

### The North Carolina Little Symphony Orchestra



The North Carolina Little Symphony of 23 players, pictured above, will come to Beaufort for concerts next Tuesday. The orchestra is under the direction of Benjamin Swalin. A free concert

will be played for school children Tuesday afternoon and a concert for adults at 8:30 Tuesday night in the Beaufort school auditorium.

## Officers Investigate Weekend Safe Robbery at Lee Motor Sales

### County Board Handles Road, Tax Problems

#### County Conveys Water Frontage Properly to Town of Beaufort

County commissioners handled road and property problems at yesterday's session in the court house and drew jurors for March superior court.

They made no definite commitment on the request for \$1,000 to the Cherry Point Zoning commission and accepted two reports, one from R. M. Williams, county agent, and the other from A. H. James, clerk of court.

Mr. Williams presented his annual written report on agriculture in Carteret county and Mr. James gave the clerk of court's financial report for January.

At the request of Wiley Taylor, jr., attorney for Beaufort, the county has conveyed, for public use, its interest, 1,000 feet of property from the bridge on Turner street extended to the F. R. Bell tract, to the town of Beaufort.

**New Dockage Area**  
Mr. Taylor said that it is the hope of town authorities to have the water area dredged so that small fishing boats can tie up there rather than clutter up the present waterfront during the fishing season.

Both Mr. Taylor and John Brooks entered bids on 350 acres of land in Davis township. The board decided that two parties' being interested in the property warranted public sale.

The land is known as the E. J. Becton tract and was foreclosed by the county seven years ago. Mr. Taylor offered \$250 for the property and Mr. Brooks \$200. The former said that the land was wanted for grazing cattle.

John Miller, Beaufort, was given a petition to be filled out in regard to the road just east of the railroad in Highland Park. This road connects highway 70 with a street known as "Chestnut street." Mr. Miller requested that the state highway department make the road passable.

The board told Mr. Miller that no action could be taken until the petition was filled out and presented to them.

C. K. Howe, Beaufort, received a similar petition form when he requested state highway improvement for 500 feet of road on Inlet Island.

**Taxes Settled**  
One hundred seventy-five dollars was accepted in payment of '36 and prior taxes on the Billy Guthrie property, Harkers Island. Five dollars was accepted in settlement of back taxes on the property of James Golden, heirs, Sea Level and \$60 on the taxes owed on the land listed under Alton Willis, heirs, Harkers Island. One hundred fifty dollars in settlement of taxes on the E. G. Dixon property, Harkers Island, was also accepted.

The board approved payment of \$70 to pay expenses of C. L. Beam, county veterans service officer, to attend a training school for four days at Washington. Hugh Salter, county commissioner, is also attending the school on behalf of the VFW, and was not at the board meeting.

**Harold Willis Seriously Cuts Finger With Hatchet**  
Harold Willis, Beaufort, is recovering today from an injury he received Friday while using a hatchet. He almost cut off part of the index finger of his left hand.

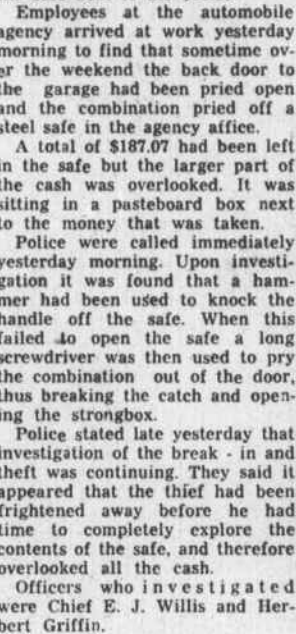
Mr. Willis was treated at Morehead City hospital and it is hoped the finger won't have to be amputated. The accident occurred while Mr. Willis was at work at Lipman's store.

### Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar

HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, Feb. 7	
11:27 a.m.	5:22 a.m.
11:57 p.m.	5:38 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 8	
12:00 Midnight	6:19 a.m.
12:19 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 9	
12:55 a.m.	7:23 a.m.
1:16 p.m.	8:28 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 10	
2:01 a.m.	8:33 a.m.
2:21 p.m.	8:36 p.m.

