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12-Year-Old Likes World of Magic

Twelve-year-old Billy Murrill, who lives on 14th street, Morehead City, is well on his way to becoming an accomplished magician and ventriloquist.

Billy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Murrill, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Willis, became interested in "magic" when he was 11 years old. Most youngsters lose a taste for the fantastic after they have passed the "tell-me-a-story" stage—but Bill has retained his interest in the type of magic that can keep people fascinated for hours, and mystified, too.

In the picture here, the young magician is performing one of his favorite tricks—with a newspaper, a checker, and an empty glass.

Says Bill as he begins, "Now I'm going to place this checker under the glass, cover the glass tightly with the newspaper and make the checker disappear."

He says some magic words and waves his hand over the covered glass. Upon removing the glass, the checker remains on the table. "Oops," exclaims Bill, "it didn't work." He repeats the performance again, and still the checker doesn't disappear.

"Well," says the young magician finally, "I guess I'll have to make the glass disappear, instead." So he covers the glass tightly with the newspaper, after placing the checker once more under the open part of the tumbler. He smashes his hand down hard on the paper, the paper flattens out on the table. He lifts up the paper, the checker is gone—and he pulls the glass out from UNDER the table!

Billy appeared in last year's Lions club talent search as a ventriloquist—complete with dummy on his knee.

He reads books filled with magic tricks and has become so proficient in the art that he is asked frequently to entertain at youngsters' parties.

Asked if he intends to become a professional magician and ventriloquist, Billy grins and says, "I don't know—right now I just like to fool with it, that's all."



Here in his home Billy Murrill performs his fascinating glass-checker-newspaper trick.

Scouting Interest Grows in County

Boys Receive Awards, Merit Badges at Court of Honor, Scout Hut

Scouting has increased in importance in Carteret county due to the efforts of Rotary clubs, church groups, and young men interested in acting as leaders of troops.

At the recent court of honor in the Scout building local Scouts who completed the requirements were awarded merit badges and advanced in rank. In charge of Scout advancement is Rufus Sewall, Beaufort.

James Potter, chairman of the Carteret county district committee, made introductory remarks, commenting on Scouting and Scout week.

John Haynes presented second class awards to B. G. O'Neal, Pierson Willis, Billy Simpson, and Don Fulcher.

First class awards were made by Dr. C. E. Paden to Dickie Dickinson, Jimmy Guthrie, John Lynch, Gene Lewis, Jimmy Modlin, and J. B. Stuart.

B. J. May presented merit badges for home repairs to Gene Lewis and Jimmy Guthrie.

James Smith, of troop 22, Beaufort, has been authorized to receive the coveted Star award. Presentation of this award is scheduled to be made at the next court of honor in April.

The awards mentioned above were presented at the Scout hut last Thursday night.

The nation's 2,200,000 members of the Boy Scouts of America last week observed the 39th anniversary of the organization.

The programs of Scouting, leaders in the organization say, prepare Scouts to face the future, helping to build a new world with construction, not destruction as the goal. Scouting in the 42 nations recognized by the Boy Scout International Bureau has an enrollment of 4,409,780 Scouts and leaders.

They are striving, Scout leaders say, for a future of peaceful living where every man is a brother to every other man, regardless of his race, creed or color.

The World Friendship Fund of voluntary contributions from Scouts and leaders totaled \$135,000 in a little more than three years. Through it, Scouting in 46 lands received assistance in rebuilding their organizations following the war's disruption.

"Adventure—that's Scouting!" the theme of Boy Scout Week this year is a reality for hundreds of thousands of Boy Scouts. They enjoy thrilling experience in the 701 long-term camps maintained by Local Scout Councils and an

Rat Campaign Begins;

A campaign against rats throughout the rural area of the county will get under way Monday night when a sound film in color, entitled, "Vandals in the Night" will be shown at Lionel Conner's store, Harlowe, Monday night at 7:30.

This picture will be shown at 7:30 Tuesday night at Cleveland Gillin's store, Bettie, at 7:30 Wednesday night at the Unitarian church, Pelletier, and at 7:30 Thursday night in the Newport school auditorium.

