

Two Sea Level Mothers Die In Auto Accident Sunday

Mrs. Norwood Gaskill, 36, and Mrs. William Gaskill Jr., 26, both of Sea Level, were killed in an automobile accident at 9:06 p.m. Sunday in the suburbs of Washington, N. C. Their three children are in serious condition at the Tayloe Hospital, Washington.

A third accident victim is Thomas Bellamy, 33, Washington, N. C., who was killed.

The condition of the children was reported yesterday by Bonner Paul, Beaufort County coroner, to be serious. Injured are Mrs. William Gaskill's 5-year-old son and Mrs. Norwood Gaskill's 9 and 11-year-old daughters. They had numerous fractures.

Coroner Paul said that the elder Mrs. Gaskill was driving a 1955 Chevrolet south on Highway 17 when Bellamy, driving a 1955 Mercury, backed out in front of them. Bellamy was operator of the Benfield Motor Court, located about a quarter of a mile from where the accident happened.

Coroner Paul said that the children are expected to be brought to Sea Level Hospital as soon as they can be moved. He said because drivers of both automobiles involved are dead, there will be no inquest.

The bodies of the Gaskill women have been sent to Morehead City to Bell and Munden Funeral Home. Time of the funerals had not been set by press time yesterday.

William Gaskill Jr. went to Washington yesterday morning. His wife is the former Betty Mildred Taylor.

Norwood Gaskill was in Florida at the time of the accident. He has been fishing there. His wife was the former Bernice Lewis.

Mosquito Control Group to Meet

Sea Level citizens interested in mosquito control will meet at 8:30 Saturday night at the Sea Level Inn.

Joe Mason, secretary of the Citizens Mosquito Control of Sea Level, reports that 400 oil soaked sawdust bags were dropped in marsh areas in and around Sea Level several weeks ago.

The organization asks all Sea Level residents to support its work by attending meetings of the club, donating to the club treasury, giving time to filling bags with sawdust, collecting oil, and eliminating breeding places on private property by disposing of receptacles in which water collects, and draining low places.

Thus far 22 citizens and the Down East Lions Club have contributed \$128.25 to the work.

Sea Level residents are invited to mail contributions to Citizens Mosquito Control, Sea Level, N. C., or give them to Aldridge Daniels, Ewell Taylor, Alvah B. Taylor, Milton Lupton or Joe Mason.

Flames Wrecked Atlantic Hotel 25 Years Ago Today

By F. C. SALISBURY

If the date of the burning of the Atlantic Hotel in Morehead City was one of the \$64,000 questions, it is doubtful if many of the older residents of the county could give the correct date—Saturday before Easter, April 15, 1933 — just 25 years ago today.

The burning of this structure was one of the most spectacular fires ever to occur in Carteret County. The cause of the fire was unknown. It broke out at nighttime. Workmen had been getting the building in condition for the summer season. A firemen's dance had been held in the famous ballroom the night before.

With a head start from the interior, backed by a stiff northeaster, its timbers of seasoned heart pine presented a battle that no amount of water could conquer, despite the efforts of the local fire department, assisted by the department from Beaufort. There was no stopping that fire.

The wind, carrying large burning embers, kept many a property owner nearby, busy on his roof dousing shingles with water furnished by neighborly bucket brigades.

What memories cluster about this summer resort of days past? Here the elite of the state, as well as many in the lower social scale, were regular summer patrons.

The arrival of the daily trains, morning and night, was the big event of the day. The trains stopped under the umbrella shed directly in front of the hotel. What a welcome you received if you were one of the yearly regulars. There was sure to be some member of the old clique in the crowd, who had arrived earlier, to greet you.

If you were a newcomer, as you entered the lobby, you might have

New Beach Town Hall Will be Ready Soon

Truck Collides With School Bus In Morehead City

A truck collided with a W. S. King School bus at 2:40 Thursday afternoon at Fisher and 19th Streets, Morehead City. No one was hurt but damage to the bus was estimated at \$500 by Herbert Griffin, Morehead City police chief, who investigated.

The bus was being driven by James McKinley Mumford, route 1 Newport. The truck, a 1951 Chevrolet owned by Morehead Builders Supply, was being driven by James F. Sanderson, 307 N. 7th St., Morehead City.

According to Chief Griffin, the truck was going north on 19th and turned right on to Fisher. The bus was going west on Fisher and as Sanderson made the turn he ran into the front of the bus.

Chief Griffin said bushes at the corner made visibility poor and Sanderson apparently didn't see the bus. The center of the truck hood was smashed in. Its damage was estimated at \$200. The bus had to be towed from the scene.

About a dozen children were on the bus. S. R. McLendon, school principal, had the children taken home in his car and another bus from the garage was sent to make the other scheduled trips of the bus that day. No charges were filed.

