

Capt. Glenn Willis, Beaufort, Shot in Washington

Raymond Garris Recovers From Skull Injury

Garris Automobile Collides Head-On with Car Driven By Marine Sergeant

Raymond Garris, employee at Stroud's Food center, Morehead City, received a fractured skull at 7:45 a. m. Tuesday when the car he was driving collided head-on with another automobile three miles west of Cherry Point on highway 70.

Garris is recovering in Tayloe hospital, Washington, where he was taken after being treated at Kafer Memorial hospital in New Bern. Garris, driving a '47 Plymouth was on his way to a Lions convention at Goldsboro. He was alone in the car.

Driver of the other car, a '39 Buick was S/Sgt. Jack L. Luckett, who was treated at Cherry Point dispensary for shock and lacerations. Sgt. Frank Jenkins, a passenger in the Buick, suffered multiple lacerations and contusions and is being treated at the base hospital.

Marine investigation officers said that the Buick driven by Luckett was going east toward Morehead City and had pulled out to pass a slower car when the collision occurred. The cars met slightly to the left of center and the force of the crash-up, with an estimated impact of 95 miles per hour, destroyed both vehicles.

Officers said that no evidence of the use of brakes by either driver could be found.

The location of the collision was between Laughinghouse's Garage and Ketter's filling station.

Mr. Garris makes his home in Morehead City with John T. Willis.

Commissioners Decide to Enforce Meter Ordinance

Morehead City commissioners have about-faced on the parking meter proposition.

At a special meeting of the town board Monday afternoon the police department told commissioners that car owners disregarded meters and leave their cars parked for indefinite periods of time without paying for the privilege.

Yellow tickets placed by police men on windshields are disregarded, the officers said.

The town fathers have now instructed the police department to give citations to all violators. License numbers of the cars will be taken and should the violator not appear at the police station, his name and address will be obtained at Raleigh and he will be summoned before the mayor and given the maximum sentence permissible by law.

Mayor George W. Dill requests that all motorists cooperate with the police department and "save themselves embarrassment."

B&PW Club Members See Skit, 'Miracle of America'

Mrs. Kay Kunenetz, member of the Business and Professional Women's club presented a skit, "The Miracle of America" at the B & PW meeting Tuesday night in the Lottie Sanders building, Beaufort.

The skit followed a roast turkey dinner and no business meeting was held.

Taking part in the playlet were John Roberts, Pete Kunenetz, and H. F. Lindsay. Mr. Lindsay also played the piano while club members sang "Carolina Moon" and "America the Beautiful."

Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Friday, Jan. 27	LOW
2:41 a.m.	9:06 a.m.	
2:45 p.m.	9:05 p.m.	
Saturday, Jan. 28		
3:36 a.m.	10:08 a.m.	
3:37 p.m.	9:59 p.m.	
Sunday, Jan. 29		
4:31 a.m.	11:04 a.m.	
4:45 p.m.	10:52 p.m.	
Monday, Jan. 30		
5:24 a.m.	11:55 a.m.	
5:39 p.m.	11:43 p.m.	
Tuesday, Jan. 31		
6:14 a.m.	12:43 p.m.	
6:28 p.m.	Midnight	

Fire Struck Heart of Morehead City

By F. C. Salisbury

Fire! Fire! Fire! This was the cry that rang out in Morehead City in the night of January 28, 1908. Citizens responding to the alarm discovered the two-story wooden building occupied by the Paragon department store, owned and operated by the late L. L. Leary, was in flames.

This structure stood on the lot on which the brick building occupied by Hill's now stands. It was two stories high with two store spaces on the ground floor, and a stairway leading to the second floor.

The space to the west next to the alley was occupied by the Paragon which at that time, and for many years later, was rated as the city's largest and best department store. A general store in the east side was operated by Rob Wallace and J. B. Davis. On the second floor over the Paragon store was the barber shop of Fred Royal while the space across the wall housed the printing office of the town paper.

