

## Beaufort Choral Club Will Present Show Nov. 24, 25

The Beaufort Choral Club will give its first show of the season Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 24 and 25, in the Beaufort School auditorium.

The show, in three acts, is being sponsored by the Beaufort Parent-Teacher Association. Proceeds will be used to buy new stage equipment for the school.

Mrs. Charles Hassell, director of the show, says a varied program has been planned with an aim to please every member of the audience, regardless of musical taste.

Part I presents a selected male chorus, women's chorus and leading soloists with new arrangements of choral music.

Miss Betty Lou Merrill, Beaufort, is director of Part II, a fast-moving musical comedy. The scene is "Tait College" in the 1920's. Miss Merrill describes it as a "college football farce bursting with pep, jazz, dancing flappers, football heroes, romance and the toughest coach in the state."

Part III is the "Dixieland Cabaret." Mrs. Hassell says, "This was designed to answer a growing demand of Choral Club patrons for an oldtime vaudeville and blackface show. It has everything: Can-can dancers, barbershop quartets, blackface comedians, song and dance men, blues singers—with all the very best old minstrel music."

The Choral Club is entering its fourth year. It was organized in 1950 with 45 members. Membership now totals 59. Organizers were Mrs. Hassell and James Wheatley, Beaufort. Mr. Wheatley who was director and manager resigned that position this year.

The club is non-profit. Members pay no dues nor do they receive salaries. Three concerts are given each year and are sponsored by organizations in Beaufort and Morehead City. The sponsors receive net profits, the director said.

From 1950 to 1953 the club has taken in at paid performances approximately \$5,000. Expenses for the three years have been reported at \$1,800. Received by sponsors was \$2,100.



Virginia Hassell, Beaufort, and David Small, Morehead City, co-star in "Tait College," Part II of the coming Choral Club show.

## Lieutenant Gets Fine For Slugging Cecil Lynch

Lt. Robert Bradshaw, USMC, charged with assault with a beer bottle on Cecil Lynch of Smyrna, was sentenced Tuesday by Judge Lambert Morris to a year on the roads, suspended on payment of a fine of \$100 plus court costs and on the further provision that he remain on good behavior for five years.

Bradshaw, according to testimony, walked up behind Lynch at Will Pake's store, Smyrna, and hit him on the head with a half empty beer bottle. This occurred on Oct. 5.

Testifying in his own behalf Bradshaw said that, at the time, he believed Lynch had been circulating stories that he was a wife-beater.

A counter charge of assault against Lynch was not prosecuted. Fourteen other cases were tried by Judge Morris and continuances were taken in nine others.

**Forfeit Bonds**  
Bonds were forfeited by three for non-appearance in court. They are Willie James Lawrence, charged with speeding at 65 miles; Edward L. Ehlers, charged with speeding at 70 miles; and James T. Brown charged with having no operator's license.

Cases against three were dismissed. They are William Buntine Golden charged with improper hand signals; Maggie T. Murray charged with assault with a deadly weapon; and James W. Waddell, charged with larceny.

The heaviest fine was imposed on Ernest Brown charged with driving after his license had been revoked. A sentence of six months on the road was suspended on condition he pay a \$200 fine plus court costs.

**Pays \$50 Fine**  
Ray Teel was fined \$50 plus court costs on a charge of possessing non-taxpaid whisky. A similar charge against his wife, Annie, was not prosecuted.

George Hoover charged with seduction was bound over to Superior Court under a \$1,000 bond.

A charge of careless and reckless driving against Joseph Raynor Metts was not prosecuted but traffic charges against two others drew fines. Thomas Joseph Sparks, charged with following too closely, was fined \$25 plus court costs and Thomas D. Frederick with speeding at 65 miles and careless and reckless driving was also fined \$25 plus court costs.

Columbus Murray, charged with assault, was fined \$10 and costs. Cases continued are J. W. Thompson, non-support; Walter Thomas Lawrence, driving after license revocation; Robert Mein-back, faulty equipment; Alton Waddell, larceny of hogs; Herman Lee Carter, speeding and reckless driving; Henry Melvin Hester, assault on a minor female; William S. Robinson, drunk driving; George Mattocks, failing to yield right of way; J. D. Arnold Jr., larceny of hogs.

