

Youthful Driver Faces Second Degree Murder Count

In the Good Old Summertime

Morehead Businessmen's Opinions Vary on 'Open All Day Wednesday'

By Oliver (Hick) Allen

Morehead City merchants are split on their decisions on the local policy of remaining open Wednesday afternoons. During the summer, a survey made over the weekend by THE NEWS-TIMES disclosed.

Comments on the Wednesday afternoon store hours ranged from "an excellent idea, we might even try it in the winter," to "Business was lousy." However, the majority of the merchants contacted seemed wholeheartedly in favor of the idea.

Main reason given for favoring staying open all day Wednesday was that Morehead City is a summer resort town. Consequently, merchants say, stores up-state close Wednesday afternoon and their employees and townspeople head for the coast.

When they get here they expect to find stores doing business as usual. Therefore it is to the advantage of merchants to remain open purely from a business standpoint and also from the standpoint of attracting more vacationists to the Carteret coast where they will know they can buy what they want on Wednesday afternoons.

A cross section of opinions gathered in the survey follows. Mrs. A. Leary, Dress Shop: We found it a good policy to remain open. Our business was good and we profited by the additional store hours. It's a good policy to close Wednesday afternoons in the fall and winter but I think we should delay starting that policy until October instead of this coming Wednesday.

James Wheatley, Hill's: "We didn't lose anything by remaining open. Our business was fair but at least 75 per cent of it was purely local. I think the Wednesday afternoon closing starting this week is a good idea."

Mrs. Charles L. Springle, The Boot Shop: "We found that we didn't have enough to pay our light bill. It was no good for us. The Wednesday afternoon closing hours starting for the fall are fine as far as we are concerned."

Warren Beck, Sound Appliances: "People who came down here from other parts of the state appreciated our staying open to accommodate them. We didn't lose any money and I expect we made some. It didn't affect my employees since they still got an afternoon off some other day in the week. I'm in favor of closing Wednesday afternoons from now until next summer, though."

Sam Adler, Leonard's: "The system was no good whatsoever. We got little business and what we did get we could have gotten other days of the week. I think we should stay closed Wednesday afternoon the year round."

D. C. Bell, Dee Gee's: "Our Wednesday business was as good as any other day of the week. I'm strongly in favor of remaining open. If we were closed Wednesday afternoon the business we missed wouldn't be back Thursday morning. It would be somewhere else in the state. It would be a good idea if we continued the policy throughout the early fall instead of discontinuing it this week."

Oscar Alfred, Early Jewelers: "Our Wednesday afternoon business was only fair and no more. It's still not a bad idea, however, but we should stop it until next summer. What we really need is to stay open until at least 7 o'clock Saturday night instead of closing at 6. That would increase our volume."

Jack Neal, Hardware and Building Supply: "We are a summer resort and there is no point in our closing the way other towns do. Staying open helped our business and it will improve more as soon as people elsewhere find out we stay open Wednesday afternoons in the summer. It's still hard to tell whether or not we should close in the winter."

J. Levinson, Betty Jay Shop: "Our business was helped some. We will go along with the majority on any such policy, winter or summer closing. What the Merchants Association agrees on is fine with us."

Bill White, Economy Auto Supply: "We didn't fare too well by staying open. I think it's a good idea to start closing now. Our summer business is finished."

Bernard Leary, Leary's: "I found it well worth while. We got more business than on the average afternoon and our clerks still got an afternoon off a week so it didn't affect them. I think we should start closing now, though."

Death Claims Two Well-Known Beaufort Residents in Four Days

Funeral services for Walter Winfield (Cooch) Chadwick, who died Friday morning in Morehead City hospital were held in the Ann Street Methodist church Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Burial was in the family plot in the church cemetery. The Rev. T. R. Jenkins, pastor of the church, officiated.

Mr. Chadwick, who was 66 years old, was the son of the late Winfield Scott and Mary Thompson Chadwick of Beaufort. He was the star catcher of the Trinity college base ball team in the early 1900's and with Mr. Arthur Bradsher of New Bern, as pitcher, they formed the most famous battery in the history of the college.

For many years he worked as a salesman for various concerns in New Bern and Washington, and returned to Beaufort to live in semi retirement about 10 years ago. Mr. Chadwick frequently contributed to The Beaufort News, now the Carteret County NEWS-TIMES.

Surviving are a son, Major Winfield Scott Chadwick, United States Army, of Lexington, Ky., a daughter, Mrs. Turner Logan of Charleston, S. C., two sisters, Mrs. T. A. Uzzell of New Bern, Mrs. R. P. Stephens of Athens, Ga. and six grandchildren.

