

## New Hoop Nets Manufactured By Local Net Firm

Official's Decision Stands  
Better Chance With New  
Type Nets

By Oliver H. Allen

A new type basketball net that takes most of the guesswork out of basketball refereeing is being manufactured in considerable quantities these days by the Exum Net Co. of Morehead City.

Before the invention of the new net many goals called by referees were disputed. Balls would hit the backboard, bounce off, hitting the bottom of the net without going through the ring, and the referee, seeing the net waving in the air, would think a goal had been made.

The new net erases the possibility of any such mistakes. It is shaped so that no ball can possibly brush against it unless it is thrown from directly under the net or from an angle at the side that would leave no doubt whether it had passed through the basket.

Balls passing through the basket and ring will give the referee plenty of time to see them before they fall to the court. The net is shaped with smaller size mesh graduated from the ring down so that any ball falling into it has its momentum broken before it slides out of the net.

A janitor in a Toledo, Ohio, high school invented the new net when he saw referees often become confused with balls striking the old type loose weave net or passing through it without brushing the net's strands.

The new nets were first put on the market under the brand name of No-Whip Baskets. Later other firms manufactured them and today they have fairly wide distribution among larger colleges and professional teams. Madison Square Garden in New York has used them since their inception.

Exum Net Co. has manufactured the nets since they were first invented. Recently the local company filled an order from the Army for 9000 pairs of the nets to be used in the service's recreational program.

## Marine

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costs, he would have to serve the six months on the roads.

The case against Herbert Baum, charged with stealing half a butchered hog valued at \$75, was dismissed. Dismissed also were the following cases: Florence Brown, charged with assault with a deadly weapon; Riley Brown, assault with a deadly weapon and violating the prohibition law; Douglas Edward, Jessie Finch and Mrs. Sadie Finch, all charged with loud, boisterous, and profane language and breaking the peace; James Arthur Hester, non-support; Earl Alexander Sells, Jr., improper use of an operator's license; and Harold Norman Stoflet, no trailer license.

Samuel Green pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting in possession of non-tax-paid whiskey. He was ordered to pay \$10 and court costs. C. H. Rogers pleaded guilty to public drunkenness and was told to pay court costs plus \$10 or spend 30 days in jail.

### Motor Law Violations

The remaining cases concerned violations of the motor vehicle law. Virginia Zoll Stiles pleaded guilty to driving at 65 miles an hour and paid fines. The case against Vernon W. Thomas, charged with allowing a minor to operate a motor vehicle was not prosecuted.

Jason Scarboro pleaded guilty to having no operator's license and paid court costs. Harold L. Pitts, charged with speeding, forfeited bond for failure to appear in court.

### Bond Forfeited

Kenneth Lee Dickerson also forfeited bond for failure to appear. He was charged with having no license plate on a trailer. Julian Braxton Pipkins pleaded guilty to speeding and paid costs. A \$100 fine was levied on Charles Kent Williams who pleaded guilty to speeding drunk and without a license.

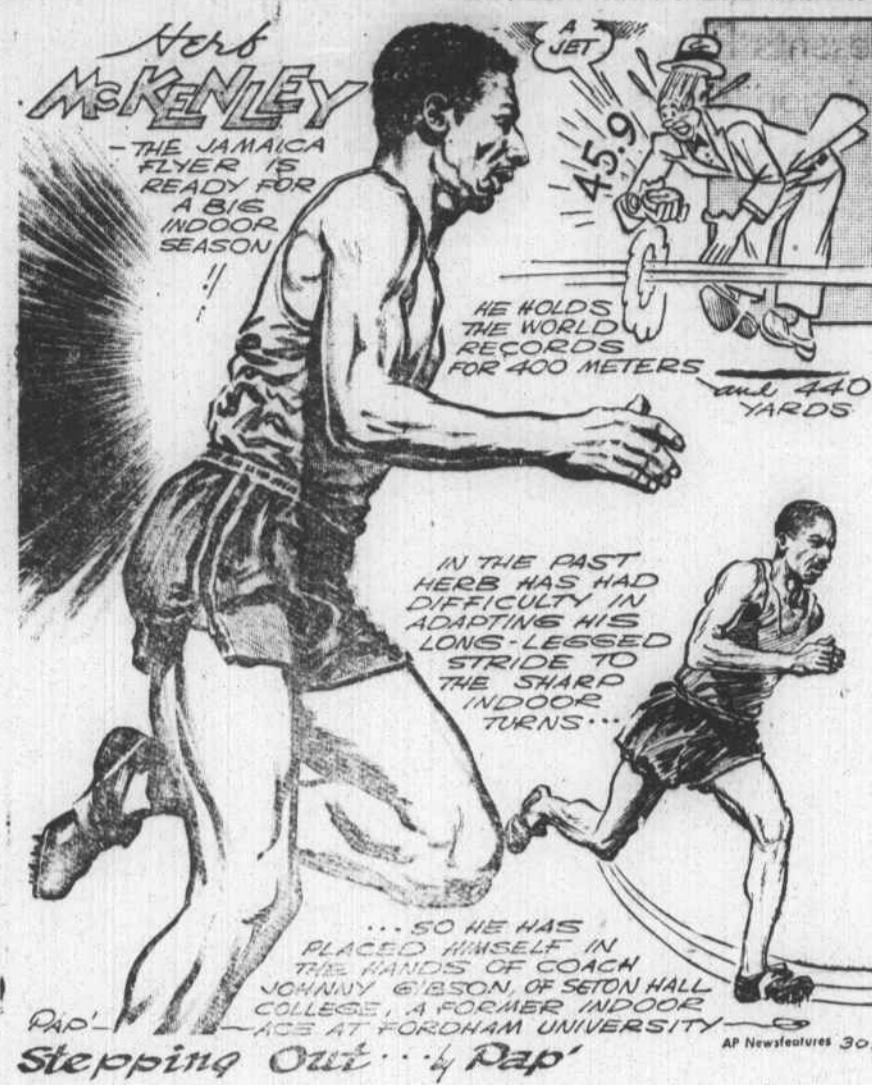
Robert Samuel Williams, Jr., pleaded guilty to a speeding charge and paid costs. One-half the costs were levied against James Lee Johnson who pleaded guilty to operating a car with insufficient brakes, improper lights and steering gear.

