

## Commissioner Extends Scallop-Taking Season

Due to bad fishing weather and the abundance of scallops, C. Gehrmann Holland, assistant fisheries commissioner, reopened scallop fishing on a five-day-a-week basis starting yesterday.

Scalloping will be permitted Mondays through Fridays, day time only, until further notice, he said.

Commissioner Holland also reminded fishermen and fish dealers that the new license and tax laws became effective Jan. 1 of this year. Among them are the following:

All power boats engaged in commercial fishing of any type are required to license their boats on overall length, boats up to 26 feet paying 50 cents per foot, those over 26 feet paying 75 cents per foot.

Nets of any type are taxed at \$1 for every 100 yards and under; pound nets for each separate pound, \$2; submarine pound nets and trap nets, \$2 each; fike nets, \$1 each; channel shrimp nets, \$2 each.

Boat licenses must be prominently displayed on each side of the cabin or on the engine box if the boat has no cabin.

## N. F. Eure Wins Silver Beaver Scouting Award

### Two Morehead City Scout Leaders Honored at Meeting Friday Night

N. F. Eure, Beaufort, chairman of the Carteret District, Boy Scouts of America, was presented with the Silver Beaver award, highest honor that the East Carolina Council can bestow, at a meeting at Greenville Friday night.

Ethan S. Davis, neighborhood commissioner, and Gordon C. Willis, vice-chairman of the Carteret district, both of Morehead City, received key awards.

The awards were presented at the annual meeting of the East Carolina Council. The session took place at East Carolina College. Those present numbered 375.

Bob Howard, Morehead City, Carteret District commissioner, made the presentation address to Mr. Eure. Mrs. Eure received the award and then gave it to her husband.

Mr. Eure has long been active in scouting in Carteret County. He has been instrumental in raising funds for the financing of Scouts in Beaufort and has held numerous offices in the Carteret District.

Other Silver Beaver award winners were Ralph T. Morris, New Bern, K. P. Linsley, Williamston, and Leroy Arnold, Kinston.

W. C. Chadwick of New Bern, vice president of the council, paid tribute to Scoutmasters, assistant Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, Den Mothers and their assistants, Explorer advisors and members of their families.

Mr. Davis and Mr. Willis were recognized for their work with the Boy Scouts of Morehead City.

## Beaufort Police Arrest 11 Men

Eleven men were arrested on charges of public drunkenness Saturday and Sunday in Beaufort. They are Helary Myatt, Mixie Jones, Clyde Oates, Willie Stevens, William Griggs, Bill Pearce, James Jones, Sherman Douglas, John H. Duberry, Elbert Norman and Guy Van.

Bonds on each were set at \$25 with the exception of Myatt whose bond was set at \$35 and Griggs whose bond was set at \$50.

Emory Mack Williams was arrested Saturday on a charge of running through a stop sign and William Johnson was arrested on Sunday on the same charge.

All defendants will be tried this afternoon in Beaufort Recorder's Court, town hall, Beaufort.

### Sheriff Investigates

Sheriff Hugh Salter was called to a beer selling establishment on the Harkers Island Road Saturday night to investigate a fight among several soldiers. Windows of a car were broken out and a radio aerial bent. The sheriff said no arrests were made. Persons who caused the damage agreed to pay for it, the sheriff said.

## School Official Comments on Idea Of One High School for Two Towns

As the result of several inquiries relative to establishing one large high school for the boys and girls of Beaufort and Morehead City, a NEWS-TIMES reporter spoke Saturday to H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, to ascertain his attitude on the matter.

Within the past month, residents of both Morehead City and Beaufort, have spoken to representatives of THE NEWS-TIMES, expressing themselves in favor of one large high school.

Mr. Joslyn said he highly approves of the idea.

One high school would mean that the present buildings in each town would be devoted solely to primary and grammar grades. Those schools are now crowded to the bursting point and high schools in both towns need enlarging.

Three advantages would be gained through one high school for the two towns. They are, according to Mr. Joslyn, reduction in cost of school operation, higher class rating for the school, and raising of academic standards.

