

Beaufort Police Officers Hurt in Wednesday Crash

Truck Hits Police Car; Garner, Piner Remain in Hospital

Police Chief Carlton Garner and Officer Bertie Clyde Piner of Beaufort are recovering today in Morehead City hospital from injuries received at 1:10 Wednesday afternoon when a truck collided with the police car at the intersection of Broad and Pollock st.

The chief is suffering from a contusion of the right knee and sprained back and Piner sustained lacerations about the face, contusions and bruises of the body.

Dr. John Way, attending physician, said yesterday their conditions are very satisfactory.

The officers were going to a fire when the accident occurred, proceeding north on Pollock st., when the truck, owned by the International Pulpwood co., going east on Broad, smashed into them, according to J. W. Sykes, state highway patrolman who investigated.

The log truck, which was empty at the time, was driven by Charles Raymond Courtney, colored, of Merrimon. With him were two other men. All escaped injury.

Car Demolished
The police car is demolished and damage to the truck was estimated at \$200. Chief Garner, who was driving, was thrown out, unconscious, and Piner's head shattered the windshield. The chief was taken to Morehead City hospital by Hiram Kerr of Enfield, former member of the Beaufort police force, and Robert Mades. Piner was taken to the hospital in the Adair ambulance.

Courtney said that he was unable to hear the police siren on the car because of the fire alarm's booming, but others contend the alarm was not blowing at the time of the accident.

Investigation Continues
No charges have been made, pending further investigation. Among witnesses to the accident are C. L. and Leland Peterson and Dan Walker, town clerk.

The fire to which the officers were going occurred at the Louis Fenderson home where a stove overheated. The alarm was sent in from box 36, Queen and Pine st. Furniture in the home was damaged and firemen would have returned to the station in about 20 minutes.

Engineer Elmond Rhue said the battery had shorted, and a hole was knocked in the gas tank, creating a potentially hazardous condition unless precautions were taken.

The former police wagon, now used by the street department, has been pressed into service as a police car. Capt. Charlie Thomas, who started work as an additional policeman, due to the holiday rush, is on duty and also Officer Maxwell Wade.

Attorney Comments
Attorney George Ball remarked, "The town of Newport has done everything it said it would do and more." He also reported that the veterans have contacted a contractor who said he would put in the streets on credit and that the FHA has been contacted in regard to giving veterans a loan on water works and septic tanks.

Commissioner Ormsby Mann recalled that the town had lent the veterans \$470 for maps, surveys, and engineers' fees. "I'm getting tired of people coming and telling me what we haven't done," he added.

The town is still seeking a contractor to erect the water tank. Commissioners Ormsby and Early Mann declared they would like to see the tank go up, if only to preserve it.

Mayor C. A. Gould, jr., reported **See NEWPORT, Page 2**

Officers Take 16 Cases of Whiskey From Motorist

Greenville Man Faces Series Of Charges; Patrolmen Make Arrest After Chase

Sixteen cases of non-tax paid whiskey have been turned over to the sheriff and a Greenville man faces numerous charges as the result of a licky-split chase Wednesday afternoon on highway 101.

Charged with speed in excess of 90 miles an hour, possessing and transporting non-tax paid whiskey, careless and reckless driving, and hit and run is Jeston Henson Guirkins, 25, white employee of the city of Greenville who was released from the county jail yesterday under \$500 bond.

Guirkins was being chased by Lt. T. B. Brown and Sgt. V. L. Spruill of the State Highway patrol who spotted him with a load of whiskey in a 1951 automobile at Harlowe.

Guirkins lit out for Beaufort at better than 90 miles an hour with the patrolmen on his tail. But eight miles north of Beaufort at the intersection of the Ball road and highway 101 he sideswiped a truck owned by George and Raymond Ball of Newport RFD.

The one and a half ton truck, a 1951 model, was being driven by Zachariah Hodge of North Harlowe. The accident occurred when Hodge, who was also headed toward Beaufort, attempted to turn left as Guirkins was passing him.

Guirkins sailed on but one-quarter of a mile further on the road, the hood of his car flew up, the car ran in a ditch, and Guirkins jumped out. He started to run but the highway patrolmen took after him and took him in custody.

