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New Reading Room Opens at Library

Court Will Try Wade on Drunken Driving Charge

Mayor George W. Dill, Jr., Morehead City, ruled at a hearing at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon that there was insufficient evidence to find probable cause in the case involving Glenn Wade, Smyrna, whom police were holding on suspicion of first degree burglary.

The defendant was, however, charged with drunken driving and placed under \$100 bond for his appearance in the next session of recorder's court.

As the result of two alleged break-ins in Morehead City early Sunday morning, Wade was arrested after a bloodhound sought him out. Morehead City police reported that earlier Sunday night Wade had used the telephone in the police station twice, that he was under the influence of intoxicants and that they warned him not to drive his car. This evidence was presented at a preliminary hearing Monday afternoon before Mayor Dill.

Fingerprints were taken at the places of the alleged break-ins at the home of James Robinson and the U-Drop-Inn operated by Justin Robinson. These were checked against Wade's prints at Raleigh by the State Bureau of Investigation and were reported at the hearing Tuesday afternoon not identical.

The mayor then ruled that Wade could not be prosecuted on a charge of first degree burglary because evidence was insufficient.

Dr. Hatcher Heads Medical Society

Dr. S. W. Hatcher, Morehead City, was elected president of the Carteret County Medical Society at the monthly meeting of the society Monday night in the Morehead City hospital.

Dr. Hatcher succeeds Dr. Frank Hyde, Beaufort, outgoing president. Dr. C. S. Maxwell, Beaufort, was elected secretary to succeed Dr. Hatcher.

Records Discussed

The chief topic for discussion were hospital records concerning hospital deaths and a general working plan for the school health clinics recently established. Dr. Hyde told the group of the great importance of getting permission for autopsies.

It was brought out that medical and surgical relief on the local level for medically indigent citizens is the surest method of heading off national socialized medicine. The society said it was in full sympathy with local and state assistance for all deserving persons.

Health Officer Pleaded

The county health officer, Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, expressed the opinion that if public medicine is to be a success it must have the support of organized medicine. He declared that he was pleased with the support given public health work by the members of the local medical society.

Visitors at the meeting were Dr. Elizabeth O. Hayes of Atlantic Beach, formerly of Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Leola Hamner, nurse in the county health department.

Clayton Steel, Beaufort, Faces Charge of Assault

Clayton Steel, Negro, is being held under \$50 bond for his appearance Monday in Beaufort police court on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

Police allege that Steel cut Robert Jones, another Negro, with a knife at 11:30 Sunday night aboard the menhaden boat Swanson. It is believed they got into an argument over gambling. The Swanson was tied up at the Gulf dock in Beaufort.

Steel was cut also. He had a laceration on his hand and Jones sustained a gash in his head. Jones is plaintiff in the case.

Carl W. Garner Re-Elected Conservation Supervisor

Carl W. Garner, Newport RFD, has been reelected to a three year term as supervisor of the Lower Neuse Soil Conservation district.

Lawrence A. Garner, Jr., also of Newport, and W. J. Hardesty are the other supervisors from Carteret county. The district is made up of Carteret, Craven, Onslow, Pamlico and Jones counties.

Farmers wishing on - the - job help in solving soil and water problems should ask their nearest supervisor for assistance.

Just completed within the past week is the new reading room of the Carteret County public library, Broad and Pollock st., Beaufort.

Mrs. L. A. Oakley, librarian, has extended a special invitation to each resident of the county to visit the library, now resplendent in Christmas decorations.

Bookmobile Distribution
Of the 10,000 books in the library more than 3,000 are in circulation due to distribution from the bookmobile. More new books are being added daily and the supply of books on social hygiene is being increased.

Among that type of book are "She's Off to Marriage," "Boys Grow Up," "Off to a Good Start," "Teen Days," and others. Special efforts are being made to cooperate with the home demonstration club reading program.

Twenty home demonstration club women received certificates for having completed required reading this year and it is hoped that 50 certificates will be awarded next year, commented Mrs. Oakley.

Books Easier to Find
Books are much easier to find since more space is available. Comfortable chairs have been placed in the new reading room and one of the most notable additions is a magazine rack containing current periodicals. A rack for newspapers has also been placed in the new reading room.

Both of these pieces of furniture were built by boys in the wood-working class at Morehead City school, supervised by Delfido Cordova. Mrs. Darden Eure, who requested that the racks be made, is a member of the library board.

Current Magazines
Magazines to which the library now subscribes are the following: Harpers, Harpers Bazaar, Life, Mademoiselle, National Geographic, Nature Magazine, Newsweek, Outdoor Life, Popular Science, Popular Mechanics, Science News-letter, Time, Saturday Review of Literature, The New Yorker, Atlantic Monthly, Better Homes and Gardens, Coronet, and Good House-keeping.

