

## John Simpson Receives Star Scout Award

### Newport Troop is Host at Court of Honor Sunday Night at School

Johnny Simpson, troop 51, Beaufort, received the Star Scout award Sunday night at the court of honor conducted at Newport high school, and other Scouts received first and second class awards and merit badges.

The court of honor opened with an impressive flag ceremony presented by Scouts of troop 61, Newport, and the Rev. Bennett, pastor of the Newport Free Will Baptist church, led in a religious service which emphasized the Christian nature of Scouting and its national significance.

W. C. Wall, district Scout executive, New Bern, led the candle-light service which preceded the award ceremony. The Boy Scout laws were represented by 12 candles.

Second class awards were presented by C. S. Long of Newport. Receiving those awards were Jimmy Kelly and Albert Wallace of troop 61, Newport; Billy Powell, Charles Smith, David Chipman, and Bobby Goodwin of troop 51, Beaufort.

Robert B. Howard, Morehead City, presented first class awards to Joe Chipman and Ray Hunnings, troop 51, Beaufort, and the Star Scout award was made by Dr. W. A. Chipman, Beaufort.

The following received merit badge awards: Gordon C. Willis, jr., and James B. Willis, jr., troop 130, Morehead City; Joe Chipman, Johnny Simpson, troop 51, Beaufort; and Lonnie Hyatt, troop 101, Morehead City.

Stanley Woodland, Morehead City, made those awards and then spoke in praise of the growth of Scouting in the Carteret district, particularly in Newport.

Wall led a brief ceremony honoring Cubs of Newport Pack 61. Parents of Cubs were present and participated in recognition of advancement of the boys.

Scoutmasters of each troop were present and W. C. Carlton, chairman of the advancement committee, commended them for the progress made in their troops. Scoutmasters are Charles Hassell, Gerald Davis and Floyd Chadwick, Morehead City; and Linwood Hancock, Harkers Island.

Carlton presided throughout the program.

## R. L. Thompson Will Address 4-H Members

R. L. Thompson, jr., agriculture agent for Tide Water Power company, will be the principal speaker at the 4-H achievement program at 7:30 Friday night at the Scout building, Pollock st., Beaufort. Howard Garner, Newport, president of the 4-H Club council, will preside.

G. T. Windell, president of Morehead City school, will greet the club members and their parents and the response will be given by Darlene Brinson of the Camp Glenn 4-H club.

Anita Copeland, Beaufort, will tell the purpose of the meeting and Sadie Harris, also of Beaufort, will be in charge of devotions. Thomas Oglesby, Morehead City, will call the roll.

Thompson will be introduced by James Allgood, 4-H club adviser, who with Miss Martha Barnett, also a club adviser, will present awards for outstanding 4-H work. Reports of club activities will be presented by club members.

Rachel Mundine of Newport will present a piano solo and R. M. Williams, farm agent, will recognize parents and speak on 4-H plans for the future.

There will be recreation and refreshments following the program.

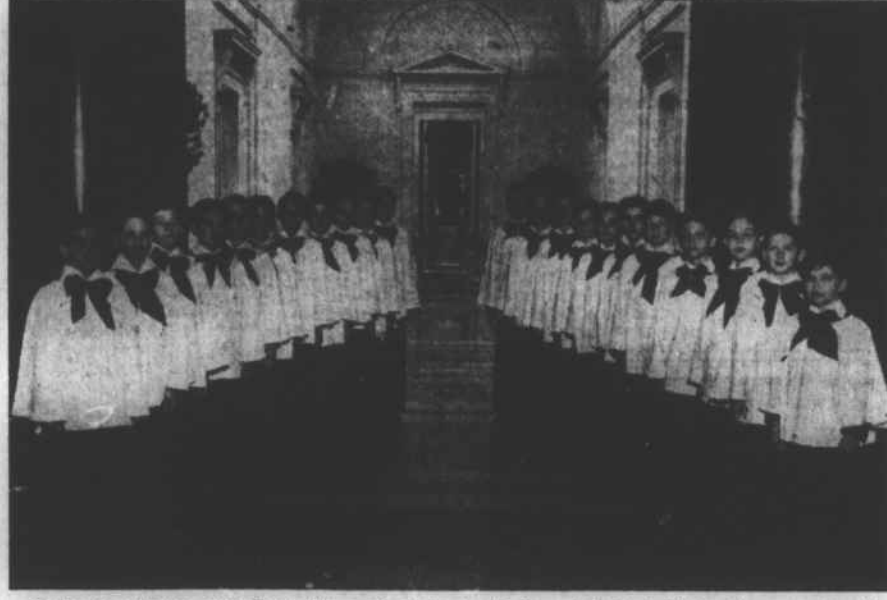
## Contractors Request Permission to Dredge