Was Fire Set?

The fire is said to have started in the rear of the Paragon building, in the millinery department. Reports at the time were that the building had been set afire. Efforts on the part of the citizens who constituted the fire department, to bring the blaze under control were of no avail. Fire fighting equipment at that time consisted

of a man-operated pumper and the water supply was from wells or cisterns about the town.

A strong wind blowing from the northwest caused the fire to spread rapidly to adjoining buildings. To the east of the Paragon building was the home of W. P. Adams and at the corner of 8th street was a one-story building in which Mr. Adams conducted a general store. In part of the Adams house was the office of Dr. McIntyre, the well-known physician who was the compounder of that famous household remedy known as McIntyre's Magnetic Liniment, good for man or beast.

Both the Adams home and store caught fire from the Paragon building as well as a dwelling in the rear of the Adams store on 8th street known as the Jim Arthur place. All were soon a mass of ruins.

Flames Jumped Alley

Flames jumping the alley to the west of the Paragon building soon enveloped a one-story wooden building known as the Dixon store. Located there was the town post-office, the postmaster at that time being Alvin S. Willis. The Dixon store as well as the Dixon home next door and the home of Thomas C. Willis to the south on Evans street were totally destroyed before the fire's course was changed by a shifting wind, leaving the small office building of Dr. Headen and the brick house of W. W.

Chadwick unharmed.

When the property owners in the path of the fire realized that their places could not be saved, the efforts of the firemen and helpers were turned to the saving of personal property. Contents of the postoffice were saved and following the fire, Postmaster Willis opened an office in the building now occupied by Dee Gee's shop, later moving into the Baker building on Arendell street which was torn down when the Wade Theatre was built.

Postoffice Moved Again

Later Mr. Willis moved the office to the Moore building at the corner of 9th and Arendell streets, now occupied by Penders. Mr. Leary purchased the Dixon property after the fire, erecting the present Paragon building where he continued his business activities until the time of his death.

At the time of the fire other business concerns in the section from 8th to 9th streets were a millinery shop conducted by Mildred Dixon in a one-story brick building which was the only brick structure in that block, located on what was later the west half of the present bank building and now occupied by the Western Union office. Next came a small wood-frame building used as a barber shop by Mart Wade and on the corner was the telegraph and express office under the management of the late Alex Webb.

State Board Will Adopt Shrimp Law Feb. 17 and 18

Preliminary Public Hearing Will Take Place in Morehead; No Date Set

The State Board of Conservation, ending a two-day session in Raleigh Tuesday, voted to hold a special meeting in Wilmington Feb. 17 and 18 to adopt regulations governing shrimping. Prior to that meeting a public hearing will take place in Morehead City in order that suggestions and proposals from commercial fishermen may be received.

The board established a new licensing system for commercial fishermen and shrimpers and gave seven small dehydrating plants permission to use scrap fish of edible varieties.

When the board meets in Wilmington next month, besides taking up the shrimp matter it will consider a suggestion that the Department of Conservation and Development employ a publicity man.

The suggestion came from Ferd Davis, board member from Zebulon, who said he didn't know of a comparable State agency which was lacking in someone to handle its publicity. Davis himself asked that a decision on the proposal be postponed until the February meeting.

Ticklish Situation

The shrimp situation has been a subject of alarm with the new board since last summer, when numerous complaints were made because of fish being destroyed by shrimp trawlers. Shrimpers themselves expressed alarm about the supply when the season's catch declined.

Regulations applying to the size of mesh which will be permitted for shrimping will be taken up at the meeting. For this reason, it was emphasized by Fred Latham of Belhaven, the board must act quickly. Otherwise, said Latham, a member of the board, many shrimpers already will have purchased their equipment for next season and may find that it does not meet legal requirements.

The board also expects to consider fixing definite opening and closing dates for the shrimp season.

