clarabelle Sabiston, Miami; Mrs. Harry Davis, Harlowe; and the grandson of Mrs. Clara Pelletier, Stella.

The body was interred in the Maysville cemetery.

## Chamber of Commerce Manager Explains Functions Of Commerce Group

Dan Walker, manager of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce, spoke to Beaufort Rotarians at their meeting Tuesday night in the Inlet Inn on their chamber of commerce.

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The original purpose of the meeting was to decide what action should be taken concerning the proposed addition of the causeway to Beaufort. The move to be taken into Morehead City limits was a surprise action that occurred after the meeting had begun.

J. O. Barbour, Jr., town councilman of Beaufort, appeared at the meeting and explained Beaufort's reasons for proposing the extension of its city limits and what cause way residents would stand to gain by being a part of Beaufort. He said there were three future possibilities for the causeway. Either it could become an incorporated town of its own or it could come into the city limits of Beaufort or Morehead City. He said one of these three possibilities would definitely take place at some future time.

He used Atlantic Beach as an example of what could happen to the causeway if it incorporated. It finds itself unable to offer the services that a municipality should provide for its citizens, he said.

"The summer population is in a majority," he said, "and they can overrule the year-round residents of the beach any time they feel like it. As a consequence, the full-time residents have been discriminated against and have found it necessary to have a bill introduced into the legislature requesting a tax setup that will enable them to run their town properly."

Mr. Barbour listed the advantages Beaufort could offer the causeway. It could offer an enforced 25-mile per hour speed limit, fire protection, police protection, garbage disposal, a lowered insurance rate, the services of the Beaufort planning board, and a guarantee that no fish factories could be established there.

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## Beaufort Rotary Club Hears Talk By Dan Walker

Mr. Walker outlined the complete setup of the chamber and its organization. He said that policy is formed by the various groups that comprise the organization. He explained that the chamber was not an individual, an officer, director, or group of officers but it is the members whose dues support chamber activities.

"The members through their board of directors are the ones who direct the policy of the chamber," he said. "Verbal blasts at the chamber do no good. If the time, thought and energy spent on criticizing the chamber were directed toward active work the results would be unbelievable."

The manager listed, as an example, the work he undertakes in an average day: he spent time in three conferences on trade promotion, secured pictures of homes and apartments that might be available and sent them to a well-known advertiser who is interested in moving to Beaufort, held a discussion with a property owner on the possibility of converting his building to a small commercial hotel and brought up to date the chamber's file on rooms and apartments available. He added that the public was cooperating nicely in compiling the file but that the number responding was disappointing.

He also held nine conferences with individuals and groups during the day on routine chamber matters, drafted an outline of the proposed constitution and bylaws of the Beaufort baseball club, wrote letters to four newcomers welcoming them to Beaufort on behalf of the town's citizens, assisted two apartment-seekers, gave the name of a new shipper to the railroad, and corrected and revised the civic calendar.

Finally, he had a visit from an officer of Piedmont Airline, prepared and delivered a 15-minute radio discussion on the radio marine telephone committee, and prepared the talk he delivered before the Rotary club.

During the course of his talk Mr. Walker paid tribute to the service the NEWS-TIMES has rendered in helping publicize the work of the chamber. He displayed as an example, a recent edition of the paper with four stories concerning the chamber's work on its front page.

Guests for the evening were Neil Bolton, Tide Water Power company agent in charge of the Better Farming for Better Living program, Larry C. Whitehead, a Rotarian from Abilene, Tex., here on business for the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and Dr. H. F. Prytherch.

## Warren Bell, president of Tide Water Power company, and A. E. Jones, vice-president, both of Wilmington, inspected the new power line from Cherry Point Wednesday on a tour conducted by George Stoval, local Tide Water Power company manager. They also visited the new NEWS-TIMES publishing plant.

There will be a formal dance at Cherry Point Tuesday, April 26. All former G.S.O. girls are urged to attend. For further information, Carol Lasker at the Johnson hotel should be consulted.

## Morehead Police Station Wears New Coat of Paint

The Morehead City police station is sporting a new indoor coat of paint and trim on the floor.

Chief E. J. Willis says proudly, "Yep, this is the first time it has ever been done."

The repainting was completed last week.

# Tidewater Baseball League Teams Will Play Opening Games Tomorrow

## Morehead City Named As Site for 159th U. S. Coast Guard Celebration in August

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## Sanitarian Grades Dairies, Meat Shops in County

The Carteret health officer, Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, today released the butcher shop and meat market grades as reported by A. D. Fulford, sanitarian, of the county health department.

The health officer called attention to the fact that as the warm weather approached it would be necessary that both store and home handle meat with more care, "which means, of course," he added, "more attention to the matter of refrigeration."

Meat market and abattoir grades for the first quarter, 1949:

Beaufort and RFD—City Grocery Market, 93.0, A; Potter's Grocery Market, 93.0, A; Simmons' Grocery Market, 91.5, A; S. & P. Grocery Market, 91.0, A; C. D. Jones Grocery Market, 91.0, A; Peterson's Grocery Market, 90.0, A.

A. & P. Grocery Market, 90.0, A; Pender's Grocery Market, 90.0, A; Conner's Grocery Market (Harlowe) 86.0, B; Spivey's Grocery Market, 85.0, B; Broad Street. See GRADES page 3

## Five Carteret Countians Attend Dairy Field Day

Those attending the dairy field day meeting from Carteret county at the Coastal Plains Experiment station at Willard Thursday were J. T. Oglesby, Gus Lancaster, Gerald Fulcher and R. M. Williams, county agent.