Juveniles—Child Life, Jack and Jill, Story Parade, American Girl, Boys Life, Open Road for Boys, and Seventeen.

Mrs. Oakley urges readers to take time to browse or sit in the library to read. Unless the new reading room is used, it will be impractical to keep it heated.

The librarian said all members of the library board are responsible for the improvements. Building, placement and painting of new shelves was supervised by Mrs. Julius Duncan and Mrs. C. R. Wheatly.

Jaycees Commend City Clerk Lashley

John Lashley, city clerk of Morehead City, received a letter of thanks and congratulations this week from the Jaycees.

The letter follows: The Morehead City Junior Chamber of Commerce, having the welfare and civic improvement of our Community at heart, wish to congratulate and commend you for the excellent work you have done in managing the decorating of our streets for the forthcoming Christmas season.

The tree at the corner of 10th street is beautiful and we wanted you to know that we are appreciative of the fact that it is due mainly to your personal labors.

We are sure that your Christmas will be much happier in the knowledge that you have made it more beautiful for the enjoyment of others.

Yours very truly,
Morehead City Junior Chamber of Commerce,
By Ethian S. Davis, Jr., Secretary.

Fire Station Looks Like Santa's Main Workshop

The second floor of the Morehead City fire station looks like Santa Claus's main workshop.

Dingy trucks, broken tricycles, little washing machines and hundreds of other toys have been repaired and now glisten with new paint.

There's only one thing lacking: a fireman who can sew a fine stitch. When it comes to dressing dolls, the boys are in the same fix they are in front of a roaring house fire with no water.

Toys will be distributed to children next week.

Hours Revised
Beaufort postoffice will remain open until 5 p. m. tomorrow and next Saturday, C. Z. Chappell, acting postmaster, has announced.

The Morehead City postoffice will remain open until 6 p. m. tomorrow but will observe the Saturday before Christmas as a half holiday.

Bishop Will Visit St. Paul's Sunday

Stained Glass Windows, Lectern Bible Will Be Dedicated

The Rt. Rev. Thomas H. Wright, D.D., bishop of the diocese of East Carolina, will visit St. Paul's Episcopal church Sunday, for confirmation and dedication services.

At the 11 a. m. service, Bishop Wright will preach and confirm a class of 20 persons. At this service he will also dedicate the three stained glass windows which have recently been put in the front of the church over the old slave balcony.

These windows were given by Mrs. C. R. Wheatly and her children, C. R. Wheatly, Jr., and Mrs. Ed Davidson in loving memory



Bishop Thomas Wright

of their husband and father, Claud R. Wheatly who was a devoted member of St. Paul's for many years. Mr. Wheatly was active in Sunday School work, was a vestryman, and was also senior warden of St. Paul's for many years.

The stained glass windows are of three figures, St. Peter, St. Paul and Christ.

At this same service Bishop Wright will dedicate the new lectern Bible given to the church by the Altar Guild. It will be dedicated in memory of the many women who have served the church in altar and sanctuary work.

While Bishop Wright is in Beaufort, he will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph House, and will be entertained at a reception by Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Walker Saturday afternoon and by Mr. and Mrs. David Murray of Morehead for dinner Saturday evening.

Morehead City town commissioners will meet in regular session at 7:30 Tuesday night at the municipal building.

Beaufort, Morehead City JCs Plan 'Operation Economy'

Gene C. Smith, Beaufort attorney, was appointed chairman of the Beaufort Jaycee Operation Economy committee by president Odell Merrill at the Jaycee meeting Monday night in the Inlet Inn dining room.

Work will begin immediately on putting the program of the committee to work, Smith commended. Each citizen of Beaufort should be informed of how consistently the federal government is wasting money and of the Jaycee program to see that this waste is stopped, he remarked.

Gifts to Be Given
Chairman Smith appointed Geo. Cottingham and Wiley H. Taylor, Jr., to serve on the committee with him. He said each of them would publicize the committee's work.

President Merrill stated that since the Beaufort and Morehead City Jaycee clubs were the only two in the county to undertake the Operation Economy program he felt that both clubs would profit by working together.

The Jaycee board of directors was empowered to thresh out the problem of dropping and re-enlisting members at their next meeting. Rules to be adopted by the board will be strictly adhered to, the group was told.

They voted to give a Christmas gift to Mrs. A. V. Pierson and the waitress in the dining room for the fine service and meals given to the group during the year.

