

# Murder, Suicide Plot Falls Through



Sharon Lewis, 3, sits on the lap of Mrs. Roscoe Gaskins, New Bern, after getting a bath and eating. Walter Gaskins Jr., 10, right, and Jimmy French, 8, both of Kinston, found the little girl near their cottage at Emerald Isle. Tuesday morning.



Roland Lewis, 24, in handcuffs, gets out of the sheriff's car at the county jail. All Lewis was wearing when he was picked up was this pair of shorts.

## Sheriff Says Roland Lewis Rigged Car to Kill Daughter



Sharon Lewis, 3, eats her first meal after being found Tuesday morning. All she wanted were a sandwich and a glass of milk. Mrs. Roscoe Gaskins took care of Sharon until her grandfather, Guy Gillikin, Bettie, came after her.

In the county jail under \$2,000 bond yesterday, was Roland S. Lewis, Otway, who is charged with attempting to kill his 3-year-old daughter, Sharon.

Lewis, according to Sheriff Hugh Salter, put his daughter in a car on a side road at Emerald Isle late Monday, ran hoses from the double exhaust to inside the car, turned the car motor on and attempted to kill the child and himself with carbon monoxide gas.

Sharon, however, is alive and well today. She was found at about 8 o'clock Tuesday morning, lying face down on the sand about 10 feet from the car. She was partially conscious and was taken to the nearby home of Mrs. Roscoe Gaskins, New Bern.

How she got out of the car is a mystery. According to the sheriff, Lewis claims he took the child out.

### Suicide Contemplated

Lewis himself intended to commit suicide, but as he was in the car and the fumes became heavier, he told the sheriff he couldn't take it. He first opened the vents in the windows, then pulled one of the hoses out of the car window and eventually got out himself.

From then on, he told Sheriff Hugh Salter, he couldn't remember anything.

He was found by Coast Guardsmen from Bogue Inlet station at about 12:30 p.m. Tuesday. The Coast Guardsmen came upon him about two or three miles west of Emerald Isle.

In county recorder's court yesterday, Lewis's case was continued until July 31, while the sheriff's department concludes its investigation. The sheriff says subsequent evidence may necessitate altering the charges now against Lewis.

The near-tragedy had its beginning at 6:45 p.m. Monday when Lewis, who is separated from his wife, Janet Gillikin Lewis, went to the home of his wife, at Bettie and asked to take Sharon for a ride. Sharon and her mother live with Mrs. Lewis's father, Guy Gillikin.

Lewis and his daughter drove away in his tan 1952 Ford. By 8:30 p.m. they had not returned and the child's grandfather, Mr. Gillikin, became worried. He started looking for them. He went to the beach and searched the amusement rides, but Sharon was not to be found. He went to the home of Lewis's mother, at Otway. She was not there.

### Calls Sheriff

At 10:30, he called Sheriff Salter. The sheriff and Mr. Gillikin looked in vain until 2 a.m. Tuesday.

At 8 o'clock that morning Jimmy French, 8, and Walter Gaskins Jr., 10, both of Kinston found the little girl lying near the car.

It was parked on a dead end road leading north to Bogue Sound, about a mile east of the Emerald Isle Motel.

The boys ran back to the cot-

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## Fisheries Unit Patrols from Air

The state fisheries division is now patrolling with a plane. C. G. Holland, commercial fisheries commissioner, reported yesterday that the plane arrived three weeks ago. Since then, a radio has been put in it.

The plane is white, trimmed in red, and equipped with pontoons so that it can land beside vessels. The pilot is Arthur Rose, Beaufort. Flying with him will be Leon Thomas, Marshallberg, law enforcement supervisor.

Commissioner Holland said the shrimp scene has brightened very little. Most of the North Carolina boats are working in South Carolina and Georgia. Only 10 to 15 boxes of shrimp are being packed daily at Southport, Holden's Beach and Wrightsville.

Neither is there any activity in clams. But the hard crab production has mounted tremendously. Especially in Pamlico, Beaufort and Hyde Counties is production up.

Commissioner Holland attributes this to the fact that everybody is crabbing in an attempt to take up the slack in the shrimping and clamming.

North Carolina crab meat, he added, is holding the same favor in New York as crab meat from other states. He said the quality is improved and dealers today have more experience in packing it.

## Chris Davies, 7, Recovers From Auto Accident Injury

### Chest Clinic To Begin at 10 Monday Morning

The second chest clinic will be held at the Carteret County Health Department, Beaufort, Monday beginning at 10 a.m.

Former tuberculosis patients, contacts and suspects can be examined at this time by appointment only, by a chest specialist who will come here from the Eastern North Carolina Sanatorium.

"Tuberculosis is a disease that can be erased in our county, if everyone will take advantage of the facilities our county now has to offer," said Dr. Luther Fulcher, health officer.

