

Jury Says Daniels' Drowning Was Due to 'Causes Unknown'

A coroner's jury of six men, deliberating the drowning of Charles Daniels, Jr., 31, issued Monday night a verdict of "death due to drowning from causes unknown." The inquest was held in the court room at the court house, Beaufort.

Daniels, of Morehead City, disappeared from the tug Activated, owned by the Loveland Towing co. of Philadelphia, sometime between 10:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, and 8 a.m. the following day, witnesses revealed.

Graham Barden Receives Award

Congressman Honored at Ceremony by Rehabilitation Association

Congressman Graham A. Barden Wednesday was given the title "Friend and Counselor to All" by the National Rehabilitation Association for his meritorious service towards the rehabilitation of the handicapped. Congressman Barden represents the third congressional district of which Carteret is a part.

A certificate and clock were presented to the congressman at a morning meeting in the New Bern city hall. The certificate was engraved by a severely handicapped individual who has been aided through the Barden-LaFollette bill.

The presentation was made to Congressman Barden by E. B. Whitten, executive director of the National Rehabilitation Association. Whitten said the Barden-LaFollette act, or Public Law 113, was the chief instrument in aiding many towards rehabilitation. He also briefly described the history of rehabilitation and work in North Carolina.

In a short speech following the presentation, Barden encouraged the public to "give a hand to the physically handicapped." He pointed out that rehabilitation programs make useful citizens of dependents.

The award which Barden received was one of two annual meritorious service awards given to outstanding individuals in the field of vocational rehabilitation.

The association said that Barden's "boundless energy" was the major factor in the passage of the legislation, the Barden-LaFollette act which increased the number of those rehabilitated from 21,000 in 1942 to 62,000 in 1951.

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Storekeeper Pays Fine for Fag Sale

David Gerald Lewis paid a \$10 fine plus costs in Morehead City recorder's court Monday on a charge of selling cigarettes to a minor.

Jackie Bell, 15-year-old high school student, told Judge George H. McNeill that on Dec. 3 she purchased a pack of cigarettes from Lewis in his store on Fisher and 11th st., across from the graded school. Miss Bell's girl friend, Winona Blanchard, also took the stand and verified the information.

When asked why she bought the cigarettes, Miss Bell said that everyone in her crowd was smoking so she decided to smoke too.

Leonard Turnage and Charles Harrison, both of New Bern, were fined \$10 plus costs on charges of public drunkenness. Judge McNeill changed the charge which originally was indecent exposure.

Eveline Jones paid court costs for driving with a defective muffler and was given "a reasonable amount of time" to buy state license plates for a car he purchased in Texas recently.

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NEWS-TIMES Christmas Issue to Appear Dec. 24

The Christmas issue of THE NEWS-TIMES, Tuesday, Dec. 25, will be distributed Monday morning, Dec. 24.

Besides all usual features, that issue of THE NEWS-TIMES will contain Christmas greetings from scores of merchants and business men and special Christmas church news.

All Christmas greeting advertisements must be in THE NEWS-TIMES office by Thursday, Dec. 20.

James G. Rodman, Escaped Prisoner, Gets Sentence

Fireworks Salesman Appeals, Judge Metes Out Fine, Sentence

Judge Lambert Morris slapped a four-and-a-half-year sentence Tuesday on James G. Rodman, prisoner who escaped from a Newport prison camp road crew Dec. 3, stole a pick-up truck, then wrecked it.

Rodman pleaded guilty to three counts: temporary larceny of a truck which brought a two-year sentence; escape from custody of prison authorities, two-year sentence; and no operators license and driving in a careless and reckless manner, six-month sentence.

Rodman was serving a six-month sentence for assault when he decided to take off. The Newport prison camp was changed the latter part of October to an honor grade camp. Only honor graders are kept there and there are no guards over the road crews.

Heavy Docket
More than 60 cases loaded Tuesday's recorder's court docket. There was no court the week previous due to superior court.

Virgil Bender, charged with purchase, possession, and sale of fireworks in this county, pleaded guilty. He was given a six-month sentence, suspended on condition he remain on good behavior three years and pay \$124 and court costs. Twenty-four dollars of the fine was See COURT, Page 2

Smyrna Seniors To Present Play Tuesday Night

Smyrna seniors will present their annual play at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18, at the school auditorium.

The drama, a comedy in three acts, was written by Jay Tobias and relates the story of the Prescotts, a prosperous middle class family.

Leaper, the papa, is an architect who builds dream houses. Eleanor, his wife, rules the roost, however.

When the Prescotts learn that Leaper's rich, eccentric Aunt Molly Cain is visiting all her kin in turn with the object of leaving her fortune to the most needy nephew, Elinor commands that the Prescotts must play poverty-stricken.

Wildly hilarious situations develop as the Prescotts unwittingly maneuver themselves into side-splitting predicaments when Aunt Molly arrives.

How Leaper finally becomes the head of his family and Elinor takes a back seat forms a delightful climax to the comedy.