The Steen Contracting corp., Norfolk, Va., has made application for a permit to dredge approximately 151,000 cubic yards of material to form a channel about 100 feet wide, 10 feet deep, and 3,000 feet long, using this material to construct a hydraulic fill of like length at the southern approach to the new bridge over Bogue sound, Morehead City.

According to Col. R. C. Brown, district engineer, Wilmington, the dredged channel will be about 300 feet east of the fill.

Plans for the proposed work may be seen at the post office, Atlantic Beach, and objections to the proposed work must be received at the Wilmington corps of engineers office no later than Dec. 20, 1951.

## Boy Choristers Perform



Carteret's audience enthusiastically received the Apollo Boys choir last night as the young choristers presented the first of the current series of Community concerts in Beaufort school auditorium. Coleman Cooper, founder and director of the choir, displayed his expert abilities in choral directing, partly the result of training in both Europe and America.

## Inaccurate Information on Social Security Numbers Causes Trouble

### Webb Urges Yule Gifts Be Mailed Now Before Rush

"It's later than you think!" says Harold Webb, Morehead City postmaster. "Most people wait until December rolls around before they give the increasingly heavy Christmas mails a second thought. You'll worry less if you mail them now."

The postmaster expects the greatest flood of Yuletide mail in local history. He predicts it will exceed "by a considerable margin" the record-breaking 1950 holiday season, when 154,039 pieces of mail were cancelled at his office alone.

"This year's deluge of Christmas mail will strain post office facilities severely," he states. "But we'll get everything delivered by Christmas, if the public cooperates wholeheartedly."

Christmas packages for distant states should be mailed by December 5th. All Yuletide parcel post should be on its way by December 10th.

Christmas cards to friends and loved ones in other states should be deposited by December 15th. Greetings for local delivery should be mailed at least a week before Christmas.

Preparations to handle this Yuletide rush have already begun, Webb declares. The post office is training extra mail clerks and carriers, setting up new sorting tables, hauling out reserve mail sacks, and overhauling delivery trucks. Thousands of bright new postage stamps are on hand, and the post office pens are all getting new points.

To keep Christmas mail on schedule, the postmaster asks that you—

1. Stop at the post office next week to purchase the extra steps you're going to need, thus avoiding last-minute crowds. When buying stamps for Christmas cards, bear in mind the desirability of sending the cards by first-class mail. The rate for unsealed cards is 2 cents and cards mailed in this way do not rate forwarding or return services.

2. Check and revise your Christmas card address list this weekend. Purchase your Christmas cards early and address and stamp them at once. Then put them in a convenient place for mailing at the proper time.

3. Lay in adequate supplies of heavy cardboard, sturdy outer paper, strong cord, and printed Fourth Class labels for wrapping parcel post. Packages are limited to 70 pounds in weight, and must not measure more than 100 inches in length and girth combined. Repeat the address inside the outer wrappings, in case they are damaged in transit.

"Above all," says Webb, "please address plainly and completely. Give the full name, house number, street, name of city, zone, and state. And don't forget to write your return address on Christmas card envelopes. Authorities on etiquette say it's perfectly proper, because it helps people bring their address book up-to-date. But a return address is frequently even more help to us!"

### John Ellison Arrested

John Ellison was arrested by Beaufort police Saturday night on a charge of public drunkenness. He has posted \$12 bond for his appearance before Mayor L. W. Hassell next Monday.

"I will bring in my social security card tomorrow." "I have lost my social security card but I know the number." "I have my number copied down on this piece of paper."