Rat poison will be distributed to participating farmers March 4. More details will be announced later.

Unemployed File Claims at Office in Municipal Hall

Because so many unemployment compensation claims are being filed by fishermen, Mrs. Julia Tenney, manager of the United States Employment Service office, Morehead City, announced today that more room was needed to take care of the claimants.

Claims can be filed now every Tuesday afternoon, beginning at 1:30 p. m. on the second floor of the municipal building in the auditorium where the USES office was located before it was moved to the building at 7th and Evans streets.

Mrs. Tenney expressed her appreciation to the town for permission to use part of the town hall and estimated that the auditorium would probably be used for several months.

Thus far, approximately 150 unemployment compensation claims have been filed by fishermen.

Mrs. Tenney stated that there has been the usual January and February drop in employment in the county, the slump between the end of the fishing season and the beginning of the resort season.

Employers, she said, are cooperating much better in informing the employment office of their needs in the way of employees. One large plant in Morehead City does its hiring only through the employment office, she stated.

More Applications Wanted

An insufficient number of applications have been received for the following civil service positions at Cherry Point Marine air base, it was announced today: sandblaster, gasoline distribution system operator, sewage disposal plant operator, and water plant operator. Applications will be accepted until needs of the service have been met, civil service examiners stated.

Towns Refuse to Go Along With County on New ABC Set-up

Former Utilities Officials Considers Morhead's Rail Facilities Adequate

County U. S. Bonds Total \$3,195,825

State's Holdings Total \$641,439,784; National Figure Higher Than '45

The people of Carteret county today are holding a backlog of financial security in U. S. Savings bonds amounting to \$3,195,825.55, Victor N. Wickizer, county chairman of the Savings Bonds committee announced today.

"This sum represents the net holdings of Series E, F and G War Bonds and peacetime savings bonds, after all redemptions or cash-ins have been deducted since May 1, 1941 and through December 31, 1948," Mr. Wickizer said. This information was received by the county chairman from Allison James, State Director of the U. S. Savings Bonds division in Greensboro in the annual "Savings Bonds" report for 1948.

Savings bonds sales for this county for the year 1948 (Jan. 1 through Dec. 31) were as follows, according to the annual report: Series E bonds, \$330,368.00; Series F bonds, \$5,383.00; Series G bonds, \$61,000.00, county total for 1948, \$396,951.00.

"These splendid U. S. Savings bonds holdings and sales are community assets of the highest type," Mr. Wickizer continued.

"They will stand the many individual owners in good stead in time of financial need; they will help stimulate local community business when and if times get hard, they bring in to our county in interest and accruals about 2 1/2 per cent a year on the total holdings."

In conclusion Mr. Wickizer said that net holdings of Series E, F and G bonds for the state of North Carolina as of Dec. 31, 1948 were \$641,439,784.25. Nationally, 80,000,000 individuals hold \$47 billion in E, F and G bonds—a greater amount than during the War time peak of 1945.

Sailors Attempt Assault on Girls

Awaiting trial in recorder's court Tuesday are two sailors, James Edward Redfield and Edwin Earl Reigent from the USS Vermillion, who are charged with attempted assault on a female.

Redfield and Reigent were committed to the county jail following a hearing before Mayor George W. Dill, Jr., Wednesday afternoon in the municipal building, Morehead City.

According to testimony at the hearing, the two sailors attempted to assault a 15-year-old and an 18-year-old girl at 6:10 p. m. Tuesday on Arendell street between 10th and 11th.

Cries of the girls, it was reported, called neighbors' attention to the scene. The men were placed in Morehead City jail until taken before the mayor.

The USS Vermillion, one of the major vessels in the second task fleet, Atlantic command, sailed from Morehead City Wednesday morning. Following trial here, the sailors will be sent to the nearest Naval station, Mayor Dill stated.

:: Smile a While ::

He stopped at a small hot-dog stand and ordered coffee. Just to be polite he said, "Looks like rain, doesn't it?"