Active pallbearers at the funeral were Clarence Guthrie, Robert Hudgins, Preston Mason, Hiram Kerr, Claude Wheatly and Jack Neal. Honorary pallbearers were F. R. Bell, T. A. Uzzell, Carl Chadwick, James Rumley, Charles Thomas and Homer Lienthal.

Funeral services for William Oscar Noe who died at his home on Front st. extended Sunday evening after an illness of a month, will be held from his home at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Burial with Masonic rites will be in Ocean View cemetery. The Rev. Winfrey Davis, pastor of the First Baptist Church, assisted by the Rev. T. R. Jenkins, pastor of Ann Street Methodist church, will conduct the services.

Mr. Noe, who would have been 77 next month had been a seaman all his life. He was captain of a sailing vessel that sailed the rice trade in 1886, and captained the schooner, John R. P. Moore, which hauled lumber to New York and New Bedford from this area.

He was captain of the steamer Petral, of the U. S. Fisheries commission, which was used for gathering specimens for the scientific laboratory. He was an executive of the Beaufort Fisheries and supervised the building of the fish factory for Judge Lambert Morris.

He was a champion square dancer and well-known caller of dances in eastern Carolina. He was a prominent member of the Franklin Lodge 109 A. F. & A. M., and I. O. O. F. and of St. John's Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar of New Bern.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Daisy Noe Pierce, two daughters, Mrs. E. L. Beeton, of Beaufort, Mrs. Ruth Sullivan, of the home, two sons, William and Earl of Beaufort, and one brother, West Noe of Beaufort.

Social Security Office Seeks Young Account Card Holder

Chamber Officials Will Visit Here

Delegates to the annual convention of North Carolina Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives to be held in Wilson Sept. 18 and 19 will come to Morehead City on the 20th for a visit and sight-seeing tour, the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce announced today.

The group will arrive here for lunch as guests of the Sanitary Fish Market and Restaurant. Following lunch, they will go aboard the Coast Guard cutter Agassiz for an afternoon cruise of local waters as guests of the Coast Guard. After the cruise they will return to their homes.

Features of the two-day convention in Wilson include a speech by Clem Johnson, director of the United States Chamber of Commerce, another speech by Frank H. Jeter, agricultural editor of State college, luncheons, business sessions and committee reports.

Three Men Join Morehead Lions

Three new members, Tarver McKnight, George and Clarence Bell, were initiated into the Morehead City Lions club Friday night when they put on an exhibition of eating pie blindfolded. The exhibition was presided over by Chesley Dennis, ably assisted by Oscar Alfred. It was decided that the Sept. 22, 23, and 24 broom sale will be made by teams working each block of Morehead City to make certain that all homes are covered. All sizes of brooms and floor mats will be on sale at that time, with the proceeds to go to Lions Welfare work.

Louis K. Day, Lions district governor of Rocky Mount, will visit the club Sept. 16 it was announced. The governor will speak to the local group at that time and also show moving pictures of the international convention in New York two months ago.

Lions will meet at the Carteret recreation center Friday night when they will give a weiner roast for Boy Scouts who assisted them in the bread sales last spring.

A contest will be held this week Sept. 5-11, to locate the youngest Social Security account number card holder in southeastern North Carolina, it was announced today. A prize will be awarded to the youngest account number holder who has had employment in a job covered by the Social Security act.

"This contest", N.A. Avera, manager of the Wilmington office, said, "is a part of our program to celebrate the 12th anniversary of the opening of the Wilmington Field office of the Social Security Administration." The Wilmington office was opened Sept. 9, 1937, and serves 11 counties of southeastern North Carolina.

The only rule in connection with the contest is that the winner must have been employed in a job covered by the social security act. Most employers of one or more persons in commerce or industry are covered by the law and are required to report employees wages to the collector of internal revenue in Greensboro at the end of each calendar quarter.

Persons entering the contest for themselves or on behalf of others should address a post card to the Social Security Administration, Wilmington, N. C., and give the name and address of the person entered, date of birth, social security account number and place last employed. Failure to give this information will disqualify any entrant, and permission to use such information will be assumed by the field office. Where the postmark date is later than Sunday, Sept. 11, the entry will not be accepted.

A qualified board of judges selected independently will determine the winner and notice will be forwarded to the winner as soon as possible after Sept. 13.

Charles Jones Recovers From Accident Injuries

Charles Jones of Morehead Bluffs is recovering today in Morehead City hospital from injuries received Saturday night when the car he was driving collided with a truck parked in front of Morehead City school.

According to police reports, Jones hit the truck head-on and then got out of his car and ran. He is charged with operating an automobile in a careless and reckless manner, causing an accident, and failing to report the accident to police.

