

## Colored Fisherman Shoots Cook Aboard Evelyn L. Willis

### Buck Hankins Faces Charge Of Attempted Murder

Following a shooting at 12:30 Tuesday afternoon in the galley of the menhaden boat Evelyn L. Willis, Buck Hankins, colored fisherman of Southport, was locked up in the county jail on a charge of attempted murder.

Henry Jackson, Negro cook aboard the Evelyn L. and victim of the shooting, was rushed to Morehead City hospital with shot gun wounds in his face. His left arm was severely cut by a piece of tin severed from a cup by the shot-gun blast.

#### Victim Will Recover

Jackson, also from Southport, was reported to be in good condition Wednesday afternoon and is expected to recover fully.

Hankins will be given a hearing in recorder's court Tuesday. His bond has been placed at \$1,000.

The Evelyn L. Willis was tied up at the Esso dock, Beaufort, when the fray occurred.

According to Police Chief Louis B. Willis, Hankins asked Jackson for something to eat. Jackson, who was cleaning the galley at the time, told him he couldn't have it until he was finished, so Hankins got a double-barreled 12-gauge shotgun and shot the cook.

Some of the shot struck him in the face and as he dodged behind a table in the galley, a piece from a shattered tin cup hit his arm.

#### Eye Witness

David Floyd, also from Southport and a fisherman aboard the boat, said he saw the shooting. Ernest Toler, pilot, ran to inform the police who were in the station less than a hundred feet from where the shooting occurred.

Both will appear as witnesses against Hankins.

After he fired the blast from the gun, Hankins hid in a cabin and left the boat. He walked to the entrance of C. D. Jones grocery and as Chief Willis started after him, he continued on up Front street. The chief caught him in front of C. V. Hill's grocery and told him he wanted to talk to him. At that time Officer Guy Springle drove up in the patrol wagon and the two officers ordered him inside.

Chief Willis said he made no effort to resist arrest. During questioning Hankins told the officers that he didn't know the gun was loaded and that he and Jackson were just fooling around.

The shotgun has been confiscated by the police.

### Beaufort Negro Booked on Auto Larceny Charge

William Junior Fulford Held Under \$1,000 Bond In County Jail

William Junior Fulford, Beaufort Negro, is in jail under \$1,000 bond awaiting trial on charges of auto theft and driving a car after his license was revoked.

State Highway Patrolman J. W. Sykes and Constable Charlie Krouse recovered a 1941 Plymouth belonging to George Dunn of Morehead City, at midnight Wednesday.

#### Car Spotted

The officers spotted the car on Arendell street, entering Morehead City just east of 4th. It continued to 5th street where it turned north and headed toward the unpaved section of town beyond Bridges.

There Fulford, who was driving, leaped from the car before stopping it and took off on foot with Patrolman Sykes after him. By the time Sykes returned with Fulford, Constable Krouse had stopped the car with its four passengers.

Riding in the stolen automobile were Oscar Boyd, 1200 Bay st., Stanley Jones, 408 N. 11th st., George Williams, 1009 Avery st., all of Morehead City, and Esther Anderson, Beaufort. Police say the passengers did not know the car did not belong to Fulford.

#### Taken at 7 P. M.

Patrolman Sykes said the Plymouth was stolen at 7 p. m. from a service station at Atlantic Beach where Fulford worked. The theft was not reported to police until 11 p. m.

The patrolman said the car had been left at the service station to have some work done on it and when the boss left to go to supper, Fulford had someone push the Plymouth, got it started, and made off with it.

### Mayor Sends Two Cases to Recorder

In a special session of mayor's court in Beaufort Tuesday afternoon Mayor Lawrence Hassell found probable cause in the two cases brought before him.

Howard Rhodes, charged with stealing groceries from the menhaden boat, Big Chief, was bound over to recorder's court, as was Henry Hodges, crewman aboard the Evelyn L. Willis. Hodges was charged with carrying a concealed weapon.

Rhodes and Hodges are in the county jail awaiting trial Tuesday. Rhodes' bond was set at \$300 and Hodges' at \$100.

Rhodes, a resident of Beaufort, was arrested by Officers Carlton Garner and Maxwell Wade at 1:30 Tuesday morning as he was walking along Queen street with the groceries, according to Police Chief Louis B. Willis.

Police were informed that Hodges had a .32 pistol aboard the Evelyn L. Willis and arrested him on a concealed weapon charge.

