

Easter Seals Help Crippled Children

47th YEAR, NO. 27. TWO SECTIONS FOURTEEN PAGES MOREHEAD CITY AND BEAUFORT, NORTH CAROLINA FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 1958 PUBLISHED TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS

Anthony-Mobley Case Goes to Jury

Jury Finds Anthony Not Guilty in Bogus Car Deals

H. Earle Mobley, Morehead City, former Carteret representative in the general assembly and president of the Mobley Buick Co., which is now in receivership, pleaded guilty Wednesday to three charges of false pretense and did not contest 11 counts of embezzlement.

The cases to which he pleaded guilty were State vs. Earle Mobley and Fred Anthony (two cases) and the State vs. Earle Mobley and James E. Leary. Anthony pleaded not guilty.



H. Earle Mobley ... faces prison term?

The embezzlement cases involved deals with automobile buyers. Facts the buyers related on the witness stand Wednesday afternoon appear below.

In the one case in which Mobley and Anthony are named defendants LATE BULLETIN: The jury returned a verdict on Fred Anthony, "not guilty", at 5:35 p.m. yesterday. It deliberated 45 minutes. Court recessed until this morning. Mobley has not yet been sentenced.

the state alleges that Mobley cheated Commercial National Bank and in the other, Atlantic Discount Corp.

Testimony revealed that Fred Anthony signed papers for two cars which did not exist. As a result, Mobley collected \$2,000 from Atlantic Discount and approximately \$2,400 from Commercial National Bank.

The bogus deals were carried out several months apart during the summer of 1957.

Jurors on the case were Walter Edwards, R. M. Braithwaite, Hugh Styron, M. E. Bridgman, William McKay, Cecil Phelps, Leamon J. Corbett, Leslie Asentli, Curtis De Witt, R. J. Schwark, Ralph Pittman and Andrew W. Davis.

Judge Hamilton spoke to the jury from 2:30 to 3:15 yesterday afternoon. Then Judge Joseph Parker gave his instructions to the jurors.

The Mobley cases held the superior court spotlight this week, but the courtroom was almost empty. Most of the people in the courtroom Wednesday were the automobile buyers who lost money as the result of doing business with Mobley Buick Co.

Choosing a jury in the case involving sale of a non-existent car, by Mobley Buick Co. to Frederick Anthony, Morehead City RFD, started Tuesday afternoon. Anthony operates a Pure Oil service station west of Morehead.

Court didn't get under way again until almost noon Wednesday. Lawyers for Mobley, John Dawson, Kingston; Judge Luther Hamilton, and Luther Hamilton Jr., Morehead City; Judge Joseph Parker, Robert Rouse Jr., solicitor; and the sheriff were in conference in an anteroom most of the morning.

Case Begins When the case finally started, Frank Johnson, manager of Atlantic Discount Co., Washington, N. C., took the stand. Atlantic Discount was the firm which handled the financing on cars sold by Mobley.

He identified a check for \$2,000 that the Atlantic Discount Co. gave to Mobley in exchange for a mythical 1956 Buick which Mobley sold to Anthony. The finance company did not know, of course, that the car did not exist. The check was dated July 30, 1956.

Upon receiving the check, Mobley cashed it. The check was given in exchange for a conditional sales agreement, chattel mortgage and note, all signed by Anthony, and turned over to Atlantic Discount by Mobley.

The car's sale price was given as \$2,287.44. Mr. Johnson explained the conditional sales agreement, chattel mortgage and note. All were passed to the jurors for examination.

It was then that Mr. Rouse requested the judge to dismiss the jury until 9:30 yesterday morning. Because Mobley did not contest 11 counts of embezzlement, it was not necessary for a jury to hear evidence. Witnesses in the 11 cases were put on the stand Wednesday afternoon.

The first was Tommy Lewis of See ANTHONY, Page 2

Mayor Lewis Comments On Proposed Deep Well

Mayor Clifford Lewis, Beaufort, commenting this week on the new well to be drilled by the Carolina Water Co., said, "I'm certainly glad of it." The new well will be the source of the town's water supply. Mayor Lewis has been instrumental in the past several years in pushing the new well project. Things came to a head during the winter when housewives voiced complaint and called on town officials as well as officials of the water company.