**Tide Table**  
Tides at Beaufort Bar

HIGH	Friday, Nov. 6	LOW
7:44 a.m.	1:23 a.m.	
7:56 p.m.	2:10 p.m.	
	Saturday, Nov. 7	
8:19 a.m.	1:58 a.m.	
8:30 p.m.	2:48 p.m.	
	Sunday, Nov. 8	
8:54 a.m.	2:32 a.m.	
9:08 p.m.	3:26 p.m.	
	Monday, Nov. 9	
9:31 a.m.	3:09 a.m.	
9:42 p.m.	4:05 p.m.	

**Joins Radio Staff**  
Ralph Lowmire, Sea Level, is one of four students at East Carolina College, Greenville, who has been selected as a student announcer for the campus radio station.

**Chief Revises Traffic Plan**  
Chief of Police M. E. Guy, Beaufort, announced today that the traffic pattern at Beaufort School has been revised.

The south side of Mulberry street, across from the school, will be reserved for angle parking for the faculty and other school personnel.

The north side of the street will be open for loading and unloading children. Traffic going west must enter only from the east. Traffic going east must enter only from the west.

The street will be closed during school hours as it is now. The cross walks will be changed so that there are three, one directly in front of the school, one at the east and one at the west. There have been four in the past.

Motorists leaving children off at school and picking them up may not double park, the chief warned. The new plan removes the parked cars from the center of the street. It gives also a more convenient loading and unloading zone, the chief added.

# Southern Surveys A&EC, Makes Purchase Offer, Lessees Report

## A&EC Operators Say They Are Willing to Sell

By LOCKWOOD PHILLIPS

Sale of the Atlantic and East Carolina Railway Co. to Southern Railway Co. is in prospect, Col. E. R. Buchan, president of A&EC revealed to THE NEWS-TIMES today.

Colonel Buchan stressed that there "is no certainty" that Southern will buy A&EC but said that corporate officials of Southern along with maintenance crews, engineers, traffic experts, industrial consultants and equipment engineers have gone over A&EC with a "fine tooth comb in the last six weeks."

"If Southern buys A&EC it will mean development of the Morehead City port without a shadow of a doubt — almost overnight," Col. Buchan said.

He said that the first prospective buyer of A&EC was the Norfolk and Southern prior to 1950, closely followed by the Atlantic Coast Line which interests, in this state lie mainly at the Wilmington port.

During 1950, Colonel Buchan continued, Southern officials looked over A&EC but never made an offer for the railroad.

### Southern Makes Offer

"And both Mr. Edwards and myself dismissed the matter from our minds. Now Southern has made us definite offers, details of which cannot be revealed."

"If Southern buys, it will mean great things for every community along the 90-mile A&EC route from Morehead City to Goldsboro because Southern has the facilities, the wide-flung connections and the capital and the reason to develop the Morehead City port."

"The reason," Colonel Buchan continued, "is that Southern has only lease facilities at Norfolk which can be reached only over leased trackage of the Atlantic Coast Line from Selma, which is expensive all around."

"Were Mr. Harry Edwards (chairman of the board of A&EC) and I younger men by ten years we would not dream of selling our railroad. But today, if Southern is to buy us out, the many factors — both personal and public-spirited — would be our reasons for selling."

### 'Good Deal' for State

"And the sale would be a mighty good deal, also, for the State of North Carolina."

Revival of Southern's interest in A&EC comes at a time when work on the federal government's 28-mile rail link between Marine bases at Camp Lejeune and Cherry Point is in late stages of construction. The new line touches A&EC at Cherry Point and the Atlantic Coast Line at Camp Lejeune.

The excellent, and mainly undeveloped, industrial sites along the A&EC trackage may be another incentive for renewed interest among Southern officials who would develop the area through their industrial division's working with the State Board of Conservation and Development.

Also, and of extreme importance, Southern's integration of A&EC, now operated as a "short line railroad," would permit greater facilities in rate-making which is an advantage for a railroad handling commodities from points of pickup and delivery wholly on its own lines.

Further, Southern would be able to make more attractive rates from any of its farflung points of pickup to Morehead City than from the same points of pickup to Norfolk.

### Widespread Trackage

Southern Railway's trackage spreads from New Orleans to Chicago and through the Mississippi valley like the nerves in a human body.

