

Defective Cars Checked This Week by Patrol

State troopers operated auto check stations in the county Monday through Wednesday and found 220 vehicles with defective equipment, according to trooper W. E. Pickard, Morehead City.

Checks were made on highway 24, on highway 70 west, east of Beaufort and west of Newport. Making the inspection were troopers Pickard, R. H. Brown and Thad Jernigan, trooper stationed in Craven county.

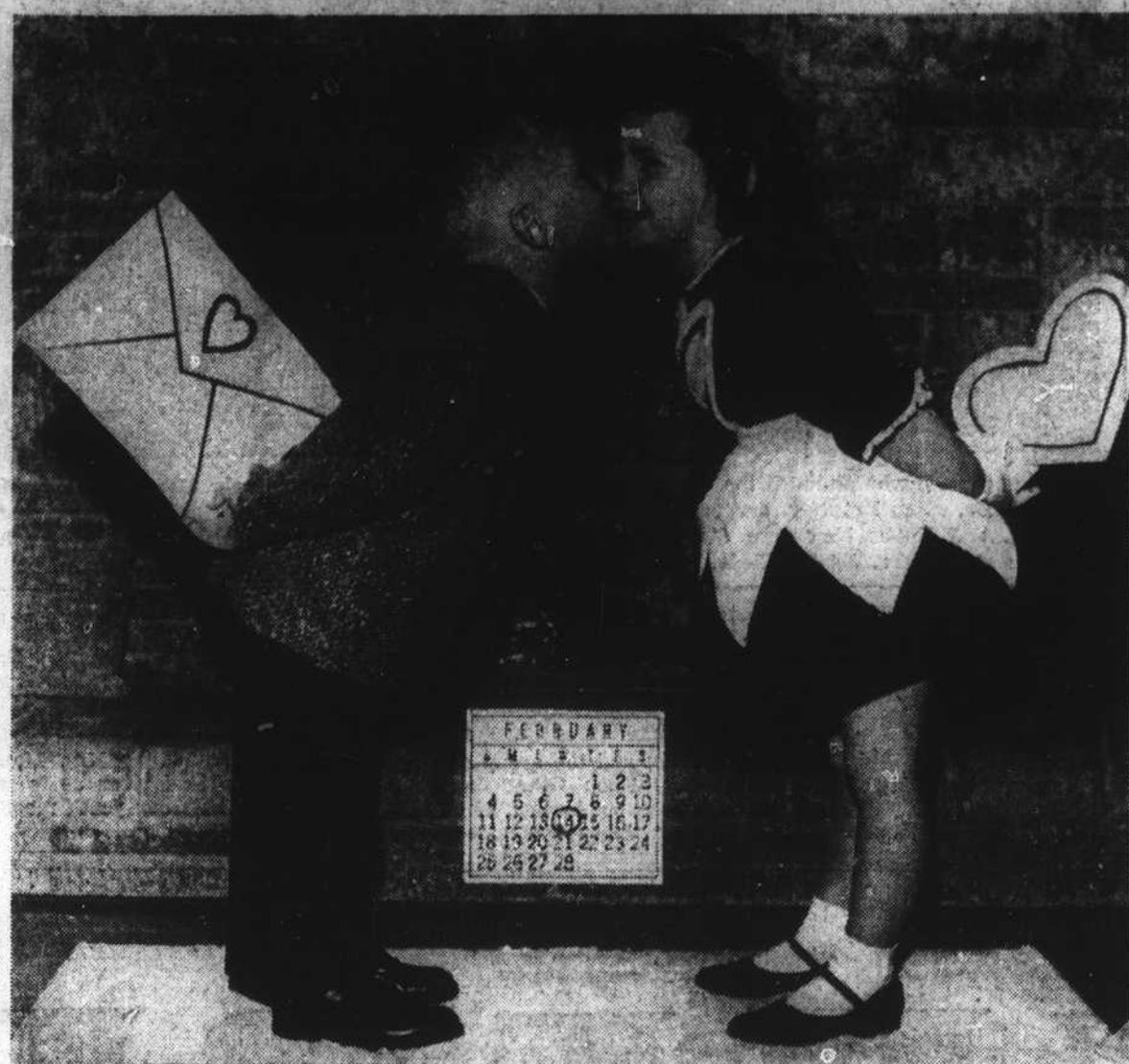
One hundred eighteen motorists received "equipment citations." These were issued for a minor defect, such as inoperable windshield wiper. The recipient of an equipment citation has three days to get the defect fixed. A postcard the trooper gives him is then signed by the mechanic making the correction and the car owner mails the post card back to the highway patrol.