### Tug Damages Belhaven Dock Monday Afternoon

The Belhaven Fish and Oyster co., dock, Morehead City, was damaged Monday afternoon when the 84-foot tug Fortuna with Hunt Brothers No. 10 oil barge alongside was caught in strong ebb tides and swung against the structure which juts into the channel between 5th and 6th streets.

The oil barge had just discharged its cargo at Sinclair Refining co. The Fortuna is owned by the R. K. Davis Transportation co., of Hampton, Va.

### Post Offices to Remain Open Saturday Afternoons

The Beaufort and Morehead City post offices will be open until 6 p. m. this Saturday and the next, Dec. 23, to handle Christmas mail. The post offices will be closed Christmas Day.

Postmaster Harold Webb, Morehead City, announced that a change has been made in the time of outgoing mail Sunday. Instead of leaving late in the afternoon, the last mail leaves at 12:30 p. m., but all letters should be in the post office no later than noon.

### Morehead Soldier Missing In Action in Korean War

Sgt. Randolph Eubanks, Morehead City, son of J. R. Eubanks, 709 Bay st., and brother of Pete Eubanks and Mrs. Willie Marks, both of Morehead City, has been reported missing in action in Korea since Nov. 19, 1950.

His brother received a telegram this week from the Department of Defense, notifying him that Sergeant Eubanks is missing.

The missing soldier has two other sisters, one in Virginia and another in Maryland. He enlisted in the Army more than two years ago and in 1948 spent a furlough with his brother in Morehead City.

He was sent recently to Fort Lewis Washington, Seattle, and from there to Korea.

### Judge Hands Out Road Sentences, All Suspended

Judge Lambert Morris handed down three and a half years in road sentences in recorder's court Tuesday, but all were suspended.

Mike Earl Gould, who pleaded guilty to driving after his license was revoked, was given a year on the roads, suspended on condition he remain sober and on good behavior two years and pay a fine of \$200 within six months from Tuesday.

Frederick Hughes was found guilty of non-support. His two-year sentence was suspended, providing he pay the prosecuting witness, Mary Hughes, his wife, \$50 each month, beginning this month, for the support of their minor children. He was also ordered to pay court costs.

Philemon Shaw Beeton pleaded guilty to possession and transportation of non tax-paid whiskey. His sentence was suspended.

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### Four Injured In Wreck Sunday

Elijah Guthrie, 65, of Newport route 1, his sister, Mrs. Lucy Taylor, Capt. Raymond Demers, U. S. M. C., and Miss Rosa Joyce, both of Cherry Point, were injured in an accident at 10 o'clock Sunday night at the intersection of the Broad Creek road and highway 24.

Guthrie and Mrs. Taylor were admitted to the Morehead City hospital and Captain Demers and Miss Joyce were taken to the dispensary at Cherry Point. Guthrie received lacerations about the head, his sister had several ribs fractured, Captain Demers suffered bruises and a sprained knee, and Miss Joyce sustained a broken foot.

According to Cpl. W. S. Clagen, state highway patrolman who investigated, Captain Demers was proceeding east on highway 24 in a 1950 Ford. Guthrie, in a 1950 Ford truck, was on the Broad Creek road waiting to enter the main highway.

His truck, standing at an angle, made Demers believe the road curved and in his confusion the Marine captain turned, left the highway and struck the truck.

Damage to the truck was estimated at \$500 and to the car \$800. No charges were preferred.

### County's November Liquor Sales Total \$45,265.95

Liquor sales in Carteret county during the month of November totaled \$45,265.95, almost \$2,000 below October's sales of \$47,010.40.

Beaufort sales were \$15,642.35 last month. Morehead City's \$20,695.10 and Newport's \$8,928.50. Operating expenses were \$2,808.86 and state sales tax, \$3,847.61.

Paid to Morehead City hospital was \$946.80, to Beaufort \$715.64, and to Newport \$408.48. Estimated net profit was \$3,170.91.

### NEWS-TIMES Mail Rates To Go Up January 1

On January 1, 1951, yearly mail subscription prices will advance one dollar.

This is a reminder to all NEWS-TIMES mail subscribers that they may renew their subscriptions for one year at the old rates if the renewal reaches our office before January 1.

Example: if your current subscription expires sometime in October 1951, you may renew it now one year from October 1951, to October 1952.

