

Churches Will Observe Nativity With Christmas Eve Services

Churches of the area will observe Christmas Eve with services Wednesday night. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Morehead City, will present a concert of Christmas Carols on its carillon bells from 7 to 7:30 p.m. In the church at 10:45 p.m. Mrs. Theodore Phillips, organist, will play carols until 11:15 p.m., when the service will begin.

Thursday. Admission to this mass will be by card only, according to the Rev. Walter Higgins, pastor. The Christmas Day mass will be from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Thursday. A Christmas Eve candlelight service in St. Timothy's Lutheran Mission, Havelock, will begin at 8 p.m. The Rev. Aaron Lippard, pastor, will speak on the topic, The Lord of the Manger. Offering will go to the Lowman Home for the Aged at White Rock, S. C. At Camp Glenn Methodist Church, the Rev. Virgil Moore, pastor, the MYF groups will present the drama, Longing for Christmas, at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the program. Then the young people will go caroling throughout the community. Holy Communion will be offered at the church from 9 p.m. until midnight. Marshfieldberg Methodists will observe the coming of Christ with a special service Christmas Eve at 8 p.m. A featured part of the service will be the lighting of candles by the congregation. As a gift to the Christ child, an offering will be given for the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, in honor of Him who said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto these, ye have done it unto Me". It is expected that there will be many persons at the service who are visiting in Marshallberg for the holidays. The public is invited, announces the Rev. William Jeffries, pastor. The Junior Fellowship of the Methodist Church at Marshallberg had a Christmas pageant Sunday night entitled The Brightest Star, directed and produced by Mrs. Gerald Davis, counselor to the Junior Fellowship. The Sunday School of Wildwood Presbyterian church will have its Christmas party at 7 p.m. tonight at the church. There will be a Christmas tree and treats for the children.

St. Egbert's Pupils Present First Christmas Program

Parents of St. Egbert's School students were delighted and impressed with the performance of the children Friday night at the school in Morehead City. All students took part in the program. Even the littlest ones conducted themselves with considerable aplomb, despite a few preliminary giggles, and all the participants showed the good effects of careful training. First part of the five-section program was Schubert's Military March by the St. Egbert's School Rhythm Band. The band, composed entirely of second and third graders, was led by student Anna Kathryn Fasano and accompanied by piano. The instruments included drums, tambourines, cymbals, triangles, sleighbells, gourd rattles, sticks and bird whistles. Joyce Femia then treated the parents to a piano rendition of Chopin's Waltz No. 1. She was followed by fellow seventh-grader Sharon Cates, who gave a light and lively performance of Frosty the Snowman and Santa Claus is Coming to Town on her accordion. Highlight of the evening was the Candlelight Christmas Ceremony. The Spirit of Christmas, dressed in a red satin gown with white sash, entered first, followed by six virtues in white satin gowns with red sashes. All girls, they wore tinsel crowns and carried unlit candles. They were followed by two narrators, also in red and white, and a choir of singers from grades four through seven, garbed in white surplices and big red bows. Arrayed in a bank of bright color, the children were a beautiful sight. The Spirit of Christmas, sixth-grader Carol Beeler, made an inspiring speech about the virtues of Love, Brotherhood, Humility, Goodwill, Charity and Joy. These virtues were represented by second and third graders Debra Rhodes, Marolyn Johnson, Donna Artinak, Kathleen Johnson, Carol Morris and Susan Willis. As each virtue was named, the living representative of the virtue solemnly touched her unlit candle to the star-topped gold candle of the Spirit of Christmas, accepting a token light. She then touched her candle to one of a group of electric candles and lit it by turning the bulb. The electric-light candles remained lit for the rest of the ceremony, keeping with the audience the words, "May the light of these virtues illumine your hearts." Two narrators, handsomely garbed in satin, were Mark Flynn of the fifth grade and Lorraine Wright of the seventh. They stepped forward and began, in turns, to read the Christmas Story, beginning with "Unto us a Child is given." As each verse or group of verses was read, the other participants and the choir sang a Christmas carol, accompanied by Miss Joyce Femia at the piano. Mother Maria Delores, teacher of the third and fourth grades, directed the choir in O, Come All Ye Faithful, O Little Town of Bethlehem, Silent Night, Joy to the World, Angels We Have Heard on High, and We Three Kings. Silent Night was particularly lovely as the group first hummed and then sang while Mother M. Delores sang the descant in a clear, small voice which blended with the choir. The narrators completed the Christmas message and the first graders slowly filed in before the assembled performers. Each small person had a large red card. As they sang, When I Was But a Small Child, each turned his or her card around to show the letter of the song. At the end of the song, other cards were turned to reveal another word, so that the finale presented the audience with Merry Christmas in tinselled Gothic letters before the shining faces of the school children. Backdrop for the Christmas program was a huge poster, made by Mother Louisa Maria, teacher of the seventh grade. Mother Louisa M. did all the attractive decorating of the school hall. The poster itself showed red curtains, like theatre curtains, drawn back to reveal the Blessed Mother kneeling in prayer at the side of her Holy Infant in the manger. Colored metal streamers overhead disguised the ceiling. Pendant paper cutouts, bells, snowflakes and poinsettia designs festooned windows and doors and bulletin boards. Two other boards were hidden under beautiful red, gold and green metallic paper posters with ribbons, bells and silver edged cones. One read, "O, Wisdom, come and show us the way," the other, "O Emanuel, come and save us." Two well decorated Christmas trees completed the picture. The parents' moment came at the end of the children's performance when Mrs. T. C. Hyman presented a television set to the nuns for Christmas on behalf of the students and their families.

