

Santa to Visit Here This Weekend

St. Nick Due Tomorrow At 10 in Morehead City

Morehead City will welcome that jolly Christmas man, Santa Claus, at 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

The Christmas parade, sponsored by the Morehead City Merchants association, will start at 12th and Arendell streets.

In the parade will be a fruit cake float, Yellow Rose float, children and their pets, floats sponsored by Western Auto and Co-operative Savings and Loan, riders on horseback, the Morehead City, W. S. King, Beaufort and Queen Street school bands, decorated cars and Santa riding a fire truck.

Chairmen Thank All for Help At City Park

Morehead City Woman's club officers and City Park Day chairman report that Wednesday's event was "most successful."

Mrs. Gus Davis, president of the Woman's club, Mrs. M. T. Mills and Mrs. M. J. Loutit, park day chairmen, thank everyone who participated in the project and who donated shrubs, topsoil or any other item.

Morehead City Jaycees and Woman's club members planted the contributions as they arrived. The park is being beautified, Mrs. Davis said, according to a plan. The Girl Scouts have been given a plot in the park which is theirs to care for and plant.

"We won't see the results of Wednesday's work until spring," Mrs. Davis said. One of the beds is planted in dutch iris, another in tiger lilies and others in tulips.

Five loads of topsoil, with promise of more was donated, as well as 200 feet of garden hose and cash.

"The spirit of cooperation was marvelous," Mrs. Davis remarked. "One little boy came up to me and said, 'Mrs. Davis, I have two tulip bulbs I'd like to have in this park.'"

Free refreshments were served from 11 a.m. to 5 and music was provided late in the afternoon by the Morehead City school band under the direction of Ralph Wade.

Lab Aids in Oil Pollution Survey

At the request of a sub-agency of the United Nations, the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries has cooperated in a nationwide survey on oil pollution.

In charge of the survey in this area was the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries lab, Pivers Island. Lou Vogebe, a member of the staff there, interviewed persons in this area relative to the extent of pollution of waters by oil.

He consulted Dr. A. F. Chestnut, director of the Institute of Fisheries Research, Morehead City chamber of commerce, Fort Macon Coast Guard officials, Army engineers and newspaper personnel.

The survey sought to determine whether oil pollution is serious in this section, its cause, effect, frequency of occurrence since 1955, and whether any studies on oil pollution, by public or private agencies, have been made or are under way.

We Can't Afford to Ignore Wealth We Have in Water

By BOB SIMPSON

It's hard to put in dollars and cents the value to North Carolina, and Carteret county in particular, of fishing, both sports and commercial. If there is any doubt, think of Morehead City in January: Why is it that our seafood restaurants close in the winter? About the only thing that is going on is oystering and clamming. The beaches are closed; so is our park, Fort Macon. The museum has closed.

A few yachts will straggle through after the Christmas holidays, but they don't pay the light bill.

But come spring the fishermen begin to run: during the past year there were over 6,000 boat trips in the county, made at regular charter rates of \$85 to \$100. Hundreds of thousands visited fishing piers. Thousands of outboard trips were made in the sounds and along the beaches.

Two headboats sailed nearly every day for 26 weeks with an average of about 25 persons per boat per trip. Figures have proved that nearly four million dollars are

circulated in this county through sportfishing, beaches, hotels, motels, restaurants and other tourist aids.

If we then remember that commercial fishing was valued to the state at about eight million dollars in 1958, with Carteret county leading the state, we can guess that about half came from this county. That makes fish, clean beaches and clean waters, that so many take for granted, mighty valuable.

Some will deny this, but people don't come here to purchase automobiles, clothing or plumbing fixtures; they come for recreation. The money that circulates through our recreational facilities reaches all levels and makes it possible for the local people to buy more automobiles, clothing and plumbing fixtures.

Why try to compete with other towns in their specialties when few can compete with this county's natural advantages in beaches, fishing and port facilities?