Reduced Maintenance Cost  
Cost of operation would be reduced considerably if there were only one building to maintain. There would be one high school

Bombing Continues  
Because of strafing and bombing exercises in the area of Browns Island, that vicinity will be hazardous to navigation from 7 a. m. to 5 p. m. Friday, Jan. 22, Army Engineers have announced.

# Holden Ballou Becomes Man-of-Year

## Gordon A. Skean Accepts Position On Army Paper

### NEWS-TIMES Production Manager to Join Stars and Stripes in Japan

Gordon A. Skean Jr., production manager for THE NEWS-TIMES has accepted the position as production manager of Stars and Stripes, Army newspaper covering the Pacific area.

Mr. Skean, with his family, will live in Tokyo. Present plans call for his leaving Seattle Feb. 1 and



Photo by Jerry Schumacher  
Gordon A. Skean Jr.  
... heads for Japan

flying to Japan. Mrs. Skean and their 3-year-old son, Brent, will join him early this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Skean came to Morehead City in September 1949, expecting to stay one month. They have been here ever since and are retaining their home at 103 S. 28th St. during their two-year stay in Japan.

Mr. Skean was born in Florida and attended public schools in that state, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. He attended the University of Florida where he worked on the college paper. Prior to entering the printing business he was a reporter for two years on the Mercury, a newspaper at Pottstown, Pa.

In 1934 he accepted the position as superintendent of a commercial printing firm in Pottstown and in 1943 entered the Army. He went overseas in 1944. His first combat action was in the Battle of the Bulge. He was with the combat engineers attached to Patton's Third Army.

He took his discharge overseas to accept the position as production manager of Stars and Stripes, the Army newspaper with plants at Nuremberg and Frankfurt.

While there he married Anna Maria Ernest of Pilsen, Czechoslovakia, and they returned to the United States in the fall of 1948.

Mr. Skean served as a printing consultant for small newspapers and prior to coming to Morehead City where he became affiliated with THE NEWS-TIMES, he operated the Ephrata Ensign, a semi-weekly at Ephrata, Pa.

The Pacific edition of Stars and Stripes appears daily and circulates in Hawaii as well as on the Asiatic mainland. Mrs. Skean and Brent will go to Japan by boat.

## Congressman Barden Says Dredge Due in Inlet Feb. 1

Congressman Graham A. Barden of the Third Congressional District, North Carolina, notified THE NEWS-TIMES by telegram Saturday that the dredge Lyman will begin work in Beaufort Inlet Feb. 1.

The telegram said: "Further reference to shoaling in Beaufort Inlet. Chief U. S. Army Engineers has agreed to send dredge Lyman to Beaufort Inlet. Begin dredging on February First."

A telegram was also sent Mayor G. W. Dill Jr., Morehead City. Mayor Dill said that he and other interests in Morehead City requested that maintenance work be done in the inlet to allow vessels to enter and leave the Morehead City port without danger of running aground.

During the Marine embarkation operations last week, Charlie Piner, chief pilot, informed the mayor that one of the transports "scraped bottom."

D. G. Bell, Morehead City town commissioner and mayor pro tem, said tides have been running unusually low this fall. There has been no prolonged northeast wind for over six weeks and that has contributed, too, he added, to the low tides. Winds from the northeast, in this area, build up the water level in the inlets and shoal areas.

## Cars Collide While Passing

Two cars collided at 9:10 yesterday morning on Arendell street just east of 14th. Driver of the 1953 Plymouth involved was C. R. Davant, 3312 Evans St., and driver of the other car was Norwood M. Nelson, Atlantic.

Capt. Herbert Griffin of the Morehead City police department said both cars were going east. The collision occurred as Davant attempted to pass the Nelson car, a 1950 Pontiac.

The right rear bumper of the Davant automobile caught the left front fender of the Nelson car. Damage to the Plymouth was estimated at \$40 and to the Pontiac \$100.

