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Jury Frees Robert C. McLean; Gusty Friday Night Storm Two Burglars Get Life Terms Causes Damage in County

Two Negro youths from Beaufort were given mandatory sentences | of life imprisonment for first degree burglary Friday in superior court

John Albert Copes, 20, and John Cecil Martin, 17 were both given life terms for burglary and concurrent five-year terms for assault in an assault and robbery of Mrs. Zada Noe, a Beaufort resident.

As in all capital cases, an automatic plea of not guilty was made for the pair, and immediately afterwards a plea of guilty with recommendation for mercy was allowed by the court. The pleas were presented by court-appointed counsel for the pair, Gus Davis Jr.

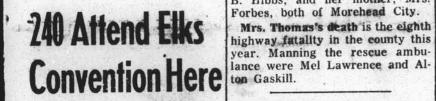
Testifying for the state was Mrs. Noe, who described the attack on the night of Oct. 18, when Martin entered the home by opening a window, struck Mrs. Noe on the head from behind with a vase and took approximately \$1,100 in cash in a handbag.

Mrs. Noe explained that the River Methodist church. money was an accumulation of business receipts, rent money and money for a postponed shopping trip to New York.

SBI agent William S. Hunt testified that Copes aided Martin in en- jury. tering the home, and that after the robbery, the two split the money and threw the handbag into Bogue sound from the Atlantic Beach bridge. Each of the defendants claimed that the other thought up the idea of the robbery, Hunt said.

Martin, who reportedly got the major portion of the loot, spent most of it on clothes, Hunt added, with a small portion of the cash being recovered from its hiding place at Harlowe. Copes spent most fort, and the Rev. Lionel Swink, of his portion on a car.

Law enforcement officers stated that the two youths would probably be eligible for parole in about ten years, provided they maintained a good record in prison.



Accident Injury Fatal to North River Woman

Mrs. William Thomas **Dies Friday**

Funeral Conducted At 2 P.M. Sunday

The funeral service for Mrs. William Murray Thomas, 42, North River, who died Friday in Morehead City hospital following an auat 2 p.m. Sunday in the North

Mrs. Thomas was driver of a car which skidded and went into a ditch after hitting a tree several miles east of Beaufort on highway 70. She suffered a severe head in-

Mrs. Thomas was alone in the car and was headed east when the accident happened. State troopers of jurors was drawn after close said it was raining at the time and tires on the car were slick. The Beaufort Rescue ambulance ook Mrs. Thomas to the hospital.

The accident happened about noon. Officiating at the funeral were the Rev. John Broome, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, Beau-

pastor of the North River Methodist church. Burial was in Ann Street cemetery, Beaufort. Surviving are Mrs. Thomas's husband, a daughter, Wendy; two sons, William Jr. and Kenneth, all of the home; a sister, Mrs. Erma

B. Hibbs, and her mother, Mrs. Forbes, both of Morehead City. Mrs. Thomas's death is the eighth highway fatality in the county this year. Manning the rescue ambu-

Robert C. McLean. Morehead City, was acquitted of manslaughter Saturday, after a lengthy trial in

superior court, Beaufort. McLean, was charged with manslaughter in the death of William Francis Sample, 15, on the early morning of June 7 in Morehead City at the McLean home.

Sample was shot fatally with a shotgun by McLean, who said he thought Sample was a prowler. Sample and McLean's son, Bobby, also 15, were friends and were together at the McLean home earlier in the night before Sample was shot.

Testimony showed that Sample and the younger McLean had planned to "slip out" and return to a house party at the beach, and that Sample was shot when he came to the McLean home in the early hours to get McLean's son.

Sample was shot with an automatic 12 gauge shotgun, the charge tomobile accident, was conducted striking him in the right side a few inches above the waist. Prior statements by McLean's son show ed that a window screen from a window in his room had been re moved earlier in the day, preceding the day of the shooting, presumably to allow free exit from the edroom.

Testimony began in the trial Friday morning after a long process of selecting jurors. A second panel and extensive questioning by attorneys and the solicitor led to dismissal of the major portion of the

first group. First on the stand as a witness was Robert McLean, 15-year-old son of the defendant.

Young McLean recounted his acivities of the day prior to the shooting and his association with Sample during the day. He stated that he and Sample had discussed the beach after McLean's mother Sykes.