One of the pier operators pointed out that ocean piers are one of our

Potato Growers To Vote Tomorrow

Potato growers will vote tomorrow either for or against continuation of the Potato Growers association for the next three years, 1961-1962-1963. This vote will be either for or against assessing themselves one cent per 100 pounds of potatoes to sponsor all phases of the potato promotional program.

The polling places in Carteret will be at Carl Gaskill's Feed and Seed store in Beaufort and Freeman's Grocery store at Crab Point, near Morehead City.

"I would like to urge all potato growers to vote either for or against this program tomorrow between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.," says R. M. Williams, county agricultural agent.

George Huntley Wins Hodges Cup

George Huntley III, Beaufort, has been named winner of the Hodges cup, given every two years by the North Carolina Society of County and Local Historians.

The award will be presented tomorrow morning at Raleigh during the meeting of the state historians. George, now a freshman at Duke university, did a history of St. Paul's school while a student at Beaufort school.

It was this paper which was submitted by F. C. Salisbury, Morehead City, in the historians' contest. The Hodges cup is given every other year to the high school student who presents the best paper on some phase of North Carolina history. St. Paul's school, operated in conjunction with the Episcopal church, closed in 1938.

Mr. and Mrs. George Huntley Jr. will leave this afternoon for Raleigh and will attend the session tomorrow at which their son will be honored.

Mr. Salisbury, first winner of the Smithwick cup for historical writing, will be given a 7-inch replica of the large cup which he was awarded in 1958.

Fire Cripples Trawler Tuesday

A Swansboro shrimp, the Miss Vickie, manned by a Harkers Island crew, caught fire off St. Augustine, Fla., Tuesday. No one was hurt, but the 55-foot trawler had to be towed in. City firemen put the blaze out.

Grey Willis, 53, captain of the damaged trawler, his son, Billy, and Louie Dixon, were taken aboard the Dolphin, captained by Eldon Willis, Grey's brother. Eldon Willis radioed for help. Two Coast Guard vessels were dispatched from Mayport and two copters from Jacksonville Naval air station went out to the crippled vessel.

Captain Grey said he believes the fire started from a short circuit when the vessel was about three miles offshore. Heat in the engine caused sounding of the alarm system. Fire extinguishers failed to put the blaze out, so the hatches were closed to prevent spread of the fire.

The Miss Vickie is owned by Clifton Meadows, Swansboro. The captain made no estimate of damage.

State Has Pine Seedlings At \$4.50 Per Thousand

J. A. DuBois, manager of the Morehead City chamber of commerce, reminds landowners that the state has loblolly, longleaf and slash pine seedlings available at \$4.50 per thousand.

To obtain an application blank for ordering the seedlings, write State Forester, Raleigh, or contact R. M. Williams, Beaufort.

greatest assets. I asked him how he figured it, and he answered, "The novice fisherman comes down with his fresh water reel, goes to the end of the pier and makes his first fishing effort. Soon he purchases a spinning reel and gets a taste of plugging. Before long he graduates to the surf and has become a full-fledged member of the sport. Next stop is a boat, and who with a boat doesn't start dreaming of marlin?"

There will be a hearing Dec. 10 at the commercial fisheries building to decide the fate of several aspects of our fishing future. It is most important to remember that both commercial and sports fishing interests be fairly heard and represented. But it has been predicted that those who complain the most about the decisions will be those who do not attend.

I have visited fishing centers along the east coast from New Jersey to the Everglades and have yet to see a section of the coast that can offer so much in variety and quantity as this area. It would be foolish not to preserve it.

Alert Sheriff Solves Country Club Break-In

An alert sheriff, reading a Raleigh newspaper Monday, solved the Morehead City Country club break-in which occurred Thanksgiving night.

Sheriff Hugh Salter of this county saw in the newspaper that three youths had been picked up in Raleigh. In their car were burglary tools. The three, all of Beaufort county, have confessed to the Morehead City break-in.

Sheriff Salter said yesterday, "We were pretty sure that the job at the country club wasn't pulled off by fly-by-nights." He said that the Williamston Country club had also been entered very recently and the same kind of merchandise taken as at Morehead City.