In North Carolina it is the "nerve center" railroad. It operates the

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## Police Get New Uniforms



Members of the Beaufort police recently received new outfits — jackets, trousers and grey shirts. Orange shoulder patches with black lettering, "Beaufort Police Department" have also arrived and will be placed on both shirts and jackets.

The chief and assistant chief have gold badges and gold braid on their caps. The patrolmen have silver braid.

The force is now driving a new patrol car, a 1953 Ford with a Mercury engine.

## J. P. Harris, Beaufort Fire Commissioner, Quits Post

J. P. Harris' resignation as fire commissioner for the town of Beaufort, was accepted at the board meeting Monday night at the town hall.

A letter from Mr. Harris, sent to Mayor Clifford Lewis and Fire Chief Charles Harrell, appears below. The "program" to which Mr. Harris refers in the opening part of the letter concerns a proposed supervised two-year training program for firemen and replacement of worn-out fire equipment as well as addition of new.

Mr. Harris says he will continue to be active in the Beaufort Rural Fire Protection Association.

### Beaufort

North Carolina

November 5, 1953

Mr. C. T. Lewis, Mayor Beaufort, North Carolina. Dear Mr. Lewis:

Having been recommended by my fellow firemen, they appreciated the fact that you reappointed me as Fire Commissioner last July when you assumed the office of Mayor. They heartily approved the two-year program (during your present term of office), which was outlined to you and your Board, and was approved by both you and the Town Board. Although quite a bit of this program has been completed, I regret that the entire program has not been completed at this writing.

As you will recall, at the October meeting of the Town Board, because of past experience as a professional fire fighter, my meager knowledge of fire fighting equipment, and because the entire board stated and admitted that they knew nothing at all about fire fighting equipment, I was instructed by both you and the Board to prepare for the November meeting, a recommendation that the board was to follow in the purchasing of hose for the Fire Department.

Through Mr. Dan Walker, and in compliance with existing laws, the proper advertising was made through the local paper, advertising for bids. After spending a great many hours interviewing hose company representatives, and

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**Gets 60 Days**  
George E. Ellison, charged with public drunkenness, was given 60 days on the roads, the town to pay him \$10 a week for board.

Inez Foust Godette, found guilty of hit and run and driving on the wrong side of the road, paid \$25 and costs. Judge Mason ordered her license suspended for 60 days.

Arthur Delaney, charged with public drunkenness, pleaded not guilty. He was given a 30-day sentence suspended on condition he pay court costs.

Nehemiah Williams, also charged with public drunkenness, was ordered to pay costs. Thomas Harry Rocky, charged with failing to stop at a stop light, paid the costs.

**Pays Costs**  
Paul Davis Pittman paid costs for failing to stop at a stop sign. Edward Barrett was found guilty of refusing to assist an officer in making an arrest and with interfering with an officer in performance of his duty. He paid \$10 and costs.

Cases continued were the following: Isaac Edward Pennuell, operating car with improper muffler; Willie Taylor, fighting in public; Willie Stewart, public drunkenness, using loud and profane language and resisting arrest.

The case of Price Johnson, charged with public drunkenness, was continued. Johnson was placed under \$25 bond.

The judge issued orders to bring into court, Calvin Simpson, charged with public drunkenness; Joseph W. Dye, failure to stop at a stop sign; and John George, driving without a license.

Prayer for judgment was continued in the case of Alberta Fair, charged with fighting in public.

### Leaders to Meet

Scout Leaders and commissioners of the East Carolina Council, Boy Scouts of America, will participate in a training school, Nov. 6-8, at Camp Crostan near New Bern.

Council Vice-chairman for training, Bill Pierce of New Bern, will be dean for the two training sessions which will run simultaneously.

## Cable Trouble Puts Atlantic Beach in Dark

Power Flows to Beach At 6 P. M. Wednesday After 24-Hour Outage

A burned out conductor in the underground power cable from Morehead City to Atlantic Beach put the beach in darkness for 24 hours this week. The outage began at 4 p.m. Tuesday and ended at four minutes before 6 p.m. Wednesday.

Part of the west end of Morehead City was without power from 4 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. Tuesday.