Current yearly subscription rates are \$5 a year in Carteret county, \$6 a year outside Carteret county.

### Supreme Court Says Morehead Judge Not Qualified to Serve

By state superior court ruling Wednesday, Judge Luther Hamilton of Morehead City has been found unqualified as an emergency superior court judge. The higher court also nullified his judgments in two cases and opened the way for re-hearing of all cases tried before the "retired" superior court judge in the six weeks of court sessions over which he has presided since his retirement.

### Carolina Phone Company Allowed Rate Increase

Utilities Commission Authorizes \$750,000 Rate Hike Annually

Raleigh—(AP)—The Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company of Tarboro, which serves 88,095 subscribers in eastern North Carolina, will increase its rates by \$750,000 annually.

This was authorized, effective immediately, in a majority order handed down Monday by the State Utilities commission.

One commissioner, Joshua James, dissented.

The company, second largest telephone firm in the state, operates 104 exchanges and services Carteret county. It had asked for increases totaling \$1,273,359.

Needs More Revenue

In its order, written by Commissioner Harry Westcott, the commission said the company needed the additional revenue to finance improvements and meet increased operating costs.

Carolina Telephone is the fifth phone firm in the past week to receive authorization to increase its rates. Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company, the state's largest, has asked for permission to hike its rates by \$3,563,839 a year. A decision on this is due within the next few days.

Rates Will Vary

The rate increases for Carolina Telephone customers will vary, depending on the size of the exchange. For business phones, the increase will range from 50 cents to \$1.25 for one-party service; 25 cents to 75 cents for two-party; 25 cents to 75 cents for four-party; and 75 cents to \$1.75 for multi-party.

For residential phones, the new increase will be from 50 cents to \$1.25 for one-party; 50 cents to \$1.25 for two-party; 25 cents to \$1.50 for four-party; and 75 cents to \$1.75 for multi-party.

James, in dissenting, said the increase was at least \$100,000 in excess of what would be "fair, just and reasonable to both the applicant and the public." He added that records show the company's stockholders "have been realizing enviable earnings on their investments."

The court opinion explained that Hamilton's last two-year term as

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### Welfare Office Certifies 100 Cases In Need of Help This Christmas

To help the needy in Carteret county this Christmas, the department of public welfare has prepared a list of 100 worthy cases which THE NEWS-TIMES will publish in two installments as an aid to those individuals or organizations wishing to present gifts of cash, clothing, food, or toys. The first part of the list appears below.

Each case is numbered. Thomas McGinnis, superintendent of the welfare department, requests that organizations or individuals selecting a case notify the welfare department, phone 2-4391, of their choice.

### JCs Will Rebuild Scrap Paper Bin

Group Offers Assistance To City's Director of Civil Defense

Morehead City Jaycees will rebuild a scrap paper bin at the city dump. This plan was announced Monday night at their weekly meeting in the Hotel Fort Macon.

Location of the bin there will enable the city garbage truck to dump heavy cartons and similar scrap paper off as it travels to the dump. Charles Stanley has been named chairman of the January paper drive. His publicity chairman will be Dick McClain.

Warren Beck announced that a junk dealer has offered steel poles for construction of the bin. Heavy wire will also be used.

At the suggestion of Walter Morris, the Jaycees will write Robert Lowe, the town's director of civil defense, and offer him their assistance in a civil defense program for Morehead City.

James R. Sanders, chairman of the distinguished service award committee, reported that letters have gone out to the organizations who will choose the DSA recipient and the award will be presented at a dinner meeting in January at the Blue Ribbon club.

John Parker gave a report on Christmas toys repair at the fire department. Some of the toys don't need repair, others merely have to be cleaned. The toys will be wrapped and labeled with the names of the children who will attend the annual Jaycee Christmas party Dec. 21.

Dr. D. J. Eure, president of the chamber of commerce, and John Sikes, manager, attended Monday night's meeting at the invitation of the Jaycees. Sikes was a charter member of the Morehead City Jaycee organization. Dr. Eure commended the club on their football program and suggested that their program of showing courtesy to Marines be continued.

Dr. Russell Outlaw had charge of entertainment. Odell Morton was a guest. Following the regular meeting, the board of directors held a brief session.

### Morehead City Police Investigate Four Accidents

Morehead City police investigated four accidents recently, but no charges have been preferred against any of the drivers involved, neither was anyone injured.