### Former Circus Polar Bear Prefers Bars and Leisure



By ELLIOTT CHAZE

**AP Newsfeature**  
DENVER—You hear a lot of talk about the importance of security these days. But here's a new definition for it: security is a thing that keeps a polar bear from jumping a four-foot fence.

This polar bear's name is Velox and back in her flapper days she used to climb ladders and balance her 500 pounds of ivory-furred charm on red-painted stools.

Back there she worked for Ringling Brothers, travelling the country in a crate, her fur all gummed up with soot half the time, and there were always more towns ahead, more ladders and stools.

Now, at 17, she's a quiet white-haired old lady with permanent residence at Denver's City Park zoo. She's almost blind and it takes her an average of two minutes to find a bright yellow jelly-bean thrown directly beneath her.

But she's completely happy, living on the side of her concrete mound, chomping up some 20 pounds of horsemeat daily and taking an occasional dip in her private moat.

Zoo superintendent Clyde Hill, boss of the City Park animals for almost three decades, considers Velox one of the most remarkable creatures of his experience.

"Polar bears can bound around like cats," he says. "But we hem Velox in with iron pickets four feet high and she wouldn't climb them on a bet."

The pickets are tilted inward. At one point a stone bridge crosses the moat and comes to a dead end against the fence. A trip over the barrier would probably cost Velox nothing more than an ounce of hide. Hill is certain, however, that she is not a captive to her own cowardice. He puts it this way:

"Talk about security: she's got it. And she appreciates it. When she came to us in 1941 she was getting too slow for her circus act, so they sold her to us. From the start I knew she was an educated, polite lady, and I've treated her like one."

A few years ago Hill decided that in view of Velox's kindly nature he'd put a sealion by name of Commodore in the enclosure with her. For almost a year Commodore bullied the seven-foot-tall Velox shamelessly, stealing her food, and as time passed he even began barking at her and biting her on the hind leg.

One sunny Sunday afternoon Velox tired of it and swatted the Commodore behind the ears, gauging her swing by the smell and sound of him. She swatted him conclusively and thereafter ignored his body, even when it was being removed by attendants.

The only mean thing she ever does to the people who come to gawk at her is perhaps the product of her humor. There's a red-and-lack striped hose that fills her pool and sometimes her keepers leave the hose running in the moat. She likes to dive for it, come up with it in her teeth, and squirt it on the people.

Says Hill in her defense: "I believe she thinks they like it."

### Chamber Officers To Speak Feb. 10 At Fayetteville

Dan Walker, manager of the Beaufort chamber of commerce, and Robert G. Lowe, manager of the Morehead City chamber of commerce, will take part on the program at the area meeting of the North Carolina Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives.

The meeting will be held at Fayetteville Friday, Feb. 10. Mr. Walker will talk on "How to Sell Memberships in a Local Chamber of Commerce" and Mr. Lowe will speak on "What My Chamber Is Doing for Tourists."

In addition to North Carolina chamber of commerce executives, members will hear Charles Parker, director of the advertising division of the state department of conservation and development, Ed Cherry, assistant manager of the Southeastern division, United States chamber of commerce, Walter Garver, head of Agricultural division, United States chamber of commerce, Washington, and Paul Kelly, representative of the industrial division of the state department of conservation and development.

This will be the first of three area meetings planned for the late winter and early spring. The next area meeting will be held in Asheville for the western section and the third will be held at Lexington, for the Piedmont area. These meetings will be March 13 and April 7 respectively.

### Baptist Churches Divert Funds To Improvement of Buildings

By F. C. Salisbury  
Making a recapitulation of the eight Baptist churches of Carteret county, as taken from the records of the minutes of the 1940 session of the Atlantic Baptist association held with the Trenton church on October 27-28, one finds that these churches established a fine record for the period covered by the several reports submitted at the meeting of the Association.

Most noticeable is the generous contributions made by the members for all branches of church work, especially the amounts given for new church structures and improvements. Four churches of the county contributed the sum of \$90,644.90 for new buildings and repairing. The First Baptist church of Morehead City heads the list with the sum of \$84,630.80. This amount covers the construction of the new Sunday school building, completed and put in use the past year. Atlantic shows the sum of \$7,620.18 spent on its house of worship; Davis \$1,861.00 and Smyrna \$2,337.00. Contributions for all the churches of the county total \$113,282.64, of which the sum of \$110,946.41 was paid out, covering all expenses of the operation of the churches and building programs.

