

Witness Appears, Withdraws Charge

Judge George H. McNeill Hears Cases on Viola- tion of Traffic Laws

E. M. Dewey, Morehead City, appeared in Morehead City recorder's court yesterday and withdrew the assault warrant he swore out against Vernon Arthur Tuesday, Dec. 11.

Arthur had been free on \$200 bond since his arrest last Tuesday night by Officer Hubert Fulcher at his home, 1801 Fisher st.

The warrant charged Arthur with unlawful and willful assault with a knife on James and Fred Tillery and other unidentified persons.

Thurman Gray Morton pleaded not guilty to careless and reckless driving and was adjudged not guilty by Judge George H. McNeill. Morton was involved in an auto accident on Bridges near 21st street Saturday about 12:12 a.m.

He told the court that lights from an oncoming car blinded him causing his automobile to collide with a parked truck owned by Walter Baron.

Granville E. Fiske, charged with speeding was found guilty and paid court costs.

Mrs. Bertha Willis pleaded guilty to speeding and paid court costs.

Robert Lee Dennis, charged with speeding paid court costs.

Justin Jackson pleaded guilty to parking on wrong side of street and paid one-half the court costs.

Vernon Fulcher pleaded guilty to speeding and paid court costs.

Robert T. Kiminski was found not guilty of driving on the wrong side of the road.

The court decided not to prosecute the case against Oling R. Jackson.

Cases continued until Jan. 7 are those against Harkless Wooten, John Logue, Charles Holland, William Robert Bowles, George Ray Witter, Sherwood V. Smith, Frank William Foster, Charles Lason Snyder, and John Ashley Teel.

Auto, Truck Collide on Bridge

Two hundred dollars damage was caused to a car owned by Randolph Garner, route 1 Newport, at 3 p.m. Wednesday when a truck attempted to pass the car on the nine-foot road one-quarter of a mile from highway 24.

Driving the car at the time was Mrs. Garner, the owner's wife. According to Highway Patrolman H. G. Woolard who investigated, Mrs. Garner was traveling toward highway 24 when a dump truck, driven by Eldridge Minton, Hickory RFD, attempted to pass her on a narrow bridge.

The left rear fender of the Garner car was smashed in and approximately \$10 damage was caused to the bridge railing. No charges have been preferred pending further investigation.

Officers Break Up Fracas At Straits Friday Night

Morehead Motorist Faces Charge of No License

Joanne Wickizer, 1304 Shepard st., Morehead City, has been charged with driving a car without an operator's license as the result of an accident at 9:10 p.m. Friday at Moore and Ann st., Beaufort.

Patrolman J. W. Sykes, who investigated, stated that Miss Wickizer was proceeding north on Moore, intending to make a left turn on Ann street. As she entered the intersection she told the patrolman that she did not see a 1949 model car, driven by Caswell Bunch, Beaufort-Morehead City caseway, who was proceeding west on Ann.

A collision occurred, damaging the Wickizer car, a 1941 model, to the extent of \$50 and Bunch's \$150. No one was hurt.

Merchants to Sponsor Show In Beaufort Saturday

The merchants committee of the Beaufort chamber of commerce will sponsor a "Santa's Baby-Sitting Show" at 10 o'clock Saturday morning at the Beaufort theatre.

The show begins at 10 a.m. and admission will be one toy which will be turned over to Beaufort firemen to distribute at Christmas time. If toys are in need of repair, the firemen will repair them.

The show will feature cartoons. A nurse and a special attendant will be on duty at the theatre while the children are there. The merchants point out that this will leave parents free to shop.

They Played in the Band in 1916



Enthusiasm for good bands which has been evident in recent months recalls the days of St. Paul's Episcopal school, Beaufort, and its bands. Above is a picture taken of the band at the school in 1916. At one time the musical organization had 67 members.

Because of the grouping, it is impossible to identify members by rows, and six youngsters remain unidentified. For those who are identified, credit goes to James D. Potter, Gehrman Holland, T. T. (Tom) Potter, and Mrs. Cecil Brooks, all of whom attended the school.

Pictured are Elizabeth Hodges, Elizabeth Tilman, L. W. Moore, Charles Skarren, James Smith, Oliver Springle, Clyde Owens, Eugene King, Miss Ellen V. Apperson, teacher, Eugene Robinson, band director, Mrs. Robinson, Mary Campbell, Molly Noe, Curtis Higgins, Ernest Davis, Stephen Robinson, Joe Delamar, Charles Clawson, Louise Smith, Bessie Campbell, Wilbur Willis, James Davis Potter, Dick Rice, Jack Potter, Joseph Poland.

Margaret Skarren, Gehrman Holland, Willie Harrell, Blythe Noe, Earl Moore, Vernon Harrell, Charles Norfleet, Oscar Duncan, and William Herring.

Seated just right of the bass drum is a little boy whose first name cannot be learned, but he was the son of Capt. Finley Piner who at that time was in charge of the Bogue Life Saving station. Sitting diagonally to the right of him is another youngster whose last name was Piner also.