McLean said that he was awaken- Jane Dennis, route 1 Newport. The accident happened near the ed at about 3:30 a.m. June 7, when Sample tugged at his bed- intersection of highways 24 and 70 clothes and woke him up to see if Trooper Sykes said the Chevy was he wanted to go to the party. Mccoming from the north side of high-Leans agreed that Sample had to way 70 to get into the lane toward be half inside the window to reach Morehead City and slammed into the bed, and that he and Sample the side of the Gillikin automobile discussed going to the party. which was headed toward Newport. McLean stated that his parents' Mrs. Gillikin said she saw the bedroom was next to his and that car about to enter the highway but he had heard his mother's voice assumed it was going to stop. Drivwhile the conversation took place. er of the Chevrolet was charged library is sponsoring a book sale According to McLean, both boys with failing to yield the right-ofthis week. Called a Book Fair, it waited, after talking, to let his parway. The car was extensively damis coinciding with National Book ents get back to sleep, and then aged. Damage to the Mercury was McLean lay back down and went estimated at \$300.



High winds at 8:30 Friday night collapsed this boatshed at Williston, completely demolishing the building. The building was owned by Elmer Willis, and small boats, some of which can be seen in the wreckage, were being built in it. The roof and other parts of the building blocked highway 70 for a period of time.

Begins Work Here

Taking the place of David War-

Mr. Taylor began his duties

last week. A native of Whitakers,

he was graduated from North

Carolina State college, Raleigh,

in January. He majored in ani-

A member of the North Caro-

lina National Guard, he recently

completed six months of active

duty with the Army at Fort Jack-

son, S. C. A bachelor, Mr. Tay-

lor is serving as boys' 4-H ad-

visor and is making his home

Mr. Warrick left here the lat-

ter part of October to become

assistant farm agent in Alexan-

HIGH

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Glenn Taylor, above.

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Trooper Reports On Two Crashes

Two recent collisions in the wesslipping out of their respective tern part of the county were inveshomes to return to a house party at tigated by state trooper J. W.

Suffering cuts around the mouth had refused to allow him to return in an accident at 7:45 a.m. Wedto the party to spend the night. Young McLean stated that he and nesday was Mrs. Arlette W. Gilli Sample had decided not to slip out, kin, Otway, The 1956 Mercury Mrs and had parted company earlier in Gillikin was driving collided with a 1954 Chevrolet driven by Sarah the night of the shooting.

county Friday night.

due east wind and ended up to the outhwest did extensive damage throughout the eastern part of the

Wrecked by high winds was the boat house of Elmer Willis, Williston, on highway 70. Shingles were torn off some houses, and extremely high tides occurred in creeks and bays exposed to the east. They left boats stranded high and dry es water receded.

The Atlantic Beach weather staion clocked winds up to 54 miles an hour, but strangely, rain gauges at both Atlantic Beach and in Morehead City recorded rain at just short of an inch.

The heavy sheets of rain and hard downpours left the impression that much more rain had fallen. At Fort Macon the new sea wall was breached at one point and un-

dermined in some places. Buoys in the Morehead City ship channel were carried out to sea but were re-anchored in correct spots by the Coast Guard prior to Sunday. Power was knocked out in Beau-

fort for a short period Friday night and other minor outtages occurred hroughout the county from wires slapping together, according to George Stovall, manager of Caroina Power and Light.

The hour and a quarter power ailure in Beaufort originated from rouble on the Beaufort-Mcrehead causeway lines. Part of Atlantic

Beach was reported without power at 11:15 p.m. Power was restored there at 2 a.m The draw bridge across Newport

river was out of commission for a don Hardesty will also be recountwhile. The wind piled water up ed in that precinct. Newport river and when the water flowed out again, it went in one great swoosh. The power of the holding power lines at the bridge, arcing

The bridge tender told Mr. Stovall he had never experienced such a trembling and shaking.

In many places throughout the county, tree limbs were ripped off and signs blown down. Temperature remained in the

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restaurant, Morehead City.

dinner will be served.

Wives and widows of veterans

are invited, according to Robert

Atkinson, officer of the county

World War I barracks. A turkey

high fifties and went up to 67 durng the storm. But cooler weather followed. Temperatures:

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

Hearing Set To Consider Ballot Recount

10¢

Board Will Convene At 2 Today

Sheriff Seeks Recount

In Beaufort Precinct

Two o'clock this afternoon has been set as the time of a hearing by the elections board to determine whether there should be a recount on the sheriff's vote. The hearing will be in the courtroom of the courthouse, Beaufort.

Sheriff Robert (Bobby) Bell, in e letter to the board of elections Friday, amended his request on re-

Due to the possibility of a recount in Beaufort precinct, the elections table on the local vote in last Tuesday's election is being held for publication Friday.

count, limiting it only to Beaufort precinct. Charles Willis, chairman of the board of elections, said that if there is a recount of Beaufort precinct ballots, the vote for Gor-

Mr. Hardesty, trailing C. Z. Chappell by 83 votes, asked for a recount only if the sheriff ballots moving water shook the A frame were to be recounted. Mr. Hardesty and Mr. Chappell were running

causing wires to hit together and for county commissioner, Mr. Hardesty on the Republican ticket and Mr. Chappell seeking re-election on the Democratic ticket.