Several churches show a cash balance at the close of the Association year. This record far exceeds that of any other group of churches in the Association.

**Loss in Membership**  
Increase in membership was not as large as in 1948. Loss by death and transfer cut down the total membership to a large extent. Baptisms 1948-90, 1949-40; by letter and other additions, 1948-43, 1949-27; loss by death and transfer, 1949-17, 1949-44. Total membership for 1948-1949, 1949-1950. The Sunday schools showed an increase for the year with a total of 1256 against 1157 for 1948.

At the memorial services of the association tribute was paid to the sacred memory of those who passed away during the year, as follows: Atlantic, Augustine Robinson; Beaufort, Abram Darling; Davis, Samuel Salter, Clayton Willis, David Willis, Mrs. Emma Lee Davis; Marshallberg, Clyde Gillickin; Morehead City, W. T. Davis, Miss Ada Davis, W. H. Howland, J. R. Miller, McDonald Willis, Jr., Frederick Fulford; Smyrna, Mrs. Eather Piner, Woodville, Mrs. Agnes Willis, Mrs. Nettie Golden.

**Officers Re-Elected**  
M. Leslie Davis of Beaufort, presided as moderator at the session for the 35th time since 1909. Dr. John H. Bunn, pastor of the First Baptist church of Morehead City has served as clerk-treasurer for the past nine years. Both these officers were re-elected for 1950.

The association this year will meet with the Atlantic church on October 26-27. The annual sermon will be preached by the Rev. Charles E. Parker, pastor of the First Church of New Bern. The eight Baptist churches in Carteret county are: Atlantic, Bayview, Beaufort, Davis, Marshallberg, Morehead City, Smyrna and Woodville.

### District Eight JCs Will Meet AT Morehead City

150 Jaycees, Wives Will Stay at Atlantic Beach Hotel April 22

Morehead City has been selected as the site for the spring quarterly meeting of the eighth district of North Carolina Jaycees, April 22. Selection was made at the winter quarterly meeting in Greenville Thursday night.

Over 150 Jaycees and their wives will be present for the week-end meeting. The Ocean King hotel on Atlantic Beach will be turned over to the group that weekend.

Four Beaufort Jaycees and eleven Morehead City Jaycees attended the meeting in Greenville. Attendance was the largest ever recorded at any Jaycee district meeting in North Carolina. This high mark is particularly significant because district eight is one of the smallest in the state, remarked Bernard Leary, Morehead City, district vice-president.

Highlights of the Greenville meeting were an address by Vice-president Leary and a talk on Jaycee extension work by state President Micou Brown of Raleigh. Brown said the aim of the state organization is to see the establishment of 20 additional clubs to bring the total to 100 clubs in North Carolina.

Present at the meeting, in addition to representatives from nine towns in district eight, were Jaycee officials and two candidates for state Jaycee president, Rush Hamrick of Shelby and Buckley Snider of High Point.

Jaycees attending from Beaufort were Joe House, Jr., Al Stinson, Lawrence Rudder and Odell Merrill. Those attending from Morehead City were Walter Ewell, Bill Chalk, Lester Hall, Warren Beck, Kenneth Wagner, Bernard Leary, Bud Dixon, Bob Lowe, Bob Howard, Jimmy Wallace and Bruce Goodwin.

### Woman Injured In Bridge Accident

Mrs. Lyda Howard, wife of Jessie Howard, Newport route 1, received cuts about the mouth when the car driven by her husband ran into the railing on the Mill Pond bridge Saturday night, three miles from Newport on the Nine-foot road.

R. H. Brown, state highway patrolman who investigated, said that the lights failed on Howard's car, a '41 Plymouth, and his brakes didn't work, causing the car to hit the railing. The automobile was balanced—half on the bridge and half over the water.

Four other passengers in the car and Mr. Howard were not injured. The accident occurred at 7 p. m. Damage to the Plymouth is estimated at \$400 and 20 feet of railing was torn away on the bridge.