George Stovall, manager of the Carolina Power and Light Co. in this area said they're not sure what caused the trouble. A deep draught vessel may have damaged it or it simply may have worn through.

If the cable had just held out three more weeks the new cable the power company is laying would have been in operation, Mr. Stovall said.

The trouble occurred at the portion of the cable which crossed the north channel of the draw now being razed by the state.

### Difficulty Suspected

"We noticed trouble there at about 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon," said Mr. Stovall. He said equipment in the power company plant was acting up, fuses burned out and switches had to be tripped to get power flowing.

Then everything went off and at 6:15 the trouble was pin-pointed in the cable.

The section west of 24th street on Evans and west of 28th street on Arendell had power restored by 6:15 Tuesday night.

Special equipment from Wilmington arrived here Tuesday night at 11 o'clock. T. A. Loving Co. barges and tugs were called into service by the power company. The local line crew, which had just completed the weary job of juggling on foot the 30,000-volt line from Morehead City to Cherry Point Tuesday, was kept on that night and all the next day until the cable was back in operation.

### 14 Men Work

A total of 14 men, including district and area line supervisors and Mr. Stovall stuck with the job until it was finished. Repair costs were a minimum of \$1,500, Mr. Stovall said.

The folks at Atlantic Beach were most sympathetic and understanding, said Mr. Stovall. "They were the nicest to us anybody has ever been when there's been an outage. They didn't gripe or complain, they just asked us when we thought the power would be back on. It made the boys work all the harder to get things done as soon as they could."

When the new cable is laid at the new bridge, the cable just repaired will be used as a secondary line. It will be put into service in emergencies.

The poles have been set for the new cable and the cable structures built. It is a 25,000-volt line. Cost of laying it will total \$75,000.

## Firemen Continue Drive for Hydrants

Before fire hydrants can be placed in the Noyes avenue section, the town of Morehead City must request that they be placed there, Morehead City firemen were told at their Monday night meeting.

George Stovall was appointed to ask John Lashley, town clerk, to provide the proper requisition so that Carolina Power and Light Co. can proceed with the hydrant installation. Mr. Stovall, a fireman, is also local manager of the power company.

Mr. Stovall said yesterday there is quite a bit of confusion about where the hydrants are to be placed. He said some think it's the Arvon section, some think it's the Bayvond Homes section, but the hydrants in question are two that are scheduled to go on Noyes avenue and on Taylor street in the Noyes section.

The firemen appointed Engineer Mac Edwards to oversee their Christmas charity program. Every year the firemen distribute 15 to 30 boxes of groceries to needy families.

Movies were shown after the meeting by Clyde Blanchard who recently returned from a trip to London and Paris.

Films of his trip from the air and scenes in London and Paris made up the movie.

## Police Give Safety Booklets To Students

The final shipment of 5,000 safety booklets, being distributed by Morehead Police Department has arrived and is ready for distribution.

These safety booklets have already been distributed to five schools in the county, the W. S. King and the Charles S. Wallace schools in Morehead, both the white and colored schools in Beaufort, and Camp Glenn.

Students in the other schools of the county will receive their copies soon, said Capt. Herbert Griffin of the police force. They are used as basis for study and examination on safety rules.

The book has sections on pedestrian, school bus, bicycle, and patrol safety. Also included are the ABC's of safety and safety's 10 "golden rules."

A picture of the Morehead City Police Department is on the inside cover.

Publication and printing of the book is sponsored by five Morehead City business concerns.

## Six Will Enter Army Monday

Six young men, three of whom are volunteers, have been ordered by Carteret County Selective Service Board to report Nov. 9 at the courthouse annex in Beaufort for forwarding to Raleigh where they will be inducted into the Army.

They are James E. Podrie, Beaufort; James E. Smith, North River; Matthew M. Mitchell Jr., Morehead City; Curtis T. Guthrie, Broad Creek; Lloyd A. M. Hunter, Broad Creek; and Willie B. Lawrence Jr., Bettie.

Volunteers are Mr. Hunter, Mr. Guthrie and Mr. Mitchell.

Mr. Lawrence is delinquent, the board said, and is seeking information of his whereabouts.

The Selective Service Board of office is closed today and will also be closed Monday, Nov. 9.