"Well," snapped the proprietor. "It tastes like coffee, doesn't it?"

Inspection Lane in Beaufort
The automobile inspection lane arrived in Beaufort Thursday to be there until Saturday noon.

RALEIGH, Feb. 25—Railroad facilities to and from Morehead City are fully adequate to handle the initial volume of traffic expected to develop when port facilities there are expanded and modernized, it was said today by R. O. Self of Raleigh, former official of the State Utilities commission, who is considered an impartial authority on both railroad and highway transportation.

"I do not think there would be any difficulty in affecting prompt and efficient movement of even more than a normal volume of traffic into and out of Morehead City by present railroad facilities," Self said. "I long have been an advocate of port improvements, and believe, if it is necessitated by increased traffic resulting from expansion of port facilities at Morehead City, railroad officials immediately will provide improvements and additions to meet the situation."

Self called attention to the fact that Goldsboro, western terminus of the Atlantic and East Carolina Railroad of which Morehead City is the eastern gateway, has connections to the north and south with the Atlantic Coast Line, and to the Industrial Piedmont and western areas of the State with the Southern Railroad.

"It is a well-known fact," Self said, "that the railroad trackage used by the Southern from Charleston to Beaufort is 100 miles long."

Atlantic Baptist Group Publishes 48 Report

By E. C. Salisbury
During the past year of the Atlantic Baptist association the churches of that organization made a fine record as shown in the annual report of the association recently published.

The 1948 session of the association was held with the Swansboro Baptist church. M. Leslie Davis of Beaufort presided as moderator for the 34th time since 1909. Dr. J. H. Bunn, pastor of the First Baptist church of Morehead City has served for the past eight sessions of the Association as clerk-treasurer. Both these officers were re-elected to serve in their respective capacity. One new church, the North Jacksonville, was voted in the association.

Death removed 40 members from the churches of the association during the year. Members of churches of Carteret county taken by death were: Morehead City—C. E. Leggett, Mrs. Ida Howland, Mrs. John Rogers, D. B. Willis, R. A. Armond, Alfred Smith, Sr., Beaufort—Clem M. Merrill, Mrs. Alice Noe, Mrs. Elmo Stewart, Atlantic—Charles A. Mason, Miss Clarice Mason, Bayview—Mrs. C. F. Weeks, Davis—Clifford Willis, Mrs. Lynell Everhart, T. Tallaksen, Marshallberg—Steven F. Harris, Smyrna—Randolph Pake.

Loss by death and the removal of members to other locations occasioned by the shutting down of war activities, decreased the membership in many of the churches. The total membership of the churches in Carteret county show an increase of 80 over the previous year. The two largest increases of membership by baptism were the Atlantic church of 40 and the Morehead City church of 31. The Atlantic church lead in the increase of members of the Sunday school from 80 to 132. The increase for the county shows 62.

Contributions made by the eight churches of the county established a fine record. Gifts for local works of the churches totaled \$39,264.36, and for gifts for all purposes such as missions, education, orphanage and denominational uses, totaled \$49,326.09. The eight Baptist churches of the county and their membership are Atlantic 123, Bayview 49, Beaufort 384, Marshallberg 130, Morehead City 700, Smyrna 44, and Woodville 53. The 1949 session of the Association will be held at Trenton Oct. 26-27.

Administrator Releases Report On Hospital

Morehead City Institution Admits 2,330 Patients During 1948

Miss Christine Vick, administrator of the Morehead City Hospital, today released the following report of the hospital's activities during the past year.

There were 2,330 patients admitted during the year, including 511 births. Days of care rendered were 13,092, and emergency treatment was given to 1,843 patients not admitted to the hospital. X-ray examinations were made of 1,087 patients, and 8,266 laboratory examinations were done.

Occupancy was down from a daily average of 42 in 1947 to 36 in 1948. This is in keeping with the nationwide trend which has been downward all year, stated Miss Vick, and according to hospital experts, may be expected to continue during 1949.