Two Counties Lead in Catches

Brunswick and Carteret Counties accounted for most of the fish landed in North Carolina during October. Fishermen in Brunswick County reported over three million pounds while Carteret fishermen were landing 2.7 million pounds. Menhaden accounted for over half of the commercially-caught fish in the monthly report by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the North Carolina Division of Commercial Fisheries. Other fish of importance were mullet, spot, shrimp and bluefish. The winter menhaden season in Carteret is about over. Virginia boats under contract to Beaufort Fisheries left the middle of last week and the weekend was expected to wind up fishing throughout the area for most out-of-state boats. Large menhaden are reported running south of here. Beaufort Fisheries will continue to fish, as usual, the year round.

Peter Block Reports Yule Party Big Success

Peter Block, N. 20th St., Morehead City, at his annual community Christmas party Saturday night at his home, distributed 850 bags of treats. Mr. Block said the party was a big success. He declared that he had a wonderful time and thanks the people for coming, those who took part, and WMBL for the use of their loud speaking system.

Two Youths Held For Robbing Merrill Station

Two youths are in the county jail, Beaufort, charged with breaking and entering Wilbur Merrill's Pure Oil Station, highway 101, Thursday night. Charged with the burglary and theft are Pvt. Philip C. LeClair, 18, a Marine at Cherry Point, and David Eugene Leonard, 18, described by sheriff Hugh Salter as a civilian living on the base who has been in the Marine Corps until recently. According to the sheriff, the station was entered by the two between 9:30 and 10 p.m. Thursday. Mr. Merrill discovered the theft when he opened his place about 7 Friday morning. All but two cigars and one pack of cigarettes from the following loot were recovered: 20 packs of Camels, 12 packs of Kools, 10 packs of Winstons, 10 packs of Pall Malls, 8 packs of Salems, 3 packs of Luckies and a box containing 28 cigars. The youths also took the entire cash register which had no money in it. This they threw off a bridge on the Merrimon Road, the cash register on one side of the bridge and the tray from the drawer on the other side. By noon Friday sheriff Salter and deputy sheriff Bruce Edwards had the two men in custody. The stolen goods was in their car.