New System

The new licensing system was worked out by State Fisheries Commissioner John A. Neffson and C. D. Kirkpatrick of the Division of Commerce and Industry, who was assigned to the task by George Ross, C&D director. The system is designed to make it simpler for inspecting authorities to determine whether boats or nets have been properly licensed.

The system provides: Fish and shrimp packers and shippers must display license cards in their places of business.

Gill nets must be tagged near the end of their cork line.

Pound nets must be tagged at the offshore end.

Fike nets must be tagged near the mouth.

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Defendant Gets Suspended Sentence in Property Case

Improvements Continue At Fort Macon State Park

Recreation facilities at Fort Macon State park will be improved during the spring to make ready for capacity crowds this summer, according to Charles C. Stott, assistant state parks superintendent.

Stott was in Morehead City yesterday to survey conditions at the park and make plans for work to be done preparatory to the June opening. Among improvements planned are two additional parking lanes to be ready by June and a large picnic shelter to be ready by the end of the season.

At present there is a bath house, refreshment stand, limited parking space, and a 500-ft. boardwalk in the park's recreation area, Stott explained. Top soil has been laid in the recreation area and brush fences have been built to prevent further wind erosion.

Blythe H. Noe Gets Promotion

Blythe H. Noe has been promoted from superintendent of the Beaufort office to district manager of the Washington district, it was announced at the annual banquet of the Home Security Life Insurance company, which was held in Washington, N. C., Wednesday evening.

Mr. Noe, who started as an agent with the company ten years ago, was superintendent of the New Bern office for three years, and for the past four years has been superintendent of the Beaufort office.

He will replace R. E. King, who is being transferred to Charlotte where he will be district manager. The Washington district will be divided, with a new district, New Bern, under the management of J. W. Hollowell being created. S. J. Keeter will be superintendent of the New Bern office which will include Aurora, New Bern, Beaufort and Morehead City. Fred Gore, formerly connected with the Beaufort staff, will be superintendent of the Jacksonville office.

Mr. Noe has served on the school board, is a member of the board of stewards of Ann Street Methodist church, a volunteer fireman, building inspector, and has held office in the Rebekah and IOOF Lodge. He will leave for Washington Monday, and his family will follow him as soon as living arrangements can be made there.

Planning Board to Meet

The Beaufort Planning Board will meet at 7:30 tonight at the town hall. At their meeting two weeks ago a monthly meeting night was set, the last Friday of each month.

Police Release Charles Hester

Charles Hester, 17, colored boy who was being held by Beaufort police on suspicion of committing the burglary early Sunday morning at the O. S. Clawson home, Beaufort, has been released.

Chief Louis B. Willis said there was insufficient evidence to warrant charging him with the crime. There is belief that two persons may be involved and investigations are continuing.

The Clawson home was entered at 12:30 a. m. Sunday and a pair of trousers containing a wallet with \$17 was taken. The trousers, keys and a knife in the trousers were found later in the car belonging to Gilbert Potter.

The car was standing about 500 yards from the Clawson home, near the Marsh and Ann street intersection. Mr. Potter, according to Chief Willis, found one of the front car doors open. He investigated and found the trousers tucked under the front seat and on the ground by the car keys and a knife.

A large butcher knife found beneath the window through which the Clawson home was entered, is now in the hands of S. G. Gibbs, of the S. B. I.

Hutton Pleads Guilty

Louis Hutton pleaded guilty to two charges of giving a bad check and was required to pay the costs and make the checks good. F. H. Fulcher and James Powell pleaded guilty to identical charges and received the same penalty. The charge of giving a bad check, against Paul Ferretti, was not prosecuted.

Kenneth R. Hixon pleaded guilty to possession of non-tax-paid whiskey, after being charged with both possession and transportation of the liquor. His plea was accepted and he was fined \$10 and costs.

Robert L. Cooper was charged. See DEFENDANT Page Three

Temperatures Go Up To 74 Tuesday, Wednesday

Carteret county folks perspired in temperatures past 70 Tuesday and Wednesday. The maximum was 74 degrees, according to E. Stamey Davis, official weather observer. The minimum temperature was also the same on those two days, 52.