Other citations summoning the motorist to court were issued when the vehicle was considered a menace on the highway because of its unsafe condition, trooper Pickard said.

The check station was operated six hours daily Monday through Wednesday. It was also supposed to operate Sunday, but was rained out.

The checking is a new program instituted by the highway patrol and will be carried out periodically in every county, trooper Pickard reported.

Will You Be My Valentine?



There seems to be no doubt in the minds of 4-year-old Kevin Rose and 5-year-old Taffy McLawhorn. They're valentines! Taffy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed McLawhorn, Morehead City, is wearing a bright red velvet dress with a heart on the front. Kevin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Rose, Morehead City. His daddy is stationed at Fort Eustis, Va. February is famous for many things, but perhaps most of all as the Month of Hearts.

Littleton Paper Read at Meeting

A paper on Merrimon township history was read by Mrs. F. C. Salisbury when the Carteret Historical Society met Saturday afternoon at the civic center.

The paper was written by Tucker Littleton of Swansboro, who was unable to attend the meeting. On display was a large map of the area drawn by Mr. Littleton, which showed points of interest and historical value.

Mr. Salisbury, president, conducted the business session. He mentioned the recent death of Mrs. Kate Leffers, a charter member of the society and its oldest member. He paid a tribute to Miss Amy Muse, an active member who recently moved to Charlotte.

Following the meeting coffee and doughnuts were served by Mrs. Luther Hamilton Sr., Mrs. Ray Highsmith, Miss Amie Klein and Mrs. Salisbury.

Board to Meet
The Beaufort town board will meet at 7:30 Monday night at the town hall. On the agenda will be annexation of certain areas adjoining the town limits.

Airport Chairman Comments On Grand Jury Criticism

Glenn Adair, chairman of the airport commission, recently received from county commissioners a copy of the last grand jury report, which commented on conditions at the Beaufort-Morehead City airport.

Mr. Adair said yesterday that the airport is operational and self-sustaining. Relative to income meeting the cost of maintenance, Mr. Adair said, "That's more than you can say for most government agencies."

The chairman reported that the Civil Aeronautics administration sent inspectors to check the airport before Christmas. "We went over everything with a fine-tooth comb and the airport passed inspection. We looked at the existing plant established by Sam Morgan, New Bern, near the end of one of the runways.

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Carteret Choral Club Will Give Concert in February

The Carteret County Choral club will present its first concert Monday, Feb. 19, at 8 p.m. in the Beaufort high school auditorium. This newly-organized singing group is the offspring of the old Beaufort Choral club which flourished from 1950-1955.

Al Hubbard, Gloucester, is president; Mrs. Josiah Bailey, secretary, and Mrs. Charles Hassell, director. Business and production details are in the hands of Mrs. W. R. Hamilton and the concert committee, a group of interested

patrons in the county. Their names will be published when tickets go on sale Monday, Feb. 12.

Mrs. Hamilton, concert chairman, says, "The concert committee will act as sponsors for this fine organization. We are non-singers but enthusiastic supporters of this new all-county musical group. The public will welcome a revival of the excellent programs of musical entertainment which were so popular during the old choral club's activity."

Residents See Flashy Show Put on by Titan Missile

At least four persons in the county—and probably many more—saw the Titan missile rise from Cape Canaveral, Fla., at dusk Monday. The two-stage missile successfully delivered its dummy warhead 5,000 miles away in a target area off the west coast of Africa.

Mrs. W. G. Simpson, Beaufort, was the first to report seeing the missile. She said that she and her daughters, Linda and Joann, were driving east on West Beaufort road at 6:35 p.m. and saw the missile in the southern sky.

Mrs. Simpson said there was an "aura of cloud" shaped like a whale with the bright light of the missile in the center. Over the whole thing was a white "vapor trail," she said.

The Simpsons were going toward the Beaufort gym and by the time they got there, the missile was out of sight. It was headed west, according to Mrs. Simpson.

to report that her husband saw the object. Mr. Willis was going south on 6th St. about 6:30 and stopped at the Arendell street corner, she said, when he saw the missile in the south.

