

Pets on Parade



Photos by Bob Seymour

One of the most elaborately decorated animals in the Beaufort pet show was Inky, shown here with his master, Terry Fulford. Terry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Fulford.

Linda Bullock and Peter Rabbit made quite a hit in the Beaufort Christmas parade. Linda pushed Peter in this decorated doll carriage. Peter was so nervous that he ate the nipple off his baby bottle. Linda and Peter live with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Eubanks.

Motorists Must Notify Raleigh if They've Moved

The Motor Vehicles Department has this urgent bit of advice for Tar Heel car owners today: "Tell us, please, when you move!" R. M. McClain of First-Citizens Loan department, Morehead City, which handles license tags, adds his plea to that of the Motor Vehicles Department.

Foy Ingram, director of the agency's registration division, warned that thousands of owners at re-licensing time next month face delay and confusion for failing to list a change of address. She explained that license renewal cards, necessary to secure new plates, are returned to the department when inaccurately addressed. They are not forwarded.

"This inconvenience can be eliminated," she said, "if owners will notify the department promptly of any change in their address. It's doubly important now since 1959 renewal cards will go into the mail shortly."

Miss Ingram said new license tags could be issued only upon presentation of a renewal card. Therefore, owners who have changed their address since the last registration should inform the department of their license number and new address immediately. This will assure prompt delivery of a 1959 renewal card, she said.

If you go to the First-Citizens loan department in January for a 1959 tag and do not have your renewal card, they cannot issue you a license. That's why Mr. McClain urges that if you have moved since last January, that you write Motor Vehicles Department, Raleigh, and give them your new address. Do it now!

Clarence Davis Jr. Heads Fire Department

Clarence Davis Jr., has been elected chief of the Beaufort fire department. He succeeds Charles Harrell.

Other officers elected at the December meeting were William B. Loftin, assistant chief; Ronnie Smith, captain; Frank Langdale, lieutenant; and Earl Willis, secretary-treasurer.

Five Attend March Of Dimes Meeting

Mr. and Mrs. Grayden Paul, Mrs. C. L. Beam and Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Loftin, all of Beaufort, attended the district March of Dimes meeting Wednesday night at Greenville.

Mr. Paul is chairman of the 1959 March of Dimes campaign which opens Jan. 1.

Babson's Report To be Published

THE NEWS-TIMES will publish Babson's Business and Financial Forecast for 1959.

A careful checking of the Babson predictions made in the Business and Financial Forecast for 1958 upholds the remarkable average of the past years by being 86 per cent correct! Below is the score for the last ten years. It holds the best and highest record for annual forecasts on US future business.

Table with 2 columns: Forecast for, % Accurate. Rows for years 1948-1958 showing accuracy percentages ranging from 80% to 88%.

Watch for Babson's Business and Financial forecast for 1959—it will appear at the end of this month.

Firemen Collect Toys For Christmas Giving

Beaufort firemen are making their annual collection of new and used toys. Used toys will be re-conditioned. All will be distributed to children at Christmas time. Persons should take toys to the fire station.

Earl Willis, chairman of the fire department Christmas charity program, reminds civic organizations and churches of the meeting at 7:30 Tuesday night at St. Paul's parish house. Plans will be made then to assure everyone in town a Merry Christmas.

Tide Table

Table with 2 columns: HIGH, LOW. Rows for Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday with specific times for high and low tide.

Beaufort Lions Receive Club Charter Tuesday

The Beaufort Lions Club received its charter Tuesday night at a special charter night banquet at the Beaufort Masonic Hall. The charter was presented to president Robert Kelly by district governor Ben Parrott of Kinston.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kelly and George Bridgers gave the invocation. Earl Willis led the group in a Lions song as dinner was being served.

After the meal Mr. Kelly introduced Dr. Nat M. Baxter, New Bern, who is zone chairman. Dr. Baxter welcomed the ladies and introduced the visiting club groups.

James E. Crowe, Beaufort, deputy district governor, introduced Mr. Parrott, who gave the principal speech of the evening and presented the charter to Mr. Kelly.