(A newsstory Friday said Mr. Hardesty was trailing by only 45 votes. According to unofficial returns, that was the margin between Headen Willis and Mr. Chappell, not Mr. Chappell and Mr. Hardes-

Mr. Chappell was fifth high man for commissioner and should Mr. Hardesty be able to turn up with Max. enough votes, he would be elected E 44 56 ESE to the county board instead of Mr. 55 SW Chappell. Five men are on the board and all five positions were 52 NW up for grabs last Tuesday. Ten men were running, five on the Demo-World War I Veterans cratic ticket and five on the Republican. Will Meet for Dinner Mr. Bell said he amended his re-Veterans of World War I will quest to Beaufort precinct rather hear state senator Luther Hamilton than all precincts because it had at a county-wide veterans meeting (See ELECTIONS Pg. 7) at 6:30 tonight at the Blue Ribbon

Two hundred forty persons attended the state Elks convention at Morehead City over the weekend. The Morehead City-Beaufort lodge was host. Local Elks were highly pleased with the attendance. The convention opened Thursday night with a seafood buffet supper at the lodge in Morehead City. Friday was devoted to business sessions and a cruise on the Carolina Queen despite Friday afternoon's rain. The boat traveled the sounds around Beaufort and Morehead City.

Elks' wives were taken on a bus to \$4.95. tour of Beaufort and Fort Macon, with Grayden Paul, Beaufort, as tour conductor. In the afternoon they played bridge at the hotel.

A banquet and dance at the Morehead Biltmore concluded Friday's activities. Business sessions were conducted Saturday morning. A clambake, catered by Elmer Willis, Williston, was the main Saturday night event at the lodge, followed by a dance.

vention registrar.

Books on Sale At MCHS Library

The Morehead City high school Week.

On sale are paperback books as the shot, he said. well as hardback, non-fiction and novels. Prices range from 35 cents

The library will receive 20 per cent of all money taken in. This will be used to buy new books for the library.

Mrs. Luther Hamilton Jr., librarian, says the most important purpose of the Book Fair is to 'encourage support and use of the high school library by the students. Members of the PTA were invited to the library following PTA meeting last night to browse and

The Morehead City-Beaufort buy. Because classes are held in the floor. lodge was host to the state meeting the library during school hours, in 1958 but attendance this year far parents or others who may wish to surpassed that year's, according to buy books during the remainder of J. A. DuBois, Morehead City, con- this week should first contact Mrs. Hamilton.

Sailor Dances Limbo

to sleep, later to be awakened by Mrs. Gillikin was en route to the shirt factory at Newport, where she Buck Newsome, first police offificer to arrive on the scene, testi- is employed, when the accident occurred.

fied that he was called to the Mc-At Stella at 5:30 p.m. Sunday on Lean home, where he was met by an 18-foot road, Isaac Burton, route the elder McLean, who said, "I Maysville, pulled from the right think . I've shot somebody." Mr. side of the road where he has been Newsome said he examined Sample briefly and called an ambulance. parked. Jason A. Morris, route 5 He also described the room from New Bern, in a 1955 Ford was passing at the time. which the shot was fired. The gun

was lying on the floor about 3 to 4 Trooper Sykes said that because feet from the window, still loaded of conditions, Morris had no choice with one shell. Another shell was but to hit Burton's 1955 Buick. Burlying on a chair next to the winton was charged with turning from dow, and a fired shell was also on a direct line without first seeing that his movement could be made When questioned about his conin safety.

versation with McLean, the officer said that McLean told him he had

(See TRIAL Pg. 7)

President Kennedy Says Folks Should **Pay Visit to School**

President Kennedy has urged parents of the nation's 39 million public school students to visit the schools this week during American Education Week.

In a proclamation, the President designated Nov. 11-17 as a time to give special attention to "the aims and purposes of education and the programs and problems of our schools and colleges.

the quality of our educational institutions and assess the degree to which our educational programs and practices serve the interests of the individual and bring vitality and strength to our Nation and its culture. Every American should be fully committed to the advancement of education.

sors of AEW.

Clyde Stancil to Speak To Rotary Club Tonight

have as the program for their meeting tonight a talk on Youth subjects as a public service.



One of the boats damaged by Friday's storm was this one at North River, driven on the shore by high winds. The boat belongs to Everett Golden, Bettie. Another boat was badly damaged as it struck pilings when the wind forced it from its moorings.