Driver Cited Following Wreck

Eugene A. Piver, Beaufort, was charged with driving drunk and driving without a license at 8:40 p.m. Saturday when his car, a 1953 Pontiac, sideswiped a 1955 Ford driven by Nolan E. McCabe, Morehead City. Mr. McCabe's wife, who was riding with him, suffered a bump on the head. According to patrolman J. W. Sykes, Piver came out a dirt road from the Golden Arrow apartments, just east of the Perry Park Motel on highway 70, turned right and sideswiped McCabe who was headed west. Damage to the Ford was estimated at \$400; damage to the Pontiac, \$40.

Time Capsule Buried with Ceremony

Dr. B. F. Royal, Morehead City's Citizen of the Century, left, spoke at the planting ceremony of the time capsule Thursday. Dr. Royal recalled some of the milestones in Morehead City's growth during the past 50 years and made predictions for the next 50 years. Standing beside Dr. Royal, left to right, are J. R. (Robbie) Sanders Jr., J. R. Sanders, Centennial treasurer, Alice Sanders, his daughter; town commissioner Jasper Bell, Mayor George Dill, Charles Markey, Centennial chairman, and Joe DuBois, manager of the chamber of commerce. The time capsule (burial vault) in which mementoes of the Centennial were placed, is at the left.

Morehead City Ups Price Of Town Auto Tags to \$2

Morehead City town commissioners raised the fee on town auto tags from \$1 per tag to \$2 Thursday night. A motion immediately followed to use \$580 of the \$1,600 increase in revenue to purchase four "hot papa" suits for the firemen. The request for the suits was made by fire commissioner D. J. Hall. Because there was no money available, the increase in town auto tag fees was suggested. The "hot papa" suit, according to commissioner Hall, allows a fireman to walk up to a wall of fire, or to stand close to fire, holding a hose, without risk of getting burned. The suits are of spun glass and reflect heat. They were demonstrated recently to the firemen. Mayor George Dill remarked that often a fire can't be fought from the windward side and the only way to get at it is from the lee. Yet it is frequently impossible for a human to withstand the heat there. The alacrity with which the commissioners approved the increase in tag rate and the purchase of the suits indicated that the move was not made without considerable prior thought. Usually, when a town board gets something sprung on it by surprise there is considerable haggling and debate before a decision is reached. Finance commissioner S. C. Holloway commented that some towns charge \$5 and \$10 per auto tag. The board approved a proposal by Dr. S. W. Hatcher, chairman of the recreation commission, to enlarge activities at the recreation building so as to include convention banquets and meetings. Dr. Hatcher, who was accompanied by a recreation commission member, E. L. Smithwick, told the board that between 250 and 300 persons could be seated at a banquet in the recreation building auditorium. He estimates that between \$5,000 and \$6,000 would be needed to buy the tables and chairs and additional equipment for the kitchen to allow a caterer to serve the food. The money, he continued, would be solicited from motels, hotels, restaurants and other firms which benefit from convention business. The chairman said that the recreation commission has sufficient funds "to get the building in good shape". He said it needs cleaning up throughout and minor maintenance repairs. Upon questioning by the mayor, Dr. Hatcher said control of the building, equipment, janitorial service, etc., would remain with the recreation commission. The question rose as to who would "own" the new equipment. It was suggested by commissioner Gibbie Sanderson that the recreation commission "lease" for a dollar a year the banquet equipment from the persons who put up the money. The recreation folks invited the town board to visit the recreation building and note the improvements which have been made, including storm windows in the club rooms. Frank Cheek of Hardware and Building Supply, appeared before the board with a proposal that the town trade out \$1,505.82, in taxes he owes, at his store. The board doubted that such a proposal was legal and turned the matter over to the attorney, George McNeill, and the finance commissioner, for study. Ben Alford was appointed as the town's representative on the Beaufort-Morehead Airport Authority. Oscar Bell was granted a franchise to operate a taxi cab. A letter from John Ellis, Gastonia, was read by the mayor. Mr. Ellis complained that a large rock lying on Arendell Street (highway 70) damaged his car when he hit the rock. The letter was referred to the attorney. The board approved the fire department officers for 1959. Present at the board meeting, in addition to those mentioned were commissioner Jasper Bell and John Lashley, clerk.