Colored Child Seriously Burned

Five-year-old Joyce Ann Pridgett, daughter of Roy Pridgett, Beaufort, was severely burned Saturday night at her grandparents' home at Adams Creek. She is in a critical condition at the Morehead City Hospital.

The entire upper part of Joyce Ann's body is burned and she is expected to be blind, if she survives.

According to her father, Joyce was reaching across a stove to get a bottle of alcohol on the mantle. The bottle fell and exploded. Flames leaped up, burning the little girl.

She lives with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Pridgett.

noticed the governor and other state officials in a political huddle, while a group of dowagers, on the porch or in the lobby, would give you the "once over."

At the desk the manager or clerk over the years could have been: John C. Plank, A. J. Cook, R. P. Foster, W. C. Harris, B. H. Griffin, Scoville Brothers, Claude or Edward Barbee, Frank Martin, and in later years W. M. Webb or D. G. Bell.

Making a request for room with bath, you would be informed that such rooms had been reserved for weeks in advance. You later learned that the hotel had only

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Fire Destroys Two-Story Home On Highway 101

Two families lose all their possessions in Saturday blaze

Two families were burned out when the two-story frame house on Highway 101, across from Laughon's garage, was destroyed by fire at about 3 a.m. Saturday.

Living in the home were Mrs. Mary McLawhorn, her grown son, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Decker and their six children. Mrs. Decker is Mrs. McLawhorn's daughter. No one was home at the time of the fire.

Neighbors reported that most of the family had gone to Fayetteville and some of the children had been sent to stay with relatives at Otway.

Everything they owned was lost in the blaze. Persons who would like to give clothing, food, or a cash donation to the families may leave them at the home of Mrs. N. A. Avery, who lives a short distance from the burned home on the opposite side of the highway.

The children range in age from 2 to 12. All are girls with the exception of a boy who is 3. The two women wear a size 9 dress.

Mrs. McLawhorn is reported staying with a daughter, Mrs. Mary Wilson, on the Beaufort-Morehead causeway, and the Decker family is staying with relatives in Morehead City.

Mr. Decker operates an electric repair shop at Newport.

It is not known how the fire started. A passing motorist saw flames leaping out of the roof. When he beat on the door of the house and got no answer, he blew his horn until he roused the neighborhood.

The house was beyond saving when Beaufort firemen arrived. All that was standing yesterday was the chimney.

Mrs. McLawhorn owned the house. She and her family have been living there for a number of years.

Members of the Russells Creek Home Demonstration Club and churches are collecting items to help out the fire victims.

Firemen, Rotary To Give Play

The rural comedy, Aaron Slick from Punkin Creek, will be presented Friday night, April 25 in the Newport High School auditorium. The play will be sponsored by the Newport Rotary Club and Fire Department.

This play, one of the most widely acclaimed of all rural comedies, has been on more than 50,000 stages all over America.

Members of the cast are Henry C. Edwards, Alberta Mann, Derryl Garner, Christobel Cannon, Julia Creech, Nathan Garner and Frances Howard. The director is R. E. Montague.

Tickets for the play are on sale at W. B. Hill Market and Grocery, Hibbs Soda Shop and at Hibbs Furniture Store. The cost is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

Car Rams into Open Door Of Vernon Garner's Auto

A 1955 Mercury driven by Horace Ray Holland, Beaufort, ran into an open door of a 1953 Ford owned by Vernon P. Garner, Morehead City. According to patrolman E. D. O'Neal Jr., Mr. Garner opened the door of his car just as Mr. Holland was driving by.

The accident occurred in front of Mr. Garner's service station on 18th Street. Patrolman O'Neal did not estimate damage to the vehicles.

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Three Countians See New Movie

Three residents of the county attended the premiere of 'Yandammer Wednesday' night in New York. They were Mrs. W. A. Mace, Beaufort, mother of Borden Mace, the film's associate producer; Mrs. George R. Wallace, Morehead City, sister of Mr. Mace, and Mrs. G. D. Gamble of Morehead City.

The film, in Cinemiracle wide-screen process, details the adventures of a group of Norwegian cadets on a 17,500-mile voyage aboard the S/S Christian Radich, one of the last of the three-masted square riggers still afloat. It was directed by Louis de Rochemont III and Bill Colleran.

Notables from the worlds of diplomacy, society, stage and screen who attended the premiere included Norwegian Ambassador Paul Gruda Kohrt, Norwegian Ambassador to the UN Hans Engen, Admiral Ralph Westbrock, Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Murrow, Mr. and Mrs. David A. Sulzberger.