Carole Lasker pleaded guilty to driving without a license and paid costs; Willie F. Lewis pleaded guilty to the same charge and paid costs and \$25. The case against Troy E. Stanfield, charged with having no license, was not prosecuted by the state.

### Pleads Guilty

Harry E. Cowan, charged with being drunk on the highway, pleaded guilty, paid costs, and \$10. Costs were levied against Carl Brooks, Jr., for speeding; Jerry David Freeman, Jr., forfeited bond for failure to appear and answer a speeding charge.

Linwood Clay Tate pleaded guilty to speeding on a bridge, paid



## Scientists

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ional data on these eddies and other shore currents.

Such information is not being sought merely to satisfy the curiosity of some scientist, but rather to help understand the relation between water movements and the movements of fish and shrimp. For example, shrimp are believed to spawn somewhere in or at the edge of the Gulf Stream. Yet larval shrimp (too small to have much swimming power) are found in the inside waters. They must therefore be carried in by water currents.

**Whither the Currents?**  
The drift bottles and cards are part of a study to determine the coastal currents. The Gulf Stream is well known but not completely understood. There is some evidence to indicate that some of the warm Gulf Stream water breaks away from the main currents and form counterclockwise eddies between the shore and the Gulf Stream. It is felt that the release and return of the drift bottles and cards will give additional information.

**Migration Problems**  
Water currents are also believed to influence the coastal migration of such species as the bluefish, Spanish mackerel and menhaden. Why is it that these fish come in great numbers some years and then again are too scarce to support a fishery? What has happened to the menhaden this year? Are they moving below the surface, farther out, or are they still up north? Whatever has happened,

\$10 and costs. Maurice Lewis pleaded guilty to using an expired operator's license and was ordered to pay court costs. The same judgment was issued to Douglas Lawrence, charged with driving without a license.

On a charge of reckless and careless driving, and no license, Burgess Lewis pleaded guilty, paid \$10 plus costs. Wilbur Davis forfeited bond for failure to appear on a charge of driving without a license.

Bruce Robert Mannion, pleaded guilty to driving 80 miles per hour and paid costs plus \$50.

Court costs amount to \$21.50 per defendant. Sixty-one cases were on the docket and court adjourned at 4:30 Tuesday afternoon.

Twenty cases were continued. The defendants are Theodore J. Lemaire, Theodore Lemarie, Daniel Mailchuk, Jr., Hazel Southerland Garner, William J. Denoyer, Levi Williams, Nemi Williams, Victor Gaskill, Glenn Wade, Eddie Lee Collins, Alton (Snoopy) Willis, Rebecca Jones, Leon Pate, Jr., Elvin Davis, James Franklin White, Alton Lee Smith, Emily P. Pepiton, Delmas Willis, Theresa Brouard, Whipple Williamson.

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## Swansboro Beaten by Beaufort; Morehead City Loses Twice

Beaufort's basketball teams showed their strength Wednesday night by winning 54 to 17 over Swansboro's boys and 38-20 over the girls. Both games were more one-sided than the score shows since every substitute on either team went in during the last quarter and some of them even earlier.