Reliance on such statements by employers causes more trouble than anything else connected with the keeping of correct social security records for their employees, according to N. A. Avera, manager of the Wilmington social security office. Avera added that this week his office received from the central accounting office of social security 394 letters requesting correct information on 852 employees who had made one or more of these statements.

Wages reported by employers on their quarterly social security tax returns are posted to the employee's individual wage record by machines. If the name and the social security number do not agree then it becomes necessary to re-contact the employer for the correct account number before the worker's wages can be posted to his credit. This extra work, Avera stated, adds materially to the cost of keeping the records for the employer who makes an incorrect or incomplete tax return.

Avera emphasized that employers could save time and money not only for themselves but also for the government by reporting each worker's name and social security account number exactly as they appear on the worker's social security card. Workers are urged to show their employers their social security cards when they go to work and not guess at their account numbers.

If an employee changes the spelling of his name or a woman worker marries, the social security office will issue another card bearing the same number but the new name. These changes can be made by contacting the Wilmington social security field office, 125 Customs building and filing an application for the change.

### She's Nobody's Baby

## Raleigh Investor Tries Long Shot, Gets Unwanted Vessel

Eugene Pruett, Raleigh, high bidder for the Pamlico, ex-flagship of the state fleet, isn't quite sure he wants the Pamlico after all. According to Pruett, whose bid of \$32,103.78 was high, he never expected to get the craft and actually, he's not interested in owning a boat in the first place, he just thought it might be a good investment.

The State Division of Purchase and Contract, in charge of disposing of the vessel, says that unless Pruett backs up his bid with some cash by Thursday, it may start court action or the courts might take a lien on property Pruett already owns.

The reluctant "owner" of the 110-foot vessel says he sent in his bid on a long shot after a friend had looked the craft over at New Bern where it is tied up. An official of the commercial fisheries division stated several weeks ago that if the state were to break even on sale of the Pamlico, it would have to get \$60,000.

Getting the former sub-chaser to Morehead City a couple years ago cost \$5,000 alone in towing charges. The initial cost was \$15,000 and since that time thousands of dollars have been sunk in outfitting, overhauling, and maintenance.

That's the main reason North Carolina wants to get rid of the vessel. She costs too much to operate.

The Pamlico was built by the Daytona Beach Boat works at Daytona Beach, Fla., in 1943, as the "Ensign Herstam" for the U. S. Navy.

Pruett, at last reports, was eagerly looking for a buyer, somebody with at least \$32,103.78.

Sgt. Joe C. Beam Will Attend Officer School

## A&EC Asks State Utilities Board To Approve Loan

The Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad company Friday asked the State Utilities commission to approve its plans for issuing \$500,000 in notes to finance system improvements.

The loan plan was authorized by the 1951 General assembly, and preliminary details already have been approved by the Council of State and the Interstate Commerce commission.

The Council of State gave its consent Wednesday, authorizing the road to spend \$406,736.32. The loan, effective immediately upon commission action, includes \$93,000 advanced last May 1. The interest rate is to run at three per cent.

The ICC acted Nov. 2. The A&NC, which has borrowed before from the state to improve its roadbed and equipment, plans to buy new engines and improve its right-of-way. The council said \$108,014.32 will go for a new diesel locomotive, \$135,390.55 for another diesel, \$131,380.73 to lay heavier rail on a 10-mile stretch of track near Goldsboro, and \$31,950.12 to rebuild the Trent river drawbridge at New Bern.

The A&NC runs from Morehead City to Goldsboro. The state owns 72 per cent of the stock and all of the bonds. The actual train service is operated under a lease agreement by the Atlantic and East Carolina Railroad company.

The application listed M. G. Mann of Raleigh as A&NC president, W. G. Hargett of Kinston as secretary-treasurer, and W. A. Johnson of Lillington at attorney.

## Morehead Police Investigate Theft Of \$210 from Morehead Motor Parts

### County, Towns Receive \$19,387 In Tax Kickback

Carteret county and its four incorporated towns, Beaufort, Morehead City, Atlantic Beach, and Newport this week received a total of \$19,387.67 as their share of the beverage tax on beer and wine for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1951.

