

Sheriff Holds Clayton Gillikin on Murder Charge

Shotgun Blast Kills Bennie Gillikin, Otway

Bennie Gillikin, 32, of Otway, was shot and killed instantly at 8:45 Saturday night while he was sitting in a car in front of Leo's Place on the Harkers Island road.

Clayton Gillikin, also of Otway, is in jail at New Bern, being held temporarily on charges of first degree murder. He was arrested at 9:30 Saturday night when he attempted to smash through a barricade of state highway patrol cars at Ward creek bridge.

Sheriff C. G. Holland stated yesterday that Gillikin is being held without bond and formal charges would not be lodged until after the coroner's jury delivered its verdict at an inquest at the court house last night.

Gillikin, the murder victim, will be buried at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The funeral service, with military rites, will be conducted at the home.

In addition to his father, C. W. Gillikin of Otway, Bennie is survived by four brothers, Bertie, Alton, Lemuel, and Lionel, all of Otway; and three sisters, Mrs. Edna Hancock, Betty, and Lucille, all of Otway.

Inquest Last Night

The inquest was conducted by Coroner Leslie D. Springle. Serving on the coroner's jury were Fred Davis, Elmo Davis, Ben Gibbs, Douglas Merrill, all of Beaufort; M. M. Ayscue, and J. W. Sykes, both of Morehead City.

According to Sheriff Holland, Bennie was sitting in his car in front of Leo Lawrence's place of business. With him was Clayton's estranged wife, Mrs. Clayton Gillikin of Harkers Island.

It was reported that Clayton, upon seeing them, got into his car and drove to Smyrna where he borrowed a .12 gauge shotgun from Headen Willis. Willis also sold him 10 No. 1 buckshot shells. According to the sheriff, Gillikin had owned the gun at one time, but in a business transaction Willis obtained the gun.

Willis, when questioned later, told the authorities that he asked Gillikin no questions when he came to buy the gun. He thought that perhaps Gillikin was going hunting.

"People shouldn't go hunting now, but lots of folks do things they shouldn't do," commented the sheriff yesterday.

Return to Leo's

Clayton then left Smyrna and returned to Leo's Place where he walked up to the car in which Bennie and the woman were sitting and immediately discharged three blasts in rapid succession.

One load struck Bennie in the left side of his chest, another load went directly through the car door, and it has not been determined where the other round went, but investigating officials believe it probably went through the door also.

Mrs. Clayton Gillikin, who dived to the floor of the car after the first shot, had a powder burn on the sleeve of her coat and was returned to her home. Bennie's body was later taken to Beaufort in the Adair Funeral home hearse.

Upon hearing the shooting, Lawrence rushed out of his place of business to tell the noise-makers that he would have no shooting around his place, the sheriff stated. As Lawrence went outdoors, Clayton leaped in his car and set off for Beaufort.

State Highway Patrolmen R. H. Brown and W. E. Pickard spotted a speeding car, the 1950 Buick which Clayton was driving. Not knowing of the shooting, they took his license number, but according to their reports, Clayton slowed down and they did not make an arrest.

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Beaufort Extends Rent Control Until July 1

Mayor L. W. Hassell announced today that Beaufort town officials took action the latter part of last week to extend rent control in the town until July 1, 1951.

Commissioners were contacted in regard to taking action on the matter after Dan Walker, town clerk, obtained information from Carl Winters, area rent representative, to the effect that the town could not "merely let control die."

Under federal regulation, unless towns decided otherwise, rent ceilings could be lifted March 31, 1951.

Defense Director Says Night Alert Was Satisfactory

Civil Defense Director Gene Smith, Beaufort, highly praised air raid wardens and the colored defense corps for "the splendid job" they did at 8 o'clock Thursday night during the first night air raid alert in Beaufort.

Smith was pleased with the alert as a whole, commenting that only several business houses on Front street were alight. The owners neglected to turn off signs and window display lights at the end of the day's business.

Air raid wardens, under the supervision of John Miller of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, were on the job in their designated areas. A sound truck went through the streets asking pedestrians to stay inside and notifying traffic to pull to the side of the street and stop.

Fire engines dispersed to various sections outside towns as they did in the day alert in February. Smith, summing it up, said, "Ninety per cent of the people cooperated."

He added that the major flaw is the weak siren. The siren cannot be heard in all parts of town except in dead calm.

The civilian defense committee will meet at 7:45 p.m. Thursday, April 12, in the director's office in the Merrill building.

House Bill Would Provide Advisory Fisheries Board

Pamlico County Legislator Introduces Measure Proposing Seven-Man Group

The House Commercial fisheries committee has before it now a bill that would provide for appointment of a seven-man fishery advisory board for the State Department of Conservation and Development.

