

Community to Undertake Repair, Clean-Up Job at Former Church

Chairman Urges Parents to Attend Concert Feb. 14

Mrs. Bayard Taylor, chairman of the North Carolina Little Symphony membership drive, commented today that parents of children attending the free concert Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 14, should be extremely interested in buying tickets to the evening concert.

Only through the cooperation of adults is it possible to present a free concert, Mrs. Taylor remarked and it is highly beneficial to the children to hear classical music expertly interpreted.

She also urges high school students to purchase memberships at only 60 cents, so that they, too, may hear the evening concert.

The drive in Beaufort is progressing fairly well, the chairman continued, "... there are quite a number of good prospects, but we don't expect to reach our quota until next month due to the Christmas season."

Mrs. Robert Lowe is in charge of ticket sales in Morehead City. Memberships can also be obtained from Mrs. B. F. Royal.

Owner to Improve New Properties

Beautification of 150 feet of Morehead City's waterfront is one of the improvements Clyde A. Douglass, Raleigh attorney, plans as the result of his most recent realty acquisition. The Galley Restaurant and the small cottage opposite on Evans street.

Mr. Douglass' purchase of the property from John A. Lyons was handled through John L. Crump, realtor.

Douglass' holdings in that section of Evans street now run from the corner of Fifth street 150 feet eastward and include two large houses and the cottage on Evans, the Galley Restaurant, the docks in the area and all riparian rights.

Notice has already been given boatmen to move by March 1 when Mr. Douglass will start demolition of old docks.

B. Mace Shows 'Lost Boundaries'

Borden Mace, son of Mrs. Maybelle Mace, Beaufort, who is associate producer of de Rochemont studios, gave a preview of the film, "Lost Boundaries," Monday morning to a group of friends in the Beaufort theatre.

The picture, rated on of the ten best of the year by movie critics, is outstanding in the clarity of the filming, the directing and acting.

An interesting sidelight is the fact that Mrs. Peter Zilliacus of Newfane, Vt., the former Lillian Rice of Beaufort, has taken her daughter, Margery Ray, to the doctor in Keenham, N. H., about whom the story is written.

The picture will be shown again in the county about the middle of January.

The next picture to be made by de Rochemont studios will be "Prison Without Walls" and will be filmed at Ossining, N. Y., Leavenworth, Kan., and in Texas.

New Bern Negro Dies Sunday from Bullet Wounds

Lee Jones, 17, Negro, died Sunday night from bullet wounds allegedly inflicted a few hours earlier in a New Bern cafe by James H. Moore, 24, Negro.

City police are searching for Moore. No motive for the shooting has been learned. Witnesses say that Moore asked Jones for a match, then pulled out a pistol and shot him.

Hours at Employment Office to Change Jan. 3

Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 3, hours at the Employment Security commission office, Morehead City, will be Monday through Friday from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

The Employment Security commission office is located at 7th and Evans streets. It serves both Onslow and Carteret counties.

At a recent meeting at the community building, formerly known as the Unitarian church building, Pelletier, the trustees of the property, with citizens of the surrounding communities, agreed that all interested parties, both men and women, would meet at the Community building Jan. 7, 1949, or Jan. 14 (in case the weather is too bad to meet on the 7th), for the purpose of painting the building, both exterior and interior, making repairs to seats and all other necessary repairs, clearing undergrowth and undesirable trees from the grounds, breaking ground with tractors and seeding with grass.

A great community spirit has been shown in the above undertaking, and a great many have manifested this spirit by donating cash, others by agreeing to help do the work, it was reported.

Pigs are being furnished by Tom West and D. W. Truckner for a barbecue dinner to be prepared by old reliable Tom Vinson. It will be served on the ground, together with cornbread and slaw, the latter to be prepared by Mrs. W. P. Vinson, Woodrow Bright and others.

Adrian Morris, Herman Norris, and D. W. Truckner have been appointed as leaders to give instructions regarding work to be done on the grounds, with Owen White looking after the paint job.

All are asked to bring any carpenter tools, saws, axes, rakes, bush axes, or any tools they have available that might be of service, also paint brushes.

The Community building, which was built by the Unitarians several years ago at a cost of several thousand dollars was later sold to the Universalists of North Carolina.

The Universalists, having discontinued use of the building, sent a committee of some of their members proposing that they make a gift of the property outright, to be used by any denomination, Agricultural and Home Demonstration meetings, or for any other purpose deemed proper by the board of trustees. A public meeting was held and the proposition accepted and the following were selected trustees: J. J. Rhur, Milton Truckner, H. K. Norris, Miss Adelia Norris and Mrs. Mary McCausley.