No rain fell during the five days following last Friday, Jan. 20. Winds were from the northwest Friday, the northeast Saturday and were southwesterly since Sunday.

Temperatures, maximum and minimum, were as follows: Friday, 45 and 48; Saturday, 62 and 38; Sunday, 45 and 50; Monday, 64 and 51. Heavy fogs blanketed waterfront sections during the night and early mornings.

Makes Official Visit

Skipper of Lindsay Warren Dies In Tayloe Hospital

Capt. Glenn B. Willis, Beaufort, was shot and killed Wednesday night on a dock in Little Washington. Ralph Midgette, 43, of Dare county, a member of Captain Willis's crew, was being held in the Washington jail yesterday morning without bond.

Captain Willis was skipper of the Lindsay Warren, converted submarine chaser which made the run several times a week between little Washington and Ocracoke.

According to J. Bonner Paul, coroner of Beaufort county, Captain Willis was returning to the Warren shortly before midnight Wednesday when he was shot, probably with a 12 gauge shotgun. Captain Willis managed to walk off the dock to the intersection of Water and Bonner street where he fell.

Died in Hospital

An ambulance took him to Tayloe hospital where he died at about 2 a. m. yesterday morning without regaining consciousness. He was injured in the heart, lungs and left shoulder.

Midgette fired from aboard the boat, according to the coroner, at a distance of 20 to 30 feet from Captain Willis. It is believed he held a grudge against the skipper, but no definite motive had been ascertained by noon yesterday.

Admits Shooting

Midgette admitted the shooting. He told the authorities that he had two guns, a rifle and a shotgun. In the shotgun he used either No. 2 or No. 4 shot, but he told the police he didn't know which. He threw both weapons overboard after the shooting and until they are found, authorities say they will not be able to determine whether a 12, 16, or 20 gauge gun was used. They believe, however, that it was a 12. Midgette did not fire the rifle. He was reported to be in a daze after he was taken into custody.

He did not attempt to escape from the boat, but stayed there after his victim fell. Police say he had been drinking but was not drunk. Midgette is quoted as saying he "had just had enough to make him go through with it," and that he had been waiting several hours for Captain Willis to return to the boat.

While waiting, he related, another crew member came aboard and he took him below and locked him up.

Several members of Midgette's family live in Beaufort.

No Inquest

Coroner Paul said no inquest would be held.

The body was taken early yesterday morning to Bell and James funeral home in Morehead City.

Surviving Captain Willis are his wife; two sons, Glenn, Jr., and Pierson, both of the home, two daughters, Mrs. Pauline Hill, of the home; Mrs. Thurston Hill, Beaufort; his father, John E. Willis, Atlantic, a brother, Otis Willis, Beaufort, a sister, Mrs. Jesse Willis, Morehead City, and four grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements had not been made late yesterday.

Four Farmers Go To Seed Meeting

Four farmers from Carteret county attended a North Carolina Seed Producers association banquet in Raleigh yesterday, County Agent R. M. Williams announced today.

Those attending were Al Stinson, assistant county agent, Floyd Garner, field supervisor in the veterans farm training program in Newport, and Gilbert Slaughter and Alton Jones, both of Newport RFD.

Purpose of the banquet was to honor the highest corn producers in 1949 in each county of the state.

Jones, a vocational agriculture student at Newport school, raised 132 bushels of corn to one acre for an unofficial third place in North Carolina, and Slaughter, a veterans farm trainee, raised 100 bushels to an acre.

This morning Williams, Stinson, Raymond Wells of Lennoxville, and Jim Young and Jason Morris of Stella will attend a blueberry meeting in Burgaw. Purpose of the meeting is to discuss phases of blueberry production, processes of growing the berries and means of controlling insects. Each of the three farmers are raising at least five acres of the berries.