Empty House Burns

Beaufort firemen could do little but watch this blaze as it consumed a small house two miles east of Beaufort on highway 70. The building was used to house migrant laborers. It was owned by Otis Warren, whose house was about 100 feet away. The house caught fire about 10 p.m. Thursday.

Lejeune Marines Return on Ships Docking at Port

Eighteen hundred Second Division Marines returned from the Mediterranean and Lebanon last week, their ships docking at the Morehead City state port. The Marines were transported by bus from the port to nearby Camp Lejeune. The Third Battalion, Sixth Marines were brought in on the USS Fort Snelling, Rockbridge, Chilton and Vermillion. They left Lejeune in late June for a normal tour in the Mediterranean with the Sixth Fleet. On July 16, the battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Robert M. Jenkins, landed in Lebanon when that country was experiencing internal political troubles. The battalion was the last Marine unit to leave Lebanon. It has been operating with the Sixth Fleet since the first of October and recently completed an amphibious training exercise on the island of Crete. Wives and children of the returning marines were welcomed aboard the ships as soon as they had docked and hot coffee and sandwiches were served in the crew's lounges. The 2nd Division Band was on hand to give a musical welcome to the Marines.

Six Men Report Seeing Satellite From This Region

The Atlas satellite has been seen by several persons in this area. The satellite, as it was launched at Cape Canaveral, Fla., was spotted by Joe Beam and Josiah Bailey, Morehead City. At least, they are reasonably sure they saw it. They described the object (they didn't know then what it was) as moving upward, trailed by a streak of flame. Actual launching time, according to press reports, was 6:02 p.m. EST. Mr. Beam and Mr. Bailey said they saw the object in the sky to the south at about 6:05 p.m. Those viewing the launching at Cape Canaveral said the rocket and missile were visible for five minutes before being swallowed in the atmospheric depths. Four Coast Guardsmen who were aboard the Chilula spotted the satellite in orbit at 5:43 p.m. Friday. Lt. William Brogdon said he had figured, from data available in newspapers, the approximate time the satellite would be passing in this vicinity. His calculations were correct within 7 minutes. The satellite was viewed by Lieutenant Brogdon, D. L. Trax, who first spotted it, Donald R. Gray, second class quartermaster, and Earl C. Josephson, electrician. It was visible from 30 seconds to a minute, traveling from west to east, low in the southern sky. The satellite, as it raced through the air was alternately bright and dim. There were no vapor trails. "It looked like an ordinary star or planet," the lieutenant said. He said the alternate brightness and dimness may be due to the 4-ton Atlas' tumbling end over end, thus catching and reflecting the sun's rays at different angles. The satellite circles the earth once every 101 minutes but is not visible during the day. Neither is it visible to anyone here if it is at the southern point of its orbit. The orbit varies between 32 degrees north and 32 degrees south latitude. Lieutenant Brogdon said the Atlas makes 14 passovers daily. The Coast Guardsmen were on the flying bridge of the Chilula when they saw the satellite. They had no luck spotting it Saturday or Sunday. Lieutenant Brogdon said it was probably at a point where it was not visible from this area. The satellite has gained more than normal publicity because it has broadcast a recorded Christmas message.

Heads Drive

Shelby Freeman, above, vice-president of the greater Morehead City chamber of commerce, with the assistance of Rufus Butner, will head the 1959 chamber membership drive. Beginning in 1959, the chamber will add a new service for members, directing inquiries to the businesses affected by the inquiry. J. A. DuBois, manager of the chamber, says, "The chamber, in its varied activities, benefits either directly or indirectly every citizen of our community. Lend it your support today. Help Morehead shine in '59."