Mr. Willis thought he was seeing things, so he wiped off the windshield. The object was still visible so Mr. Willis got out of the car for a better look.

He described the object as "clouds shaped like a fish with a bright light for an eye." A glaring light trailed the cloud, he told his wife.

Mr. Willis started to return home and get Mrs. Willis to look at it, but decided to continue on to the postoffice. When he came out of the postoffice, the missile was no longer visible.

Official reports from Cape Canaveral said that the weird light seen around the missile occurred when exhaust fumes from the bullet-shaped 96-foot intercontinental space traveler were illuminated by the sun.

There will be only one performance of this first concert. Mrs. Hamilton adds, "Since interest will be widespread with members of the county, we expect a full house with early sale of tickets. The number of tickets printed will equal the number of seats in the auditorium, less than 900. And they will go on sale one week before the concert."

Smiling, she said, "We doubt that they will move as fast as the Morehead-Beaufort basketball tickets, but this chorus is good. And from past knowledge of the old shows' record-breaking box office receipts we remember that they played to 'standing room only' for three-night runs."

Children will be admitted, but the program will be of more interest to junior and senior high school students and adults, according to Mrs. Hassell. The admission will be \$1 for adults and 75 cents for students.

Tide Table	
Tides at Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Friday, Feb. 2	
5:50 a.m.	12:27 a.m.
6:21 p.m.	
Saturday, Feb. 3	
6:43 a.m.	12:32 a.m.
7:13 p.m.	1:18 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 4	
7:34 a.m.	1:24 a.m.
8:03 p.m.	2:07 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 5	
8:24 a.m.	2:15 a.m.
8:55 p.m.	2:55 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 6	
8:45 a.m.	3:05 a.m.
9:17 p.m.	3:41 p.m.

New Owners Now Operate Jefferson Hotel, Morehead

Ownership Changed Yesterday Morning

Two Defendants Request Jury Trials Monday

Two defendants, charged with drunk driving, appeared in Morehead City recorder's court Monday to request jury trials. They were Oren Jones Taylor, Wilmington and David John Sanders, Morehead City. Judge Herbert O. Phillips placed bond for Taylor's appearance in superior court at \$500 and set that for Sanders at \$150. Taylor was transferred to the county jail until he could post bond.

Levi Reese, charged with speeding and having no operator's license, was given 60 days in jail suspended on payment of \$100 and costs and the condition that he not operate an automobile for 90 days.

Archie Calvin Davis, Morehead City, was fined \$25 and costs for careless and reckless driving and Belmont J. Morgan, Morehead City, was fined \$20 and costs for speeding.

Elijah Lewis, Beaufort, appeared before Judge Phillips to answer a charge of public drunkenness, his second within a 12-month period. Lewis was given a 60-day jail sentence suspended on payment of \$15 and costs. Also drawing a suspended jail sentence on a public drunkenness conviction was Edgar Taylor, Morehead City. Taylor was given 30 days, suspended on payment of court costs and a year's good behavior.

Facing \$10 and costs for traffic violations were James Lewis Clark, Newport, charged with failing to yield the right of way, and Carl Thomas Whitehead, Morehead City, charged with following too closely.

Eva Fulcher Garner, Atlantic Beach, was acquitted on a speeding charge and Larry Wayne Blanchard, Morehead City, charged with having improper lights, was not prosecuted.

Taxed with court costs were Dewey Willis, Harkers Island, charged with going the wrong way on a one-way street, and Sam Smith, Morehead City, charged with having insufficient brakes.

Judge Phillips continued prayer for judgment for six months in the case against James Lee Cobbs, Morehead City. Cobbs was charged with simple assault.

Fifteen cases were continued until later terms of court.

Shriners to Meet
The Carteret county Shrine club will meet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Mrs. Russell Willis's restaurant, announces Dan Sadler, secretary-treasurer. Members are reminded to wear their fez.

As of midnight Wednesday, the Jefferson Motor Lodge Inc. became owner of the Jefferson Hotel, 4th and Arendell streets, Morehead City.

Officers of Jefferson Motor Lodge, a new corporation, are Royall H. Spence, Greensboro, president; Ralph G. Styron, Morehead City, executive vice-president, and Roma L. Styron, Morehead City, secretary-treasurer.