A Cherry's Market truck, driven by Ward M. Henderson, 1212 Bay st., collided at 6 o'clock Wednesday night with a Ford truck driven by Malcolm Willis of route 1, Morehead City. The accident occurred at 25th and Bridges sts.

According to Officer Carl Blomberg who investigated, the truck driven by Henderson pulled out on Bridges street from 25th and struck Willis who was proceeding west.

At 9 o'clock Tuesday morning on 12th street, between Bridges and Fisher, a 1949 Plymouth driven by Edna Jones Player, 2304 Fisher st., was struck by a 1936 Ford driven by Robert Edward Ballou. According to Officer Herbert Griffin who investigated, Ballou was backing out from the school house and hit the right rear door of the Plymouth. Damage amounted to approximately \$50.

A 1948 Buick driven by Julius Anderson Nelson, 1808 Shepard st., collided at 7:55 a.m. Saturday with a 1948 truck driven by Stacy Willis, 1208 Evans st.

The accident occurred at 12th and Shepard sts. The Buick was proceeding east on Shepard when it collided with the truck traveling south on 12th. Willis told police he did not see the Buick. The truck he was driving is owned by the Willis fish house.

The truck was not damaged. Damage to the car is estimated at \$250. Officers Griffin and Edmond Willis investigated.

At 12:50 p.m. Friday a 1948 DeSoto driven by Alfonso James, Morehead City, collided with a 1948 Ford pickup truck driven by Joseph Paul Zalac of Salter Path.

According to Officer Griffin, James was pulling out from the curb on Arendell street, headed west, when he collided with the truck which was also proceeding west on Arendell. The accident occurred between 6th and 7th streets.

Damage to the truck was estimated at \$25 and to the DeSoto \$75.

### Two Cars Crash At Intersection

Two cars collided at 9:25 Wednesday night at the intersection of 28th street and highway 70, Morehead City, but no one was injured.

A 1947 Chevrolet, operated by Lawrence Swinson, Richlands, collided with a 1950 Ford, operated by Ben Hankins, a colored man. Hankins was proceeding toward Morehead City, when the Chevrolet which had stopped on 28th street at the stop sign, pulled out in front of him, according to Cpl. W. S. Clagen, state highway patrolman who investigated.

The Ford received damages amounting to approximately \$350 and the Chevrolet's damages were estimated at \$200.

Passengers in each car escaped without injury, but Swinson has been charged with driving drunk and Hankins with operating a vehicle after his license had expired.

### Cherry Point, Lejeune Would Get Millions Under New Bill

Washington—The Department of Defense yesterday asked Congress for \$1,858,719,810 to step up its program of urgent Navy and Marine construction at home and abroad.

Nearly \$83,000,000 in Navy projects were listed for the southeast. The major bases in Southeastern North Carolina, and one at Edenton come in for large shares of the proposed allocations.

Cherry Point Marine Air station would receive \$10,784,000 to be used in the development of support for jet operations.

Camp Lejeune, home of the Sec-

ond Marines, which has been crowded to the bulging point with fresh recruits, is allotted \$1,884,000. The money would be spent to correct deficiencies in its raw water supply; to expand primary sewage treatment facilities, and to build temporary emergency barracks.

Edenton would receive \$2,695,000. The fund would be spent for additional aviation facilities.

About two-thirds of the money is earmarked for bases, camps, air fields, and research projects in continental United States. The rest

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### Fishing Interests Protest Proposed Closing of Waters

Marine Corps Requests Raccoon Key Island Area Be Closed to Navigation

The Institute of Fisheries Research, the State Board of Conservation and Development, and fishermen have filed protests with Col. R. C. Brown, Corps of Army Engineers, Wilmington, in regard to the Marine Corps request that the Raccoon Key Island area be closed to navigation.

The protests inform the Army Engineers corps that the area is a valuable oystering grounds. To close it would mean closing also the strait between Raccoon Key Island and the marsh, making boats heading for the Neuse river from the southeast seek another passage. To do so would mean a run of an additional 10 or 15 miles.

Although the Marine Corps has not stated a reason for wanting this spot in Cedar Island Bay closed, it is believed that it is wanted for a bombing target range.

Around Raccoon Key two years ago 20,000 bushels of oyster shells were planted and the area now is a valuable source of food and income, the protests point out.