Investigating officer was Carl Blomberg.

Education Board to Open Bids on Atlantic School

Bids for construction of a new school at Atlantic will be opened by the county board of education at its September meeting Thursday in board offices, court house extension, Beaufort.

A. J. Maxwell, Jr., Goldsboro architect, will be present at the meeting to go over the bids with the board. Mr. Maxwell is the architect who drew up plans for the school.

The session is expected to be a lengthy one with the usual routine business discussed, in addition to the Atlantic school construction program.

Publicists Will Arrive Tomorrow

Members of an exclusive North Carolina organization to which North Carolinians cannot belong, Honorary Tar Heels, will meet in Morehead City tomorrow for several days of expense-paid visiting. The group will be guests of Morehead City businessmen while they enjoy the period of relaxation and recreation. Their headquarters will be the Ocean King hotel and while here they will also be guests of various sport fishing boat captains, Capt. Bill's Waterfront cafe, the Blue Ribbon club, and the Carolina Racing association.

Membership in Honorary Tar Heels is limited to out-of-state writers, photographers, publicists, and others who have aided in publicizing North Carolina. They convene infrequently at various resort places in the state for sessions of relaxation and enjoyment.

Among those expected to be present are Leonard Roy, National Geographic writer of the menhaden story which appeared in that magazine last June, Ray Trullinger of the New York World Telegram; Ollie Adams, Saturday Evening Post photographer; and Ray Cant, New York Times rod and gun editor.

Boatmen Wind Up Summer Season

The season's final cruise of Tar Heels Afloat, an organization of North Carolina pleasure boat enthusiasts, was brought to a climax at Wrightsville Beach Sunday night at Wilmington with a banquet at which Gus Travis, Charlotte humorist, was the principal speaker.

The flotilla of 30 craft arrived Saturday afternoon, after assembling at Swansboro and Morehead City and cruising down the Inland Waterway. It was welcomed by officials and members of the Frying Pan Power Boat Club, hosts for the weekend outing.

George Eastman, of Beaufort Tar Heels Afloat commodore, arrived aboard The Croatan, a State craft stationed at Manteo, and was officially welcomed by Louis A. Hanson, commodore of the Frying Pan Club, during the afternoon. Other Tar Heels Afloat officials making the trip were Earl Bell, of New Bern, fleet captain; Charles Bennett, immediate past commodore, and Robert Lowe, secretary of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce and acting secretary of the group.

The visitors were entertained at a cocktail party Saturday night. Sunday afternoon a motorcade took the boating enthusiasts on a tour of interesting points in New Hanover county, including Airlie Gardens and Greenfield Lake park. The other two cruises taken this summer were from Morehead City to New Bern and Morehead City to Belhaven.

The electrical storm Friday morning played hob with power lines.

Lightning struck a lightning arrester in Beaufort at 10:27 a.m. Friday, causing low voltage on lines until 10:40 when complete service was restored.

George Stovall, local manager of Tide Water Power company, said that had the lightning not struck the arrester, it would have knocked out a transformer, causing serious outage and a big loss financially.

Two poles were shattered at Williston and numerous cross-arms and insulators were broken down east Thursday. Service, Mr. Stovall said, was continually interrupted.

Five Marines Hurt In Head-On Wreck

Collision Occurs Wednesday Night Near Carteret-Craven Line, Highway 70

Five Marines were injured at 11:05 Wednesday night in a head-on collision 300 yards east of the Craven-Carteret county line on highway 70.

The seriously injured were Pvt. Theodore Lamarre, driver of one car, and Pfc. John Jaspersen, passenger in the other. These men were taken to Camp Lejeune hospital after being treated at the dispensary at Cherry Point.

Others who were injured were Cpl. E. J. Easterwood, Pfc. George W. Easterwood, both of whom were riding in the '49 Chevrolet driven by Lamarre, and Pfc. T. B. Pruitt, driver of a '46 Ford.

According to Patrolman R. H. Brown who investigated the Ford was proceeding toward Morehead City at a speed of 45-50 miles per hour while the Chevrolet was going toward Cherry Point "at a rapid rate."

When the Chevrolet attempted to pass another car it ran head-on into the Ford. The passengers were carried to the Cherry Point dispensary in two ambulances from the base.

Patrolman Brown stated that the same Chevrolet involved in the accident was "pulled" twice that same night, each time with different drivers.

Rotarians Hear School Principal

Rotarians, the Fire Department, the Parent-Teachers Association, and employees of City Jones helped get the Morehead City school ready for opening this year, principal G. T. Windell reported at Thursday night's Rotary meeting in the Carteret recreation center.

