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## Automobile Tragedy Friday Deeply Shocked Community

One of the most largely attended, and also one of the saddest, funerals that has even taken place in Beaufort was that of Miss Ann Elizabeth O'Bryan last Sunday afternoon at St. Paul's church. The funeral services began at five o'clock but a half an hour before that time the church was filled to overflowing with the exception of the block of seats reserved for the family, pallbearers and special friends. People from Beaufort, Morehead City, New Bern and other places were present. Many colored people attended the funeral. The young girl just blooming into an attractive womanhood had a wide circle of friends who were greatly shocked by her tragic death. She was fifteen years old on the 21st of last February.

Reverend J. A. Vache, rector of St. Paul's conducted the funeral according to the ritual of the Episcopal faith. A large number of youths and maidens, friends and schoolmates of the young lady, followed the coffin to the church and the grave. A profusion of beautiful floral designs adorned the chancel of the church and covered the grave. The music for the funeral was rendered by members of the regular church choir assisted by several members of the other church choirs in Beaufort. The hymns sung were "My God My Father While I Stray," "In the Hour of Trial" in the church and "Abide with Me" at the grave. The active pallbearers were Elliott Ewell, R. S. Seawell, Sterling Chadwick, Sam Way Charles Hassell, Cecil Longest, Jack Neal, James Potter. The interment was in St. Paul's cemetery where on July 31st her father was laid to rest. She was the daughter of the late Allen D. O'Bryan and is survived by her mother Mrs. Bessie Taylor O'Bryan, two brothers Allen and Taylor and two sisters Katherine and Helen O'Bryan. She is also survived by her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Taylor of Beaufort and several uncles, aunts and cousins. She was very popular in Beaufort and her sudden death deeply grieved the entire community.

### How The Accident Happened.

The deplorable accident in which Miss Ann O'Bryan lost her life and her companion Arnold Webb narrowly escaped death occurred Friday night the 9th at about nine o'clock. The young man, who is seventeen years of age, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Webb of New York, formerly of Morehead City. Mr. Webb owns a fine summer residence on Bogue Sound and he and his family have been there for several weeks. However at the time of the accident Mr. and Mrs. Webb were in New York.

The accident occurred in front of the Bay Service Station on the State highway near Morehead Bluffs. Mr. D. H. Mansfield, proprietor of the station, and Mr. J. D. Lowry were eye witnesses to it. According to their statement it appears that the car, a La Salle limousine, was coming up the hill at a high rate of speed. When it came to a kind of bump in the road two wheels ran off onto the grass covered shoulder. The car ran this way for possibly a hundred feet and then came back on the road and turned over. The car, it seems, rolled over two or three times, knocked down a small fence and a pump in front of the station and hurled its occupants headlong outside. Miss O'Bryan fell on the concrete paving and was killed instantly. Mr. Mansfield who picked her up immediately after she fell says he thinks she was killed before she struck the ground. The young man landed with terrific force on the grass in front of the station. He was rendered unconscious but no bones were broken. He was taken to the Morehead City hospital and is reported now to be making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

As soon as possible after the news of the distressing occurrence had spread, Coroner L. J. Noe summoned a jury and went to the scene. An examination of some witnesses was held and the place inspected. Owing to the condition of young Arnold Webb who has not yet been able to testify the coroner's investigation has not yet been completed.

### HILDEBRANDS LEAVE TODAY

Dr. Samuel F. Hildebrand and family left Thursday morning for a motor trip. They expect to go as far west as Hutchinson, Kansas. On the return trip Miss Louise will stop in Indiana where she expects to enter the State University.