Beaufort mayor C. T. Lewis welcomed the Lions Club as the town's newest organization. Elmer Watson, president of the sponsoring Morehead City club, was introduced by Dr. Baxter.

Mr. Watson presented a gong and gavel to the club. The gift was accepted by Beaufort Lion tamer Virgil White.

Tailtwisters for the evening were Lions Jack Hooks and Ed Berry of New Bern and Logan Whitehurst of Beaufort.

Officers of the new club follow: Mr. Kelly, president; H. W. Evans, first vice-president; Walter T. Hewitt, second vice-president; Mr. Bridgers, third vice-president; Leo B. Haskins, secretary; Jack P. Consolin, treasurer; Mr. White, Lion tamer; and Logan Whitehurst, tail twister.

Directors are Fred H. Lane, Allen Godbee, E. T. Willis and Charles Hassell. Chairman of the charter night committee was George M. Thomas.

The Beaufort Lions have meetings scheduled for the second and fourth Thursday nights of each month.

First Snow Hits County Thursday

The first snow of the winter hit the county yesterday morning. Considerable snow was reported in Newport and the areas north and east of North River. Weather observer Stamey Davis said that schools as near as New Bern had to be closed because of the snow.

Kids were joyfully having snowball battles and gathered snow for the dishpan-full for snow cream. One little youngster came up to a



housewife at Newport at the crack of dawn, shoved a dishpan full of snow in her hands and happily declared, "Here's you some!"

In the Morehead City-Beaufort area a cold rain mixed with wet flakes began falling Wednesday night and continued through the night. The temperature did not drop below freezing during the first of the week, although a low of 32 was recorded Sunday. Maximum and minimum temperatures and wind direction follow:

Table with 4 columns: Day, Max, Min, Wind. Rows for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.

Attends Conference H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, returned last night from a three-day superintendents' conference at Southern Pines.

Lions Receive Charter



Photo by Bob Seymour

These Lions played an important part in the charter night program of the newly-organized Beaufort Lions Club Friday night. The program was at the Beaufort Masonic hall. Pictured, left to right, James E. Crowe, Beaufort, deputy district governor, Dr. Nat Baxter, New Bern, zone chairman, Ben Parrott, Kinston, district governor, Robert Kelly, Beaufort, president of the Beaufort club, and George Murray Thomas, Beaufort, chairman of the charter night program.

Robert D. Darden, Southern, Predicts Area Development

Improving Waterways Will Mean Millions to Coast

Benefits coming to eastern Carolina fishermen, if Core Sound and adjoining waterways are improved, will amount to more than \$3 million annually, according to Fred Whitaker, executive secretary of the North Carolina Fisheries Association which is promoting requests for improvement.

Navigation interests will present their story to Army engineers at a hearing at 10 a.m. Monday at the community building, Davis. Sen. B. Everett Jordan, North Carolina's junior United States senator, will be present.

Waterways on which improvement will be requested are the main channel in Core Sound, harbor at Cedar Island and Atlantic, Cedar Creek channel, improvement of the harbor at Sea Level, harbor refuge in Nelson Bay, channel and basin in Brett Bay at Stacy, improvements at Davis and a refuge harbor, channel into Jarrett Bay at Williston, improvements at Marshallberg, channel into Harkers Point basin, the channel up the left fork of North River and a channel into Cheney Bay.

A total of 12 projects will be placed before Col. H. C. Rowland, district engineer, who will preside at Monday's hearing.

If the engineers believe the requests feasible, the next step will be authorization of a full survey. The survey will determine what dredging of the channels and harbors would cost.

Mr. Whitaker said that if the improvements are approved, the earliest possible time that any work would begin would be in about three years.

The financial benefits to accrue as a result of the improvements must amount to 5 per cent per year of the total cost of making the improvements, according to the Army engineers' "economic feasibility" formula, Mr. Whitaker said.

He added, "I have been pleasantly surprised at the valuation figures. In my opinion, the projects can be more than justified."

Testimony before the engineers Monday will show how much the waterways are used in getting to fishing grounds and returning to landing points to market fish, loss in spoilage, boat damage, and advantages to be gained in pulpwood loading operations.