In the cast are 14 seniors: Greta Lawrence, Weston Earl Willis, Barbara Fulcher, Henry Allen Brooks, Callie Bland, Annie Brown Gaskill, Joyce Fulcher, Lonnie Guthrie, Martha Davis, Janette Wade, Jean Lewis, Margaret Davis, Ernest Hill, and Albert Wolfe.

The class is also sponsoring a popularity contest to choose the queen of Smyrna high school and the princess of Smyrna grammar school.

Directors Approve Merger of Two Power Companies

Raleigh. — (AP) — A proposed merger of Carolina Power and Light Co. and Tide Water Power Co. was approved Wednesday by directors of the two companies.

The proposal will be submitted to stockholders of the power firms Feb. 4 at meetings in Raleigh and Wilmington.

The merger is expected to mean lower power rates and improved service for the area served by Tide Water. The name Tide Water Power Co. will be dropped. CP&L officials plan a large expansion and improvement program for southeastern North Carolina.

Terms Cited
The merger agreement will allow Tide Water stockholders to exchange their stock on the following basis:

1—Each holder of four shares of preferred Tide Water stock, would have an option of receiving one share of preferred CP&L stock or \$28.50, plus accrued dividends, for each share of Tide Water stock.

2—Each holder of four shares of common Tide Water stock would be allowed 1.1 shares of CP&L common stock.

Under the merger, Tide Water President Warren W. Bell and Executive Vice President A. E. Jones will be retained by CP&L as vice-presidents. This was decided today by CP&L's directors.

Plan Worked Out
The merger, which will see Tide Water become a part of the CP&L system, was worked out by officials of the two companies.

If approved by stockholders, the proposal will be submitted to the North Carolina Utilities commission, the South Carolina Public Service commission, and the Federal Power commission for approval.

37 Children Go To Eye Clinic

Thirty-seven children were examined at the recent school-health eye clinic conducted by Dr. E. W. Larkin, Jr., Greenville, at the county health department, Beaufort.

Twenty-six of the children were white and 11 colored. Twenty-six were found in need of glasses, two require surgery, one medical treatment, seven were found not to need treatment and for four correction of vision was termed impossible.

Dr. N. T. Ennett, county health officer, says parents are showing increasing interest in having their children treated for eye defects. Early treatment, he remarked, is the only way to prevent serious eye trouble, if not blindness in later life.

The eye clinics are sponsored by the State Commission for the Blind, the local board of education, and the local board of health. The State Blind commission provides the eye specialist and the local school health fund provides the glasses.

Pelletier Booster Club Seeks Aid for Burned-Out Family

Members of the Pelletier Booster club have issued a plea for aid to Mr. and Mrs. Turner Holms and five children whose home was destroyed by fire several days ago. The fire burned all the family's clothing as well as furniture.

Following the fire, the residents of Pelletier placed the family in temporary quarters and provided them with wearing apparel and groceries and already \$455 has been pledged in cash, labor and material to build the Holms a new dwelling.

Milton Truckner, president of the booster club, said Mr. Holms is an invalid.

Members of the club were elected to committees to supervise the handling of funds and the building of the home. Truckner was named treasurer; finance committee, Allen J. Vinson, Clarence Jenkins, Bernard C. Morse, and Lee Sawrey; timber cutting, Mack C. Norris, Herman Norris; construction, Woodrow Bright, Prentice Vinson, and Mack Norris.

Anyone willing to assist the club should contact one of the members of the finance committee or send a check directly to Milton Truckner, Pelletier, N. C.

Plant to be Sold
The Spert plant, Lennoxville, has been closed and is being offered for sale.

Trio, Charged with Theft, Appeals Following Trial Monday Afternoon

TB Shatters Dream of Young Couple, New Home Must Wait

(This is the second in a series of three articles on tuberculosis patients in this county and was written by Mrs. G. T. Spivey, chairman of the county Christmas seal sale. — The Editor.)

It was the dream of a young couple in Carteret county to have a lighted Christmas tree in the window of this lovely white unfinished home. The owner had a good job, he was in love with a wonderful girl, happiness seemed just ahead, but this homeowner will spend this Christmas fighting tuberculosis.

The message in this window, a TB Christmas seal poster, does not radiate Christmas cheer, yet it tells us a story, something that all of us must do and that is "Fight Tuberculosis."

TB Strikes Everywhere
Tuberculosis can strike any person, any time, any place. The death rate is higher among the people whose economic status is low, than among the well fed and well housed. Yet many wealthy people have died with TB.

Although tuberculosis is most common in the city slums, it is an important problem in many rural areas. The death rates are not dropping in rural districts as fast as they should; educational, case finding and treatment facilities are not as good as they are in many cities.

Tuberculosis kills more people in the United States than all other infectious diseases combined. Tuberculosis killed approximately 40,000 persons in the United States in 1949, at the rate of 100 persons a day, one person every 13 minutes. It is first among diseases as a cause of death in the United States in the age group from 15 to 35. TB can—and does—kill at all ages.

Tuberculosis attacks about 100,000 persons a year. Thus 100,000 persons who have no tuberculosis today will have the disease a year from now.

X-Rays Essential
If you are 15 or older, you should have a chest X-ray every year. If you know that you have been exposed to TB you should have check-ups more often than once a year.