The three youths, Robert L. Smith, 18, and Dwayne Horton, 16, both of Washington, N. C., and Asa Garfield Swanner, 19, route 2 Chocowinity, are being held in Raleigh under \$3,000 bond for possessing burglary tools. After trial in superior court there, they will be returned to this county for trial on the burglary count.

Raleigh police stopped the car in which the three youths were traveling Sunday. It was a "suspicious-looking car," they said, in the vicinity of the Raleigh Country club.

Detective Sgt. W. F. Crocker, Raleigh, said that in addition to the burglary tools, there was a wide assortment of new clothes in the car and lots of loose change.

The boys were in a 1952 Oldsmobile registered in Swanner's name. All have previously been involved in breaking and entering charges, according to sergeant Crocker.

After reading in the Monday paper about their apprehension, sheriff Salter called Raleigh and checked on items found in the car when sergeant Crocker mentioned "canned grasshoppers, the kind that you eat," the sheriff declared, "They're our boys!"

Taken from the Morehead City clubhouse were canned quail eggs, canned grasshoppers and canned octopus. The items had been sent as a joke-gift to C. C. McCuiston, club pro, by one of his daughters. They were sitting on a shelf in the clubhouse.

Sheriff Salter went to Raleigh Tuesday and questioned Smith, Horton and Swanner.

One of the boys said he ate the quail eggs and they almost made him sick. He said he opened the can of octopus, but couldn't go it. After the Morehead City burglary, the youths deposited some of the loot at their homes.

Sheriff Salter and deputy Bruce Edwards recovered it in Washington at Horton's home and in Chocowinity at Swanner's home.

Taken from the Morehead City Country club were golf socks, a sports coat, cigarettes, table model radio, and cash from the cigarette machine.

Coast Guard Aids Two Craft

Fort Macon Coast Guardsmen assisted two disabled vessels this week. Several boats ran aground during the heavy fog Monday, but were able to refloat without Coast Guard help. Among those running into trouble in the fog was the dredge Gerig.

The partyboat Rockalong, captained by A. R. Hardison Jr. of Morehead City, reported engine failure near the Beaufort inlet sea buoy Monday night at 7:35.

The 40-footer from Fort Macon towed the boat to Morehead City, mooring her at 9 p.m. Aboard the 40-footer were Robert Hancock, BM2; Fred Hurst, EN2; Robert Crome, SA; and James Guthrie, SN.

The Machipunga, belonging to the University of North Carolina Institute of Fisheries Research, fouled a net in her screw near the sea buoy at 9:30 yesterday morning.

The 40-footer towed the Machipunga to Asa Cannon's boatworks. Aboard the Coast Guard vessel were William Granger, BM3; Clayton Russell, BM3; and Fred Hurst, EN2.

Memberships Needed
Carteret Symphony society officers met Tuesday night and report that a few more memberships are needed to meet the \$1,000 quota set for this county. Those who have not yet joined the symphony society are requested to do so without delay. They should contact John Wager in Morehead City or Miss Nancy Russell, Beaufort.



Archie K. Davis, chairman of the board of directors of Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., will be the speaker at the annual greater Morehead City chamber of commerce meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at the Blue Ribbon restaurant.

Renovated FWB Church, Stacy, Announces Revival

Free Will Baptists of Stacy will mark the formal opening of their newly-renovated church, St. John's chapel, with a revival starting Monday and continuing through Wednesday, Dec. 14. Pastor of the church is the Rev. Gordon Sebastian.

The evangelist will be the Rev. Bobby Jackson, popular minister who has appeared at many revivals in this county. Services begin nightly at 7:30.

The congregation approved plans for renovating the church Dec. 20, 1959. The sanctuary had been badly damaged Oct. 31, 1959 by the fire that is believed to have originated with the heater. Cost of the

renovation was estimated at \$21,000, of which \$15,000 had already been raised or pledged in December last year.