Coordinating information for the Carteret communities seeking improvements is Clayton Fulcher Jr., Atlantic.

Charles Willis Thanks Yule Parade Participants

Charles Willis, chairman of the Morehead City Christmas parade, expresses his thanks to parade participants. A large crowd was on hand to greet Santa upon his arrival in Morehead City Monday night.

The street decorations were turned on for the first time.

Among those taking part in the parade were the Beaufort, Queen Street, W. S. King and Morehead City school bands, Lazy Three riders, Morehead City fire department and car dealers, Lewis-Price, Paul Motor Co., Sound Chevrolet and Parker Motors.



Sen. B. Everett Jordan ... to attend hearing

No Breaks Yet In Robbery Case

Chief Herbert Griffin, Morehead City police department, yesterday reported no further developments in investigation of the robbery at 2302 1/2 Arendell St. last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Marengo, burglary victims who lived in the upstairs apartment have moved. The chief said he didn't know whether the move had been planned prior to the burglary. Mrs. Marengo has returned to New York and her husband is still stationed at Cherry Point, according to the chief.

The Hamlin apartment, below the Marengo's was robbed and Mrs. Naomi Hamlin was tied to a kitchen chair by the burglar. The burglar escaped with approximately a thousand dollars worth of jewelry.

"Decentralization of industry is the most tremendous thing to happen in our century," Robert D. Darden, freight traffic manager of the Southern Railway System, told members of the Beaufort Development Corporation at their meeting Monday night at the courthouse.

As a result, he added, the South has become the nation's No. 1 economic opportunity rather than the nation's liability, as it once was called.

Mr. Darden was introduced by Holden Ballou, acting program chairman, following the business meeting. The speaker, a resident of New Bern, is affiliated with the Atlantic and East Carolina Railway, which is operated by Southern.

Speaking on industrial development, Mr. Darden gave the following points:

- 1. Take a serious inventory of what you, as a town, have to offer — good and bad. Don't be afraid to face up to your disadvantages, because they'll be found out sooner or later.
2. Bury jealousies and rivalries. There are going to be differences in your interests, but look at the overall development of this area. In relation to the nearby state port, Mr. Darden said, "Beaufort, by far, has the best industrial sites, there's no question about it." He suggested that the town set its thinking "far in advance" and not become embroiled in minor "today" episodes.
3. Industrial brochure is necessary but it must contain what industry wants to know. There are places where guidance can be obtained in drawing up a brochure: Walter Harper of the Conservation and Development department, Carolina Power and Light industrial division, Southern Railway, and the US Chamber of Commerce.
4. Go after industries that logically can succeed here. Don't invite the tragedy of a plant's opening that later hangs out a sign, "Opened by mistake."
5. Keep your present industry solvent and happy.
We're tremendously interested See BRIGHT FUTURE, Page 3

State to Open Certain Oyster Areas Monday

Certain oyster areas will be opened Monday, announces William P. Saunders, director of the Department of Conservation and Development.

Mr. Saunders acted on recommendations of C. G. Holland, fisheries commissioner, and Dr. A. F. Chestnut, director of the Institute of Fisheries Research.

Beginning Monday, Mouse Harbor and Jones Bay in Pamlico County and North Bay in Carteret will be open for tonging only. The Point of Marsh area in Carteret will be open from Monday through Jan. 3, 1959.

Rose Bay in Hyde County will be open Monday, then Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 17 and 18. It will be open Dec. 22 and remain open until further notice.

The unusual opening of Rose Bay waters has been planned to prevent the shucking houses from getting so many oysters they can't handle them. A heavy catch also sends the price down. The oysters caught Monday will be shucked Tuesday; Wednesday and Thursday catches can be handled over the weekend.

Dr. A. F. Chestnut of the Institute of Fisheries Research reports that the oysters in Rose Bay are of nice size. Prices run as high as \$3 to \$3.50 a bushel. Much of Carteret's oyster market is being supplied by oysters from Snead's Ferry.

Type of Housing for School Children Depends on Voters

(Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of three articles on schools written by H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools.)