Patrolman Contacted
Lt. Brown and Sgt. Spruill radioed for Patrolman J. W. Sykes to head Beaufort, but the whiskey transporter had his difficulties before Patrolman Sykes could carry out his orders. Patrolman Sykes took Guirkins to jail and Patrolman R. H. Brown made the report on the accident.

Guirkins car is owned by James D. Mathis of Greenville. Further investigation is underway on whether Mathis is involved in the whiskey transportation. Damage to the car was estimated at \$300 and to the truck \$50.

Firemen Re-Elect Grady Bell Chief

Grady Bell was re-elected fire chief Monday night at the monthly meeting of the Morehead City fire department. Chief Bell was seriously injured early this year in a fire truck accident and while he was recovering Eldon Nelson served as chief. Nelson was elected assistant chief for the coming year.

Other officers are James Griffin, captain; John Parker, lieutenant; Vincent Lawrence, secretary; and Earl Freeman, treasurer.

In addition to electing officers the fire department agreed to spend \$200 to decorate the fire station for the Christmas holidays, the department will distribute boxes of groceries to needy families, and the fire truck will park sometime during the holidays, in the downtown business district with Santa Claus aboard to hand out fruit to the youngsters. The time and place of this event will be announced later.

During the business session Chief Bell's suggestion that the fire department purchase a Bible and open each meeting with prayer was approved.

Love of Nature Causes Auto Accident Sunday

To avoid hitting a fox, Robert Earl King, USMC, Cherry Point, in a 1947 model coupe turned upside down several times at 2:45 a.m. Sunday morning on highway 24 eleven miles west of Morehead City in the Gales Creek section.

King told Highway Patrolman J. W. Sykes that he was proceeding along the road at 50 miles an hour when a fox jumped out of the woods and ran across the road. He said he couldn't bear hitting it so he cut to the left, ran off the road, turned turtle several times, and came out without a scratch.

The car was demolished. No charges have been preferred against King, but Patrolman Sykes is still looking for the fox for questioning.

H. K. Simmons, TB Patient of Newport, Helps to Fight 'The White Plague'

To promote sale of Christmas seals in Carteret county, Mrs. G. T. Spivey, seal sale campaign chairman, has interviewed three tuberculosis patients. The first of these, H. K. Simmons of Newport tells his story:

A few days ago I was asked this question, "Would I help fight tuberculosis?" I was complimented and I knew that Mrs. Spivey knew as she asked me, that I would do anything on earth possible to fight this disease. Because you see this disease has kept me in bed now for almost five long years.

"I must say this though for the people of Carteret county, that I know this is truly the garden spot of the whole world, and since I have to be ill, I am glad so very glad that it could happen here where everyone is my friend. You see I really know something about friendship for one really learns through years of sickness.

"My son and my son-in-law have farmed my land since my illness began. When grass grows high in my fields and when my fields have needed planting or cultivating, my neighbors have come with their hoes, mules, plows and have made it possible for them to carry on. I have known the time when there were as many as twenty neighbors in my field at one time, they have come from as far away as the forks of Newport, Deep Creek and Cherry Point, giving their labor.

"As I look out of my window at the fields, I always thank God that my home is here in Carteret county. The churches in my community I am sure are God's own, because I know that His love shines from the hearts of their members. I have been remembered so many times by them during my sickness. I know that they always stand ready to help a neighbor in need. This does not only apply to me, but to everyone in the community.

"My hunter friends still remember my love for this sport and drop by after a good hunt, bring me game and tell me about their day so that I can follow at least in my thoughts, the joys of their day. My hair has been cut regularly by Kit Norris, my radio has been kept in repair by Fred Kelly and the repairs were kept up on my truck, until it wore out, by Moses **See SIMMONS, Page 2**



H. K. Simmons, Newport, bed-ridden with tuberculosis, appeals for support of the county Christmas Seal sale.

March of Dimes Official Lists Committees, Sets Drive Dates

Mrs. Roma Noe, Beaufort, chairman of the 1952 March of Dimes campaign, today announced the dates of the drive, Jan. 2 through Jan. 31, and also named committees.

The campaign is being sponsored by the Carteret Business and Professional Women's club of which Mrs. Noe is first vice-president. Serving on committees are members of the Business and Professional Women's club. Members of the schools committee and community chairmen throughout the county will be named next week.