The bill, No. 896, was sent forth Wednesday by Rep. T. J. Collier of Pamlico county, chairman of the house commercial fisheries committee.

The advisory group would be appointed by the Governor, its members to come from the state's commercial fishing counties and would have to possess "an intimate knowledge" of commercial fishing.

W. H. Potter, Beaufort, suggested at a Board of Conservation and Development meeting last summer in Morehead City that such a group be appointed.

Suggests Fishermen

When contacted yesterday Potter said that members of the board should not only be representatives of the fishing industry but should consist of fishermen themselves.

"There's a great need for a group of advisors of that type," he commented.

Collier declares in his bill that "neither the Board of Conservation and Development nor the Commercial Fisheries committee of said board has the personal acquaintance with the industry necessary to insure its effectiveness regulation. . . . They are in serious need of counsel from individuals familiar with its needs and problems."

Three of the advisory board members would be chosen for three-year terms, two for two-year periods and two for one-year terms.

Some commercial fishing spokesmen say that the recent death of Chairman Roy Hampton of the conservation board left it without a single member who is really familiar with commercial fishing problems. Hampton, a Plymouth man, See HOUSE BILL, Page 5

Commissioners Approve of Newport Home Zoning Control Board Proposal

County Board Okays Request On 24th Street, Morehead City

The county board, in regular session yesterday morning at the court house, approved a request presented by Don Jenkins of Newport regarding establishment of a Newport Home Zoning Control board.

The commissioners authorized that a bill be introduced in the legislature providing for a five-member board empowered to set up zoning regulations for the area between the western limits of Newport and the Craven county line.

Petition Presented

Members of the board, under the proposal presented by Jenkins, would be residents of the area affected. Jenkins presented a petition, with specific regulations, which he said was signed by more than 51 per cent of the property owners affected.

The proposal, as presented by Jenkins, would include only 600 feet on either side of highway 70. It would not prohibit, he explained, the operation of farms in that area as long as public health was not endangered.

Doubt Expressed

The county board expressed doubt that a bill could be whipped into shape and passed in this session of the legislature because the legislature is expected to adjourn within the next two weeks. They also objected to approving the specific regulations set forth in the proposal presented by Jenkins.

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Morehead Firemen Fight Four Fires

Fire Department Saves Oyster House; Puts Out Blaze at Chicken House

Prompt action by Morehead City firemen saved a recently-built oyster house Friday and later prevented complete destruction of a chicken brooder. The department answered two alarms Thursday.

Chief Grady Bell and his men arrived in the nick of time Friday at 1 a.m., to put out a blaze that threatened to spread throughout Henry Smith's oyster house located on Newport river at Crab Point.

With business just beginning in the new building, and the first crabs being cooked, a fire originated in the attic burned part of the roof and ceiling before firemen could control the flames.

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40 Children Attend Eye Clinic

The first school-health eye clinic of the year was held at the office of the county health department recently under the supervision of Dr. James B. Hawes, Washington, N. C.

Sponsored by the State Commission for the Blind, and the county health and education boards, the clinic made possible the examination of 40 under-privileged children. Eleven were Negroes.

Glasses were prescribed in 29 instances, while three cases required both glasses and surgery. One of three surgery cases involved the removal of one eye, and a suspected brain tumor victim was referred to Duke hospital. Seven children required no treatment, six of which had not been selected by the health department.

Commenting on the value of good vision, Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, health officer, emphasized that no common defect retarded school more than poor vision. Almost without exception, teachers observe marked improvements in students' work after glasses are obtained. Dr. Ennett reported.

He also announced yesterday that the health department has finished regular school examinations for the eastern part of the county, and expects to conclude tests in the western half by the end of this week.

Lions Spend Night Of Fun Thursday

Lions club members enjoyed an old-fashioned fun session Thursday night at their Hotel Fort Macon meeting. A novel game, "Pass the Glass," had members elated with joy and grumbling in disgust.

The game introduced by Duffy Rowe, is played to music. A glass is passed around from person to person, and when the music stops, the unfortunate possessor of the glass must drop in a certain amount of change. In the last round, the lucky glass-holder wins the glass and its contents.

Before the program began, Dr. Darden Eure, president of the Morehead City chamber of commerce, invited Lion members to attend the annual chamber of commerce meeting April 12. Most Morehead City civic clubs will be represented at this gathering which features W. D. Carmichael, business manager and comptroller of the University of North Carolina, as speaker.

Next week a nominating committee will be appointed by Lion President J. G. Bennett to nominate officers for the approaching club elections.