Inasmuch as this property was given to the Pelletier-Stella community and everyone has an equal right to its use, it is felt that all citizens of the communities which have had the use of the building should show their appreciation by seeing to it that upkeep of the building is maintained through the years, the trustees declare.

Any person not being able to attend the above meeting or otherwise wishing to help out with the cost of paint and other materials essential to the upkeep of the building may give check or money to Miss Adelia Norris, secretary and treasurer to the trustees.

Oil Wildcatting to Start Near Camp Davis Property

WILMINGTON — (AP) — The first truckload of 100 tons of drilling equipment destined for oil well operations near Camp Davis, Onslow county, passed through Wilmington early Monday.

J. Sterling McCluskey, representative in charge of the work, said additional equipment would follow from Texas immediately, and that drilling was scheduled to begin within "at least 60 days."

"We are sitting in an oil field down here," he said. "It's up to us to find it."

Sergeant Wins Marksmanship Medals at Lejeune

CAMP LEJEUNE — Marine Technical Sergeant John A. Fowler has been awarded the National Rifle Association's U. S. International Pistol Team Shot Medal and the Department of the Army's Individual Pistol Championship Medal here.

Sergeant Fowler is a member of Battery "A," 10th Marines, stationed here. He is now on temporary additional duty as a pistol range coach.

The NRA Medal was awarded in recognition of the fact that Fowler placed among the first 12 participants on the U. S. International Pistol Team. Five members of that team are currently competing in world-wide competition at Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Major General Franklin A. Hart, Commanding General of Camp Lejeune and the Second Marine Division, made the presentations at informal ceremonies in his offices and tendered personal congratulations to the sergeant. Noting that Fowler is a Wirgman Trophy winner, the General told of his days as a range officer with Colonel Wirgman at Camp Perry, mecca of crackshooters the world over.

The modest technical sergeant is a comparative newcomer to the elite ranks of Marine super-shots. He fired his first team competition in the Eastern Division Matches in 1946. The Marine Corps, traditional producer of "crack-shots," resumed team competition at that time after a lapse during the war years.

Technical Sergeant Fowler spends his leisure hours at his Midway Park quarters "snapping in." His wife, the former Miss Betty McMunn of Staten Island, N. Y., shares his enthusiasm for shooting and is rapidly becoming quite a pistoleer in her own right. Their two diminutive "Annie Oakleys," Darlene, 2 1/2, and Arletta, 1 1/2 years, are already beginning to learn the basic facts of pistol marksmanship under their dad's expert guidance.

Cold Weather Skipped Carteret

Unseasonable warm weather made Christmas week seem more like April with only one day in the week, Saturday, showing any real signs of winter, E. Stamey Davis, official weather observer, reported today.

Maximum temperature for the week was reached Thursday when the thermometer soared up to 70 degrees. The low of 24 degrees was reached Friday and Saturday. Very little rain fell during the entire week, with only .22 of an inch recorded.

The week's weather report from Tuesday through yesterday follows:

	Max.	Min.	Wind
Tuesday	60	45	NE
Wednesday	61	45	W
Thursday	70	58	SSE
Friday	65	34	SW
Saturday	47	34	NW
Sunday	63	48	NW
Monday	68	61	SW

Party Will Be Given At Recreation Center

A New Year's Eve party at the Carteret county recreation center, Shepard st., Morehead City, will begin at 8 o'clock Saturday night.

There will be favors, noisemakers and refreshments, special decorations and a program arranged by Ann Darden Webb.

Lola Webb will sing the solo, "Why Do I Love You?" and a song and tapdance number, "Darktown Strutters Ball," will be presented by Connie Jorgensen, Pamela Cooper, and Terry Lowe.

Jerry Norris will sing, "I Never See Maggie Alone" and Mary Frazier Paul, "Mood Indigo Blues."

Two Negroes Held On Suspicion Of Attempted Holdup

Officers of New Bern Company Injured in Fray Saturday Afternoon

Two Craven county Negroes are being held in New Bern on suspicion of attempted holdup following a shooting and cutting Saturday afternoon. The men were tracked down by the same bloodhound used after two recent-attempted burglaries in Morehead City.

The two men, Jasper Jones, 28, of Bridgeton and Lenwood Cogdell, 22, of near Vanceboro, were picked up Saturday after John S. Weskett, president, and Whit M. McCotter, assistant treasurer, were injured in the attempted holdup of the New Bern Oil and Fertilizer company.