Dr. and Mrs. James E. Ziegler, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lehman, Mrs. Claire B. Bach, Mr. and Mrs. Myron I. Borg Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Anthony D. Hoagland, Mr. and Mrs. J. MacNaughton Thompson.

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Small Shrimpers Buck Big Operators at Hearing

The Happy Times Appears Today

In today's paper is a special section for boys and girls, The Happy Times.

This feature will appear each Tuesday. In this "boys and girls' newspaper" will be a story, funnies, Scout news, and pictures.

Not only that, but a special birthday club, open to boys and girls up to 12, is now being sponsored by THE NEWS-TIMES. Turn to page 6 and read all about it.

First Quarter Liquor Sales Total \$115,835

Sales at county liquor stores for the first quarter of 1958 totaled \$115,835.30 as compared with sales totaling \$121,428.50 for the first quarter of 1957.

January sales this year amounted to \$38,514.70; February sales, \$35,339.05 and March, \$41,981.55.

All showed a slight drop from sales for the corresponding month a year ago.

January 1958 sales at the three stores were as follows: Beaufort \$12,867.15, Morehead City \$18,411.50, Newport \$7,236.05. Revenue received by the towns and county was Beaufort \$438.51; Morehead City Hospital \$627.45; Newport \$246.60; and the county \$1,003.36.

Deducted from the county's share was \$309.20 in payment on a new ABC board truck.

February sales, by town: Beaufort \$11,625.85, Morehead City \$15,890.70, Newport \$6,822.50. Received by each town: Beaufort \$428.13, Morehead City Hospital \$619.11, Newport \$250.07, and the county \$995.31, which was the balance after \$300 was deducted on the new truck payment.

March sales: Beaufort \$13,562.20, Morehead City \$20,611.65, Newport \$7,897.70. Proceeds to each town: Beaufort \$518.30, Morehead City Hospital \$619.11, Newport \$298.39. Paid to the county was \$1,304.40, the amount left after the third payment of \$300 on the truck.

District Three Postmasters Will Meet at Biltmore

Harold Webb, Chairman Of District, Plans Annual Meeting

Postmasters and their wives in a nine-county area will attend the annual third district postmasters meeting at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Morehead Biltmore Hotel, Morehead City.

Arrangements for the meeting have been made by Harold Webb, Morehead City postmaster and chairman of district three.

One hundred postmasters and their wives are expected. Mayor George Dill, Morehead City, will give the address of welcome. The after dinner speaker will be Judge Luther Hamilton, Morehead City, who represented the seventh senatorial district in the state senate in 1957.

Attending the meeting will be James Martin, Liberty, state president, and William T. McGoogan, Red Springs, state secretary-treasurer.

Representing the United States postoffice department will be Kenneth Brown, Raleigh.

Registration for the meeting will start at 5 and continue until 7. Officers will be elected.

Mr. Webb expressed the hope that all 18 postmasters in Carteret County will attend. District three is comprised of Carteret, Craven, Pamlico, Onslow, Duplin, Jones, Pender, Wayne and Sampson Counties.

Little Trawlers Want Saturday Shrimping

A proposal to prohibit the taking of shrimp on Saturday was presented by the North Carolina Fisheries Association at a public hearing Saturday before the Board of Conservation and Development commercial fisheries committee. The hearing was conducted at the commercial fisheries building, Camp Glenn.

As soon as the meeting was called to order Roy Watson, president of the association, took the floor. He introduced Fred Whitaker, executive secretary of the association.

Mr. Whitaker read a resolution requesting that shrimping in inland waters be closed from 8 a.m. Saturday until midnight Sunday. Present regulations call for midnight Saturday until midnight Sunday.

Explanation Given

As soon as the resolution was read Mr. Watson, explained the resolution. He said that it was designed primarily as a conservation measure.

Mr. Watson said that shrimpers had better haul Monday mornings after Sunday's day of rest. He pointed out that with two days' rest Monday's shrimping should be even better.

The original resolution called for closing the inland waters from midnight Friday until midnight Sunday. The association amended this to begin at 8 a.m. Saturday to make the job of law enforcement officers easier, Mr. Watson claimed.

Also speaking in favor of the proposal were Ollie Marine, R. J. McVinn, and Cyrus Lewis of Sneads Ferry. J. W. Taylor of Sea Level suggested that the rest period begin at noon Friday and make it "long enough to do some good."

Small Operators Object

A number of small operators were at the meeting to speak against the proposal. Charlie Gaine of Myrtle Grove Sound near Wilmington said that he was representing three or four hundred small boats in his area.

Mr. Gaine said, "We need to shrimp six days a week. None of our boats can go outside in rough weather and we need every good day that comes along. Maybe the large trawlers do better on Mondays for the first one or two hauls, but the little boats do as well on Saturday as they do on Monday."