The church, formerly frame, has been brick-veneered. Once standing at the edge of highway 70, it has been moved back, raised and underpinned. The building was extended and two classrooms added, a porch added and other interior improvements made.

Members of the building committee named when the project was launched were Romaine Gaskill, chairman, Monnie Willis, W. L. Mason Jr., Ralph Pittman and Doty Gaskill. (See pictures of the church page 2 section 2).

Public Invited to Carol Service at 5 P.M. Sunday

The public is invited to the vesper service of Christmas carols to be presented this Sunday at 5 o'clock in the First Methodist church, Morehead City. Both new and familiar carols will be sung by the senior choir under the direction of Mrs. Austin Williams.

A highlight of the program will be Behold a Star from Jacob Shining, an advent number from Christus by Felix Mendelssohn. The majority of the carols are not the work of one composer but are folk tunes representative of the country in which they originated, Mrs. Williams explains.

Mrs. Marion Mills, organist, has chosen selections from Karg-Elert and J. S. Bach to play during the service.

Solo parts will be sung by Mrs. Clifton Lynch, Bobby Bell, Ethan Davis Jr. and Mrs. Josiah Bailey Jr. The Rev. Barney Davidson, pastor, will preside.

The service will be broadcast.

Tide Table	
Tides at the Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Friday, Dec. 2	
7:36 a.m.	1:22 a.m.
7:56 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 3	
8:16 a.m.	2:05 a.m.
8:38 p.m.	2:41 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 4	
8:54 a.m.	2:45 a.m.
9:21 p.m.	3:22 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 5	
9:32 a.m.	3:23 a.m.
10:04 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 6	
10:10 a.m.	3:58 a.m.
10:49 p.m.	4:36 p.m.

Arrival in Beaufort Set For 5 P.M. Today

Guess who's coming to town...

Santa Claus!
A 5 p.m. this afternoon, the patron saint of Christmas will be escorted into Beaufort by the Batonettes of Havenlock, four bands, cheerleaders and Scouts. Thousands are expected to be on hand to greet him.

As a part of the town's Christmas Festival, there will be an auto show, a bazaar, and a program at the Inlet inn. Mrs. W. R. Hamilton and Mrs. Wiley Lewis are chairmen of the event, which is being sponsored by the Beaufort Merchants association.

Booths at the bazaar will be housed in tents which were donated and erected by Cherry Point Marines. Both lunch and supper will be available today at one of the booths. Three o'clock is the official opening time of the bazaar, but booths may open before that if the operators are ready, Mrs. Lewis said.

Organizations or communities manning the booths are Merrimon, St. James Church of Newport, St. Paul's of Beaufort, Straits Methodist church, Otway Christian church.

Davis, Beaufort PTA, Miriam Rebekahs, Sea and Sand Garden club, Russells Creek circle, Beaufort F.H.A., Ann Neal circle of Beaufort, Thelma Cash circle of Marshallberg and the Free Will Baptist league of Beaufort.

Recorded organ music by Earl Smith of Beaufort will be played prior to the arrival of Santa.

The auto show, on the same lot with the bazaar, will be staged by five dealers of Beaufort and Morehead City. Ten girls, dressed in outfits appropriate to the car they're showing—sports car, family car, or luxurious model—will be on hand to assist dealers.

As Santa arrives, the street lights, erected by firemen, will be turned on. Firemen also put up the tree in Santa Claus lane. Elmond Rhue, fire department engineer, said the 32-foot cedar was donated by Mrs. William S. McClenithan, the former Margaret Pake of Russells Creek.

It was in the yard of the old Dickinson homestead and was an offshoot of a former cedar which stood there. Mrs. C. S. Rogers, mother of Mrs. McClenithan, estimates that the tree is well over 50 years old. Earl Taylor donated his truck for hauling the tree to town.

While children, aided by a fairy queen and elves, greet Santa in Santa Claus lane, Beaufort and Morehead City cheerleaders, in their "Christmas color" outfits (Beaufort's school colors are green and white and Morehead City's red and white) will do some special routines.

Bands in the Santa Claus escort will be Beaufort, Morehead City, Queen Street and W. S. King.