This meeting was held for the purpose of giving dairymen and those interested in dairying in eastern North Carolina an opportunity to observe practical results of the research work being carried on in pastures, forage crops and the dairy cattle breeding program.

There are a considerable number of farms in Carteret county that are well adapted to the production of pastures, hay and grain crops, which would net higher returns if operated as a dairy than crops now being produced, says Mr. Williams.

The minimum production goal of milk for Carteret county should be at least sufficient quantity to take care of local demands, he concluded.

## Farm Bureau President Announces Dairy Meeting

The county farm bureau president, Raymond Ball, announced today that information has been received from R. Flake Shaw, executive vice-president of the N. C. Farm Bureau, that there will be a dairy and livestock meeting held in Rocky Mount at the high school at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Herman Aberg, director of national livestock and dairy committee from the American Farm Bureau Federation office in Chicago, Ill., will be the principal speaker. Mr. Ball further stated that this is a grand opportunity to show dairy and livestock folks what the Farm Bureau has done, is doing and can do for the industry.

A similar meeting to the one being held in Rocky Mount will be held at Statesville today.

Mr. Ball urges all farmers of Carteret county who are interested in livestock to attend this meeting.

## Radio-Telephone Chairman Makes Trip Down East

## George Eastman, Dan Walker Collect Applications From Fishermen

George Eastman, chairman of the Carteret county radio-telephone station committee, went down-east yesterday, accompanied by Dan Walker, manager of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce, to collect applications for the radio-telephone station.

Four hundred marine radio sets have been sold in Carteret county during the past two years, Mr. Eastman reports.

To date 15 applications have been received here for a marine radio-telephone station. Only three were received at Wilmington where a station is already being constructed.

The radio-telephone committee has guaranteed telephone officials at least 150 applications from fishermen in this area.

Application blanks for marine radio service can be obtained at either Carolina Telephone and Telegraph office, Beaufort or Morehead City, and at the following places down east: Herbert Styron store, Roe; Clayton Fulcher Seafood company, Cecil Morris store, Winston Hill store, Atlantic; Alvah Taylor Seafood company, Sea Level; T. B. Smith, Davis; Gerald Davis, Marshallberg; and S. W. Davis Brothers, Harkers Island.

They are also available from David Beveridge, Beaufort, Eastman Furniture company, and Beaufort Chamber of Commerce; in Morehead City at Belhaven Fish and Oyster company, Morehead City Yacht basin, and the Chamber of Commerce office.

## Highway Patrol to Check Out-of-State Vehicles

State highway patrolmen of Carteret county will inspect out-of-state motor vehicles brought into North Carolina to be licensed for use of the state highways from 9 to 10 a. m. Monday through Saturday, Cpl. V. L. Spruill of the highway patrol announced today.

This inspection will be made at the highway patrol office on the old Camp Glenn section base, now the site of the Morehead City Technical Institute and the Institute of Fisheries Research.

The inspection is in accordance with a law passed by the current session of the general assembly.

## Morehead City JCs Consider 1950 Convention Site Problem

Morehead City Jaycees decided at their meeting Monday night that they would not solicit endorsement of Morehead City as the site for the 1950 North Carolina Jaycee convention. The meeting was held in the Fort Macon Hotel dining room.

The Jaycees did decide, however, that if no other city would accept the 1950 convention that they would offer Morehead City and Atlantic Beach as the convention site. Delegates to the convention were instructed to follow this procedure.

It was disclosed that the Jaycees have been offered the opportunity to operate the concessions at the dog track this summer. Full details on the operation were not given so a committee was appointed to investigate the matter.

The group agreed that the candidacy of Beaufort Leary for eastern district vice-president must be campaigned for vigorously in the weeks remaining before the state convention in June. Bud Dixon announced that he would attend meetings of the various Jaycee clubs in the eastern district during the next few weeks and that anyone desiring to accompany him and campaign for Mr. Leary would be welcome.

## District Forester Reports 97 Fires During Last Month

Ninety-seven forest fires in the 10-county district (including Carteret) of the North Carolina Forest Service in March caused \$35,380 damage and burned 8,454 acres of forest land, R. C. Winkworth, district forester, reported recently.

The forester pointed out that the damage estimate includes only damage to standing timber, young growth, forest products and improvements and does not take in wildlife damage or any property damage not included in the above list.

Careless trash burners were blamed for 41 of the fires while 29 were attributed to incendiaries. Fifteen were caused by careless smokers and the remainder by campers and hunters, lightning and miscellaneous causes.

Mr. Winkworth said that while March is originally the worst month of the year for forest fires, the fire danger is still very high and there has been no letup in the number of fires during April.

## Tide Table

| HIGH               | Friday, April 22 | LOW |
|--------------------|------------------|-----|
| 4:04 a.m.          | 10:28 a.m.       |     |
| 4:37 p.m.          | 10:53 p.m.       |     |
| Saturday, April 23 |                  |     |
| 4:58 a.m.          | 11:14 a.m.       |     |
| 5:25 p.m.          | 11:43 p.m.       |     |
| Sunday, April 24   |                  |     |
| 5:44 a.m.          | 11:56 a.m.       |     |
| 6:08 p.m.          | 12 midnight      |     |
| Monday, April 25   |                  |     |
| 6:26 a.m.          | 12:27 a.m.       |     |
| 6:46 p.m.          | 12:34 p.m.       |     |
| Tuesday, April 26  |                  |     |
| 7:05 a.m.          | 1:07 a.m.        |     |
| 7:23 p.m.          | 1:10 p.m.        |     |