Davant told Captain Griffin that the car he was passing was too far to the left and Nelson said he didn't know he was being passed because no horn was sounded.

No one was hurt and no charges against either of the drivers were filed.

## School Band Will Present Concert

The Morehead City High School Band, under the direction of Ralph Wade, will present its annual winter concert tonight at 7:30 in the school auditorium.

The concert, usually later in the season, was scheduled early due to two trips the band will make in the next two weeks. Jan. 28 they will go to New Bern to march in the Shriners' Convention parade and on Feb. 2 they will appear in Wilmington in the Lions Convention parade.

The program for tonight follows: Great Gate of Kiev, Moussorgsky; Light Cavalry Overture, Von Suppe; Humoresque, Dvorak and Walters; Minute Waltz March, Chopin and Walters; Londonderry Air, Old Irish Melody.

Prairie Lament, Cowboy song; Estrellita, Manuel Ponce; American We March, Silmore; The Lonesome Road, a Negro Folk Song; When You Were a Tulip, Popular Song.

Gate City, March by Weldon; Dixie Patrol, Meachan Foster; and Men of Ohio, March by Silmore.

## Fisheries Commissioner Reports On Production for Last Half of '53

C. G. Holland, assistant fisheries commissioner, reported yesterday at the mid-winter meeting of the Board of Conservation and Development, on the state's fisheries operations during the latter half of 1953. The meeting was held at Raleigh.

For the first time a fisheries commissioner's six-month report contained figures on "menhaden solubles." Menhaden solubles is a product manufactured from the water pressed from the menhaden during the oil extraction process.

It is high in proteins, vitamins A and B and has proved to be a growth stimulant when fed to hogs and chickens in a soybean meal mixture.

Pounds of menhaden solubles produced in the state this year amounted to 2,532,000.

For the last half of 1953 production of shrimp, scallops and menhaden exceeded production for the last half of 1952. Production in other fisheries fell off.

Figures for 1953 follow: tubs oysters 89,443, pounds shrimp (headed) 5,514,429, bushels clams 6,021, dozens soft crabs 450, barrels hard crabs 10,557, gallons scallops, 4,850, pounds of food finfish (all kinds) 8,585,005, number of menhaden 178,714,000, and pounds of scrap 2,200,900.

Disbursements of the commercial fisheries division during the last half of 1953 amounted to \$68,715.90

## Capt. Herbert Griffin Speaks to Bicycle Club

Capt. Herbert Griffin, of the Morehead City Police Department, spoke to members of the Morehead City School Bicycle Club and Safety Patrol at 1:30 p. m. Friday in the school auditorium.

Capt. Griffin's talk was on safety. He told members of the groups about measures each person should take to make his or her trip to and from school more safely.

Following Capt. Griffin's talk, a film, shown through the courtesy of the State Highway Safety Division, was presented on Safety Patroling.

Approximately 350 persons were present, G. T. Windell, school principal said. Walter Morris is president of the Bicycle Club and Lonnie Hyatt heads the Safety Patrol. The Bicycle Club is under the sponsorship of Miss Annie May Gibbs, fourth grade teacher.

## Six Farmers Win In Soil Contest

### First Place Winners Will Enter Competition With 47 Other Counties

Winners of the Carolina Power & Light Company's Finer Carolina Farm Contest have been announced by R. Neal Campen, chairman of Carteret County Lower Neuse Soil Conservation District.

Winners in the under 50 acres class were M. L. Simmons, RFD Newport, first; and Oscar Salter, Bettie, second.

In the 50 to 100 acres class Leon H. Quinn, RFD Newport, won first place and R. Neal Campen, RFD Beaufort, took second. In the over 100 acres class Miss Georgina P. Yeatman, of Beaufort was awarded first place and K. W. Wright, RFD Beaufort, second.

Judging of the individual farm entries was conducted by Lower Neuse Soil Conservation District Supervisors Floyd M. Garner and John D. Young.

The three first place winners will compete with leading farms in all other 47 participating counties for prizes totalling \$600 in each acreage classification.