Weskett was slashed on the left side of his face. The wound required five stitches. McCotter was seriously injured when one of the Negroes shot him in the stomach.

The attempted holdup occurred in the afternoon when two colored men walked into the fertilizer company office in New Bern, fired a shot into the air, and exclaimed, "This is a holdup!"

McCotter hurled a chair at one of the men and the one with the gun shot him in the stomach as he did so. Simultaneously, the other made an attempt to cut Weskett's throat. Luckily, he missed and instead slashed the side of the man's face.

Apparently the two Negroes then became afraid the noise would draw others. They fled, leaving several thousand dollars in cash lying in plain view on an office desk.

Search Started

A search to apprehend the bandits was begun immediately. Sheriff Charles B. Berry of Craven county lent the services of his bloodhound, which was used successfully to track one Morehead City burglar but unsuccessfully in another trial, and the dog picked up the track as soon as he was brought in, officers reported.

The trail was followed from the company's mill to a downtown store across the Neuse river bridge, and finally to Jones' home in Bridgeton. Jones was arrested and later Cogdell was picked up.

Both Negroes emphatically deny being connected with the holdup. If charges are filed against them they will be given a hearing Friday in city recorder's court, and if probable cause is found, they will be bound over to Craven superior court, Jan. 9.

McCotter is reported to be recovering satisfactorily at a New Bern hospital, the bullet merely grazing vital organs and lodging in his back from where it was removed. Weskett was treated at the hospital and allowed to go to his home.

Relays Changed

Street lights were burning at approximately 10 o'clock Tuesday morning in Morehead City while relays were being changed. George Stovall, manager of Tide Water Power company, commented that their only difficulties during the Christmas season with the extra amount of electricity being used, "were the same as usual."

Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, Dec. 27	
1:53 a.m.	8:06 a.m.
2:00 p.m.	8:22 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 28	
2:47 a.m.	9:07 a.m.
2:52 p.m.	9:11 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 29	
3:40 a.m.	10:03 a.m.
3:36 p.m.	10:01 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 30	
4:29 a.m.	10:58 a.m.
4:40 p.m.	10:49 p.m.

More Than 20 Persons Meet Violent Death in State over Holiday Weekend

By The Associated Press

Thousands of North Carolinians jammed highways in the State Monday night as they ended a three-day Christmas holiday that cost at least 23 persons their lives.

The end of the prolonged holiday came in wet, foggy weather that caused highway officials to express concern that the death toll would mount higher during the night.

Highway Toll High

As was expected, automobile accidents were the biggest killer during the period. Of those who died, 15 lost their lives on highways.

Three other victims died in slayings that resulted from Christmas reunions and celebrations. And house fires — a heavy killer throughout the North State this fall — claimed two other victims.

The highway accident death toll was even heavier than had been expected. State Highway Patrol officials earlier had predicted that 12 North Carolinians would die in automobile accidents during the period.

Bride-to-Be Killed

James H. Williams, 21, a soldier from Fort Jackson, S. C., and Alta Burchett, 18, of Glenola, planned to marry Christmas Eve. But she was fatally injured the night before when the soldier's car was in a collision on Main Street in High Point.

Mrs. William Nunnery, 18, and her four-month-old daughter, Bonnie Jean, were fatally injured in

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Shooting Case Reaches Standstill

Beaufort police reported yesterday that no arrest has been made as yet in connection with the shooting of Dienehas Watts, 41, colored fisherman.

Watts was injured in the forehead by what Chief Louis B. Willis termed "one of those nerve-fangled guns that just knock you out." He said there was a wound in the man's head but no bullet could be found.

Watts was admitted to Morehead City hospital following the "shooting" Tuesday night, Dec. 20, at Broad and Turner street intersection, Beaufort. He was discharged Wednesday.

The chief said Watts was arguing with another man near a taxi cab and the incident was witnessed by half a dozen others. All were questioned but no lead could be obtained on the identity of the man having the gun.

John Bennett, colored, was held in jail two days, but questioning him was of no avail. Chief Willis reported. The sheriff's department also worked on the case.

All men involved were fishing for Harvey Smith on the boat "Shinecock."

Teen-Ager Killed

James Jenkins, 16, Washington, D. C., in a head-on collision on state highway 350, in Bertie county.

Noah Harris, 65, of Powell's Point, struck by what police said was a hit and run driver on U. S. 158 in Currituck county.