Three Drivers Plead Guilty To Drunk Driving

Three men charged with drunken driving pleaded guilty and were sentenced in superior court this week. They were Andrew Midgett, Leston Wheeler Gillikin, and Daniel B. Alford.

Each case went to superior court on appeal. Each defendant was sentenced to six months in jail, suspended on payment of \$100 and court costs.

The case against James Leop Graham charged with driving drunk, was dismissed.

Arthur Taylor, Negro charged with stealing the car owned by S. T. Vick, Beaufort, pleaded guilty. He was given 18 months to two years on the roads.

The state decided not to prosecute James E. Robinson, charged with breaking, entering and larceny; Vera W. Sparrow and Alonzo Bell, cohabitation (Bell was drowned in Hurricane Audrey at Cameron, La.); J. D. Arnold, Ralph Arnold, Neta Skinner, Larry D. Kennitz and Alton Waddell, charged with theft.

David Jeter was found not guilty of speeding after attorneys for the defense presented evidence to the effect that the defendant had previously been beaten up by young thugs who had followed him in a car and when the highway patrol car was trailing him, he thought that the same thing was about to happen to him again and he tried to avoid a repetition of the incident.

On the jury were Walter Edwards, Richard M. Braithwaite, Hugh Styron, Clay Chadwick, Clifford M. Merrill, M. E. Bridgman, William Thomas McKay, Cecil Phelps.

See DRIVERS, Page 2

Top Highway Officials Meet With Board

Highway officials conferred with county commissioners at a special meeting at the courthouse, Beaufort, Tuesday morning.

They decided how the \$45,000 allotted to this county for secondary roads (1957-58) will be spent.

Total mileage to be improved is 6.55. The biggest project is a Stella road which will be paved. The road is three miles long and runs from Stella southeast to the White Oak River. Total cost of that project will be \$35,881.90.

Other projects are as follows: grading and stabilizing a half mile between Highway 24 and Bogue Sound, \$2,850; construction of 250 feet of protective wall along the road to Fort Macon, \$4,125; grading and paving two-tenths of a mile of streets in Mitchell Village with property owners bearing part of the cost, \$2,143.10.

All of the above costs are estimated. Moses Howard, chairman of the county board, said that the officials have agreed to review their "no improvement" decision on the Lockhart Road.

Meeting with the commissioners were Harold Makepeace, head of the secondary roads department; R. Markham, division engineer; W. M. Ingram, assistant to Mr. Makepeace; and C. Y. Griffin, district engineer.

Relative to primary roads, the state has deferred action, pending federal appropriations on 72 projects. Two of the projects are widening US 70 from Havelock to the Carteret-Craven line, and new bridge and approaches across the Newport River east of Morehead City.

State JC Head Will Come Here

Jack Sharp, state Jaycee president, will attend the district Jaycee meeting at the Morehead Biltmore Hotel April 26-27.

Also present will be Marvin Kooz, Raleigh, and Tuck Gudger, Charlotte, who are running for state Jaycee president.

Plans for the meeting were discussed by the host club, Morehead City Jaycees, at their meeting Monday night at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant.

The event will open with a golf tournament at 1 p.m. Saturday. Sailing and other entertainment will be provided for wives of Jaycees.

There will be a reception at the hotel at 5:30 p.m. and a dance at 8. At 9 a.m. Sunday the business meeting will begin at the hotel. Bill Baughman is chairman of the affair.

During Monday night's meeting, the group decided to invest \$150 in picnic tables and benches for the municipal park. Candidates for offices made campaign speeches. The elections will be Monday, April 21.

Easter Sunday Sunrise Services

5:15 a.m. — Core Creek Methodist Church, Highway 101 at steel bridge across inland waterway

5:30 a.m. — Ann Street Methodist Church, Ann and Craven Streets, Beaufort

5:30 a.m. — Otway Christian Church

5:30 a.m. — Otway Free Will Baptist Church

5:42 a.m. — Camp Glenn Methodist Church at home of Mrs. Katherine S. Pearson, Bonham Heights

6 a.m. — First Christian Church, 23rd and Bridges Streets, Morehead City

6 a.m. — Presbyterian Camp, Highway 24, west of Morehead City

(For more information on weekend church services, see page 4 section 1 and page 4 section 2).