Judging was done on forms furnished by CP&L. The forms allowed weighted values for each type of conservation work carried out by competing farmers during the year, with deductions being made for detrimental management, such as pastures overstocked or woods burned.

## Three Cars Damaged Sunday

Two cars piled into the rear of a third at 1:20 Sunday afternoon on Bridges street, Morehead City.

A car driven by Charles Smith, Salter Path, stopped to avoid hitting a dog. Sgt. Bruce Edwards of the Morehead City police force said. The car behind Smith was in the process of stopping when it was struck by a car driven by Miss Anita Fay Nelson, Morehead City, and the two rammed into the Smith automobile.

The second car was driven by Sgt. Edward K. Moore of Cherry Point.

Sergeant Edwards said damage to the Smith car was estimated at \$36, to the Moore car \$100 and to the car Miss Nelson was driving \$150. Making the investigation in addition to Sergeant Edwards was Chief of Police E. J. Willis.

No charges were preferred and no one was hurt. Not even the dog.

## State Plans Resurfacing Of Part of Highway 70

About five and a quarter miles of highway 70, from the Roberts Road near Newport east to the junction with highway 24 will be resurfaced this spring.

The State Highway and Public Works Commission has asked for bids on 11 projects, of which the highway 70 job is one. Bids will be received Tuesday, Jan. 26, and the Highway Commission will meet Jan. 28 to determine the successful bidder.

## Vic Bellamah, Christmas Committee Recognized

Holden Ballou was named 1953 Man-of-the-Year in Beaufort last night at a meeting of the Jaycees at the Inlet Inn. Jaycee Vic Bellamah was presented the Key Man award and the Christmas committee was recognized as the most outstanding committee for 1953.

Glenn Adair, winner of the Man-of-the-Year award for 1952 presented Mr. Ballou with a key. The other awards were made by Wiley Taylor Jr., co-chairman of the awards committee. Mr. Taylor replaced Danforth Hill as co-chairman of the committee because Mr. Hill is out of town.

Mr. Ballou, manager and part-owner of Holden's Restaurant, Turner street, Beaufort, was chairman of the 1953 annual beauty pageant to select Miss Beaufort. The pageant was acclaimed as one of the best Beaufort beauty contests ever staged.

Opens Restaurant  
The winner of the 1953 Man-of-the-Year award opened Holden's Restaurant in 1948. Affiliated with him in the business is his mother-in-law, Mrs. Otis Jefferson.

The restaurant has become known as one of the best in eastern North Carolina. During the past summer at both lunch and

dinner time there was standing room only. Operation of a good restaurant in Beaufort has long headed the list of one of the things "Beaufort needed most."

Popular opinion and success of the business attests to the fact that Beaufort now has what it was long hoping for. All the cooking in the restaurant is done or directly supervised by Mr. Ballou.

The son of Mrs. Iona Ballou and Capt. Bill Ballou of Morehead City, he is a graduate of Morehead City High School, class of 1943.

He was the first editor of the See BAILOU, Page 3.

## CP&L Lists Yacht Basin in Report On Industries

The Morehead City Yacht Basin Inc. is included in the list of new and expanded industries in areas served by the Carolina Power & Light Company in 1953.

The yacht basin has expanded to allow for the construction of shrimp trawlers as part of its business of building and repairing all types of watercraft.

CP&L has announced that new businesses and expansions represented an estimated \$26,903,000 in investments creating 8,133 jobs and \$18,359,400 a year in new payroll.

The power company's board of directors last week approved a \$25,655,000 construction budget for 1954. The sum exceeds any annual construction expenditure in the power company's history.

Louis V. Sutton, CP&L president, said the largest share of the '54 budget will go into the new generating plant being built near Wilmington. One 150,000-horsepower generator is scheduled for operation there by mid-summer and a second is due about a year later.

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Something is being done about it. Farmers have organized, voluntarily, some 2,400 Soil Conservation Districts covering more than 80 per cent of the privately-owned farm and ranch land. These Districts, voted into being by local people who plan programs fitted to the locality, give America a way to preserve its land and liberty.