How Folks Will Observe Holiday

Town, county, state and federal offices in the county will be closed Wednesday through Saturday for Christmas. Beaufort and Morehead City postoffices will be closed Christmas Day, but will be open the day after. Special delivery and perishable mail will be delivered from the Morehead City postoffice Christmas Day. Mail will be delivered on town and rural routes Friday as usual. There will be no county court session until Friday, Jan. 2. Both Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Thursday this year, the day of county court. No garbage will be collected in Morehead City Wednesday afternoon or Christmas Day. Tuesday will be the last day of residential garbage pick-up, before Christmas, in Beaufort. Garbage will be collected in the business section Wednesday and streets cleaned. There will be no garbage pick-up Christmas day or the day after, announces Dan Walker, town manager. It is requested that all homes and businesses have their garbage out early Saturday morning, since the entire town will be covered that day. Stores will be closed Christmas Day and some will also be closed Friday. THE NEWS-TIMES office will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The Christmas issue, dated Friday, Dec. 26, will be out Wednesday and will be delivered by carrier Christmas morning, if not before. The Tuesday, Dec. 30 paper, will go to press late Monday, Dec. 29.

Two Counties Lead in Catches

Brunswick and Carteret Counties accounted for most of the fish landed in North Carolina during October. Fishermen in Brunswick County reported over three million pounds while Carteret fishermen were landing 2.7 million pounds. Menhaden accounted for over half of the commercially-caught fish in the monthly report by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the North Carolina Division of Commercial Fisheries. Other fish of importance were mullet, spot, shrimp and bluefish. The winter menhaden season in Carteret is about over. Virginia boats under contract to Beaufort Fisheries left the middle of last week and the weekend was expected to wind up fishing throughout the area for most out-of-state boats. Large menhaden are reported running south of here. Beaufort Fisheries will continue to fish, as usual, the year round.

Peter Block Reports Yule Party Big Success

Peter Block, N. 20th St., Morehead City, at his annual community Christmas party Saturday night at his home, distributed 850 bags of treats. Mr. Block said the party was a big success. He declared that he had a wonderful time and thanks the people for coming, those who took part, and WMBL for the use of their loud speaking system.

Time Capsule Buried with Ceremony

Dr. B. F. Royal, Morehead City's Citizen of the Century, left, spoke at the planting ceremony of the time capsule Thursday. Dr. Royal recalled some of the milestones in Morehead City's growth during the past 50 years and made predictions for the next 50 years. Standing beside Dr. Royal, left to right, are J. R. (Robbie) Sanders Jr., J. R. Sanders, Centennial treasurer, Alice Sanders, his daughter; town commissioner Jasper Bell, Mayor George Dill, Charles Markey, Centennial chairman, and Joe DuBois, manager of the chamber of commerce. The time capsule (burial vault) in which mementoes of the Centennial were placed, is at the left.

How Folks Will Observe Holiday

Town, county, state and federal offices in the county will be closed Wednesday through Saturday for Christmas. Beaufort and Morehead City postoffices will be closed Christmas Day, but will be open the day after. Special delivery and perishable mail will be delivered from the Morehead City postoffice Christmas Day. Mail will be delivered on town and rural routes Friday as usual. There will be no county court session until Friday, Jan. 2. Both Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Thursday this year, the day of county court. No garbage will be collected in Morehead City Wednesday afternoon or Christmas Day. Tuesday will be the last day of residential garbage pick-up, before Christmas, in Beaufort. Garbage will be collected in the business section Wednesday and streets cleaned. There will be no garbage pick-up Christmas day or the day after, announces Dan Walker, town manager. It is requested that all homes and businesses have their garbage out early Saturday morning, since the entire town will be covered that day. Stores will be closed Christmas Day and some will also be closed Friday. THE NEWS-TIMES office will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The Christmas issue, dated Friday, Dec. 26, will be out Wednesday and will be delivered by carrier Christmas morning, if not before. The Tuesday, Dec. 30 paper, will go to press late Monday, Dec. 29.

Tide Table

Table with 3 columns: Tides at the Beaufort Bar, HIGH, LOW. Rows for Tuesday, Dec. 23 (6:19 a.m. high, 12:04 a.m. low), Wednesday, Dec. 24 (6:40 p.m. high, 12:44 p.m. low), Thursday, Dec. 25 (6:58 a.m. high, 12:46 a.m. low), Friday, Dec. 26 (7:22 p.m. high, 1:28 p.m. low).