Cost of operation continued to

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James I. Mason Succeeds Mitchell MCTI Director

Appointment of James I. Mason, Morehead City, as acting director of Morehead City Technical institute has been announced by E. W. Ruggles, director of the Extension division, North Carolina State college.

Mr. Mason replaces Paul Mitchell who resigned to continue graduate studies at the University of Kentucky. Mr. Mason has for many years been active in education in North Carolina. He taught in public schools of the state for the past 20 years; the last 10 in the Morehead City High school.

At the time of his appointment as acting director he was an instructor in math and physics at the Institute. Mr. Mason received his bachelor of arts degree at the university of North Carolina and since receiving this degree has undertaken graduate work.

The dining hall at MCTI opened Monday, under the management of Mrs. Earl W. Piner, of Morehead City. It had been closed for a week to allow for improvement in dining facilities stated Mr. Mason.

Miss Lulu Belle Highsmith, of the tuberculosis division of the State Board of health, spoke Monday morning at the meeting of the Coastal Ministerial association, re-

questing cooperation of the county's ministers in the mass X-ray program.

Ministers told Miss Highsmith that they would urge members of their congregations and residents of their communities to have chest X-rays.

The mass X-ray began in the county Tuesday and will end March 18 in Beaufort and Morehead City where the mobile units complete their tours. A unit will spend two weeks in each town.

Miss Highsmith explained that if the first X-ray shows evidence of trouble in the chest region, the person is asked to have a larger X-ray made, at no cost to him. If this shows the need for treatment, the patient is referred to his private physician. The health department, working with doctors and the welfare department is responsible for seeing that all those found with tuberculosis receive treatment.

X-rayed at Atlantic Tuesday and Wednesday were 450 persons, at Pelletier and Cedar Point approximately 300 persons.

Not announced heretofore was the fact that a mobile X-ray unit will be in the Harlowe section, Conner's store, March 11.

Dismissal of the numerous side arguments carried on throughout the special meeting of the county and town commissioners at the court house Wednesday morning, the called session to discuss distribution of ABC store money was conducted in an unusual atmosphere of calm.

Present at the session were county commissioners and the town boards of Beaufort, Morehead City, and Newport who listened as Dr. K. P. B. Bonner, chairman of the county board, requested that the towns approve a new setup whereby they would get 2 1/2 per cent of liquor store sales after state sales tax was deducted. The remaining 2 1/2 per cent of the 5 per cent now going to the towns would be given to the county to be set up as a special fund to pay bills of indigent Carteret county patients at any hospital in the state.

If, at the end of the year, there was money left in this special fund, it would be used for county schools, Dr. Bonner stated.

Morehead City said "We like things as they are."

Beaufort said "No!" Newport said "No!"

These negative replies came even after Dr. Bonner declared that unless the towns agreed to split their take, petitions would be circulated to call for a referendum on liquor. Liquor would undoubtedly be voted out, he said, and then there would be no ABC money for anyone.

If this was done, he continued to meet expenses, the county would have to raise taxes to \$2.50 per hundred dollars valuation. Lawrence Hassell, Beaufort's mayor, said, if there is no ABC money, Beaufort taxes would have to be raised to \$2.10 per hundred. The county tax rate is now \$1.80 and Beaufort's is \$1.30. Newport, too, would be required to raise its rate above the present 35 cents.

From February, 1948 through January, 1949, Dr. Bonner announced that Beaufort received \$10,054.93 from the ABC fund. Morehead City and the hospital received

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Ministers Offer Support to X-Ray Program in County

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Tide Table

HIGH	Friday, Feb. 18	LOW
12 midnight	6:15 AM	
12:17 PM	6:25 PM	
Saturday, Feb. 19		
12:52 AM	7:17 AM	
1:12 PM	7:22 PM	
Sunday, Feb. 20		
1:54 AM	8:25 AM	
2:14 PM	8:27 PM	
Monday, Feb. 21		
3:01 AM	9:55 AM	
3:51 PM	9:35 PM	
Tuesday, Feb. 22		
4:08 AM	10:41 AM	
4:28 PM	10:39 PM	