"The drive for 1952 will continue four instead of two weeks," Mrs. Noe explained, "because inflation has hit hard. The cost of restorative treatment for a polio patient has increased considerably as well as the cost for immediate treatment when a patient is stricken. Although on a local level we have not been plagued with polio, we have drawn heavily, when it was necessary, on state and national funds. And I believe," she continued, "that each one of us wants to do his share in building up those funds so that if ever we need them we won't be ashamed to ask."

In charge of special gifts and corporate and business gifts is A. H. James, Morehead City, chairman of the county chapter, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Chairman of the campaign in Morehead City is Mrs. John Alford and in Beaufort Mrs. Walter Lasker. Miss Ruth Peeling is publicity director.

Other committees are as follows: March of Dimes cards, Mrs. Bonnie Davant, Miss Catherine Gaskill, Mrs. Violet Howard; coin collectors, Mrs. Bessie Henderson, Mrs. Wiley Taylor, jr.; Mothers March on Polio, Mrs. Otis Jefferson, Mrs. D. F. Merrill, Mrs. Blanda McLoon, Mrs. Julia Tenney.

Special events, Mrs. Gannon Talbert, Mrs. Retha King; radio, Mrs. Eva Johnson, Mrs. Taylor; motion picture, Mrs. Alford, Miss Peeling; clubs and organizations, Miss Betty Joyner and Miss Lil Morris; speakers, Mrs. Rebecca Smith; and sports, Ray Cummins.

Members of all committees will meet Friday night, Dec. 28.

Sheriff Cracks Down on Sellers Of Pistol Caps

Sheriff C. G. Holland said yesterday that two salesmen of illegal caps for toy pistols are expected to be apprehended within the next few days on charges of selling the caps in this county.

Ten cartons of caps, each containing 50 boxes, have already been confiscated, and are in possession of the sheriff. These were found at Newport. The distributors have been telling store owners that the caps may legally be sold.

Sheriff Holland said that the investigation of illegal fireworks sale is being carried on by his office, Deputy Sheriff Marshall Ayscue and the State Bureau of Investigation.

The sheriff issued a warning to all store owners stating that after next week if any caps are found in stores, the owner will be prosecuted. If however, the owner calls the sheriff's office within the coming week and reports that he has the caps, someone from the sheriff's office will pick them up. The store owner will not be arrested but he may be requested to appear as a state's witness.

Tenants to Get Rental Statement

Thursday, Nov. 29, was the last day of the 45-day period since Oct. 15, 1951, that was provided for the registration by landlords of all rental units in the Carteret county defense rental area, John Blair Mason, associate area rent director, said today.

"Tenants' copies of the registrations are being mailed to the tenants so that they may be fully advised of the contents of the registration statements applicable to the housing accommodations that they occupy," Mason said.

There should be a registration statement filed by the landlord for every rental unit in the area and each tenant in the area should get a copy of that registration. In the event that any tenant doesn't receive a copy of the registration statement of the accommodations occupied by him, he is urged and expected to make inquiry at the area rent office regarding his copy within ten days from Nov. 30, 1951, no later than Monday, Mason declared.

Pelletier Girl to Answer Charges in Court Dec. 18

Betty Ann Hardison, 17, Pelletier, has been charged with driving while intoxicated and without a driver's license as the result of an accident at 7:45 p.m. Thursday on highway 24 two miles east of Swansboro.

W. E. Pickard of the State Highway patrol reported that the girl was proceeding west in a 1950 model car owned by Luther Paul Jones, Pelletier, when she ran off the road and struck a tree.

Damage to the car was estimated at \$50. The case has been scheduled for trial Tuesday, Dec. 18, in recorder's court, Beaufort.

Alleged Thief Still at Large

The police department of Morehead City reported today that James Allen, New Bern Negro involved in a series of shop lifting robberies last Friday in both Morehead City and Beaufort, is still at large.

His alleged cohorts, Rudolph Saunders, 17, John Shepard, 16, and Ferrell Smith, 28, are in Morehead City jail awaiting trial Monday in recorder's court.