Mr. and Mrs. Raz Autry Will Supervise Summer Recreation

Two Face Charges For Fighting

Walter Davis and George Larcen, Morehead City residents charged with fighting and disturbing the peace Friday night in Mac's Place, Arendell st., Morehead City, are out on bond. They were scheduled for hearing in mayor's court yesterday but the case was continued until next week. Each defendant posted \$50 bond.

According to police reports, Davis and Larcen were fighting and broke a window at Mac's.

Five cases were bound over to recorder's court: Alvin Harris Mills, charged with driving drunk; Dorothy Hester and James Johnson, cohabiting; and Ethel Thompson and Winfred Noxom, cohabiting.

Allen W. Jones, taxi driver, was ordered to pay court costs on a charge of driving without a taxi permit. He was ordered to obtain a permit before continuing operation of his cab.

D. G. Bell, mayor pro-tem, held court in the absence of the mayor, W. L. Derrickson.

Clerk of Court Probates Arthur Bradsher Will

The last will and testament of Arthur Brown Bradsher, giving all real and personal property to his wife, Elizabeth C. Bradsher, was filed and probated March 17, 1951 by the clerk of superior court.

Besides his wife, Bradsher named W. H. Muse of Erwin, N. C., as executor and trustee. Upon the death of Muse or his refusal to act as executor and trustee, Bradsher appointed State Planters' Bank and Trust company of Richmond.

Two Montreal citizens, Carl Sutton, a tobacco buyer, and C. Sinclair, advocate, served as witnesses to the will.

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Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar		
HIGH		LOW
Tuesday, April 3		
8:05 a.m.		12 Midnight
6:22 p.m.		12:14 p.m.
Wednesday, April 4		
6:51 a.m.		12:43 a.m.
7:08 p.m.		12:58 p.m.
Thursday, April 5		
7:34 a.m.		1:29 a.m.
7:50 p.m.		1:38 p.m.
Friday, April 6		
8:14 a.m.		2:11 a.m.
8:31 p.m.		2:16 p.m.

George W. Dill Reports on Doings In Legislature

George W. Dill, jr., Carteret county's representative in the legislature, stated over the weekend that he received several telegrams last week urging that he push the proposal for an increase in teachers' and state employees' salaries.

He remarked that nothing could be done about altering the report of the appropriations committee after it was presented on the floor.

"The time to send telegrams and ask for salary increases is while the appropriations committee is in session," he said. "If we had disrupted the appropriations bill, then the finance committee would have to do its work all over again, trying to find more revenue."

"This makes it appear as though there's a stubborn bloc in the legislature, but that's not so. If we don't defeat all sorts of motions from the floor now, we'll never get through," he declared.

Dill is a member of the finance committee.

"The way appropriations and revenue are set now is the way it's got to be for this biennium," commented the legislator. "The trouble," he continued, "people wait until now to go after what they want. What they should do is make their plans for 1953 now and then go up to Raleigh in two years."

Dill introduced last week a bill providing for the raising of fees for recording legal documents in the register of deeds office. If necessary, he will introduce this week a bill allowing for the 10 per cent county increase in property valuation.

Because this is not a quadrennium year, when property values are ordinarily allowed to be increased, an enabling act may have to be put through the legislature. Dill planned to consult the attorney general on the matter yesterday morning.

The legislator attended the Board of Conservation and Development meeting in Raleigh yesterday. He said he was going to speak to the board about "all the claims being hauled out this county" and about hedging fish.

The bill relating to superior court judges' retirement pay and relating to restoring the retirement pay of Judge Luther Hamilton is on the calendar.

"Things have reached the point now," Dill said, "where the speaker of the House may appoint a calendar committee and they will vote on the bills."

Charles Noe Files for Commissioner

Charles B. Noe, 122 Ann st., Beaufort, has filed for the office of town commissioner.

Noe, who said yesterday that he was independent of any party, is a diamond merchant and owner of the Richmond Jewelry supply co., Richmond.

This is the first time he has run for political office. Although Noe was born in New Bern, his father was a native of Beaufort and considers Beaufort his home.

When asked if he had any platform, the town commissioner candidate said, "Nothing other than the improvement of Beaufort."

Noe remarked that numerous friends have requested that he run for commissioner.

The town elections, in both Beaufort and Morehead City, will take place Tuesday, May 8.

Tobacco Specialist Will Speak Here Tomorrow

Roy R. Bennett, extension tobacco specialist, will speak tomorrow afternoon at two field meetings in the county.

At 1:30 p.m. he will give a fertilizer plant - bed weed control demonstration at Artis Garner's in Newport, where five plots were treated last fall to prove the effectiveness of various fertilizers.

At 2:45 p.m. he will meet with tobacco growers at John Young's in Stella, where tobacco plots were also treated last fall.

R. M. Williams, county farm agent, has sent letters to all tobacco growers in the county expressing the hope that all will attend.