Newport Sets Tag Deadline

By Thursday, town tags must be on all cars owned by Newport residents and on vehicles that do business in Newport.

The deadline was set by the Newport town board Tuesday night. The period of grace will end at midnight April 9. By law, all Newport tags were to be on cars by Feb. 17.

If the tags are not on vehicles by April 10, motorists will be subject to prosecution in the town court. Tags may be obtained from Miss Edith Lockey, clerk; from Ira Jones at the town hall Saturday mornings, and at the Texaco Service station on weekends.

Hank Wilhelmson, who attended the board meeting, suggested that next year the town order decals because new cars don't have any place to attach the town tag.

Highway Safety Division Revokes Two Licenses

The state highway safety division has revoked the licenses of two county drivers. They are Lacy Lee Jarman, route 2 Newport, and Alpha Q. Salter, route 1 Newport.

Jarman has been convicted of two offenses of reckless driving. Salter has been convicted of driving drunk on three different occasions.

Morehead Postoffice Will be Air Conditioned

Harold Webb, Morehead City postmaster, announced Wednesday that a Charlotte firm is drawing plans for air conditioning the post-office.

Cost of drawing the plans is \$680, according to the General Services Administration. Cost of installation of air-conditioning has been estimated at \$15,174.

Tide Table

Table with columns for High and Low tide times for Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

Miss Barbara Harris Wins Scholarship to Study Abroad

Greenville—Miss Barbara Harris of Beaufort, senior student of music at East Carolina College, has just been announced as recipient of a \$650 scholarship for foreign study awarded by the Greenville Branch of the American Association of University Women.

Janet E. Hodges of Sanford was named as alternate. Also a senior at East Carolina, she is specializing in social studies.

The award to Miss Harris is the second to be made by the local AAUW to a woman studying at East Carolina College. Ann Mayo of Plymouth, the 1957 recipient, took work in French last summer at the University of Paris.

Miss Harris, a soprano who is specializing in voice, plans to study this summer at the State Academy, Munich, Germany. She will be a pupil there of the noted teacher, Frau Hedwig Fichtmueller. At East Carolina she is studying with Paul Hickfang, faculty member of the department of music who recently completed two years of study in Germany.

An outstanding student of music at East Carolina, Miss Harris is a member of the College Choir and an officer in the college chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota, music fraternity. Last fall she appeared as soloist with the East Carolina orchestra. In Greenville she has sung before a number of civic and social organizations and has been soloist in several city churches. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen L. Harris of Beaufort.

AAUW members who selected Miss Harris as recipient of the scholarship include Dr. Elizabeth Utterback, president; Mrs. Austin Perry, chairman of the Foreign Study Scholarship Fund; Miss Lois Grigsby, chairman of the Selections Committee; Miss Nell Stallings, Mrs. James L. Fleming Jr.; Mrs. J. E. Winslow, and Mrs. Robert L. Humber, committee members.

21 Boy Scouts Attend Course

Twenty-one Boy Scouts from this county attended the Junior Leaders Training Course Saturday at Camp Knox Trailer Park Community Center, Jacksonville.

They were the following: Troop 61, Newport — Edward Millis, Ronnie Pringle, Richard Reim, John Thrower and Kenneth Taylor.

Troop 201, Beaufort — Fred Mason, James Davis, Victor Smith, David Beveridge, Dickie Newman, Tom Sewell, Joe Bellamah, and Larry Cole.

Troop 334, Morehead City — John Crowe and James Ross.

Troop 407, Stacy — Danny Sparks, George Prior, Phillip Styron, Doily Fulcher, Barry Fulcher and Michael Fulcher.

Five Counties Join in Protest

Representatives of municipalities in five counties, Carteret, Craven, Onslow, Pamlico and Jones have joined to protest the bill in Congress which advocates putting repair of planes at military establishments in the hands of private aircraft firms.

Representatives met at New Bern last week. A committee was appointed to draw up a resolution of protest. The resolution will be sent to the town and county governing bodies involved for their adoption.

Copies of it will be forwarded to state officials and to North Carolina's congressional and senatorial delegation in Washington, D. C.