The state department of revenue put in the mail Wednesday checks totaling \$2,298,462.51. Two hundred ninety counties and towns were the recipients.

The checks, ranging from \$11.82 for the town of Blowing Rock to \$116,982.24 for the city of Charlotte, represent the local governments' 50 per cent share of the beverage tax collected on beer and wine sales for the fiscal year ending last September 30.

W. C. Pickett, jr., chief of the beverage tax division, said the \$2,298,462.51 total compares with \$2,074,161.90 distributed last year.

The distribution is based on population, and last year's checks were calculated according to the 1940 census. This year for the first time the checks are based on the 1950 census. However, because the increase in tax collections since last year closely approximated the population increase recorded in the census, the per capita allocation remained constant at slightly more than 87 cents.

The fund from which the allocation is made comes from a 2 1/2 cent crown tax on bottled beer, a \$7.50 per keg tax on beer and a 60 cents per gallon tax on unfortified wine.

Beer collections accounted for \$2,234,100.15 of the total, while the wine tax was responsible for \$64,362.36.

Payments in Carteret, Onslow, and Pamlico county are as follows: Carteret county, \$11,462.42; Beaufort, \$2,803.21; Morehead City, \$4,489.32; Newport, \$589.96; Atlantic Beach, \$42.76.

Onslow county, \$31,042.07; Jacksonville, \$3,456.01; Richlands, \$761.65; Swansboro, \$487.85; Hollyridge, \$944.30. Pamlico county, \$6,728.11; Oriental, \$514.90; Vandemere, \$414.55; Bayboro, \$395.35.

## Morehead Firemen Answer Two Calls

Morehead City firemen answered two calls over the weekend, one to a home on Shepard street Sunday afternoon and another to a home on Bay street Saturday morning. Damage was not extensive at either home.

The Sunday afternoon fire was discovered by Hubert Fulcher, Morehead City policeman, who noticed flames inside the house at 1307 Shepard st. He notified the chief of police, E. J. Willis, who called the fire department, but by the time firemen arrived Officer Fulcher and neighbors had removed from the house a burning sofa.

Residents of the home, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Gaskins, were away at the time. Mrs. Gaskins said she didn't know how the fire started unless a cigarette dropped between the cushions of the sofa.

The inside of the house was scorched but the major damage was to the sofa. A rusted pipe leading from a coal burning hot-water heater into a chimney caused the outside of the house at 1205 Bay st., to burst into flames.

An alarm sent the Morehead City fire department to the scene and the fire was quickly extinguished.

A fire department official said that the blaze did not damage the interior of the dwelling.

### Fisheries Commissioner Explains Scallops Ruling

Although the scallop season opens Saturday, it will not be legal to take scallops until Monday, C. D. Kirkpatrick, commercial fisheries commissioner, announced today. From Dec. 1 until May 1 it is legal to take scallops on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

It is unlawful to take them between sundown and sunrise or on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. The only legal methods of harvesting are by use of rakes, peck-diggers, tongs, and by hand.

All dredges, trawls or instruments pulled by power or behind boats are illegal, the commissioner warned.

### TB Society Offers Prizes For Best Window Displays

In conjunction with the Christmas seal sale, the County Tuberculosis association is offering two cash prizes to schools in the county who put the best Christmas seal display in downtown store windows.

Mrs. G. T. Spivey, chairman of the sale, announced today that the first prize will be \$5 and the second \$2.

The Christmas seal display now in the window of Lipman's store, Beaufort, was placed there by the home economics class taught by Mrs. David Beveridge.

## CP&L Expected To Build Large Generating Plant

One of the first steps expected in eastern North Carolina as the result of Carolina Power and Light's purchase of Tide Water Power co. is the construction of a steam generating plant.

Tide Water also had in mind the building of such a plant and had obtained government priority for the material. The priority papers will now be used by CP&L.

It has been reported that none of Tide Water's directors will be made members of the CP&L board and that Tide Water President Warren Bell's future status as a CP&L vice-president will be largely advisory. Tide Water's operating personnel and employees will not be seriously affected, according to reports from Raleigh.