Principal Windell reported on the condition of the school at its opening Thursday. He said that it was in better shape than a year ago principally because of the tremendous help rendered in labor and money by the Parent-Teachers association.

The PTA authorized \$1,200 to be expended on improvements for the school, Mr. Windell said, and it was put to good use. Equipment ground, building equipment was purchased for the school playroom, and a master clock costing over \$300 was obtained to replace the present one that has worn out.

Enrollment this year is 851, twenty-one more than last year and of this number 218 are students in the high school department, the principal explained. He said that enrollment had dropped off some from high school but it was hoped that it would increase before the first of October.

In concluding, Principal Windell stated that an important job had been done and more work lies ahead. He added that Rotarians would probably be called on to give their help in future projects.

The resignation of Ralph Wade was reluctantly accepted when it was explained that Mr. Wade would be unable to attend the Thursday night meetings due to church work.

Visitors were Numa Eure, Beaufort; W. H. Bell, Newport; Galt Braxton, Kinston; Jim Fleming, Greenville; and Harry Frehn, Bristol, Va.

Mechanical Defect Causes Accident Sunday Afternoon

Considerable damage was caused to a 1938 Ford truck driven by William (Wild Bill) Godette, Negro of Pollock street, Beaufort, when the truck skidded 195 feet, jumped a ditch, and overturned Sunday afternoon four miles from Beaufort on the Harlowe road.

Godette was traveling toward Harlowe when a tie rod end flew off the running gear causing him to lose control of the vehicle. The truck skidded 195 feet to the left side of the highway, jumped a ditch, turned over once, and traveled 20 more feet before stopping.

Godette received a cut on his nose and a dislocated shoulder. No one else was in the truck with him at the time, 3:15 p.m.

State highway Patrolman, J. W. Sykes, investigated the accident assisted by patrolman R. H. Brown. No charges were preferred.

Newport Garage Owner Gives Eye-Witness Account of Crash

Probable cause on five counts was found in a hearing at Newport yesterday afternoon and Charles H. Stephenson, III, 16-year-old Raleigh youth, was bound over to superior court under \$2000 bond.

The five charges, second degree murder, hit and run, hour, reckless driving, and failure to stop when hearing a police siren, were drawn up as the result of an accident Saturday night at Newport where State Highway Patrolmen Richard H. Jackson, Cherry Point, lost his life and Patrolman P. M. Herring was seriously injured.

The accident was caused when Patrolman Jackson and Herring gave chase to the speeding 1949 Oldsmobile driven by Stephenson Saturday night, according to testimony. As Stephenson sped into Newport city limits in front of the school he swerved and passed a 1947 Chevrolet driven by two Marines, it was stated.

The patrol car attempted to swerve also but apparently, witnesses reported, was too close to the Chevrolet to make the turn. It skidded, its right rear fender and bumper struck the Chevrolet's left rear bumper and fender, it turned sharply to the left, hit and broke an electric power pole, struck a nearby tree, and crashed on its side on the sidewalk in front of the home of H. D. Garner.

Patrolman Jackson was instantly killed and Herring received serious head injuries from which Morehead City hospital officials said yesterday he was recovering and not in danger. The patrol car, a 1949 Ford, was completely demolished.

The top of the car was torn off as it sailed into and by the tree. Parts of the car's radio were found under Garner's house and a hub cap knocked slats out of the front porch swing at N. W. Garner's house, fully 150 feet away from the crash. Various parts of the car were scattered over a wide area.

Time of the accident was set at 10:14 p.m. since all electric power in the town was cut off at that time. Damage to a transformer at Newport was estimated at \$1,500 and was not repaired until almost noon Sunday.

The falling electric wires presented a hazard for a short time but no fire or other injuries occurred. At yesterday's hearing evidence was introduced to show Stephenson's guilt on all five charges. Since Newport Mayor A. R. Craig's jurisdiction does not extend over any of the charges, the cases was bound over to the October term of superior court.

The first witness was Mose Howard, operator of a garage in Newport and eyewitness to the crash. Mr. Howard testified that he was standing in front of his garage, across from the school, when he heard a siren.

Then he saw the Oldsmobile fly by, pass the Chevrolet, which he said was driving at a slow speed, and whip on down the road. Following the Oldsmobile's passing the Chevrolet, the patrol car attempted to pass also but failed to negotiate the turn.

Instead, he said, it went into a side spin, hit the rear of the Chevrolet, bounced into the telephone pole and tree and stopped with Jackson's body falling in front of the car and Herring, badly injured, being thrown to the side.