### VENERABLE LADY DIES.

Mrs. Mary L. Clawson known and beloved by a large circle of friends, died rather suddenly at her home on Front street yesterday about 1:30. Mrs. Clawson had just passed her 89th birthday. She was born in Ireland, coming to this country when just a very young girl. She married Charles A. Clawson, and helped him to build up a substantial bakery and grocery business, which business is now carried on by her son, Charles A. Clawson. Surviving her are six children, Warren W. Clawson of Boston, Charles A. of Beaufort, Mrs. Christine Moore, Beaufort, Mrs. Chas. Hatsell, Beaufort; Mrs. Luther Perry, South Mills and Mrs. C. L. Short of Hendersonville, fifteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed at this writing owing to the fact that the arrival of relatives from out of town is not definitely known as yet.

### Salter Path Figures In Recorder's Court

The small and generally peaceable village known as Salter Path occupied most of the time of Recorder's Court Tuesday. Twenty or more people from that community were in court in connection with the trial of Mrs. Aleck Moore accused of damaging a house with an ax. The house according to the testimony of all concerned was worth about ten dollars.

The evidence in the case was that along last November Mr. Moore and Captain David John Willis made a trade whereby the former was to pay the latter \$10 for a little wooden house to be used for opening scallops or any other purpose that it could be used for. Mr. Moore claims that he paid the \$10 and Mr. Willis says he did not. He said that Mr. Moore owed him a store account and had paid something on that but had not paid for the house. Mr. Willis was represented at the trial by Attorney W. C. Gorham and Attorney Alvah Hamilton appeared in behalf of Mr. Moore. It took about two hours to try the case. The decision of the Court was that Mrs. Moore was not guilty of damaging the property and that the house still belonged to Mr. Willis.

J. E. Lewis, a Greek who lives near Camp Glenn, was in court for the second or third time, on a bad check charge. It seems that some weeks ago he gave a worthless check for \$14 to McLohon and King and got merchandise to the value of \$3.50 and the balance in cash for it. Since then he has paid something on the check. Through his attorney Luther Hamilton, Lewis entered a plea of not guilty. His excuse was that he said a man in Kinston by the name of J. V. Lewis gave him the check in good faith. Mr. Rasberry, president of a bank in Kinston, and police officer Cannady of that city, went on the stand and swore that they knew no such person in Kinston as J. V. Lewis. However Judge Hill had received a letter and a telegram from some one in Kinston purporting to be J. V. Lewis and saying that he had given the other Lewis the check. The Judge decided that the best thing to do under the circumstances was to continue the case until next Tuesday so as to give Solicitor Duncan a chance to make an investigation of the matter.

The case against Herbert Riggs and Thos. Garner, colored, of Wilson, charged with driving a car while drunk was continued to next Tuesday.

The case against Mrs. Annie Guthrie of Salter Path charged with slander was dismissed as the prosecuting witness Mrs. Hettie Ann Willis declined to go ahead with the prosecution.

Sam Oden, colored, of Beaufort charged with assault on his mother Silvia Oden was convicted and got a sentence of three months on the roads.

### TWO GIRLS DROWNED IN BOGUE SOUND MONDAY

Two colored girls Reva Jones and Annie Bell of the Wildwood section were drowned in Bogue Sound Monday afternoon. They and several others had gone in bathing in the sound and it is supposed got into deep water and were unable to swim back to safety. The bodies were found the next day.

## SAD ACCIDENT ON NEW RIVER

Child Trapped in Speed Boat  
Burned to Death; Others  
Badly Burned

JACKSONVILLE, Aug. 10.—Trapped in a speed boat when it exploded and burned on New River off Paradise Point, three miles below here this afternoon, Zack Ennis Murrell, aged three, was burned to death while his mother, Mrs. Z. E. Murrell, Miss Sallie Arthur and Chas. Amos were severely but not fatally burned. The body of the child sunk with the boat, but was recovered late this afternoon.

The boat, a swift Chris Craft speedster, suddenly burst into flames half way across the river between Mumford Point and Paradise Point. Gasoline leaking from the fuel tank apparently collected fumes beneath the hatch and the explosion and fire followed.

The little boy was in the rear of the boat and could not be reached. The fire was heaviest in that quarter.