The following statement was made recently by W. W. Bell, president of Tide Water Light and Power co., and sent to company employees:

You undoubtedly saw the news story announcing the forthcoming merger of Tide Water with Carolina Power and Light Company. I hope you read it carefully.

If it had been possible for me to talk with each member of the Tide Water organization individually I would have done so. However, we could not discuss the proposed merger with anyone before the meeting of the Board of Directors.

Naturally, the thought of your own security and your own future came into your mind when you learned of the proposed merger. It was in my mind, too, when the merger discussions were taking place.

As a result of our discussions with Carolina Power and Light it is my positive opinion that the merger need cause you no worry. In fact, there is a good possibility that a bigger and better future awaits you as a result of the merger.

I am confident that Carolina Power and Light will maintain our traditions of good service, of good personnel and public relations, and of working continuously toward the development of the area we serve.

We have all been proud of Tide Water and what we, as an organization working harmoniously together, have accomplished. Our team has brought Tide Water a long way in a comparatively few years.

Now I am sure that you will be equally proud of the larger organization of which you will be a member. We'll still be working together and with bigger goals in sight and bigger opportunities before us.

### Morehead City Firemen Announce Christmas Plans

Morehead City firemen this year will devote their Christmas effort to decoration, supplying needy families with food, and sending Santa Claus through the town on a fire truck to give fruit to the children.

Because Jaycees have undertaken toy collection and repair, the firemen said they will not collect toys this year. They will repair a few, they added, to go with boxes of food, but their toy operations will not be carried out on a large scale as in previous years.

Since the new fire truck arrived, lack of space also makes extensive toy repair impossible, firemen said.

## Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, Nov. 27	
6:22 a.m.	12:29 p.m.
6:40 p.m.	
Wednesday, Nov. 28	
7:10 a.m.	12:41 a.m.
7:30 p.m.	1:39 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 29	
8:01 a.m.	1:31 a.m.
8:20 p.m.	2:29 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 30	
8:52 a.m.	2:20 a.m.
9:12 p.m.	3:20 p.m.

Morehead City police are continuing investigation today of the theft of \$210 from Morehead Motor Parts co., 18th st. Chief of Police E. J. Willis reported yesterday that the money was stolen from the cash register some time Thanksgiving Day or early Friday morning.

The theft was discovered when the firm opened for business at 8 o'clock Friday morning.

**Only Cash Taken**  
Frank D. Johnson, owner, and Bill Austin, manager, said that nothing was missing other than the cash. The register was not locked and the thief or thieves merely rung it open and helped themselves.

Entry was gained through a back window which was forced open. The exit was made by the back door which was left standing ajar.

**Money Removal Forgotten**  
Johnson said that removal of the money from the cash register Wednesday night was simply forgotten "and we didn't realize there was that much in there," he added.

Chief Willis said fingerprints were obtained from the cash register. Assisting in the investigation were Officer Herbert Griffin and George Canady, agent with the State Bureau of Investigation.

## Morehead Band Visits Raleigh

The band of Morehead City graded school appeared in Raleigh's Christmas parade last night. The band, under the direction of Ralph Wade, left for Raleigh yesterday noon with the school principal, G. T. Windell.

Expenses for the trip were paid by a group of Raleigh merchants who gave the band association over \$100.

This grant enabled the school to charter three Seashore Transportation co. buses which took the players to and from the state capital.

The band sported their new uniforms which arrived last week. Taking part in the festive spectacle depicting Christmas at the circus were 11 floats and 12 other bands.

## Clubs, Officers To Meet This Week

Three Home Demonstration club meetings and two training schools for Home Demonstration club officers will be conducted this week. The club meetings are as follows: Cedar Point, 2 p.m. today with Mrs. Pauline Smith; Russell's Creek, 7:30 tonight with Mrs. F. J. Worthington; Williston, 7:30 tomorrow night with Mrs. Janie Lynch. The topic for study will be "Sweet Potatoes on Your Menu."

The training school for officers of the Atlantic, Cedar Island, and Williston Home Demonstration clubs will take place at 2:30 today at the home of Mrs. Dora Day, Cedar Island.