Because St. Paul's was a boarding school many of the children came from distant points and most of those who are unidentified are youngsters who were not native of this section.

PMA Delegates Elect County Committee in Friday Session

Roland Salter, D. W. Tracker, and Lawrence Garner were elected to the county Production Marketing administration committee at the county convention at the PMA office, Beaufort, Friday night. First alternate committee member is Hugh T. Carraway and second alternate is Thomas C. Oglesby.

Salter was re-elected committee chairman and Tracker was re-elected vice chairman. Garner, who has served on the committee in the past, was returned to the committee this term, replacing Herman K. Norris of Pelletier who last year was first alternate. Norris became a member of the committee upon the death of Sam Edwards.

Carraway, who was second alternate became first alternate and was re-elected to that position Thursday, the vacancy of second alternate being filled by Oglesby.

At the meeting of the PMA committee yesterday morning B. J. Mav, administrator, was elected secretary, and Mrs. Ruth Butler treasurer. Plans for the coming year were discussed. There will be a meeting of the county committee and community committeemen the first of the year, but no date was set.

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White oak: John D. Young, Marvin Taylor, Lee Sawrey, Robert Rhue, Woodrow Bright; delegates, Harvey Norris, Bright.

Newport: Y. Z. Simmons, Cecil H. Springle, Artis B. Garner, Carl W. Garner, Prentis M. Garner; delegates, L. W. Howard, Leon H. Quinn.

Morehead City: John T. Oglesby, Robert Laughton, Addison McCabe, R. P. Oglesby, Cecil Oglesby; delegates, McCabe, Laughton.

Beaufort-Harlowe: William J. Hardesty, Kearney Merrill, jr., Manly Eubanks, Archie Hardesty, Raymond Dickinson; delegates, Hardesty, Eubanks.

East-Merrimon: Brondell Gillikin, Bill Pigott, Guy Carraway, S. W. Lawrence, Roy Keller; delegates, Oscar Salter, Earl Arthur.

Elected chairman of the county convention was Lonnie Howard and B. J. May, PMA administrator, was appointed secretary.

Newport Men Come from Korea

San Diego, Calif.—Aboard the aircraft carrier USS Bon Homme Richard when she arrived here after nearly a year in Korean waters, were two Newport men, Robert E. Moon, seaman, USN, son of Mrs. L. S. Roberts of route 1, and William B. Oswalt, aviation boatswain's mate, third class, USN, son of Master Sgt. and Mrs. F. L. Oswalt of route 1.

Recommissioned from the Pacific Reserve Fleet the Bon Homme Richard has operated on the firing line off Korea's east coast continually for more than six months.

Her air group, composed of fighter squadrons 781, 783, and 874, composite squadrons 3, 11, 35, and 61, and attack squadron 923, have flown daily strikes against key enemy rail lines, highways and supply facilities. The squadrons, all Naval reserve groups ordered to duty at the outbreak of hostilities in Korea, have provided the major portion of UN air action against the Communists in North Korea since the start of peace talks last summer.

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Large crowd attends program

A large crowd attended the annual Christmas program Sunday night at Morehead City school. Congregations of all churches were invited to the service.

The Rev. Leon Couch, minister at First Methodist church, gave the Christmas meditation, the Rev. C. R. Berry, pastor of the First Christian church, read the scripture, and prayer was offered by Dr. John H. Bunn, pastor of the First Baptist church.

An organ-piano number, Cujus Animam (from Stabat Mater) was played by Mrs. Harris Lewis and Mrs. George Mizesko, who also played the accompaniment to choral numbers. Other accompanists were Corinne Webb, Ann Garner, Ann Webb, and Mary Lou Norwood.

Numbers by the boys' glee club were O Worship the King and O Come All Ye Faithful; the girls' glee club sang There's a Song in the Air (Speaks) and Come Unto Him (Handel-Bick).

The chorus sang We Wish You a Merry Christmas (English Folk Song), Now Bright and Still (Williams), The Infant Jesus (Yon) with a solo part by Billy Laughton, freshman, and The Hallelujah Chorus (Handel).

Three Christmas carols, Hark the Herald Angels Sing, O Little Town of Bethlehem, and Silent Night were sung by the congregation and chorus.

Director of the glee clubs and chorus is Ralph T. Wade.

Chief returns, reports accident

Police Chief Carlton Garner, Beaufort, has returned to duty following hospitalization and recuperation from injuries received in an accident Wednesday, Dec. 5, at Broad and Pollock st., Beaufort.

Chief Garner reported yesterday that no charges have been preferred in the accident which happened Tuesday, the day before he was injured, on Ann st.

The car driven by Mrs. Ruth Smith Murphy, Beaufort, was damaged to the extent of \$61 and the other car involved, driven by Paul Alvin Jarman, jr., route 2, Newport, was extensively damaged.