Mrs. Murrell and her little son had crossed the river in a small row boat to visit friends at Paradise Point, a brisk wind had made the river rough for rowing and Mr. Amos, wealthy High Point furniture manufacturer who has a summer home at Paradise Point, volunteered to take her back across the river. Mr. Arthur, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Arthur, of this place, accompanied them between the two points. The river is about a mile wide. The catastrophe overtook the craft in mid-stream. The wrecked boat sank beneath the burned passengers, leaving them in the river. A little boat with a stern motor put out from Mumford's Point and rescued them. All three of the survivors are frightfully burned but it is expected they will recover.

### SERIOUS CHARGE MADE AGAINST COAST GUARD MAN

Some fifteen or twenty people from Harker's Island were in Beaufort yesterday to attend the trial of a young man from there on the charge of seduction under the promise of marriage. Edward Dixon is the name of the defendant in the case and he is a member of the U. S. Coast Guard Service. Edden Guthrie the father of the girl in the case swore out the warrant. The offense is alleged to have occurred last October. The girl in the case Miss Irene Guthrie, eighteen years old, was in court with a baby of a few weeks old in her arms.

A few minutes after Justice H. W. Noe had called court to order counsel for the defense, Charles L. Abernethy Jr., and W. O. Williams decided to waive examination and permit their client to be bound over to court. C. R. Wheatly attorney for the prosecution in the case stated that he would be satisfied with a \$300 bond and this was arranged. The offense charged is a felony and conviction may mean a term in the penitentiary.

### Crops Fairly Good Despite Wet Weather

RALEIGH, Aug. 13.—Taking the State of North Carolina as a whole, crops are looking good—quite up to the usual, if not better. The improvement since July 1st has been amazing.

While the seasons since April have been abnormally wet, the crops did not suffer as much as was expected. Even cotton advanced well (seemingly). The growing tobacco crop is good as compared with the expectation a month ago. The hay and grass crops are fine, but the production of hay depends on the weather for saving it. Peaches have been very poor (wormy), and, though a short crop, naturally brought a poor price. Apples are short and are bringing good prices.

The peanut prospects are quite unsettled. Neither continued dry nor wet weather is favorable for peanut production. The crop on August 1st seemed to be "pegging" very poorly. The commercial area has suffered continued wet weather since April. Pitt county is notably off from its usual condition. For the first time in several years, crops look "poorly" there. This wet damage area extends from Lenoir to Halifax and Northampton counties. Corn, tobacco, cotton and peanuts are affected.

An order for supplies sent to a London merchant by George Washington when he was 27 years old shows that the young Virginian's address was given simply as "George Washington, Potomack river."

## MELON GROWERS HAVE DONE WELL

Good Prices Obtained For  
Water Melons; Earl Sweet  
Potatoes Sell High

(By Hugh Overstreet  
County Farm Agent)

Up to this writing there has been shipped from Morehead City 77 car loads of water melons since the first of July, against 50 cars last year. Prices have been much better than they were last season. I was informed by the N-S agent at Morehead City that these cars averaged more than 900 melons to the car, netting the growers forty cents or better. D. S. Oglesby and Bros. sold a car early last week for \$500 f. o. b. track. This car contained 800 melons that brought Mr. Oglesby 62 cents each, and weighed on an average of 42 pounds. Besides the car lot shipments there has been thousands of melons moved by trucks to markets within the state. This crop alone has brought the farmers of western Carteret County more than \$35,000.

Beaufort has shipped out to date 2500 barrels of early or Jersey Big Stem sweet potatoes since the middle of July. Reports from farmers indicate that these shipments have sold at an average price of \$7.00 per barrel, quite a few selling as high as \$10. M. S. Snowden, David Merrill, William Savage and Louis Dudley are some of the larger producers of this crop in the Beaufort section. Gloucester, Straits and Marshallburg communities grow this crop every year as a part of their regular cropping system. My observation leads me to believe that our farmers would profit by planting more early sweets and less Irish and late sweet potatoes. This money for early sweet potatoes comes at a time when most farmers are not converting any other crop into cash.