Twenty-three registrants have been ordered to report to the board Nov. 18 for preinduction examination.

## Two Public Buildings Get White Coat of Paint

The exterior of two public buildings in Beaufort is being painted. Both the town hall and the Carteret County Public Library are getting coats of white.

Money to pay for labor and paint for the town hall was collected by Judge Earl Mason. Judge Mason said he does not have enough to complete the job. He hopes that when people see how nice the building looks, they will chip in some more.

Mrs. W. L. Woodard, chairman of the library board, said the money to paint the library has accumulated over a period of years. She said it is not town or county money given for operation of the library.

## JC's Prepare For Homecoming Football Game

Preparations for a gala Homecoming game tonight, when Morehead City meets Wallace in the final grid tilt of the season, were put into final draft at the Morehead City Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday.

The Jaycees are expecting a large crowd because of the fine showing of the team this season and have arranged parking, concession, and ticket accommodations for the fans.

**A. L. Awtrey Speaks**  
The speaker for the evening was Assistant Football Coach A. L. Awtrey, who spoke on the history of football.

Mr. Awtrey commented on the school board's part in promoting football in Morehead City.

The annual Voice of Democracy oratorical contest, to be sponsored by the Jaycees, will be held this year. The theme will be "Democracy."

The Jaycees discussed and put into operation plans for the contest which include an award for the winner.

**Chairman Named**  
Julian Murphy was made chairman of the Operations Christmas program, planned in conjunction with the Air Force. Mr. Murphy reminded Jaycees that a dance at Kinston will raise funds to present orphans with presents. Distribution will be made to orphanages by helicopter. The dance will be Nov. 18 at old Knotts warehouse.

Morehead City's quota of tickets was set at 500. Tickets may be purchased from Jaycees for a dollar each. A TV set will be given away at the dance.

Glenn Miller's orchestra will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The committee for the Halloween party at the American Legion Hut reported a fair turnout for the affair.

## Safety Division Takes Licenses

A list of persons in Carteret County whose driver's licenses have been suspended or revoked was released yesterday by the Highway Safety Division.

Those whose licenses were suspended are Robert Samuel Jr., Cherry Point, Recorder's Court, Beaufort; Robert J. Toy, Cherry Point, Recorder's Court, Beaufort; Lester W. Baker, Cherry Point, Recorder's Court, Beaufort; and Roger William Gillikin, Beaufort, Recorder's Court, Plymouth.

George Roy Jones, Morehead City, Recorder's Court, Jacksonville, and Malcolm Rex Lawrence, Beaufort, Recorder's Court, Plymouth.

Leo L. Gandy, Cherry Point, Recorder's Court, Beaufort, was among those whose licenses were revoked.

## Firemen Will Elect Officers Next Month

The Morehead City Fire Department will elect new officers next month.

The firemen hold an election each year. A new chief and assistant chief will be chosen. El Nelson is the present chief and Vernon Guthrie assistant chief.

## Progress 'Fair' in Drive For Salvation Army Funds

Sam Adler, chairman of county Salvation Army committee, says progress in the current drive for funds is fair.

Mr. Adler said contributions so far are short of the goal set. He added that those persons who have overlooked the present drive still have ample time to drop their contributions in the familiar red tripod and kettle in front of Leonard's Store on Arendell street.

"All money that is collected is to be spent in the county," Mr. Adler emphasized. He said some people are under the impression that money collected here did not actually go toward local and county needs.

With so many drives already this year by other organizations, Mr. Adler feels persons were "sort of tired" of hearing pleas for money, but reminded them that Salvation Army funds are urgently needed for the benefit of the community and the county.

## Three Face Charges For Assaulting Each Other

Edward Barrett, Ida Chadwick and Charles Debrix, Beaufort, were charged with assaulting each other at the Chadwick home at 6:30 Wednesday night.

Chief of Police M. E. Guy says Barrett hit the woman with a stick, inflicting serious head injuries. Barrett was injured about the face and Debrix escaped without injury.

They will be tried in Recorder's Court in Beaufort Tuesday afternoon.

### Three Attend Meeting

Robert Loughton, president of the County Farm Bureau, R. M. Williams, farm agent, and Earl Murdoch, Wildwood, attended the district Farm Bureau meeting at Kinston Wednesday night.