I have stated many times that our children exceed, by far, the classrooms available for them, and this situation can only be corrected by building additional school facilities.

The Board of Education, realizing the serious housing shortages in our schools, requested the Division of School Planning of the State Board of Education to make a survey of Carteret County school needs and write out their recommendations. This they did in May of this year.

Their recommendations embrace:

- 1. The consolidation of the Beaufort and Smyrna high schools.
2. The consolidation of the Morehead City and Newport high schools.
3. The improvement of the Atlantic high school, so far as a small high school could be improved.
4. The renovation of all present high school facilities of the consolidated quarters for the growing elementary schools in each district.
5. The construction of a new elementary school in the Bogue

area, when the parents feel the need of such a school.

6. Additional facilities for the W. S. King School and the Queen Street School.

Beaufort and Morehead City high schools have grown so large that they should no longer be housed in the same buildings with the elementary schools.

Thus the consolidation of Smyrna and Beaufort, and Newport and Morehead City will not only be an economical move for the county, but will enable those schools to have the advantage of the larger high school with its enriched curriculum.

For example—the money available for science, vocational, and the general equipment needed in academic courses is spread thin in the four high schools involved, for a separate department must be maintained in each school. In consolidating there would be two such departments to maintain, therefore the cost of maintenance of one school could be added to instructional supplies and expansion of the department of the new school.

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Jaycees Conduct Joint Meeting

The Morehead City and Beaufort Jaycees held a combined meeting at the Scout building, Beaufort, Monday night. The clubs voted to conduct a joint distinguished service awards banquet during January.

The Morehead City Jaycees conducted a brief business session in which they voted to give \$25 to the fund for mentally retarded children and \$50 to the Morehead City fire department for its annual Christmas program.

Beaufort football coach V. M. Morrison attended the meeting and announced that Jim Tatum will be the speaker at the Beaufort football banquet Jan. 30.

Beaufort president Guy Smith appointed Jesse Taylor and Billy Ippock to the distinguished service award committee and Raven Darden as chairman of the annual bread sale.

The Beaufort Jaycees will meet next week with the Junior Woman's club.

Split the Plum?

ICC Examiner Proposes Joint Operation of Marine Railroad

An Interstate Commerce Commission hearing examiner suggested Tuesday at Washington that both the Atlantic and East Carolina and the Atlantic Coast Line railroads operate the federal railroad between Lejeune and Cherry Point. Naturally, this pleases neither competing line.

Southern Railway, which operates the A&NC, has bid for the right to operate the line under contract to the federal government and the Marine Corps.

Atlantic Coast Line, which formerly carried all freight over the line, is protesting. Since January, the freight has been divided equally between ACL and Southern.

ACL takes a dim view of Southern's acquiring the line because it would mean, they say, loss of revenue to them. ACL maintains that it could move all necessary

material to Lejeune and Cherry Point. But after Hurricane Hazel, ACL was unable to supply Cherry Point for several months due to a bridge wash-out.

Operation of the road in a way that would permit it to carry freight for the Marine Corps and any other shipper would be advantageous to all areas the federal line touches, according to observers in this area.

Brig. Gen. Chester Allen of the Marine Quartermaster Corps testified that the Marine road between Lejeune and Cherry Point should be operated in that way, rather than under contract.

The joint operation of the line was suggested while W. T. Rice, president of ACL, was testifying. Rice would not commit himself on the proposal. He said it would require study. Bruce Jolly, Greensboro Daily

News reporter in Washington, in a release this week commented on the significance of the road:

The road runs from Jacksonville to Havelock. With the Southern-operated Atlantic and East Coast Line between Havelock and New Bern, which is part of its Goldsboro-Morehead City branch, and the ACL line from New Bern to Jacksonville, the road forms a triangle vital in rail supply for Lejeune and Cherry Point.

The question over how the federal line shall be operated, and by whom, is almost as old as the line itself. When Southern took over the operation of the Atlantic and East Coast line from Morehead City to Goldsboro, it attempted to get a package deal that included operation of the Lejeune line. But the ICC denied Southern the right to operate the federal road.