### Valuable Land Owned By Feeble Minded Man

A proceeding was held Monday morning before Clerk of the Superior Court L. W. Hassell to determine the mental condition of Irving Page Martin who lives in the Merrimon section of the county. The verdict of the jury after an examination was made of the man was that he is mentally incompetent. A number of simple questions were asked him to which he made answers that clearly showed him to be mentally defective. For instance when asked how old he was he said he was sixteen; as a matter of fact he is 39 years old. Ernest Martin, his brother, was present and stated that Irving had always been feeble minded and that he takes care of him. It was the first time in Irving's life that he had ever been to Beaufort.

The reason for the investigation as to the sanity of Irving Martin is that he owns some land in Louisiana, or did own which an oil company wants to buy. In order to make the title good to the property it is necessary to show that Irving is not capable of attending to his own affairs now. The company does not want the question raised at some future time. If oil should be found on the land in question it may turn out to be very valuable. Ernest Martin is guardian for his brother.

The first elementary school book by an American author and printed in English in this country was "Arithmetic: Vulgar and Decimal," which appeared just 200 years ago.

## TWELVE THOUSAND WHITE GRADUATES IN NORTH CAROLINA FOR YEAR 1929

(State Superintendent  
of Public Instruction)

Raleigh, Aug. 12.—More than 12,000 white boys and girls graduated from the public high schools of the State at the end of the year just closed, it is revealed from tabulations completed and released today by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. A total 12,145 finished this year and 11,278 the previous session, or an increase of 867 graduates during a year's time.

Of the total number of pupils who graduated this past year, 7,795 were from rural schools and 4,350 from special charter or city schools. The year 1927-28 there were 7,073 rural and 4,245 city graduates of white high schools. In other words, the number of rural graduates increased during one year's time 10.02 per cent, or exactly three times the percentage that city graduates increased.

## Fine Auto Speedsters In City Police Court

Two speedsters, one white and one colored, fared rather badly in Mayor Chadwick's court last Friday. Marion Dudley, a young white man, first tried on the fast driving charge was convicted and fined \$20 and costs. Immediately afterwards James Battle, a young negro drew the same sentence. On an additional charge of disorderly conduct Battle got another fine of \$5 and costs. In case he does not pay the two fines he will have to serve 40 days helping to clean up the streets. He is also forbidden to drive a car in Beaufort for six months.

Three young Negro women, Nancy Debix, Mildred Felton and Mary Beix were tried on the charge of profanity and disorderly conduct on the streets. They denied the accusation but four witnesses were against them and the Mayor decided they were all guilty. Nancy admitted having been in court before on several occasions and she got a sentence of \$15 or 25 days in jail or on the streets. Mildred Felton was fined \$5 or 15 days and Nancy Debix drew the same sentence.

James Ellison, colored, got a sentence of \$5 and costs for disorderly conduct last Sunday.

G. W. Duncan for violating a traffic ordinance in not getting car out of way at a fire was fined \$1 and costs.

The case against Percy Marshall and John Pate for fighting was continued to next Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

## Many Beaufort People Live To Ripe Old Age

Perhaps there is no town in the State that has more old people in it, in proportion to size of course, than Beaufort. The climate here, the mode of living or something else, seems to be conducive to longevity.

Mr. M. Leslie Davis, who knows everybody in town probably, has looked into the matter and says that there are 14 white precons in Beaufort who are more than 80 years old. In fact the average age of these men and women is 84 years. The combined ages would be about 1168 years. So far as the News is informed Mrs. Mary A. Clawson who was 89 years old last March and who died yesterday was the oldest. There are many people in the town more than 70 years old and there are more than 30 living here whose average age is 80 years.