Earl Oglesby, Newport RFD, backed up Gaine's statement that small shrimpers do as well on Saturday as on any other day.

Mr. Whitaker then took the floor and pointed out that shrimp are fast-growing creatures. "Shrimp can grow a lot in two days," he said. This two-day rest, according to him, would make North Carolina shrimp larger and therefore more valuable.

Ollie Cannon, Newport RFD, pointed out that shrimp often travel many miles in a day or two. "The fellows who have small boats have to catch them while they are there. We can't go 200 miles to catch shrimp that we could have caught at home two days before."

"I rent my boat out on shares during the week and shrimp on Saturday to have something to eat," Mr. Cannon declared.

Compromise Proposed

Gene Simmons, vice-chairman of the commercial fisheries committee, suggested that the rest period extend from Saturday midnight until Monday midnight.

Mr. Whitaker said, "That would be flying in the face of tradition. Saturday has always been payday and 90 per cent of the shrimp fleet is tied up on Saturday anyway."

Mr. Gaine came back with, "Maybe it's payday for the big

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Morehead Draw Span Damaged As Boom Hits It

The Morehead City drawbridge was being fixed yesterday after two days of one-way traffic over a buckled draw leaf. The bridge was damaged at 1:50 p.m. Saturday when the boom of a crane passing through the draw swung around and knocked out three 10-inch stringers, each about 12 feet long.

The tug, Captain King, 53 feet 3 inches long, was towing two barges north, one of which was carrying the crane. When the boom of the crane caught on the string-

ers, the barge maneuvered to get free and continued on its course without stopping to check on the damage.

Bridge tender S. D. Weeks got the name and number of the tug and reported it to the Coast Guard. A check showed that the vessel is owned by the B. F. Diamond Construction Co. Its port is listed as Savannah, Ga.

Costs of the repair operation will be billed to that firm, according to John L. Humphrey, county roads superintendent. No estimate of the damage was available yesterday.

It was thought at first that the bridge would have to be closed for two-hour periods yesterday to complete repairs. It was decided later, however, that traffic could be maintained, with the intervals of closing shortened.

Supervising repairs is John Edperson, New Bern, bridge foreman.

Crusade Event Brings in \$100

Approximately a hundred dollars was collected in the sale of red plastic sword lapel pins Saturday in Beaufort and Morehead City. The sale was in conjunction with the cancer crusade.

Collected in Morehead City was \$60.86 and in Beaufort the unofficial estimate of collections is \$30.

Returns from the house-to-house canvass Sunday will be totaled this week. Mrs. Frank Sample, Cancer Crusade treasurer, reports the returns from Atlantic Beach were \$30.

The total in the cancer crusade treasury yesterday morning was \$184.11.

Omitted from Friday's list of canvassers in the Cancer Crusade was the name of Miss Rachel Dudley, Morehead City.

The crusade will continue throughout this month. Forty per cent of the amount collected will remain in this county to help needy cancer patients. Because the number of patients is large, the Carteret Cancer Society has tentatively set a limit of \$25 as the amount of aid to each patient.

If the crusade is successful, that amount probably can be raised, commented Miss Lyda Piner, cancer crusade chairman.

Centennial Committee Will Give Books for First 500 Donations

The first 500 people giving \$1 donations to the Morehead City Centennial deficit will receive a chance on a color television set and a \$2 Centennial souvenir booklet.

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City, went to work some time ago looking for a way to raise money.

They finally agreed to give away a \$700 color television set to some lucky person who makes a \$1 contribution to help make up the deficit. Other prizes will be an electric fry pan, a radio and fishing tackle.

The drawing will be at the Morehead City municipal building at 2 p.m., April 28. Since each ticket stub will have the donor's name on it, a person will not have to be present to win.

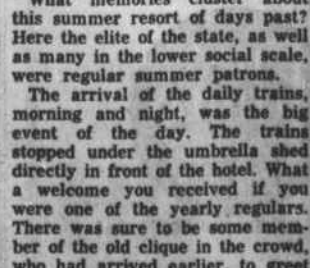
Attending the meeting Friday were Charles Markey, Dr. R. O. Barnum, Bernard Leary, Grover Munden, Henry White, Joe DuBois and Bob Seymour.

Ivey Merrill Arrested, Charged with Assault

Ivey Merrill, 39, of Beaufort was arrested at 9:30 a.m. Sunday and charged with assault. Beaufort Police Chief Guy Springle said that Merrill and John Noe, 50, got in a fight at Noe's Fish Co. Sunday morning.

Merrill allegedly threw Noe off a two-foot platform onto the ground, breaking Noe's right hip. Chief Springle put Merrill in jail under \$500 bond.

Noe was carried to the Morehead City Hospital for treatment. He will be in the hospital for several days.



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