Mr. Howard stated that it was immediately evident that Jackson was dead but that though Herring was bleeding badly he showed signs of life. First aid was given to Herring before an ambulance arrived from Morehead City to take him to the hospital.

The witness estimated that there was approximately 100 yards distance between the two speeding cars. He said the Chevrolet was in the act of pulling over to the side of the road when it was struck by the patrol car.

He said the Oldsmobile was traveling well over 75 miles an hour but that he could not estimate its exact speed. After the patrol car hit the post, he said, the Oldsmobile was no longer visible.

The next witness was Patrol Corporal Vernon L. Spruill, in charge of the Carteret county station, Camp Glenn. Corporal Spruill stated that the first he heard of the accident was when he received a call at 10:25 Saturday night.

After investigating at Newport, he made further checks on identification of the driver of the car Jackson was chasing. At 3:30 Sunday morning he said that he and Col. C. P. Tolar, patrol commander called in on the case, called at Stephenson's parent's home on Atlantic beach after hearing reports that he was driving the car.

Stephenson vehemently denied any connection with the accident, the corporal said, and stated that See ACCIDENT Page Four

Tide Table

(Tides at Beaufort Bar)

HIGH	Tuesday, September 6	LOW
7:37 a.m.	1:31 a.m.	
7:49 p.m.	1:42 p.m.	
Wednesday, September 7		
8:15 a.m.	2:07 a.m.	
8:25 p.m.	2:22 p.m.	
Thursday, September 8		
8:25 a.m.	2:40 a.m.	
9:02 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	
Friday, September 9		
9:25 a.m.	3:12 a.m.	
9:33 p.m.	3:56 p.m.	

Window Pane Cuts Would-Be Burglar

Blood - Splattered Window Sill, Blind, Porch Attest to Entry Attempt

An unsuccessful break-in at a home in Morehead City was foiled Friday night when the burglar cut himself on broken glass and was forced to leave the scene of the attempted crime.

Police were called to the unoccupied home, 2906 Evans street, owned by Dr. M. A. Pittman, Wilson, Saturday morning and found that someone had broken three window panes from a front porch window and apparently tried to reach inside to unlock the window.

When the would-be burglar reached inside he cut his wrist severely enough to splatter blood over the window, a venetian blind inside, and over the porch floor.

Undoubtedly, police say, the burglary attempt was stopped because of damage done to the prowler by the cut. Fingerprints were taken and all doctors were checked to see whether they had treated anyone for a wrist injury but no clues were found.

A possible lead on the case was given when a glazier came to replace the broken panes. He said that visitors to a house in the next block, which is identical to the one broken in, both of them having the same floor plan, whitewashed brick exterior, and green awnings, have a habit of breaking a window pane and going through the unlocked window into the house when they do not have a key.

The glazier said that possibly some visitor had confused the two houses and broken the window to the wrong house.

Was Old Cemetery Visited by Ghouls?

Vandals, who Beaufort police chief, L. B. Willis, said were "unusually drunk," wreaked havoc in Ann Street cemetery, Beaufort, Saturday night when they broke one tombstone in half and tore the lids from several other tombs.

Time of the vandalism is uncertain but Chief Willis said it was estimated at around 2:30 a. m. Fireman Elmond Rhue reported that he heard noises in the cemetery during the night but that he was uncertain of the exact time.

Chief Willis stated that whoever the vandals were, there must have been more than one of them. He said that it required the combined work of five men to put the large marble slabs back on top of the tombs.

Fireman Rhue said that he did not investigate the noises since the cemetery receives frequent night visitors. Sunday morning he went into the cemetery and found the remains of the act of desecration committed the night before.

Police were working on the case yesterday but stated that so far they had no leads on identification of the vandals. The bloodhounds were used but with no results.

205 Teen-Agers Attend Parties

Two hundred five regular members and 47 guests attended the Carteret County Recreation center for the opening this past week-end.

Mrs. Harold Sampson, club advisor, welcomed the Teen-Age club and announced that officers for the coming year would be elected Friday, Sept. 16. One week later membership renewal will be required and the new officers will be installed.

Sandy Pygart, a graduate of Arthur Murray's school of dancing, New York, will teach ballroom dancing at the center.

Junior teen-agers will be given instruction Saturday, intermediates Friday night before teen-age club, and the seniors Saturday night before teen-age club.

Edwin F. Gatlin, aviation machinist's mate, second class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Gatlin of 308 Cedar st., Beaufort, is attached to Composite Squadron 61, presently based at the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, San Diego, Calif. The squadron is engaged in training photographic personnel attached to the aircraft carriers of the Pacific Fleet.