It is estimated that closing of waters and island specified by the Marine Corps would affect 50 to 150 boats and 15 shucking houses, according to W. A. Ellison, jr., director of the Institute of Fisheries Research.

### School Music Groups Will Give Concert Sunday

From 7:10 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sunday the Morehead City school band will play Christmas carols as the audience assembles in the Morehead City school auditorium to hear the annual Christmas concert by the band, glee clubs, and chorus under the direction of Ralph Wade.

The chorus and congregation will sing as the opening number "O Come All Ye Faithful." The band will play the professional, Fairest Lord Jesus. Following reading of the scripture, the chorus will sing Cherubim Song (Bortniansky).

Numbers by the Boys' Glee club will be "The First Noel and We Have Seen His Star (Noel)."

The congregation and chorus will sing Hark the Herald Angels Sing following a prayer, and the reading, A Christmas Carol, will be given by H. L. Joslyn.

Christmas Bells (Duncan) and There's a Song in the Air (Speaks) will be sung by the Girls' Glee club. The chorus and congregation will sing Silent Night, Holy Night and the concluding number will be Handel's Hallelujah chorus by the chorus.

Accompanists will be Ann Garner, Ann Webb, Mary Lou Norwood, and Joyce Willis.

The churches of Morehead City will not hold services Sunday night. Their members have been requested to attend the Christmas program at the school.

### Clerk Probates Will of Annie N. Rice, Beaufort

Probated recently by the clerk of court was the will of Annie N. Rice, Beaufort.

Her husband, John C. Rice, inherited the "home place on the north side of Broad street," Beaufort, and at his death the home is to go to her niece, Bernice Wheatley Jarman, and at her death to her two children, Even Fry (Jimmy) Jarman and Charles C. Jarman.

Willed to her brother, L. J. Noe, was 16 acres of farm land on the New Bern road. All her personal property was inherited by her husband, John, who was also named executor of the estate.

The will was witnessed by George J. Brooks and Claud R. Wheatley.

### Christmas Program Will Take Place of PTA

Mrs. R. M. Williams, Beaufort PTA program chairman, announced today that the Christmas program by the school chorus and glee club will take the place of the regular PTA meeting this month. The regular meeting is the second Tuesday in the month but was not held last week.

Mrs. Williams urged all PTA members to attend Tuesday night's program as well as the public.

others have felt the same way.

The citizens want paved streets, running water and fire and police protection. But evidently they don't want to pay for it. The fact is that if the right tax had been levied immediately after the bonds were issued, the debt would have been wholly or nearly all paid, while failure to do so has no doubt created heavy accruals in interest due.

My guess is that a small percentage of the amount spent by adult citizens for cigarettes, amusements, lipstick, holiday gas and other non-essentials would more than cover the increase in the tax rate proposed by Mr. Barbour. Spending money for the things mentioned is perfectly okay, but if necessary, which it isn't, I should think it would be agreeable to cut present quotas until the debt is paid.

Anyway, I can say, after having lived in a great many places, that a town overidden with debt is a stench in the body politic. Business men fight shy of such towns. And Beaufort can never reach its maximum development until it pays off its debt.

Thomas H. Carrow

Library to Close

The Carteret County public library, Beaufort, will be closed Monday through Friday of Christmas week.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### Thomas H. Carrow Comments On Beaufort's Debt, Taxes

Dec. 12, 1950 Philadelphia, Pa.

To the Editor:

I have been interested in the debt situation in Beaufort ever since the bonds for paving the streets were issued because I remember the mud puddles all over the town before the streets were paved.

Tonight I read the Dec. 8th issue of THE NEWS-TIMES, the article, Beaufort Board Considers Raising Tax Rate 20 Cents, and the editorial under the caption, Beaufort and Taxes. My interest was further stimulated.

It all reminds me of a piece that appeared in the morning paper here some 40 years ago under the caption, Philadelphia Corrupt and Contented. How would this do for the caption of an article on the debt-tax situation in Beaufort: Beaufort Befuddled and Beknighted.

It is incomprehensible to me how a body of men whose duty it is to handle the town's business intelligently and honestly can hesitate to take any action that is feasible to liquidate the town's honest debts, not only because it is dishonest to do otherwise, but a deliberate planned failure to do so makes Beaufort a byword among the many fine towns and cities of the state.

For years when I have considered buying property in Beaufort I was deterred by the debt and tax matter. I have no doubt that many