## Two Liquor Outfits Captured Last Week

Two illicit whiskey outfits were captured by officers last week in Carteret county. One man was also gathered in during one of the raids. His name is George Phillips and the still was found not far from his home in the Merrimon neighborhood. Twelve gallons of whiskey was found in his barn. The still was a copper affair and of about forty gallons capacity. Federal Prohibition Officer McGaskill and Sheriff J. H. Davis found the still and the man Friday 16. Phillips had a preliminary hearing before U. S. Commissioner C. H. Bushall and was held under a \$500 bond.

The other still captured was a baby one, quite a small one but made of copper and capable of turning liquor out all right. About fifty gallons of mash was taken with this outfit which was found on the east side of North river. Messrs. J. H. Davis and John Pate found this booze making plant.

## FRUIT AND TRUCK INTERESTS UNITE

Big Organization Will Work In  
Harmony With Federal  
Farm Board

New York, Aug. 11.—Formation of the United Growers of America, a nation wide fruit and vegetable growers' co-operative marketing organization, to work in harmony with the agricultural marketing act and in accordance with the policies of the federal farm board, was announced here today. The association will have an authorized capitalization of \$50,000,000.

The new organization, with executive offices in New York will have as members several smaller independent associations located in various parts of the country. It will maintain a domestic and foreign sales service for the joint use of the co-operative associations and growers' organizations.

Julius H. Barnes, chairman of the board of the United States chamber of commerce, will be chairman of the board. Other directors include Robert W. Bingham, publisher of the Louisville Courier-Journal, and a leader of the co-operative movement in the south; William M. Jardine, former secretary of agriculture; Arthur H. Rule, executive vice-President of the Federated Fruit and Vegetable Growers, and Gray Silver, of Martinsburg, West Va.; former lieutenant governor of that state, and long associated with the American farm bureau. Additional directors soon will be named.

Plans for the operation of the new association do not contemplate any absorption or change in the existing co-operating growers associations. The announcements said. The purpose of the United Growers of America is to strengthen such local organizations by obtaining for them a more complete marketing service, adequate credit and other advantages not now accessible. The organizations becoming associated with the United Growers of America will continue to function in their respective local fields.

The announcement said a large number of co-operative associations, both national and local in character, have pledged their tonnage and financial support in the organization of the United Growers and that pledges already received provide for many thousands of carloads of fruits and vegetables for shipment to the domestic and foreign trade.

### CITY COMMISSIONERS TO HOLD MEETING TONIGHT

A call for a meeting of the board of town commissioners has been issued by Mayor Chadwick for this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the temporary city headquarters on Turner street. A letter has also been distributed by City Clerk T. M. Thomas Jr. acting on instructions from the board, which invites citizens to attend the meeting. The principal object of the meeting, so the News has been informed, is to consider the proposed town budget for the coming year.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Norman Willis, Charlotte Harbor, Fla., and Edith Guthrie, Harkers Island.

Lonnie Whitley and Mattie Willis Harkers Island.

Donnie G. Davis, Williston and Reta Guthrie, Marshallberg.

### TIDE TABLE

Information as to the tides at Beaufort is given in this column. The figures are approximately correct. Some allowances must be made for variations in the wind and also with respect to the locality, that is whether near the inlet or at the heads of the estuaries.

High Tide	Low Tide
Friday, Aug. 16	
5:16 A. M.	11:13 A. M.
5:41 P. M.	11:01 A. M.
Saturday, Aug. 17	
6:02 A. M.	11:57 A. M.
6:22 P. M.	11:46 P. M.
Sunday, Aug. 18	
6:45 A. M.	12:37 A. M.
7:01 P. M.	72:28 P. M.
Monday, Aug. 19	
7:23 A. M.	1:14 A. M.
7:37 P. M.	1:07 P. M.
Tuesday, Aug. 20	
7:59 A. M.	1:49 A. M.
8:11 P. M.	1:45 P. M.
Wednesday, Aug. 21	
8:33 A. M.	2:21 A. M.
8:44 P. M.	2:24 P. M.
Thursday, Aug. 22	
9:07 A. M.	2:54 A. M.
9:18 P. M.	3:05 P. M.