Leale Davis had his name drawn for the attendance prize of \$1.40 but received only \$1.75 since he was not wearing a Jaycee pin. The group voted to dispense with the other meeting this month because of the Christmas holidays. Their next meeting will be Monday, January 9, 1950.

Letters should be addressed to See ECONOMY, Page 7

Edward Barrett, Negro Charged with Burglary, Awaits Superior Court Trial in County Jail

Fear Walks the Sentry Posts As Marines Hunt 'Thumper'

Apprehension bordering on the hysteria of war prevades Cherry Point Marine Base where, at night, through its vast acres roams the gargantuan Thumper.

Some say he is ten feet tall, others that he is at least seven feet tall. All reports coincide on the point that he is a Negro, a tremendous Negro.

Sentries on the lonely Slocum Creek posts where the alligators snore in the mud, walk with guns held at the alert, ever watchful, ever fearful.

But out of the brush the Thumper will spring and alertness, readied gun, are of no avail. He will swing with the might of Sampson, lay a sentry low, and then be gone into the forest recesses.

Reports leaking to the outside world from behind the brass curtain reveal that the Thumper has invaded the married officers quarters and has come as close to the main gate area as the Overhaul and Repair Building where thousands of civilian workers are centered.

No one knows where he will strike next, who will be his victim. Married officers wending their homeward way in the early hours of the evening have been attacked by the Thumper and left by him to lay unconscious for hours, unable to continue their homeward way until the early hours of the morning.

Wives cringe in fear at the very mention of his name. And now that Christmas has come and children are hard to put to bed, obedience is immediately accomplished with the dreadful words, "The Thumper'll getcha if you don't watch out."

The traditional intrepidity of the United States Marine Corps is of no avail. The elusive Thumper has all the qualities of exhaust from a jet.

And, unverifiable reports state that Board of Strategy thinking is now inclined toward inviting the police of Beaufort to take over the situation at Cherry Point, the police of Beaufort having caught their Phantom.

Merrimon Paving Project Finished

It's smooth sailing from highway 70 to the Merrimon church. Laying of the hard surface has been completed and early this week graders were leveling off the shoulders and work crews were clearing away brush close to the road.

The deer are puzzled by the new strip of black asphalt. One young doe was seen early this week when she came on to the road. The automobile frightened her and as she tried to run her hoofs simply went into a skid.

The unpaved road leading to South River and the other to the pulpwood company's camp were in good condition but the folks in the Merrimon community are looking forward now to the day when those will be paved.

They maintain that the winter rains will put those in impassable condition. Others believe that since the hard surface extends as far as it does, it will be easier for road machinery to come into the community and keep the unpaved parts graded.

The Merrimon project, paving of 12.6 miles, was begun in October. The state let the contract to Zeigler - Cline company, Fayetteville for \$107,443, culminating a 25-year fight for the road on the part of the Merrimon folks.

'CROP Was Flop' Chairman Reports

"Carteret county's 1949 CROP was a flop," CROP chairman B. J. May reported today.

Goal for the county's Christian Rural Overseas Program this year was one carload of mixed commodities. May stated. Instead, only a small pickup truckload and \$77 in cash was collected.

Main reason given for the county's failure to come near its goal was the failure of many crops this year. Most of the goods and money collected came from churches in the towns rather than from the country, the CROP chairman observed.

The state CROP office has advised that the commodities collected be converted into cash since the quantity is so small. An effort is being made to sell the cans of milk, fruit and vegetables and meats so that what little money there is can be forwarded to the state office.

Nurses Elect District Officers at Morehead City

Mrs. Janet Coates of New Bern was elected president of district 21 of the North Carolina Nurses association at a recent meeting in the Morehead City civic center to organize the district. Nurses from Lenoir and Craven counties attended with Carteret County Nurses club as hostess. Carteret county formerly was included in district nine.

In addition to Mrs. Coates, other officers are: Mrs. Richie of New Bern as first vice-president, Miss Josephine Sykes, New Bern, as secretary, and Mrs. Lela Bidham of New Bern, treasurer.

Membership is open to registered nurses of six counties, Onslow, Craven, Jones, Lenoir, Pender and Carteret, which comprise the district.

Mrs. Mary Privette of Beaufort, opened the meeting and presided as acting chairman until officers were elected.

Inquest Postponed

An inquest on the death of James Bell, Morehead City Negro who was fatally burned Friday night, was called Wednesday night in Morehead City but had to be postponed when David T. Willis, one of the jurors, failed to appear.

James Junior Cole to Serve Six Months On Roads for Theft of Bicycle

Collisions Cause \$1,200 Damage

Two Accidents Occur Within Five Minutes in Same Block of Morehead

Two accidents within five minutes in the same block of Morehead City Wednesday afternoon resulted in damages estimated at over \$1,200 to four automobiles.