Mrs. Howard was treated by her family doctor.

### Morehead City Firemen Called to Two Grass Fires

Two grass fires were put out by Morehead City firemen Sunday afternoon, neither caused any damage.

The first alarm was turned in at 3 p. m. from the home of Mrs. John Nelson in the 700 block of Fisher st. No water was needed to extinguish the fire which had almost died out by the time firemen arrived.

At 5:30 p. m. another alarm was turned in for a fire in a vacant lot between 21st and Fisher sts. Firemen remained at the scene for 20 minutes before the fire was put out.

### Juvenile Judge Makes Report On Recent Truancy Cases

A. H. James, judge of juvenile court, announced today that activity in juvenile court has greatly increased during the past six months. He estimates that approximately one hearing has been held each week.

The juvenile court is set up for the protection of children under 16. Cases coming before the court may involve delinquency, adoption, separation of children from parents, truancy, custody, or commitment to institutions.

The court is assisted by the welfare department staff who prepare social histories and make necessary investigations.

**Hearings Confidential**  
Although all of the hearings are confidential, Mr. James expressed the feeling that more should be given in order that the public may become acquainted with the needs of children. This is especially true where children are not attending school regularly.

Since the beginning of this school year, teachers and principals, working with the school supervisor, have referred approximately 75 families to the welfare department for investigation of school attendance. Out of this group, only seven had to be subpoenaed to court Jan. 28. In all the others the children had returned to school.

These confidential hearings were held before the juvenile court judge and the superintendent of public welfare, Thomas McGinnis. The superintendent of public welfare is the chief probation officer in every county.

Some of the factors contributing to irregular school attendance were found to be, according to Mr. McGinnis, health, social and economic difficulties, and economic need. In some cases only one factor was outstanding while others included a combination of general neglect of parents was cause in one case.

If these parents continue to neglect their responsibility they will be referred to Recorders Court where they will face a possible road sentence.

The juvenile court hopes that the schools, communities, and families will continue to give their support toward the solution of problems of children who fail to attend school.

### Morehead to Hire 2 More Firemen

Morehead City commissioners at a called meeting Thursday night at the municipal building authorized the employment of two more full-time firemen in order to keep the town's fire insurance rates at the present level.

The commissioners also checked fire equipment and reviewed other phases of the fire protection system. The fire department at their meeting last night was scheduled to select two men for the additional full-time jobs and present their names to the commissioners for approval.

Other matters discussed, but on which no action was taken, concerned drainage problems in the western part of the city, and who should be given the contract for the town audit, Albert Gaskill of Morehead City or Williams and Wall of Raleigh.

The regular meeting night is the third Tuesday of each month, but a session was called Thursday night because three commissioners, W. L. Derrickson, Walter Freeman, and D. G. Bell are planning to be out of town Feb. 21. Mr. Derrickson and Mr. Freeman, however, were not at the Thursday night session.

Commissioners present, in addition to Mayor George Dill were M. T. Mills, S. C. Holloway and Mr. Bell.

Unless a special session is called the next meeting of the commissioners will be Tuesday night, March 21.

### \$50,000 Suit Filed In Death of Carl Barfield

A \$50,000 suit in the death of Carl Loftin Barfield at Swansboro Nov. 13, last year has been filed in Oslow superior court.

The suit, brought by Walter R. Keagy, administrator of the estate of the young Swansboro man, is against John Wethington, jr., driver of the automobile which struck and killed Barfield.

The suit alleges that Wethington was driving in a reckless and careless manner, swerved across the highway and hit Barfield and failed to stop and render assistance after the accident.

### March of Dimes Campaign Falls Short of Goal

Collected to date in the March of Dimes for Carteret county is \$4,401. A. H. James, director, announced today. This is \$2,719 short of the \$7,200 quota.

Mr. James appeals to all civic organizations and other organized groups in the county to help this week to make up the deficit. "We may sorely need this money in the county this summer," he explains. "We must have \$7,200."

The \$7,200 goal in 1949 was met without any trouble. Although there was only one case of infantile paralysis in the county during the summer of 1949, other cases from previous years continue to require treatment. Should an epidemic occur here, as it did two years ago, \$7,200 and more will be required to give the aid necessary.