Tuberculin tests are now being done on all food handlers applying for health cards. The tests are given Tuesday morning, Morehead City, in the hospital annex, 9 to 11 a.m., and Tuesday afternoon, health department, Beaufort, 1 to 4 p.m.

If these tests are positive, then an x-ray of the chest is made and reported negative to tuberculosis, before a health card is issued.

Children under 15 who are TB contacts are also given tuberculin tests first, and x-rays made only when such tests are positive. Tuberculin tests will be done on any adult, without cost, on Tuesday at either of the above clinics. If test shows a positive reaction 48 hours after test is made, x-rays of chest are made on Tuesday 9 to 12 and Thursday 9 to 12 at the health department in Beaufort at the cost of \$3.

Any physician in the county who has a patient that he considers a suspect can call the health department (2-3576) for an appointment and his patient can be examined at this clinic. Dr. Fulcher announces. Reports are mailed to the family doctor of each patient examined, directly following the clinic.

Letters have been mailed to several ex-patients, contacts and suspects giving them the opportunity of this service. Dr. Fulcher reports.

The first clinic of this kind in the county was on June 16, with Dr. H. F. Eason in charge.

Seventeen patients were examined at this first clinic.

ASC Completes Job  
County ASC office manager B. J. May reports that persons working out of his office will complete re-measuring and disposition of all excess allotment crops today or tomorrow.

Chris Davies, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Davies, Morehead City, was discharged from the Morehead City Hospital late yesterday afternoon, almost completely recovered from bruises and cuts he received when a car drove over him twice Wednesday afternoon.

Being held in county jail in connection with the accident are William Earl Chapman and Levi Reece, both of Morehead City. Patrolman W. J. Smith Jr., who investigated, said Chapman is being held on a hit and run charge under \$1,000 bond and Reece is being held under \$250 bond on a charge of aiding and abetting.

According to the patrolman, Chapman, driving a dark green Buick, backed out from the Rex Restaurant parking lot, ran over the Davies boy, then went forward, crossing over his body again. The car also bumped Stevie Wagner, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner, with whom Chris was playing.

Runs to Mother  
Stevie, who got a bump on his head, went screaming to his mother. The Wagners rushed Chris to the Morehead City Hospital. He had not lost consciousness. Mrs. Davies said yesterday that the fact that Chris was in soft sand was probably the only thing that saved him.

The children's identification of the car led to the arrest of Chapman and Reece.

Chris told his mother, after the car ran over him once, "I tried to find myself a hole so I could crawl out, but before I could, he ran over me again."

'Mark on Back'  
The children said that the car was dark green. Chris said, "It had a funny red mark on the back." Mrs. Davies said the red mark was where some paint had been put or spilled.

With the two boys at the time was Stevie's little sister, Barbie, who was not hit by the car.

Patrolman Smith said that after the two men were found, they told of the incident. Chapman, who works at the Rex Restaurant, said that he had gotten in his car and driven away from the restaurant, but had lost his cigarettes and lighter, so he went back to where the car had been parked to look for them.

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### Morehead Recognized For 1957 Safety Record

The National Safety Council has presented the town of Morehead City with a certificate commending the town for a record of no pedestrian fatalities in 1957.

The certificate was received Monday by Mayor George W. Dill. It is framed and is hanging with other certificates of commendation in the police department in the town hall.

## C&D Board To Meet Monday At Wilmington

Wilmington — Gov. Luther H. Hodges will preside when the State Board of Conservation and Development meets here Monday and Tuesday.

The governor, the 18-member board, director William P. Saunders of the Department of Conservation and Development, assistant director J. Edgar Kirk, and eight divisional heads of the department, for which the C&D board is the policy-making body, will arrive Sunday.

Opens at 9 A.M.  
The first general session of the board opens at 9 a.m. Monday in the lobby of the Surf Club at Wrightsville Beach.

Following the invocation by the Rev. B. Frank Hall, pastor, Pearl Memorial Presbyterian Church, the welcome address will be given by John H. Fox, president of the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce. T. Max Watson, board member from Spindale, will respond.

Reports by Saunders and his assistants will follow. At 10 a.m. the board will hear any person wishing to be heard on any matter over which the board has jurisdiction.

At 10:30 a.m. there will be a joint meeting of the board's committee on commerce and industry and the State Ports Authority at the Surf Club. The two groups will hold separate meetings at 11:30 in the Surf Club.

Governor to Speak  
Governor Hodges will make the principal address at the 12:30 luncheon for the two groups in the Surf Club where they will be guests of the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and New Hanover County.

Committee meetings will be held Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning, with the final board session set for 1:30 p.m. at the Cape Fear Country Club.

R. W. Martin, Raleigh, chairman, H. C. Kennett, Durham, F. J. Bolling, Siler City, and Cecil Morris, Atlantic, members of the board's subcommittee for processing and packaging of food products, and their wives will be hosts to the board at a social hour and dinner at 6:30 Monday evening at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin on Harbor Island, Wrightsville Beach.

The Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and New Hanover County will be hosts at a luncheon at the Cape Fear Club Tuesday, preceding the board's final sessions.



Sheriff Hugh Salter examines the back window where a hose was run from the exhaust into the car. Rags were stuffed around the hose and in the crack in the window to make it air-tight. A hose in the window on the other side had pulled out when the sheriff arrived.

## ASC Office Makes Checks For Soil Bank Payments

### Defendant Pays \$10 Fine, Costs

Louis J. Lyons, Cherry Point, drew the heaviest penalty in Atlantic Beach mayor's court Monday night. He paid \$10 and costs for being drunk in public and using loud and profane language.

Peter Crillo, Cherry Point, paid \$5 and costs for molesting women and was ordered to stay away from the beach for a year.

Five dollars and costs were paid by Joseph P. Miller and Joseph J. Blanchard, both of Cherry Point, for drinking whiskey in public.

Richard McKinney Lee paid costs on the same charge.

Lewis Maseffo, Cherry Point, paid costs on a charge of interfering with a police officer while the officer was making an arrest.

Continued was the case of James M. Provest, Cherry Point, charged with public drunkenness.

Soil bank checks will be delivered to 187 county farmers this year. B. J. May, manager of the county ASC office, says that farmers will get notices to stop by his office and pick up their checks next week.

Mr. May says that this year's payments total \$110,771. Most of this, \$106,811, will go to 162 tobacco farmers who put 405 acres in the soil bank.

Other farmers, who participated in the program were 24 cotton growers and one wheat farmer.

A farmer may place as much as his entire allotment for any of these crops in the soil bank. His payments are based on the yield of this land in previous years.

The soil bank program was initiated by the US Department of Agriculture as a means of alleviating a major surplus problem.

### Cars Collide Tuesday On Harkers Island Road

Two cars collided on the Harkers Island Road at 8:10 p.m. Tuesday, three miles from Highway 70. As a result of the accident, Gilbert M. Russell, Harkers Island, has been charged with driving drunk.

Russell in a 1962 Ford was attempting to make a U-turn on a curve, according to Patrolman W. J. Smith Jr., when Mrs. Polly Moore Davis, Harkers Island, in a 1963 Chrysler, going north, hit the Ford.

## Middle East Uproar Felt In Movements to Port

### Beauty Queen To Visit Here

Miss Betty Lane Evans of Greenville, Miss North Carolina, will arrive in Morehead City Sunday afternoon to begin a week-long vacation as guest of the Jaycees.

She will stay at the Morehead Biltmore Hotel during her visit here. The Jaycees have planned Miss Lane's vacation for her, seeing that she enjoys all the recreation facilities available.

Miss Bonnie Fish, Miss Morehead City, will accompany Miss Evans on some of her tours. Miss Fish attended the Jaycee meeting Monday night at the Blue Ribbon Club and gave a report on the beauty pageant and discussed Miss North Carolina's visit to Morehead City with the club.

### Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar (Eastern Standard Time)		
HIGH		LOW
Friday, July 18		
9:16 a.m.		3:21 a.m.
9:27 p.m.		3:26 p.m.
Saturday, July 19		
10:07 a.m.		4:01 a.m.
10:19 p.m.		4:10 p.m.
Sunday, July 20		
11:00 a.m.		4:42 a.m.
11:13 p.m.		4:57 p.m.
Monday, July 21		
11:54 a.m.		5:27 a.m.
		5:52 p.m.
Tuesday, July 22		
12:08 a.m.		6:18 a.m.
12:48 p.m.		7:00 p.m.

The Middle East tension made itself felt in Carteret this week as Marine convoys rumbled swiftly through Morehead City to the port where ships were being loaded with equipment.

The Atlantic Fleet was ready to move on four-hour notice as Marines occupied strategic points in Lebanon, a pro-western nation which stood in danger of being consumed by the Arabian "nationalism" fire spreading throughout the Middle East.

The United States sent its crack troops, Marines and Air Force men, into Lebanon at the request of the Lebanese government. This was followed by entry of British paratroopers into Jordan, again at the request of the Jordanian government.

The United States and British moves brought, of course, swift protest from Russia, which likes to exercise full control over any rebel uprising.

The movement of troops into Lebanon and Jordan followed a revolt in Iraq over the weekend. There, revolutionists backing Egypt's movement to unite "the Arab world", killed members of the ruling family, including King Faisal.

Faisal was in sympathy with the United States and British policies, as are Lebanon and Jordan. Egypt, ruled by Nasser, has shown definite leanings toward Russia.

Most of the United States troops moved to the Middle East have been air-lifted. A transport loaded with Marines started earlier this week from the Morehead City port, but was called back before it got out of the harbor. The troops were then flown to Lebanon.

Lejeune Marines went to Cherry Point Wednesday where they boarded planes for the Middle East.