The first accident occurred at 1:15 p.m. when the 1929 Ford station wagon driven by Craig Clark Neal collided with the right rear fender of a 1947 Chevrolet driven by Clement John White, Catholic priest, in front of the Catholic rectory between 17th and 18th on Evans street.

No Charges Filed
The Chevrolet was turning into a driveway when Neal's car struck it. Damage to the Chevrolet was estimated at \$25 and the Ford received \$50 damages. No charges were preferred.

Five minutes later another accident occurred at the intersection of 17th and Evans streets as police officer Norbert Griffin was arriving to investigate the first. A 1949 See COLLISIONS, Page 7

Port Work Will Start April 1

Actual work on construction of Morehead City's port facilities will begin approximately April 1, 1950, Robert G. Lowe, manager of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce announced today.

Mr. Lowe returned from Raleigh Wednesday where he discussed port affairs with Col. George W. Gillette, head of the State Ports Authority, and other state officials.

Contract for work on the local project has been let to the firm of Carr, Greiner and Co., of Durham, contractors who built the Marine air base at Cherry Point. Approximately a year's work will be involved with a sizeable payroll being spent locally on the two and three-quarter million-dollar project, the Chamber manager said.

Ground-breaking ceremonies are planned for early April. Many officials are expected to be present for the occasion.

Town's Road Work Shows Progress

New roads have been opened in the northwest section of Morehead City under the road rehabilitation and reconditioning program started when the new motor grader was purchased this past summer.

Under the program clay and sand have been purchased to fill in low thoroughfares and extensive grading has been done on the unpaved streets.

Mayor George W. Dill commented, "There's a lot of money been spent that can't be seen. Catch basins and drains have been placed to correct the long-existing insufferable drainage problem in many parts of the town."

To open the new streets bushes and brush had to be cleared. On many roads drainage ditches have been opened.

Mrs. Lesta N. Willis Wins Sheldor Refrigerator

Mrs. Lesta N. Willis, 1110 Shepherd st., has won a Sheldor refrigerator in the Croley Million Dollar Giveaway contest, sponsored in Carteret county by the R&N Furniture company, Bridges st., Morehead City.

Judges in the contest were H. L. Joslyn, George W. Dill, Jr., and Mrs. Delfido Cordova, Morehead City.

Mrs. Willis' winning rhyme follows: Spoiled meats and vegetables too, Groceries gone—what to do? Prices high; no grocery money Life ceases to be funny Two small babes and a spouse to feed This CB-9 is what I need For our health's sake and happiness too I hope to win—I do! I do!

Probable cause was found in the case of Edward Barrett, Morehead City Negro charged with burglary, in Tuesday's session of recorder's court and he was bound over to superior court without bond.

Barrett was jailed following a chase through Morehead City streets early on the morning of Nov. 27. The homes of Herman Wetherington and Doycie Rice were burglarized early that Sunday morning and a bloodhound was obtained to track the burglar.

The dog trailed the culprit through Morehead City streets and alleys and finally ended up at the last house on the north end of 18th st. After being admitted to the house, the dog went straight to Barrett who was placed under arrest and held for Tuesday's hearing.

Cole Sentenced
James Junior Cole was sentenced to six months on the roads for the theft of a bicycle valued at \$50. Cole stole the bicycle recently from Walter Thomas, Morehead City youth, and rode it to New Bern where he attempted to sell it to the son of Sheriff Berry of Craven county. He was arrested and brought here for trial.

Probable cause was found in the case of Floyd C. Robinson, charged with the larceny of \$200 worth of groceries which he converted to his own use, and Robinson was bound over to superior court under \$300 bond.

Fined \$25
Harold F. Howell was found guilty of illegal possession of non-tax-paid whiskey after being charged with possession and transportation of non-tax-paid whiskey, and was fined \$25 and costs. Duffy Arnold was found guilty of the same offense and received the same penalty after being charged with aiding and abetting in the possession and transportation of non-tax-paid whiskey.

A three months sentence on the roads for Henry Jones was suspended on payment of \$50 and costs. Jones was found guilty of assault which inflicted serious injury.

Speeder Found Guilty
Louis Randolph Johnson, charged with reckless and careless driving and speeding in excess of 55 miles per hour, was found guilty of speeding. Sentence was suspended on payment of the costs and \$45, \$20 of which was to go to George R. Franks for damage sustained.

Sentence of six months on the roads for Albert Paul Rose was suspended on condition he pay a \$25 fine and costs and refrain from operating a motor vehicle on North Carolina highways for one year.