Fred Sykes, a Negro of Alexandria, Va. The Highway Patrol reported he was speeding near Elizabethton and was crushed to death.

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1950 IN A NUTSHELL			
General Business:	Off 5%	Automobile Manufactures	Off 15%
National Income:	Off 5%	Building & Construction:	Off 7%
Farm Income:	Off 15%	Natural Gas:	Up 5%
Bituminous Coal:	Up 5%	Foreign Trade:	No change
Anthracite:	Off 5%	Airline Passenger Miles:	Up 5%
Crude Oil Products:	Up 5%	Military Activities	
Steel Output:	Off 5%	Including Aircraft:	Up 20%
Retail Trade (\$ Volume): Off 3% to 10%			

By Roger W. Babson

1. The total volume of business for 1950 will be less than that of 1949, due primarily to the unfortunate labor conflicts. Considering that the innocent consumer will be the chief sufferer and will be obliged to pay the bills, it seems too bad that labor troubles should upset the appecart.

2. Even with all the threats, there will be few wage increases during 1950. On the other hand, all labor negotiations take the minds of both the employees and the management off their regular business. However these negotiations come out, they result in a loss from the standpoint of the country as a whole.

3. There will be fewer strikes in 1950 than in 1949, but there will not be fewer extended negotiations which are very expensive in themselves.

4. The Taft-Hartley Law will continue to stand throughout 1950, although many schemes for detouring this law will be devised.

5. The great drive against the big companies will be for pensions and/or for sick and other benefits. These will probably be helpful to the wageworkers and may aid in ironing out the business cycle, but they will be paid for by consumers.

6. It is hoped that all parties will begin to realize during 1950 that the real road to national progress is through increasing production and greater efficiency. This is the bright light we see in the labor situation.

7. Movements in commodity prices during 1950 will vary with different groups of industries and of products, but altogether there will be a general lowering during 1950.

8. We, therefore, advise going easy on inventories. 1950 is a time to get out of debt and stay out of debt. Speculation in commodities should be discouraged in 1950.

9. We believe that the cost of living index has turned down for the present. The average for 1950 will be less than for 1949.

10. Practically all retail prices will average less in 1950 than in 1949, notwithstanding the excess of money mentioned under 27, 28 and 29 below.

11. The total farm income for 1950 should be less than that of 1949, which means lower prices on the average for wheat, corn, pork, poultry, eggs and certain dairy products. Farmers should diversify more in 1950, get out of debt and put their surplus money into savings, in preparation for the next crop failure.

12. The supply of certain canned vegetables and fruits (except citrus) should be greater during 1950 than at the same time during 1949. The prices of these products should fall off, barring some weather, insect or blight catastrophe.

13. Poultry and dairy products will especially increase in volume during 1950 with prices averaging less than in 1949.

14. Farmers will continue to work to hold present subsidies. It is popular to criticize the vast amount of crops which the Government owns or is making loans on, but this surplus in storage may be a great blessing when the next crop failure or war comes.

15. The Federal Budget will be increased during 1950 over that for 1949.

16. Over-all Federal Taxes will not be increased during 1950 and there may even be some readjustments to encourage venture capital. Moreover, some of the nuisance taxes may be eliminated or reduced.

17. The long-term capital gains tax of 25 per cent will remain unchanged.

18. There will be many increases in local and state taxes, and more reaching of relief by "sales" taxes or other forms of raising needed funds.

19. Goods on counters will be of better grade in 1950 than they were in 1949.

20. Markdown sales will continue during 1950 as consumer spending slackens due to a decline in employment and other factors.

21. The dollar value of all retail sales in 1950 will be moderately downward, and the unit volume of retail sales will also be less in 1950 than in 1949.

22. Less will be spent on new

buildings and equipment by stores and factories during 1950.

23. Our exports will be down during 1950 and our imports will be up during 1950 — comparing both with 1949. This will partly be accounted for by the devaluation of the English Pound and other foreign currencies.

24. Foreign credits will continue to be granted during 1950, but some of these will be direct by American business firms and investors. If our Government will get foreign governments to agree that such investments will be exempt from any new tax or other legislation by the foreign country in which the investments are made, considerable progress would be noticeable along foreign trade channels.

25. American interests will have more competition from foreign producers of raw materials and of manufactured goods during 1950 than they had during 1949. This will benefit some American concerns, but be harmful to others.

26. Fear of war with Russia will continue during 1950. World War III will come sometime; but it will not start during 1950. Those in large vulnerable cities should use these years of peace to get some small farm or country home to which they can go in case of war. Such places will be almost unobtainable when war actually comes.