Transport Docks
A United States Naval transport carrying troops from the Mediterranean, docked at Morehead City port terminal Sunday.

Beauty Contest Chairmen Seek Pretty Girls

Ronald Earl Mason and Charles Jarman, co-chairmen of Beaufort's Jaycee beauty contest and pageant for 1951, announced today that suggestions for contestants for Miss Beaufort will be welcomed.

The chairmen already have contacted 14 girls but will request more to join the competition if the people of Beaufort will name the ones they would like to see in the contest.

For the convenience of readers who have suggestions for Miss Beaufort of 1951, a blank appears on page three of today's NEWS-TIMES.

The pageant and contest at which Miss Beaufort will be selected will take place Thursday night, May 3, at the Beaufort school auditorium. The coronation and dance will be held the following night, May 4, at the Blue Ribbon club, located west of Morehead City.

The winner, who will receive numerous prizes, will advance to the state finals of the Miss America Pageant at Burlington in July. The contestants must be between 18 and 27, high school graduates or seniors who will graduate in June, and must be unmarried.

The pageant co-chairmen said that contestants will not be judged on talent this year. They will compete on the basis of "looks" only. It is their belief that the winner can then be taught—or will already be capable of entering the state talent and beauty contest.

Morehead City Wins Debates

Morehead City student debators came through with flying colors against Vanceboro Friday when they unanimously won both affirmative and negative contests on the question, Resolved: That the American people should reject the welfare state.

While Corinne Webb and Billy McClain were taking the applause on the affirmative facts and figures before Morehead students Friday at 10:30 a.m. Betty Jo Bailey and Hilliard Eure, negative debators were taking honors in Vanceboro school auditorium. Mrs. Rosalie Dowdy coached the victorious negative twosome.

The Rev. Lester A. Tilley of First Methodist church, Mrs. Lewellyn Phillips, and Alvah Hamilton were judges at the Morehead debate. Hamilton originated the North Carolina debator's union in 1919 at the University of North Carolina.

The twin victories enable Morehead City to put both debating teams in the district contest at Greenville April 12. Winners of this meet will compete for the Aycock Memorial trophy in the finals at Chapel Hill April 28-29.

Jaycees Collect 18,000 Pounds of Paper Sunday

A total of 18,000 pounds of scrap paper, the largest haul yet, was collected by Morehead City Jaycees Sunday, Chairman Charles Freeman announced Monday. Nine trucks and two semis were used to pick up the huge loads.

Freeman wishes to thank the public for making the drive so successful.

Another collection will take place next month with Dr. Russell Outlaw's crew attempting to better or at least equal the March total.

Annual Congress Scheduled

The National Rivers and Harbors Congress will meet in annual convention at the Mayflower hotel, Washington, D. C., May 10 to 12. Senator John L. McClellan, of Arkansas, is president. William H. Webb, Washington, D. C., attorney, is executive vice-president.

Beaufort Citizens Will Attend Band Meeting

Beaufort school patrons and businessmen are expected en masse at 8 o'clock tomorrow night in the Beaufort school auditorium to make plans for a better school band.

Beaufort citizens interested in fielding a better band have been requested to lend both their financial and moral support. A long-range program is contemplated and it is expected that in about three years a large, well-trained, and attractively-uniformed band will represent Beaufort school.

Licenses Revoked

Two drivers in this area have had their licenses revoked as the result of being convicted of motor vehicle violations in Carteret county recorder's court. They are William Rufus King, Morehead City, and Troy Leroy Justus, jr., Cherry Point.

Negro May Face More Charges

Benjamin Thomas, sentenced last week to 4 year on the roads for breaking and entering a cabin on the boat, W. M. Webb, may face an additional charge, Police Chief E. J. Willis reported Monday.

While Thomas was behind bars, police discovered a red and white colored flag dotted with numerous blue stars, and one yellow star, on his prison bunk. It is believed that the flag belongs to a club or church, and if Thomas can't explain how he obtained it, he may be tried over again and sentence lengthened.

Police also found an RCA speaker at the West End Service station Sunday night. According to Chief Willis, someone must have driven off with the speaker and got rid of it in a hurry.

A bicycle found by police three months ago still sits behind the police station, and can be claimed by anyone giving its correct number.

Beaufort Seniors to Present Play at School Thursday Night

Beaufort high school seniors will present their play, "The Able Miss Cain," Thursday night and not Friday, as stated in Friday's NEWS-TIMES. The seniors will visit East Carolina Teachers college Friday.

The characters in the play are as follows: Elinor Prescott, Shirley Lipman; Leaper Prescott, Billy Downum; Cheryl Prescott, Anna Lou Laughton; Petey Prescott, Tommy Davis.

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