Beach Board Loses Two Members By Death; One Vacancy Filled Friday

J. C. Sherrill Sr., Atlantic | funds from sources other than real Beach, was appointed to the town estate or personal property taxes. board of aldermen Friday morn- He pointed out that the chamber ing when the beach board met at needs the support of every citizen the presentation. The Scouts will the municipal building. Mr. Sher- and that the beach is among those rill will fill the unexpired term of who reap the greatest benefits commissioner R. A. Barefoot, who from its efforts.

died Friday, Sept. 28. Mr. Coyle reported that he had The board expressed its sorrow attended an area redevelopment at the death of commissioner meeting in Raleigh recently. He Charles S. Walters. He died Wed- told the board how the redevelopnesday. A resolution of sympathy ment program works and said that was unanimously passed and a cothose counties with chambers of py will be sent to the Walters facommerce to publicize their activimily. Action on appointing a board ties will probably be the counties that receive the most through the member to fill Mr. Walters' term was deferred. program.

Mayor A. B. Cooper read a let-Commissioner Mack Smith sugter from Mrs. D. G. Bell. She gested that the members think thanked the board for their resoluover the mayor's suggestion until tion expressing sorrow at the death next month. Other board members of her son, highway commissionconcurred. er D. G. Bell.

Commissioner W. L. Derrickson M. G. Coyle, town clerk, reportsaid he had received a complaint ed a balance of \$19,455.24 in the about a pack of dogs roaming the general fund and \$3,154.64 in the beach area. Police chief Bill Moore Powell bill fund on Nov. 1. was instructed to contact the coun-

Mayor Cooper talked to the board ty dog catcher and inform him of about the chamber of commerce the situation. George McNeill, town and its financial difficulties. He attorney, will draw up an ordi suggested that Atlantic Beach join nance on dogs and present it at the the chamber and support it with

next meeting. Mr. McNeill reported on a meeting with a New Bern resident who **Tide Table** owns property at the beach and who refuses to pay taxes due. The attorney told the board that the Tides at the Beaufort Bar LOW taxpayer was told if he refuses to Tuesday, Nov. 13 pay by Nov. 15 the town will institute a suit against him. 2:28 a.m 3:28 p.m. (See BEACH BOARD Pg. 7) Wednesday, Nov. 14 3:34 a.m **Stove Overheats**

4:16 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15 4:20 a.m. Saturday morning at 7:30 at the 5:05 p.m. home of Clayton Smith, Orange Friday, Nov. 16 5:08 a.m. street. The fire was put out. No

6:00 p.m. damage was reported.

Girl Scouts To Give Book

Girl Scout troop 100, Beaufort, will present the county library, Beaufort, with a copy of the book, Winnie the Pooh, by A. A. Milne during National Children's Book Week this week. The troop will meet at the home of the leader, Mrs. W. I. Loftin, today after school and will go to the library to make wear their uniforms.

The library had a copy of Winnie the Pooh, but it became so worn it had to be discarded.

At a recent meeting the following officers were elected: Sandra Iverson, president; Dawn Hassell, secretary-reporter; Joyce Smith, treasurer; Nancy Perry, program chairman; Susan Arrington, scrapbook chairman; Carol Leister, librarian.

The girls met with their mothers at home last year. Dawn Hassell, reporter, says, "We want to thank our mothers for helping us achieve our first class rank, which we are now ready to receive. Our leader is reviewing us in the requirements

"The troop has been doing reearch work on Girl Scouting in Beaufort. We started this two years ago as a three-year-project. Anyone who has information about the subject is asked to contact a Scout or the Leader."

Coast Guard Rescues Outboard Boat Saturday

A 16-foot outboard with five persons aboard was towed into Morehead City Saturday by the Coast Guard boat from Fort Macon, after the outboard had engine failure in Beaufort inlet.

The outboard was reported overdue from Drum inlet on Core Banks, and was located in the inlet An overheated oil stove brought by the Coast Guard. Owner of the out the Beaufort fire department boat was J. W. Goldston, Raleigh, who was aboard.

Making the assist were Newman Cantrell, SNBM, Richard Hall, EN2 and Larry Medlin, SN.



Larry Moore, GM3, tries out his skill with a limbo stick at the Morehead City Recreation center while onlookers cheer. The center was quickly converted into a USO last week during the visit of a number of Naval vessels to Morehead City. Larry, a native of St. Louis, Mo., is aboard the Warwick County, LST 1164. (Service)

"We should," he said, "examine

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The Beaufort Rotary club will on the Highways. The speaker will be Clyde L. Stancil, Raleigh. He represents the North Carolina Insurance Information Service as a member of its speakers' bureau. Talks by NCIIS members are given on fire and casualty insurance