Pat Fodrie was high for Beaufort with 16 points, one less than the score of Swansboro's entire team. Ottis Jefferson trailed behind with 10 and Cedric Beachem tallied eight. Beaufort led all the way, allowing Swansboro only 6 points during the first three quarters.

Score by periods:

Beaufort	17	11	14	12	54
Swansboro	3	2	1	11	17

The girls led all the way also with Swansboro never getting any closer than the 14-6 margin at the end of the first period. Carroll Ann Willis took high scoring honors with 18. Other scorers were Betsy Fulford, Peggy Guthrie and Janice Willis.

Score by periods:

Beaufort	14	12	8	4	38
Swansboro	3	3	5	6	20

### Murray T. Lewis Departs For Mediterranean Area

Murray T. Lewis, airman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Lewis of Marshallberg, has departed for the Mediterranean area on board the aircraft carrier USS Midway. He is expected to return to the country about the middle of May.

Before his departure he was on duty with Attack Squadron 45 at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla.

While in the Mediterranean he will be attached to the Sixth Task Fleet and it is expected that he will be able to visit many points of interest including southern France, Italy, Greece, Malta, and Africa.

Score in second game in Morehead City on Jan. 4, 1950. This game had a tight score of Morehead 17 and Beaufort 19.

The second game was played on Jan. 10, 1950. The score of the game was Morehead City 21 and Beaufort 15.

Scorers in second game in Beaufort: Morehead City: Martin 7, Willis 5, Bishop, 7, and Willis, 2. Beaufort: Mason, 6, Eubanks, 4, Smith, 3, and Simpson, 2.

Coroner Lewis showed the jury

## Bell Death

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ing, grabbed it, hoping to pull him out.

Anna Marie Bell, sister of James, testified that she had gone to the movies and was told there that there was a fire. She said she went to the scene and learned that "Yank," as he was called, was inside.

Flossie Huckins, who told the jury that she was Bell's girl friend, said she had a date with him that night and at 8:50 he hadn't shown up and then learning of the fire, she went to see that.

She testified that she occasionally cleaned the trailer and did Bell's laundry and that the morning of the fire she had cleaned it and found the stove without kerosene and only a little bit of kerosene in the lamp.

The next witness was John Henderson who said that at 6:30 Pete Davis brought Bell home. About an hour later, Henderson, who lived next to the trailer and was Bell's landlord, said he heard someone next door and Bell called out, "Is that you, Pete?"

According to testimony, Davis had arranged to come by for Bell later in the night.

Henderson said that he didn't recognize the voice of the other person but he went into the trailer with Bell. The witness said that he heard voices in the trailer but it was not loud talk. He testified that he did not know of the fire until he heard Collins shout and Willoughby came to his house to borrow an axe.

The witness, under questioning, told the jury that he and Bell had never had any arguments over rent, that he, Henderson, rented the trailer to Bell and told him to pay whatever he could.

Henderson further stated that he didn't smell any odor of kerosene at the fire and that he could not identify the voice of the person to whom Bell called, "That you, Pete?"

The final witness, Hattie Stamps, merely said she had gone to the fire. Other witnesses, James Willoughby, Roberta Henderson, and Alex Becton were called, but were not present.

Coroner Lewis showed the jury

## Wills Probated By Clerk of Court

The wills of Lula Willis, Davis, and Luther Salter, Bettie, were recently probated by the clerk of superior court.

The estate of Miss Willis, according to the will, is divided equally among her two sisters, Maggie Willis and Bertha Davis, and her friend Gertrude Talksen. Her sister, Bertha, is named as executrix.

Witnesses to the document were Irvin Davis, Davis, and L. C. Chandler, Atlantic. It was filed with the clerk Wednesday, Jan. 4.

Mr. Salter bequeathed to his wife all his property, real and personal, with the property that she does not dispose of in her lifetime to go to his son Joe L. Salter.

The deceased specified in his will that his daughters, Mary and Virgil, shall be provided a home with his wife and son until they marry and requested that his son live with Mr. Salter and manage the farm. His son was made executor of the will.

Witnesses to the document, filed with the clerk Thursday, Jan. 5, were C. R. Whealy, and J. G. Hudgins.

## Pvt. Ralph Sterlen Reports To Texas Air Force Base

Pvt. Ralph Andrew Sterlen, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Sterlen, 2008 Evans st., Morehead City, has reported to Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Tex., to begin the AF basic airmen indoctrination course.

Lackland, situated near San Antonio, is the world's largest air force base, center of Air Force basic training for airmen and women, indoctrination station for prior service reenlistees and home of the AF's Officer Candidate school.

pictures of Bell's body lying on the bare springs of his bed. His head was at the foot and it was reported that the mattress was lying on the floor by the stove.

Coroner Lewis stated that both the SBI, sheriff's department, and Morehead City police assisted in investigations of Bell's death.

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