Attending the New Bern meeting from this county were Mayor Clifford Lewis, Ronald Earl Mason, A. C. Blankenship, all of Beaufort; J. A. DuBois, Morehead City, and Moses Howard, Newport.

Should the bill pass, many civilian workers at Cherry Point would lose jobs.



Miss Barbara Harris ... bound for Munich

Marine Hurt When Car Upsets

Pfc. James I. Thompson, Lejeune Marine, was injured at 11:05 p.m. Monday when the car in which he was riding turned over several times on Highway 24, seven miles west of Morehead City.

Thompson was taken to the Morehead City Hospital in the Dill ambulance and then transferred to the hospital at Lejeune. Patrolman W. J. Smith Jr. said Thompson had cuts on the head, shoulder, and a back injury.

Driving the car was Sherman W. Riggs, a Lejeune Marine. Both he and Thompson were 18 years old.

Patrolman Smith said that the car, a 1948 Chevrolet, was headed east at a rapid rate of speed. He said the car ran off on the shoulder of the road. Riggs lost control and it turned over. It was demolished.

Four others were in the car besides Riggs and Thompson. Riggs has been charged with driving drunk, reckless driving and speeding.

Two Break-Ins

Beaufort police chief Guy Springle reports that Tuesday night vandals broke into Queen Street School and the office of Temple's saw mill, Turner Street. He said that the places had been ransacked but that so far as he knew, nothing was missing.

Pickup Truck Fatally Injures Coast Guardsman Near Bridge

Gay Harold Rogers, 18, fireman apprentice stationed aboard the Coast Guard cutter Conifer, Fort Macon, died at 11:35 p.m. Wednesday in the Morehead City Hospital after he was struck by a pickup truck on the Atlantic Beach causeway.

Rogers' death is the third highway fatality in the county this year.

Driving the truck was Percy Green, Atlantic Beach, originally of Swansboro. Green has not been cited, pending outcome of an inquest at 7:30 tonight at the courthouse, Beaufort.

Walking Toward Beach State Highway Patrolman W. J. Smith Jr. said that Rogers, with another Coast Guardsman, Raymond Edward Gartman, 18, were walking south of the bridge, their backs toward vehicles headed south.

They were walking toward the beach and the pickup, owned by Ward Ballou, Morehead City, was headed toward the beach, too.

Taken to Hospital About 500 yards from the beach side of the bridge, the truck struck Rogers, the patrolman said. The accident happened at 8:50 p.m. Rogers was taken to Morehead City in the Dill ambulance. He had a crushed pelvis and a broken leg, plus internal injuries. Gartman was not hurt.

Rogers was from Leicester, a small town near Asheville. His body was sent there yesterday. The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Mount View Baptist Church, Leicester, with military rites at the graveside.

Finer Carolina Projects Started

Beaufort has gotten under way with its 1958 Finer Carolina projects.

At a meeting Wednesday afternoon at the chamber of commerce office, Front Street, committee members decided that improvement of roads leading to the airport should be the first project.

This project has been endorsed by the Rotary Club. Chairman of the project is Mrs. Theodore Salter.

The other three projects are town beautification, tourist attractions and a new town hall and swimming pool.

It was agreed that pictures should be taken throughout town to illustrate the town beautification project.

Attending the meeting were Robert Safrit Jr., chairman of the committee; James D. Potter, chairman of one of the projects; Glenn Adair, publicity chairman and Mrs. G. W. Duncan, scrapbook chairman.

The Sand Dollar

Nature Reveals Factors Of Holy Significance

The old Beachcomber has been amazed of late to discover that many persons native to this area of North Carolina are completely unaware of the interesting beauty of one of its common inhabitants of the shallow waters of the beaches and tidal flats—the sand dollar.

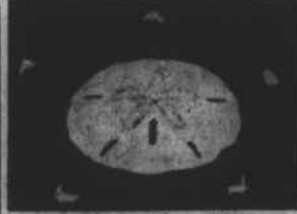
Webster's Collegiate Dictionary defines this little creature as "any of several flat circular and sea urchins (esp. Echinarachnius parma) which live on sandy bottoms." Another scientific name for the little fellow is Mellita testudinata.