The sale price was close to \$200,000, according to Ward Ballou of Ballou Realty Co., Inc., which handled the transaction. The hotel was bought from the Jefferson Hotel Corp., Durham, a firm recently dissolved to pave the way for the sale of the hotel.

The hotel in recent years was operated by Mrs. Jefferson D. Gibson, Durham, widow of one of the hotel's builders.

Mr. Spence, one of the new owners, is a brother of Dr. E. P. Spence, Morehead City. The Styrons, twin brothers, own and operate Styron's Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning, Morehead City.

The hotel will continue to operate as it has, but lean toward "a motel atmosphere," according to Ralph Styron. Hotel management will be under his supervision.

The new owners plan to renovate the hotel, a third of it at a time, air condition it throughout, lay new carpets and re-furnish it.

Negotiations are now under way to lease the hotel restaurant, on 4th street, and re-open it.

The 54-room hotel was built and furnished in 1946 at \$150,000. At that time, the builders said they proposed to put a marina on the water south of the hotel. The plans never materialized, but the new owners hope some time in the future to carry out those plans.

Ralph Styron, when asked Wednesday to make a comment about the hotel sale, declared, "Ward's commission is too big!" Then he added that he is "intensed about being in the hotel business."

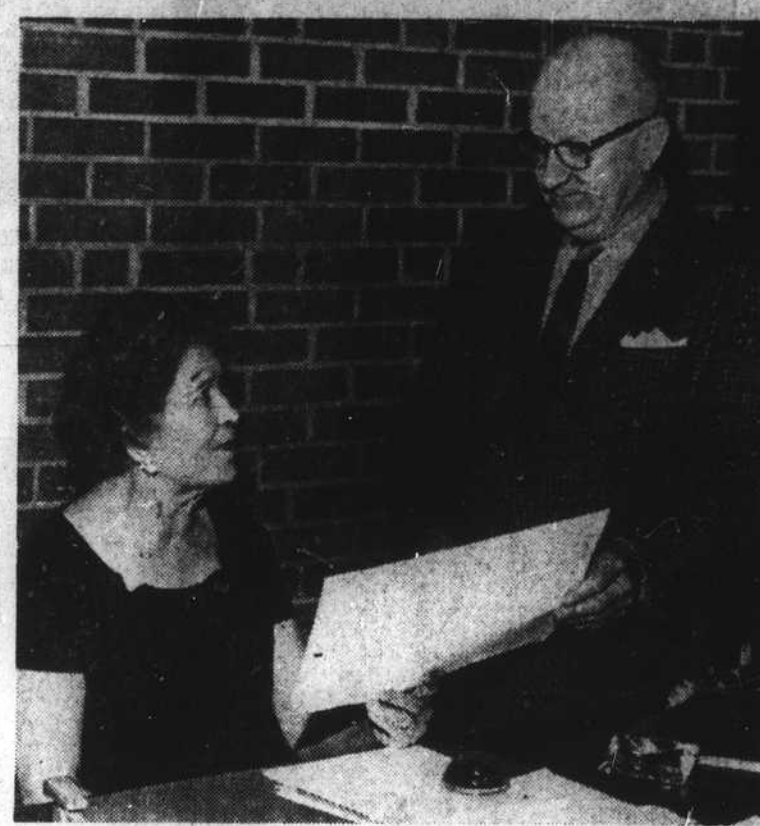
Firemen Called to Fire In Car That Wasn't Afire

Morehead City firemen were called about 9 p.m. Wednesday to the Herman K. Willis residence at 11th and Arendell streets to put out a fire in a car. It was discovered when they arrived that there was no fire.

Miss Barbara Pavone had driven a 1959 Plymouth several blocks with the emergency brake on, causing a lot of smoke but no flame, firemen said. The car was undamaged except for the brake.

Commissioners to Meet
County commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. Monday at the courthouse, Beaufort.

Service Award Presented



Mrs. Julia Tenney, manager of the Employment Security commission office, Morehead City, received Monday afternoon a 20-year certificate and 20-year service pin from P. B. Pollock, Raleigh, area supervisor for the ESC.