Officer Herbert Griffin said there has been no arrest made as yet in the recent theft of \$210 from the Morehead Motor Parts co. "We are still waiting for reports on finger prints taken from the cash register," the officer said.

Another robbery occurred Wednesday night when someone stole three chrome rims from the 1947 model Ford owned by C. E. Hentschel of Camp Glenn, police said. An investigation is underway.

Escaped Prisoner Steals, Wrecks Pickup Truck

Highway Patrolman Brown Apprehends James G. Rodman Monday Night

James G. Rodman, escapee from Newport prison camp, is back at the camp today after helping to harvest some corn, stealing a pickup truck and wrapping it around a power pole, thereby causing a power outage downeast for three-quarters of an hour Monday night.

Rodman walked away from a road gang working near highway 101 Monday. He then helped harvest some corn on the Henderson Godette farm near Beaufort, but while Godette and another man were away in a car, Rodman took Godette's 1950 pickup truck loaded with corn and headed east.

At the junction of highway 70 and the Merrimon road he ran into a power pole, jumped out of the truck and ran, according to witnesses. The crash caused the lights to go out from 7:15 p.m. but power was flowing again at 8 p.m., according to George Stovall of Tide Water Power Co.

Patrolman H. G. Woolard investigated the wreck while Patrolman R. H. Brown drove along highway 101 and between Core Creek and the Mill creek road he spotted a colored man walking. The patrolman picked him up and he admitted that he had escaped from the road gang but denied knowing about the truck.

Rodman has been charged with escaping from the custody of the State Highway and Public Works commission, careless and reckless driving, driving without a license, and larceny of a pickup truck. Damage to the truck is estimated at \$800.

The defendant's home address is Trenton route 1. He was serving a six months' term for assault.

Two Residents Of Atlantic Hurt

Mrs. Glennie F. Willis and Miss Lois Carolyn Rose, 16, of Atlantic, were injured at 6:25 p.m. Tuesday night, when the car in which they were riding overturned near Cleve Gillikin's store, Bettie.

Miss Rose, who sustained a broken collar bone, was released from Morehead City hospital Wednesday, and Mrs. Willis was treated there for lacerations of the nose and discharged.

The car was being driven by 17-year-old Julian Willis, son of Mrs. Willis. According to Patrolman R. H. Brown who investigated, the car, a 1951 model, skidded as it was rounding a curve. The group of six occupants was proceeding to Morehead City where the four girls were to play basketball.

The car went into a ditch and turned over on its top. Occupants in addition to the driver and injured were Frances G. Fulcher and Delores B. Willis. Patrolman Brown could not identify the fourth girl.

Mrs. Willis and Miss Rose were taken to the hospital by Deputy Sheriff Marshall Ayscue. The patrolman said cause of the accident was slick tires.

Railway Express Rates Rise

Railway express rates went up Wednesday.

Railway Express Agency's North Carolina customers now pay from three cents to ten cents per shipment more for shipments handled between points within the state.

The State Utilities commission says the new rates will match rates recently approved by the Interstate Commerce commission.

The three-cent increase will apply to shipments of food and drink. The ten-cent increase will affect all other commodities.

Railway Express Agency, inc., originally asked a total of 57 cents more per shipment. It was allowed 20 cents more pending final review of its requests.

Railway Express told the utilities commission that its handling costs for the 12 months ending last June 30 totaled \$961,440.77 in North Carolina. It said its intrastate revenues for the same period totaled \$531,861.24 or approximately \$150,000 less than it spent.

\$170,000 Boost
The new rates will boost the agency's North Carolina income by approximately \$170,000 a year. The commission said this amount, added to present income, would provide

Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar

HIGH	Friday, Dec. 7	LOW
3:18 a.m.	9:40 a.m.	
3:37 p.m.	9:52 p.m.	
	Saturday, Dec. 8	
4:18 a.m.	10:43 a.m.	
4:33 p.m.	10:44 p.m.	
	Sunday, Dec. 9	
5:13 a.m.	11:38 a.m.	
5:25 p.m.	11:32 p.m.	
	Monday, Dec. 10	
6:02 a.m.	12:28 a.m.	
6:15 p.m.	12:28 a.m.	
	Tuesday, Dec. 11	
6:47 a.m.	12:17 a.m.	
6:58 p.m.	1:13 p.m.	

duce total revenues of \$1,001,628.52 a year.