Here in Carteret County our District program calls for developing and improving our land and water resources. We are making good progress. But we need your help to speed things up. A tremendous drainage job is yet to be

done. This drainage must stop. See SOIL, Page 3

## Directors, Stockholders OK Extension of A&EC Lease

### 350 Men Apply For ID Cards

Three-hundred fifty waterfront workers applied for Coast Guard identification cards over the weekend. Chief Boatwain R. B. Newell, commander of the Fort Macon Coast Guard Station, said yesterday.

A special processing team, headed by Chief Quartermaster Fred Swimme, chief in charge, was kept busy Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday, filling out application blanks in the Morehead City post-office building.

If a sufficient number of additional persons want ID cards, Chief Newell stated that it may be possible to have the special processing team return to Morehead City in the future.

But, he said, persons who did not take advantage of the weekend visit of the team and desire an ID card should go to Norfolk or Wilmington to apply.

The board of directors and stockholders of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad approved Friday the extension of the Atlantic and East Carolina lease, thus hurrying one of three obstacles reportedly standing in the way of Southern Railway's taking over the "Mullet Line."

Action Friday at Raleigh extends the lease 11 years. The lease termination date now is 1995 rather than 1984. Before the proposed transfer of the state-owned railroad to Southern, two other conditions are reported necessary for fulfillment: connections with the railroad the federal government is building between Lejeune and Cherry Point and approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Disapproval Possible  
ICC approval could be delayed, if not blocked, if competitive railroads file protests. There are reports that the Atlantic Coast Line and Norfolk and Southern may protest.

Nine of the 12 members of the A&NC board of directors attended Friday's meeting, among them Irvin W. Davis of Davis, H. S. Gibbs, Morehead City, a director, did not attend.

Under the proposed transfer of the state-owned railroad, the Southern Railway will get two-thirds of the A&EC stock at a cost of \$375,000. Edward Buchan and Harry Edwards, present managers of the road, and other major A&EC stockholders would retire from the business.

Attorney General Harry McMullan told railroad officials it has always been a dream of the state to have a single trunk line railroad operating from the east coast to the western extremity of the state and that the Southern's operation of the line would mean its realization.

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signed to assure it will not lose because of any possible reduction in the freight revenue accruing to the operating company from connecting carriers.

McMullan said there would be increased assurance to the state that the railroad will continue to operate in case of a depression and that the trunk line railroad's potential for influencing industrialization of the area near its line would be substantial.

The state owns 72 per cent or 12,666 shares of A&NC. Norfolk Southern owns 15 per cent or 2,605 shares. Craven County owns 1,293 shares and the remaining 1,436 shares are owned by individuals.

Dissenting Vote  
One dissenting vote to lease extension was cast by William R. Dalton, Reidsville lawyer, who owns four shares. He told fellow stockholders, "We are selling ourselves down the river."

Cecil M. Self, A&NC director and Norfolk Southern Railway president, voted to extend the lease but stressed that his vote "should not be construed as recording or implying Norfolk Southern's approval" of the proposed transfer of the A&NC lease.

Morehead City Rotary Elects Four Directors

Four new members were selected for the Morehead City Rotary Club's board of directors Thursday night at their weekly meeting at the Recreation Center.

They are Truman Kemp, H. S. Gibbs Jr., George McNeill, and Grover Menden. They will take office July 1, the beginning of the Rotary year.

Thursday night was the club's Fun Night. The club had a quiz on birds. Robert Montague, of Newport, was a visitor from the

Newport club.

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### Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar

HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, Jan. 19	
8:22 a.m.	2:05 a.m.
8:40 p.m.	2:47 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 20	
9:03 a.m.	2:51 a.m.
9:23 p.m.	3:26 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 21	
9:41 a.m.	3:34 a.m.
10:03 p.m.	4:03 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 22	
10:18 a.m.	4:16 a.m.
10:45 p.m.	4:40 p.m.