The training school for officers of the following 10 clubs will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the home agent's office, Beaufort: Core Creek-Harlowe, Bettie, Crab Point, Merrimon, North River, Russell's Creek, Wildwood, Gloucester, Wiregrass, and Camp Glenn.

The training school for officers of the Cedar Point and Pelletier clubs was conducted yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. DeWitt Truckner, Pelletier. Instructing the officers was Miss Martha Barnett, home agent.

### Repair of USO Has Not Started; Materials Needed

Members of the "Build for Youth" committee were over-optimistic in their announcement several weeks ago that work had started on repair of the former USO building on Shepard st., Morehead City.

Grady Rich, contractor in charge of the work, stated yesterday that there was a holdup on obtaining roofing materials and the roof was the first thing scheduled for repair.

He stated that the roofing materials were expected this week and as soon as they are received work will begin.

### Case Dismissed

In Morehead City's municipal court yesterday Mayor George W. Dill dismissed the charge of public drunkenness against Victor Hill, Negro transient, on condition that she leave town immediately. She was found Sunday lying in front of the City theatre.

## Little Symphony Membership Drive Begins Tomorrow

County Symphony Committee, Assistants to Meet At 7:30 Tonight

The North Carolina Little Symphony drive will begin tomorrow morning and continue for one week, Mrs. James H. Davis and Mrs. Hugh Salter, co-chairmen, announced today.

County officers of the Little Symphony committee, directors of the membership drive and assistants will meet at 7:30 tonight at the Lottie Sanders building, Beaufort, for the kick-off dinner.

They will hear a talk by a Little Symphony representative from Chapel Hill, receive publicity material on the campaign, and membership tickets. Memberships will be available for students as well as adults.

The Little Symphony will be presented this year in Beaufort school. Last winter's concert was given in Morehead City.

In charge of the membership drive in Morehead City is Mrs. H. A. Zimmerman. The Junior Woman's clubs in both towns are sponsoring the Little Symphony's appearance.

Serving the dinner at tonight's meeting will be the Annie Jones circle of Ann Street Methodist church.

## Negro to be Tried In Court Today

Lewis Washington, colored man of Beaufort, will be tried in recorder's court today on a charge of assaulting his wife with a deadly weapon and attempting to kill her Saturday night. Washington spent the weekend in the county jail under \$500 bond.

According to Police Chief Carlton Garner, Washington grabbed his wife as she was walking to Elks club meeting Saturday night, held her and struck her on the head four times with two 2-ounce net leads tied to the end of a rope.

At the Morehead City hospital 35 stitches were required to close Mrs. Washington's wounds. The first blow caused a gash 4 inches long and the other three measured from 1 to 2 inches.

The woman's sister notified Beaufort police and Washington himself, after the attack, went to the county jail where he informed the jailer, Em Chaplain, what he had done.

Chief Garner had the warrant drawn up and informed Washington Sunday morning of the charges placed against him.

## Auto Overtakes At Intersection

A 1950 model automobile overturned and was damaged to the extent of \$800 when it collided with another car at 7 o'clock Thursday morning at the intersection of Live Oak st. and the Lennoxville rd., Beaufort. No one was injured.

Driving the car which upset was Julius Small, Beaufort, and with him was his wife. Driving the other car, a 1941 model, was Mrs. Beatrice S. Beacham of route 1, Beaufort.

According to Police Chief Carlton Garner, Small was going west on the Lennoxville road and Mrs. Beacham was going south on Live Oak st. Both went through the signal light and each told the officer that the light was in his favor.

The Beacham car hit Small's car on the right and flipped it over on its top. Damage to the Beacham car was estimated at \$100. No charges were preferred.

### Shell Tanker, Lembules, Discharges Asphalt, Oil

The Shell tanker, Lembules, sailed for Curacao, Dutch West Indies, at 6:30 yesterday morning. The vessel had been at Morehead City port terminal since Friday. It brought asphalt and oil here and returns with ballast to Curacao where it will take on more oil. From there, said one of the ship's officers, the tanker will probably go to Germany and then to England.