Will Attend Conference

Dr. C. Paden, veterinarian, is attending the North Carolina Veterinarians' conference this week in Raleigh.

Beaufort Honorees Receive Awards Monday Night

Wiley Taylor, Jr., Beaufort's man-of-the-year and Odell Merrill key man, were presented their gold keys at the Monday meeting of the Jaycees at the Inlet Inn.

The key man received a gold key, similar to the man-of-the-year award, rather than a plaque as announced at the Saturday night banquet. Presentations were made by Jaycee Gene Smith. The awards did not arrive in time for the banquet.

John Butler won the attendance kitty and it was agreed to discontinue this practice. For several months names were drawn and the lucky man won the cash contributed that night by fellow Jaycees.

Plans are being made for production of a minstrel show in March. A meeting of the end men was held last night. Script and music have been ordered from a play publishing house.

Robert Morris To Play Mozart Concerto Feb. 14

Little Symphony Program Includes Varied Types Of Numbers

Robert (Bobby) Morris, guest pianist to appear in Beaufort with the North Carolina Little Symphony at 8:30 Tuesday night, Feb. 14, will play Allegro from the Concerto in D Minor for Piano and Orchestra by Mozart. His appearance will precede intermission and will be the second number on the program.

Young Morris, a student at Atlantic high school, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Morris, Atlantic.

The program, in its entirety, follows: Symphony in B Major by Bizet, all four movements; Allegro from Concerto in D Minor, by the soloist.

Ballet music from William Tell, by Rossini; Trink to Me Only With Thine Eyes by Pochon; Sheep and Goat Walkin' to the Pasture by Guino; Turkey in the Straw arranged by Guino.

The Sunka Cathedral by Debussy; Sleigh Ride by Anderson, and Dances from Henry VIII, Morris Dance, Shepherd's Dance, and Toreh Dance, by German.

Ushers for the evening concert will be Mrs. Charles Cheek, Mrs. Gilbert Potter, Mrs. K. W. Prest, Mrs. James Potter III, Mrs. Claud Wheatly, Jr., and Mrs. Clarence Paden.

Ushers for the afternoon concert will be Miss Mary Frazer Paul, Miss Letitia House, and Miss Jean Hopkins.

Mattress Burns In Johnson Home

Fire caused by a short circuited electric wire set fire to a mattress in the home of Frank Johnson, Beaufort, Tuesday night causing loss of the mattress, slight damage to an adjoining wall and smoke damage to the entire home.

Firemen received the call at 12:30 a.m. Wednesday and rushed four doors away to the Johnson home next to Manson's grocery in the 500 block of Broad street. They found the house filled with smoke but not much actual fire damage.

Fire broke out when an electric light wire leading to a floor lamp had been jammed between a bed and a wall. Insulation around the wire was damaged and a short circuit resulted.

Members of the Johnson family awakened to find the house full of smoke and called firemen. The mattress is beyond repair and a small portion of the adjoining wall was burned but otherwise nothing else caught fire. No one was sleeping in the bed.

Fire department members returned to the station by 1 a.m.

Alarm 12 was sounded because the fire was in the vicinity of the fire station.

Lou Gore Speaks Tuesday To Beaufort Rotarians

Carteret county is the finest place to live in the United States, Lou Gore, ex-president of the Morehead City Rotary club, exclaimed at the Beaufort Rotary meeting Tuesday night in the Inlet Inn.

President Thomas Ennett read a letter from District Governor H. A. Marks urging the Beaufort club to put on a special Rotary anniversary program in February.

Dr. Ennett announced that Halsey Paul would be in charge of next week's program. W. C. Carlton of the Morehead City club was a visitor at the meeting.

Lions Attend Convention

A large representation of Morehead City Lions and their wives attended the Lions district convention in Goldsboro Monday and Tuesday. They were President and Mrs. Frank Moran, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wainwright, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wickizer, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hinson, Barrett Davis, Judy Perry, Vernon Guthrie, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Davis, Oscar Allred, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Guthrie.