Pleads Guilty
Clennie Frazier pleaded guilty to drunken driving and was fined \$100 and costs. William A. Hastob was fined \$25 and costs when he pleaded guilty to speeding and careless and reckless driving. Charles A. Fitzpatrick pleaded guilty to failing to give a hand signal when making a left turn, thereby causing an accident, and was fined \$10 and costs.

A fine of \$10 and costs were assessed against Erics J. Perkins See BURLARY, Page 7

Car Hits Pile of Ties At Railroad Crossings

George Dolby, a colored fisherman of Whitestone, Va., escaped injury at 9 o'clock Saturday night when his car struck cross-ties piled at the Atlantic and East Carolina crossings leading into the Standard Oil property, Morehead City.

Dolby, 23 years old, was driving a 1942 Chevrolet sedan west at approximately 20 miles per hour, he told State Highway Patrolman J. W. Sykes.

He said he suddenly saw a car in front of him, turned and swerved back and forth, finally hitting the pile of ties. Damage to his car is estimated at \$150.

Dolby, a menhaden crewman, was alone in the car at the time of the accident.

Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar

HIGH	Friday, Dec. 16	LOW
4:55 a.m.	11:23 a.m.	
5:16 p.m.	11:22 p.m.	

Saturday, Dec. 17	Sunday, Dec. 18
5:52 a.m.	Midnight
6:13 p.m.	12:21 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 19	Tuesday, Dec. 20
6:46 a.m.	1:08 a.m.
7:07 p.m.	2:07 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 21	Thursday, Dec. 22
8:29 a.m.	1:59 a.m.
8:47 p.m.	2:56 p.m.

Mayor Appoints Fire Truck Driver

Walter (Boo) Moore Will Serve Until Board Meets In January

"For the protection of the town, the benefit and welfare of the people, I had to use my authority as mayor to name another fire truck driver," Mayor L. W. Hassell, Beaufort, said yesterday in announcing the temporary appointment of Walter (Boo) Moore to serve until the next meeting of the town commissioners.

The town board reached a deadlock at their December meeting when two persons were suggested by the fire department to fill the place left vacant when Edward Brock, former driver, resigned. The commissioners decided that they would consider a third man for the position at the January meeting and appointed no one.

Beaufort firemen answered an out-of-town alarm on Ann street ext., at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon to put out a grass fire. There was a short delay between the time the alarm went in and the time the fire truck went out due to there being no relief driver at the station to drive another truck should a fire have broken out in town at the same time.

By the time the truck arrived the fire had been put out. No damage was caused.

Club to Entertain At Holiday Party

Beaufort Rotarians will entertain Rotary Agers at a Christmas party Tuesday night at the Inlet Inn. Following dinner there will be a Christmas program.

Serving on the party committee are N. F. Eure, Jack Oakley, and B. F. Copeland.

Speaker at Tuesday night's meeting, replacing D. F. Merrill who was scheduled to talk, was Dr. H. F. Prytherch who told of his life.

One of 16 children, Dr. Prytherch was born in Binghamton, N. Y. He was graduated from high school in 1916 and by virtue of his high school basketball record he was given a four-year scholarship to Syracuse university.

In 1921 he won the New York state diving championship and gained fame in surrounding states for his swimming accomplishments. He served as lifeguard, received recognition for his Red Cross lifesaving work, and after graduation from college entered fishery research.

His work with oysters was begun on Long Island and Connecticut and in the latter part of the 1920's he came to North Carolina at the request of Col. Harrelson, now chancellor of State college, who was then head of the Board of Conservation and Development.

The speaker displayed his collection of medals and trophies and related some of his experiences during his 29 years in fisheries work.

Guests at the meeting were David Murray and Thomas McGinnis, both members of the Morehead City club. Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, president, welcomed G. W. Duncan, who had returned after being absent for several meetings.

Highway Officials, Mayor Hassell Inspect Roads

State highway department officials, accompanied by Mayor Lawrence W. Hassell, Beaufort, made a survey of roads in eastern Carteret county Wednesday.

W. Guy Hargett, second division highway commissioner, and R. Markham, division engineer, said a survey would be made Jan. 1 of the Marshallberg road and surveys of other roads would follow, according to Mayor Hassell.

YPFSL to Sell Wreaths

Members of the Young Peoples' Service league, St. Paul's Episcopal church will make and sell Christmas wreaths again this year. Last year, the wreaths were beautiful and they were unable to fill all the orders they had. If you wish a wreath for your door this Christmas, get in touch with Mrs. N. H. Russell, Mrs. Margaret Hopkins, Robert Robinson or Guy Smith; or, call Beaufort 3306, and the order will be taken care of.