The express agency, a stock corporation, is owned by the nation's railroads. Its profits and losses are shared by the railroads according to a formula based on the amounts of express the various roads handled in 1937.

Approximately 20 North Carolina railroads participate in Railway Express agency's operations and provide cars and train facilities for its North Carolina shipments. If the express agency's income is raised to the estimated \$1,001,628, the commission said, these roads would receive approximately \$20,187 to cover their express service costs.

Freight Increase
The North Carolina railroads already have petitioned the commission for at least one other increase—a six per cent increase in intrastate freight charges. Yesterday they went before the commission to ask for another—a 10 per cent increase in passenger fares.

If the passenger fare increase is granted, the cost of riding by train between North Carolina points will be raised from 2.5 cents a mile to 2.75 cents a mile.

Pullman fares, however, must remain the same. **See EXPRESS, Page 2**

Bogue Children Attend School At Morehead City

County Education Board Receives Audit for 1950-1951 Fiscal Year

Colored children from the one-room school at Bogue are now attending the W. S. King school, Morehead City. The change was made Wednesday following approval of the county board of education in monthly session Monday afternoon at the court house annex.

H. L. Joslyn, superintendent of schools, reported that all school buses were okayed during their recent inspection. He also gave a summary of the status of the education system in the county at present.

The board was informed that a \$700 bid had been entered for the Cedar Island school property and \$275 for the Otway school property. The two were put up for sale Monday noon.

Audit Presented
According to the audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951, which was presented to the board, land, buildings and equipment owned by the county education system are valued at \$1,818,050. At the end of the fiscal year the school operating fund had just about reached rock-bottom with \$23.76.

The board of education is in debt to the tune of \$286,284 (bonds), interest in default totals \$14,279.12, making a total bonded debt of \$300,563.12. Loans payable to the state are as follows: state literary loan \$40,495.50 and special building fund \$81,969.04.

State Pays Half Million
Paid by the state for operation of county schools last year was more than half a million dollars, \$520,998.12, distributed as follows: teachers salaries \$484,990.97, vocational education \$12,563.26, vocational training program \$16,334.94, lunch room program \$1,810.46, and textbook clerk \$465.09.

Received from county counts in fines and forfeitures was \$11,444.25, ad valorem tax \$26,056.35, poll tax \$3,217.50, dog tax \$732. **See SCHOOL, Page 2**

PTA Members Will View Art Work

An exhibit of prize-winning school art, grades 1-6, will be shown Monday night at Morehead City school in conjunction with the monthly Parent-Teacher meeting. Approximately 65 paintings and drawings, done by children from all over the state, will be on display.

The art work won prizes in the 1950-51 contest sponsored by the Greater University of North Carolina to foster interest in art. Work by pupils of Morehead City school will be entered in this year's contest.

Monday night's exhibit is being shown under the auspices of the literary and art department of the Morehead City Woman's club. The literary and art department last year sponsored an art contest in the school and is working with the school in increasing opportunities for children to express themselves through art.

Supervising tomorrow night's exhibit are Mrs. George McNeill, Mrs. Rosalie Dowdy, Mrs. Robert Taylor, all of the literary and art department, and Mrs. Robert Williams, a member of the Morehead City faculty.

A program by Mrs. Byrd Wade's fifth grade will also be presented at the PTA meeting following a brief business session. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Morehead City Firemen Answer Three Alarms

Morehead City fire department answered three alarms this week. At 3 p.m. Monday an indoors clothes line caught fire at 2201 Arendell st. The line was strung over the space heater and clothes that were hanging on it ignited. Damage was slight.

A fire occurred at 11:20 Tuesday morning at 1103 Evans st. due to a faulty chimney. Here again there was no serious damage. The home is owned by Kenneth Wagner, Morehead City, and is rented.

Smoke pouring out of air vents led to an alarm at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the 3100 block of Evans st., in the home formerly occupied by Roland Barbour. There was no blaze and firemen returned to the station.

Director Visits Port

Col. George Gillette, executive director of the North Carolina Ports authority, spent several days this week at the Morehead City port.