According to Chief Garner, Mrs. Murphy was proceeding west on Ann when she started to make a left turn. She said she had her turn signal blinking but Jarman, who was behind her, said he did not see it and attempted to pass as she was making the turn.

The accident occurred at 9:30 a.m.

Holidays can be dangerous days

Only a few more days 'til Christmas, warned Mrs. Lucia Hutchinson, New Bern, safety field representative of the department of motor vehicles today.

"December is always a month of haste, Mrs. Hutchinson said. Haste to get Christmas shopping done and out of the way, haste to get home for the holidays, to get to social affairs. And at no time of the year is haste so deadly.

"Traffic accidents reach their peak at the end of the year because long hours of darkness, poor visibility and slippery roads make driving and walking extra hazardous," she continued.

"These extra hazards call for extra caution on the part of everybody.

"In North Carolina traffic fatalities are edging closer and closer to 1,000, so between now and Christmas we must use extra caution every day and night to avoid that tragic mark," Mrs. Hutchinson concluded.

The department's highway safety division lists five hints to save lives:

1. Avoid last-minute Christmas shopping. This makes for haste in walking and driving. If you must do some last minute shopping, carry packages so they do not obstruct your vision. Remember, motorists cannot always see clearly during early evening darkness.
2. Allow plenty of time to get to your destination. Start early, take it easy.
3. Cancel motor trips when weather is particularly rainy.

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Reviving the Past

Burning of Lights at Christmas Perpetuates Ancient Tribal Ritual

With the stringing up of Christmas lights in Beaufort and Morehead City the residents of the twin cities, as everywhere else in America, are continuing a practice which far outdates either Christianity or Judaism. In fact, the burning of lights or fires during the dead of winter is a practice believers of almost every religion have in common.

Anthropologists, through studies of modern primitive tribes and writings of ancient peoples, have discovered that basically this yearling practice is a memetic ritual.

It is a gift which generation after generation has handed down from time immemorial. It stems from a rudimentary belief common to all religions, that man can show his god what he wants and that the request, by act or prayer, will get the desired results.

In winter, therefore, prehistoric man burned fires to tell his god (quite often identified with the sun) to reverse the sun's southerly course in the sky and start it northward again in order to bring back

spring, warmth, and growth.

To insure that this very important ceremony was carried out at the proper time, every tribe had a sun watcher who observed the sun's movements. Modern primitive tribes still have them.

When the sun had traversed the sky to its most southerly spot—late December—the sun watcher would announce to his tribesmen that the time for igniting the fires and holding the special ceremony had arrived.

Every religion, of course, has a somewhat different ritual and different spot to burn its fires. The ancient druids of Britain and Gaul burned them on hill tops. The Hopi Indians of today burn them inside special underground temples, they call kivas. Various modern tribes of Siberia burn them in their huts.

Anthropologists who have asked these modern primitive peoples why they burn these fires, get the same explanation: to tell the sun it is time to turn north and bring warm days again.

The average Christian, however, knows not why the lights are lit or how the practice found its way into Christianity.

There is some evidence to show that the early Christians adopted the practice from the believers of Mithras, god of light. In Rome Mithraism was the religion of the patricians (nobles) and the only religion that gave Christianity any real competition for universal acceptance. It came to Rome from Persia where it had flourished for centuries. One of its great light-burning festivals was held about Dec. 24.

Members of the wish faith at this time are observing the Festival of Lights, an ancient and traditional ritual. Candles are lighted and gifts are exchanged just as in the Christian observance of Christmas.

Thus at the Christmas season residents of the western world celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, and continue practices which their ancestors originated somewhere in the dim eons of prehistory.

March of Dimes Chairman Names County Leaders

Mrs. Roma Noe, Beaufort, chairman of the March of Dimes campaign, which opens Jan. 2 and continues through the month, today announced community chairmen throughout the county.

They are as follows: Atlantic, Sterling Robinson; Harkers Island, Mrs. J. B. Harker; Marshallberg, Mrs. George Moore; Smyrna, Mrs. Thomas Wilson; Williston, Mrs. Elmer Willis.

Merrimon, Mrs. Mary Tosto; South River, Mrs. Gaston Hill; Camp Glenn, Mrs. Leslie Brinson; Stella, John Young; Pelletier, Milton Truckner; Cedar Point, Mrs. May F. Jones; Harlowe, Lionel Conner.

Salter Path, Steve Guthrie; Atlantic Beach and Fort Macon, R. A. Barefoot; Davis, Blakely Pond; Stacy, Mrs. Connie Daniels; Gloucester, Mrs. Florence Pigott; Sea Level, Mrs. Hallett Styron.

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11:41 p.m.	5:39 p.m.	
Wednesday, Dec. 19		
11:53 a.m.	5:37 a.m.	
	6:18 p.m.	
Thursday, Dec. 20		
12:27 a.m.	6:27 a.m.	
12:37 p.m.	6:49 p.m.	
Friday, Dec. 21		
1:17 a.m.	7:22 a.m.	
1:26 p.m.	7:45 p.m.	