**Numerous Appeals Made**  
During the recent March of Dimes, appeals were made by radio, a "line of dimes" was sponsored in Morehead City, and Beaufort Fire department in cooperation with Beaufort Hardware company sold chances on an electric percolator.

The percolator was won by Bill Kirk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Kirk, Ann street extended. One hundred four dollars was received from this project.

The campaign was climaxed by the President's Ball last Tuesday night and approximately \$175 was realized. Jimmy Wallace of Morehead City was in charge of the affair.

Other organizations, including Pup Tent No. 6, Beaufort, and the county Business and Professional Women's club gave lump sums to the drive.

Mr. James believes the \$7,200 can be obtained if all individuals and groups who have not yet contributed make a concentrated effort to bring the drive to a successful close.

### Studebaker Overturns At Highway Intersection

An overturned 1950 Studebaker and a seemingly "stewed" Marine sergeant was all Patrolman W. J. Smith, jr., found Sunday night near the intersection of highway 24 and 70, west of Morehead City, when he was called to investigate an accident.

Patrolman Smith said the charge of being drunk on the highway is being filed against M/Sgt. William Bostick of Camp Lejeune.

Sergeant Bostick was found at the scene of the wreck 300 yards west of the intersection of highway 70, but told the patrolman that he was not driving the car. He further stated that six other persons were with him in the automobile. But no one else could be found.

No other car was involved and the Studebaker was towed to a Morehead City garage.

### Tar Heels Afloat To Visit Island

Pleasure Boats Will Meet Saturday to Cruise East To Hog Island

A mid-winter cruise to Hog Island in the extreme eastern end of Carteret county will be made by Tar Heels Afloat Saturday and Sunday, Commodore George Eastman disclosed today.

Craft in the cruise will rendezvous in Morehead City at 11 a. m. Saturday and proceed down Core Sound to Hog Island where they will make their headquarters at Camp Fishout on Hog Island bay. That night an oyster roast will be given at the camp, the only entertainment planned for the weekend.

Approximately 12 boats from Morehead City and Beaufort, four or five from New Bern and three or four from Wilmington are expected to make the cruise. Persons will sleep aboard their craft while at Hog Island.

Tar Heels Afloat is a unique organization among pleasure boating fans. Commodore Eastman commented. There are no dues or obligations imposed upon its members. The only purpose of the group is to provide pleasure for the members.

There are three week-end cruises during the summer and for the first time in the two-year history of the organization a mid-winter cruise will take place this year.

### Albatross Leaves On Third Cruise This Morning

The Albatross, fisheries research vessel, will leave Port Terminal at 11 o'clock this morning on its third scheduled cruise in North Carolina waters.

On this trip it will trawl waters in the 20 to 50-fathom depth between Cape Lookout and Frying Pan shoals. Work was first done between Hatteras and Lookout and then the Albatross went south to the section around Frying Pan. This trip will "close the gap" between the two areas.

During the most recent trip in the Frying Pan area approximately 100 miles was covered, trawling in the 20 to 50-fathom depth, with no rollers, and no nets were torn up. W. A. Ellison, jr., director of the Institute of Fisheries Research, said this indicates that waters at that depth are trawlable to a greater extent than thought.

Hydrographic data is taken on these trips in addition to trawling work. After the Albatross returns from this trip, she will leave for her home port at Woods Hole, Mass.

During the first cruise from Morehead City, 443 croakers were tagged to obtain information on the migration of this food fish. To supply comparable data to show any deviation between the northern and southern populations of croaker, the Albatross tagged 358 croakers from the Wimple Shoals area and 85 croakers just south of Cape Hatteras.

C. E. Atkinson, Chief, Middle and South Atlantic Fishery investigations, states that the Fish and Wildlife service was exceptionally fortunate in having the opportunity to tag these two groups of fish at almost the same time.

"This information will be a most valuable contribution to our knowledge of the croaker, for the data may settle the highly controversial question of the association of the failure in Chesapeake Bay area with the fishing activity off North Carolina," Mr. Atkinson remarked.

**Band To Meet**  
The community band of Morehead City will meet at Morehead City school at 7:30 tonight.