Mayor W. H. Potter will preside at the program which begins at 6 p.m. at the Inlet Inn. The invocation will be given by the Rev. Don Morris of Davis. Miss Ruth Durham, minister of music of the First Baptist church, Beaufort, will direct a 135-voice choir. Mrs. Bobby Piner, Marshallberg, the former minister of music at the First Baptist church will play the organ.

The organ, lent by Nelson's Music House, will be on the porch of the inn. The choir will be on the steps. Scripture narration will be by Joe King, a student at Beaufort school.

The nativity scene on the inn yard has been erected by the Ann Street, St. Paul's, First Baptist and First Free Will Baptist churches of Beaufort.

The Jaycees voted support of the football banquet and will serve as waiters Monday night. They also discussed the city park project in which they participated Wednesday.

Students, AAUW Hear Dr. Lyle Rogers Monday

A talk on college entrance examinations, their function and importance was given by Dr. Lyle Rogers at the American Association of University Women's meeting Monday night at the civic center, Morehead City. A number of high school students attended as guests.

Mrs. John Vernberg, Beaufort, club president, introduced the speaker. Dr. Rogers attended Dakota Wesleyan College and the University of Idaho and received his doctorate from Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City.

He is a native of Iowa and taught high school in western states and Alaska before going into college personnel work. He is now director of the counseling service at North Carolina State college, Raleigh.

Sanitation Engineer Checks On Pollution

A. C. Turnage, engineer with the State Stream Sanitation committee, visited here Monday and Tuesday, calling on menhaden plant operators and others interested in water pollution problems.

Mr. Turnage said that the State Stream Sanitation committee, while concerned with pollution of all types, is primarily concerned with stopping the pollution of waters by municipal sewage.

He said that he believed by next year the State Stream Sanitation committee would have regulations that would solve the recent pollution of waters by fish factory operations.

Last week both the north and south shores of Bogue Sound were lined with fish scum refuse, creating a highly undesirable odor.

Complaints came from Pine Knoll Shores, a real estate development on the south of the sound, as well as Spooner's Creek Harbor, a development on the north.

Mr. Turnage said menhaden plant operators said the refuse from the plant on Tuesday, Nov. 22, was particularly offensive because water was calm, wave action didn't break up the trash and allow it to settle to the bottom.

Mr. Turnage came to this area as a result of complaints made to the State Stream Sanitation committee about the pollution.

JC's Will Raise Christmas Fund

Jaycees have divided the town into five districts to facilitate collection of a community Christmas fund. Plans for the fund-raising were made Monday night at the Jaycee meeting at the Blue Ribbon restaurant.

Chairmen were named to supervise the collecting. They are Bill Oglesby, Tom Ballou, Horace Willis, L. G. Dunn, Clifton Lynch and Bill Singleton. Mr. Singleton will be in charge of individual donations.

The fund-raising will be conducted over the next two weeks. The money will be turned over to the Morehead City Fire department, which will use it to purchase food for needy families at Christmas time.

Firemen said that they usually raise about \$2,000. Jaycees, who agreed to cooperate with the firemen this year, say they hope to raise considerably more than that.

Mr. Lynch, Jaycee president, said it would be desirable next year, if each civic organization raised a Christmas fund and then contributed it to a community-wide Christmas charity program. The Jaycees hope to promote this idea in 1961.

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Patrol Hopes To Curb Deaths

State highway patrolmen started yesterday a concerted drive to prevent traffic deaths this month.

The campaign is the result of an extremely high accident and death rate on the highways last December. Deaths in traffic accidents in North Carolina that month totaled 124, the largest number in any month since 1955.

On Christmas day alone 13 were killed. From Dec. 24 through Dec. 28, highway deaths totaled 39. Carteret highway patrolmen ask everyone's cooperation in driving carefully this month. No vacation periods are being permitted in the patrol between now and Christmas.

To Build Store
Construction started this week on a new Freeman's Grocery store on the Crab Point road, across from the present store.