In addition to the common names of sea dollar and sand dollar, this animal in his skeletal and bleached state is sometimes called the Holy Shell, and heretofore his special interest at the Easter and Christmas seasons.

On the top, or oval side one can easily and plainly see a perfect Star of Bethlehem in the exact center. The star is surrounded by the outline of the Easter Lily, which symbolized the Resurrection.

On the flat side, and passing completely through the shell, are five slashes. These represent the spike wounds in the hands and feet of the crucified Christ, and the spear wound in his side.

Immediately above the spear wound is a smaller hole, to allow



Shows here is a sand dollar. When broken, the five doves "in flight" come out. They are shown here surrounding the "holy shell."

the wound externally to bleed that we may never forget that he gave his life that we might have eternal life.

Around the spike wound is an outline of the Christmas poinsettia; and around the spear wound is a Christmas bell.

Broken open, the shell reveals five perfectly formed doves in flight. These symbolize the angels who rolled away the stone from the entrance of the tomb on Resurrection Day. When fitted together, head to head, these little doves form another perfect star of Bethlehem.

The next time you stroll the beach or visit the tidal flats, look for Mellita, testudinata. You are

See SAND DOLLAR, Page 7

Town Annexes Church Property, Lake Park Area

Board Adopts Policy on Use of Hydrants to Fight Out-of-Town Fires

Formally annexed to the town of Newport Tuesday night were the Lake Park subdivision and the Missionary Baptist Church property.

The town board passed resolutions taking in the new territory when it held its monthly meeting at the town hall. The meeting was also a public hearing to hear citizens' opinions on the annexation. No one appeared to object to the proposal.

The town board has stipulated that out-of-town fires may not be fought by running a hose from a town hydrant.

The matter was presented by C. A. Gould Jr., fire chief. Chief Gould said that the fire insurance rating bureau was interested in what the town's policy was because it could lower the insurance rates of out-of-towners living within close distance of a hydrant.

The board felt that persons living out of town should not be given the rights and privileges of persons living in town who are paying for those privileges.

Out-of-town fires will continue to be fought with the rural fire department equipment.

Property Discussed

George Ball, town attorney, presented a blueprint of the survey of town property on which the town hall and fire station are located, and the adjoining property known as the Campbell land.

The two Campbell lots were shown to be 30 and 80 feet each, leaving 128-foot frontage for the town property. Commissioners said, however, that the old Campbell house stood on part of the 128-foot property and doubted that all of the 128 feet belonged to the town.

Mr. Ball said he would try to trace deeds and find out who, if anybody, owns the piece of ground "between" the town and Campbell lots, ground which no one has apparently claimed for over 10 years.

The town would like to acquire the adjoining property to build an addition to the fire station.

Doors to be Bought The board approved purchase of two sliding doors for the fire station, each priced at \$145. The firemen are expected to put the glass in the doors and install them.

Commissioner Doug Henderson was appointed to get a cover for the trash truck so that trash will not blow from it.

Leslie Bercegeay, chairman of the town planning commission, commented that cars parking on both sides of the street at Morehead Avenue near the railroad create a hazard. He was authorized to investigate and suggest a solution.

Mr. Bercegeay also requested a See TOWN BOARD, Page 7

Rotarians Hear School Report

Dr. Theodore Salter, Beaufort, a member of the citizens for better schools committee, was guest speaker at the Beaufort Rotary Club meeting Tuesday night. The club met at the Scout building.

Dr. Salter was the guest of program chairman Dr. M. T. Lewis. He spoke on the committee's program for developing high schools in the county.

Dr. Salter said that the committee is investigating the establishment of two new high schools, one east and one west of the Newport River. The schools would cost about the same that it would cost to do additional necessary construction at the individual schools already in existence, he said.

David Murray, Morehead City Rotarian, was a visitor.

Shrimp Fishermen Will Attend Hearing

To hear shrimp fishermen's opinions on stopping Saturday shrimping, the commercial fisheries committee has scheduled a hearing for 2 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at the commercial fisheries building, Camp Glenn.

Cecil Morris, chairman of the committee, will preside. Stopping shrimping at midnight Friday has been proposed by some shrimpers who believe it may help conserve the supply of shrimp.