27. The supply of money will be increased during 1950, but the price of Government bonds will not change much one way or the other during 1950.

28. In addition to the anticipated Federal deficit the \$3,000,000,000 being distributed as insurance refunds to veterans will be mostly spent.

29. Congress will not change the price of gold during 1950.

30. Most stocks will work up and down in about the same range during 1950 as during 1949.

31. Stocks of companies with assets mostly in natural resources, known as inflation stocks, should have the greatest demand.

32. There will be more investment buying for income during 1950 and utilities and companies making labor-saving machinery may be more popular than other industrials or railroads.

33. The widest investors will keep a fair amount of their funds liquid throughout 1950 pending the great break in stock prices which will come some day.

34. High-grade taxable corporate bonds bearing low coupon rates should continue at about the same prices during 1950, but of course, they will sell for much lower prices when money rates increase.

35. 1950 will see a further fading off in certain tax-exempt bonds due to the new Housing Authority Obligations to be issued during 1950.

36. The Federal Reserve will continue during 1950 the same general policy which it followed in 1949.

37. The importance of diversification will be given more attention in 1950 and wise investors will watch their bond maturities to see that they are either short or systematically staggered.

38. The city real estate outlook is uncertain. It should continue to hold firm throughout 1950 due to less available rental space caused by pulling down old structures to save taxes and to provide parking spaces. Owing to high costs and the fear of World War III, there will be little inclination to build new city property. On the other hand, the continual movement out of our large cities—

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Madix Mortgage Holders Receive Checks Friday

Second and third mortgage holders of the bankrupt Madix Asphalt corp. were paid in full Friday when checks signed by Federal Judge Don Gilliam and W. H. Potter, trustee, reached them through the mails.

The first mortgage holder was the First Citizens Bank and Trust company.

Total of the second mortgage was \$50,000, and the third, \$24,000.

This winds up the financial affairs of Madix. Accounts payable went by the boards as well as all "stockholders' investments."

The defunct Madix corporation went into operation in May 1943 with plans to turn out daily 18 carloads of asphalt shingle and by-products. The plant, established largely by Morehead City capital, cost \$350,000 to construct, and was headed by C. C. Brewen, president.

At a cost of \$550,000 Southern Felt corporation, Durham, built the adjoining felt plant. Assets of both corporations were purchased recently by Loyd A. Fry Roofing company.

These Morehead City plants are the only ones of their type in an area bounded by Baltimore, Savannah and Memphis.

60 Youngsters Attend Party

Morehead City Jaycees and many business firms did their part toward making Christmas happier for 60 Morehead City children Wednesday at a Christmas party.

The party began Wednesday morning when a special movie was given for the group at the City Theatre. After the show, the children were taken to five restaurants and treated to Christmas dinner. Restaurants serving the youngsters were the Rex, Busy Bee, Jefferson, Sanitary Fish Market and Broadway cafe.

After dinner the group trekked to the Carteret Recreation center where a full schedule of entertainment took place. Games of all sorts were played, there was group singing, and two Jaycees who are ministers, Priestley Jowers and W. D. Caviness, told the story of Christmas to the children.

At 3:30 old Santa Claus himself was ushered in to the sound of sirens loaned by the town of Morehead City. He gave out toys to each of the children and then refreshments were served. White's Dairy donated ice cream, cakes came from W. P. Freeman wholesale grocers, candy and fruit from Gurley Motors and chewing gum from Carteret Wholesale company.

County Has Quiet Christmas

Holiday tragedies gripped the state and nation over the weekend with 24 dead in North Carolina and at least 486 dead in the nation. Carteret county's Christmas holiday was different, however, with not a single act of violence or tragedy reported.

Beaufort and Morehead City firemen reported that no alarm had been turned in during the past seven days. Beaufort police made no arrests during the holidays while Morehead City police made only one, a fellow was picked up for public drunkenness Monday night.

Jails in both towns were empty over Christmas. County officers stated that they made no arrests or investigations and that the only lodgers in the county jail were those arrested before Christmas.

Tickets Go on Sale For House of David Game

Tickets for the House of David basketball game Friday night, January 6, in Morehead City gymnasium can be bought now from members of the Lions club, and at the following stores: D. B. Webb, Morehead City Floral company, or Eastman's Furniture.

The House of David will play Morehead City All-Stars and the WMBL Atomic Bums. Sponsor of "the game is the Lions club.