The Carteret county health department has furnished us the following: See TB SHATTERS, Page 6



Tuberculosis, not shortage of building materials, prevents a young couple from occupying their new home.

Hunter's Death Unsolved

Officials Decline Comment On Shooting Investigation

Marine corps officials, the State Bureau of Investigation, and the county sheriff's department today declined revelation of any developments on the investigation of the shooting of M/Sgt. Loren Clevenger who was found dead from a bullet wound Sunday at Core Creek.

Sergeant Clevenger's home, at McMinnsville, Ore., will probably be the site of the funeral and interment, it was learned today. He is survived by a wife and three children who are living at Core Creek.

Sergeant Clevenger, a veteran of 11 years' service in the Marine corps, was stationed at Cherry Point.

He left his home Saturday morning to go hunting, taking with him the small family dog. When he didn't return by dark that night, his wife notified E. M. Foreman, county forest ranger who lives at Core Creek. Foreman fired some shots along the inland waterway but received no answer.

The next morning a helicopter from Cherry Point, Marine and civilian searching parties set out to look for the hunter. He was found at 12:45 p.m. slumped on a fire trail three-quarters of a mile from highway 101 near the inland waterway, a bullet wound in his head.

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Judge George H. McNeill on Monday afternoon sentenced three of the four New Bern youths charged with stealing merchandise from three Morehead City stores Nov. 30. James Allen, fourth member of the gang, which store-owner David Battle Webb termed "a bunch of smooth operators," is still at large.

On the charge of conspiracy and larceny of \$400 worth of jewelry from Walter S. Morris Jeweler, Judge McNeill found probable cause and bound over John Shepard, 16, Rudolph Saunders, 17, and Farrow Smith, 28, to superior court under \$1,000 bond each.

For two petty larceny counts, concerning Leary's Store for Men and Webb's clothing shop, Shepard and Saunders each received suspended sentences of six months on the roads plus \$25 fines and court costs, provided they remain on good behavior and report to the probation officer as often as he directs.

Smith, for his part in the Leary and Webb robberies, received 90 days on the roads for each count, sentences to run consecutively, plus a \$50 fine and court costs.

Attorneys for the defendants immediately appealed the judgments.

Solicitor Herbert O. Phillips presented as evidence confessions the three defendants made to Officer Buck Newsome. Newsome testified that the written statements were obtained without coercion or promises of any kind by the police.

It was brought out at the trial that Shepard, Saunders, and Allen went into the stores and did the shoplifting, while Smith waited in a green Buick for a quick getaway. One or more of the trio would keep the clerks occupied, while the other rifled store cases or took things from the top of counters.

The thieves entered Leary's and Morris's, looted an assortment of articles, and departed without anyone in either store realizing what had happened.

Webb caught Allen, however, attempting to leave his store with a blue sport coat beneath his zippered jacket. Allen broke away from Webb and escaped with Smith in the automobile, leaving behind his See TRIO, Page 6

Dr. M. B. Morey Heads Carteret Medical Society

Dr. M. B. Morey of Morehead City was elected president of the Carteret County Medical Society at the meeting Monday night at Morehead City hospital. He succeeds Dr. C. S. Maxwell of Beaufort.

Other officers are Dr. Luther Fulcher, Beaufort, secretary-treasurer; Dr. N. T. Ennett, Beaufort, corresponding secretary, and Dr. B. F. Royal, Morehead City, was elected to the house of delegates of the State Medical Society with Dr. K. P. B. Bonner, Morehead City, alternate.

The society unanimously decided to invite the Seaboard Medical Society, comprised of physicians in Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina, to meet in Morehead City in November, 1952. Dr. S. W. Thompson, in presenting the matter before the society, explained that Dr. James Graham Ramsey, surgeon, Washington, N. C., had recently been elected president of the Seaboard society and that it was customary for the meeting of the society to be held in the hometown of the president; but as Washington did not have sufficient hotel facilities, the officers of the Seaboard society desired very much to hold the meeting in Morehead City.

The matter of permanent arrangements for X-ray and fluoroscopic work for the Morehead City hospital was discussed, final decision to await the next meeting of the society.

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Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar

HIGH	Friday, Dec. 14	LOW
8:45 a.m.		2:19 a.m.
9:00 p.m.		3:12 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 15		
9:21 a.m.		2:56 a.m.
9:40 p.m.		3:49 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 16		
9:58 a.m.		3:34 a.m.
10:19 p.m.		4:25 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 17		
10:35 a.m.		4:14 a.m.
10:59 p.m.		5:01 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 18		
11:12 a.m.		4:53 a.m.
11:43 p.m.		5:39 p.m.

North Carolina Symphony Campaign Nets \$819.04

By Wednesday afternoon \$819.04 in North Carolina Symphony memberships had been sold in this county. To insure a concert by the Little Symphony here \$850 is required. The report on the number of memberships sold at Atlantic has not yet been received, however.

Memberships sold in Newport and Morehead City amounted to \$616.04 and in Beaufort \$203. The campaign was sponsored by the Junior Woman's clubs of Beaufort and Morehead City.