Audience Likes Concert By Symphony Orchestra

ESC Reports On 1961 Work

Symphony-goers ecstatically acclaimed the performance of the North Carolina little symphony orchestra in the Morehead City school auditorium Tuesday night.

Mrs. Robert K. Meadows, chairman of membership sales for Morehead City, said the work for bringing the symphony to the county was met—and the audience was large.

"In my opinion," Mrs. Meadows remarked, "the evening was a smashing success. The symphony was better than I have ever heard it and the soloist was very, very good."

Guest star was Miss Virginia Person, soprano soloist.

The children's concert at Morehead City school Tuesday afternoon played to "standing room only." Extra chairs were taken into the auditorium to accommodate the crowd.

Morehead City-Beaufort chapter leaders of the symphony society are the Rev. Charles L. Kirby, president; Mrs. Meadows and Miss Nancy Russell, membership co-chairmen for Morehead City and Beaufort, respectively; and Mrs. Bernice Crowe, secretary-treasurer.

The symphony will appear in Rocky Mount Feb. 2, in Elizabeth City Feb. 5, in New Bern at the high school at 8 p.m. Friday, April 13, and in Wilmington at Brogden hall at 8:30 p.m. Monday, April 16.

Information released by Mrs. Julia P. Tenney, manager of the Employment Security commission, Morehead City, shows that the commission handled 2,050 new employment applications during the year 1961.

Placements made by the commission totaled 2,355 non-agricultural and 14,604 agricultural placements. Female placements during the year totaled 896 and 471 special worker-group statistics were 196 youths, 185 older workers and 19 handicapped workers.

Filed with the commission were 2,271 initial unemployment claims and 18,897 continued claims.

The commission conducted 35 counseling interviews and gave aptitude tests to 350 workers. Field work for the commission included making 307 non-agricultural employer visits and 1,610 agricultural employer visits.

Pilings Driven
The Morehead City draw bridge was closed several times yesterday for short periods of time while pilings were driven to repair the fender system on the north side.

Methodists to Dedicate Eure Building

To be dedicated at 11 a.m. Sunday in Ann Street Methodist church is the N. F. Eure education building, located a short distance from the church on Ann street. The building contains more than 15,000 square feet of floor space. The cost of construction has been paid by the congregation in less than six years.

Ann Street Methodists, Beaufort, will dedicate the N. F. Eure educational building at the 11 a.m. service Sunday.

Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, will deliver the sermon. Also taking part in the service will be Dr. A. J. Hobbs, New Bern, district superintendent, and the Rev. John M. Cline, former pastor. Pastor of the church is the Rev. Dwight L. Paul.

Music for the service is under the direction of Mrs. Charles Hassell, choir director and organist.

The contract for the educational building was let June 19, 1956 and the ground-breaking ceremony was June 24, 1956. The \$200,000 building (including furnishings) and was completed in June 1957. It was constructed during the ministry of the Rev. J. D. Young, now serving at Oxford.

According to church records, the last payment on it was made Jan. 22, 1962.

The three-story building has on the first floor a multi-purpose room, kitchen, church parlor, nursery, kindergarten room, lobby, chapel, adult class room, office, library, rest rooms and storage rooms.

On the second floor is another kindergarten room, two primary

Grain Sign-Up Begins Monday

The sign-up period for corn and grain sorghum crops under the 1962 feed grain program will begin Monday.

The sign-up period will apply to 1962 crop acreages of corn and grain sorghums. Fall seeded wheat and barley acreages were signed up during the period ended Dec. 1.

B. J. May, ASC office manager, says, "Under the two programs farmers can help further reduce the wasteful and costly pileup of feed grains, hold production of feed grains in line with current demands, protect and improve our national soil and water resources through applying needed conservation practices on diverted acres, save dollars for all US taxpayers, including themselves. The early sign-up dates will give farmers and farm servicing industries an opportunity to make early plans for the coming crop year."

The feed grain sign-up period starts Monday and runs through March 30, 1962. "Please do not come to sign up before Feb. 5," Mr. May asks.

News Briefs

Boat Under Construction
Being built at Gilkinn boat works, Harkers Island, is a 65-foot party-boat for Ed Keef, Point Pleasant, N. J.

Miss Josie Pigott Improves
Miss Josie Pigott, eighth grade teacher at Smyrna school, who fell recently and was injured while running a race, is improving satisfactorily at Sea Level hospital.