

Christmas Seals Help

Little Ammie Fights Valiantly Against TB Which Killed Sister

(This is the third in a series on county tuberculosis patients. The article was written by Mrs. G. T. Spivey who is Carteret chairman of the 1951 TB Christmas Seal campaign.—The Editor).

The smiling child in the photograph is Ammie Harkley, jr., of Carteret county. He looks like a very happy little colored boy, doesn't he? Well, he is, because many of you have made him so.

This picture was taken about a year ago following a program which was sponsored by our Carteret County TB association. Ammie received between four and five hundred letters, cards, and gifts from Carteret county, all bearing the Christmas seal. Ammie, as you know, is a little boy in North Carolina State sanatorium, McCain, and has been seriously ill with tubercular meningitis.

The picture was the only bright spot in the lives of his father and mother on Christmas of 1950, because you see they, too, were patients in another sanatorium fighting this disease.

Tuberculosis really struck a terrific blow in the home of Ammie Harkley. On Christmas of 1949, Ammie was living at home, happy with his very large family of 19 children when it was discovered that he had contracted the disease.

Christmas of 1950 found Ammie and his wife, Bertha, and his son, Ammie, jr., in our state sanatoria, and a daughter Susan had lost her life in the fight against this disease. Some of the older children were at home with an aged grandmother, the others being cared for by relatives in New Jersey.

Case Arrested

Bertha returned home a few months ago with "arrested" tuberculosis. Ammie and Ammie, jr., are still there fighting for their lives. When I visited Bertha a few days ago she wanted me to tell you how wonderful the people of Carteret county are. She asked me to thank both the colored and the white for their many gifts, kindnesses and help during the past two years. She especially wanted to thank you for your help in burying her daughter Susan, and for the happiness that shines from the eyes of little Ammie in this photo.

Our health department tells us that we now have 25 active cases in our county. Of these, 15 are white, 10 colored. It also tells us there are 78 contacts exposed in the home which means that these 78 persons should have not less than two X-rays each year for several years to come.

The Christmas seal is big because it aids the fight against one of the biggest killers of all time—tuberculosis. Look at your watch, now in exactly 13 minutes, another victim will die from TB. Yes, TB kills at the rate of one person every 13 minutes.

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Four-year-old TB patient plays with Christmas gifts and cards at McCain sanatorium. Photo by Harold Gillis

Babson's Business Forecast For 1952 to Appear Dec. 28

Stores, Offices Will Close Two Days Next Week

Morehead City and Beaufort stores will be open late Monday night to accommodate procrastinating Christmas shoppers but doors will shut tight Christmas day and the day following — to allow recuperation of sales clerks.

Most places of business will observe that schedule, including the banks of Beaufort and Morehead City.

The post offices will close Christmas day. Morehead City post office will be open Wednesday morning only (the post office regularly closes Wednesday afternoon) and Beaufort post office will be open all day Wednesday as usual. Both post offices will be working full-till from now until Christmas.

The county court house will close at noon tomorrow and reopen Thursday morning, Dec. 27, as will the municipal offices in both Beaufort and Morehead City. The county health department will close at 5 p. m. today and reopen Thursday morning.

Holidays for school children begin at noon today and continue through Jan. 1.

Defective Wiring Causes Blaze

Defective wiring caused fire to break out in the walls and floors of the home of F. A. Small, Camp Glenn, at 10 o'clock Wednesday night.

The Morehead City fire department was called and according to Small, saved the house which is owned by Eddie Copeland, Morehead City.

Small said the fire was discovered when he and his family heard crackling in the ceiling and walls and smelled smoke.

Firemen said they used approximately 100 gallons of water to extinguish the blaze.

Furniture in the house was saved and the family is continuing to live in it, but damage to the structure itself, which is covered by insurance, may run close to \$1,000, it was estimated.

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Davis Baptist Church Will Present Drama Saturday Night

The prophecy of Isaiah will preface the First Baptist church of Davis' musical pageant to be presented tomorrow night at 7 o'clock. The Christmas program consisting of four acts and 30 different scenes will take place in the church auditorium.

The prophecy of Isaiah came 700 years before the birth of Jesus. It told of a savior who would be born sometime in the future.

Scenes in the pageant will present in pantomime the highlights of Christ's life and will include his birth, crucifixion, and resurrection.

The stage settings and decorations will resemble the hills of Bethlehem with green carpet grass and real trees. On a hill in the background will stand the old rugged cross, nearer at hand an open tomb.

Music will be an important part of the pageant and will be presented by the senior choir.

Persons playing important roles in the program are Mrs. Edith Davis, messenger; Frank Chance, the prophet Isaiah; Larry Murphy, Joseph.

Communists Hold Morehead Soldier

Nephew of Beaufort Woman Reported to be in Korean Prison Camp Also

One Morehead City boy, Corp. Thompson Morse, son of Mrs. Emma K. Simpson, Morehead City route 1, is among the thousands of prisoners being held by the Communists in prisoner-of-war camps in Korea.

Mrs. Earl T. Willis, Ann street extended, Beaufort, also reports that her nephew, Corp. J. H. Austin, jr., is on the prisoners' list. Austin, son of Julian H. Austin of Elizabeth City, has been missing since Feb. 13, 1950.

The Communists report that Corporal Morse is being held in the prison camp at Chiang-Song. The family had given up hope that he was even alive.

Two of the North Carolinians listed as prisoners are from New Bern, Pvt. Russell Banks, infantry, Craven Terrace, and Capt. Emanuel Amann, USMC, route 4.

Names of the prisoners, as supplied the Department of Defense, total 11,559, less than a tenth of the number of UN soldiers missing.

The department emphasized that it "cannot vouch for the accuracy of the information" since it was "supplied by enemy sources."

The department also declared that official casualty status of those listed "will not be changed by virtue of the enemy having reported them as prisoners of war."

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Mayors Proclaim Saturday As VFW Buddy Poppy Day

Mayors L. W. Hassell of Beaufort and George W. Dill of Morehead City have proclaimed Saturday "VFW Buddy Poppy Day."

The poppies will be sold on the streets of Beaufort and Morehead City Friday afternoon as well as Saturday.

Commander Charles Simpson of Jones-Austin post No. 2401 said that poppy day was originally scheduled for Nov. 11, Armistice Day, but because the shipment did not arrive in time, the date was changed until this weekend.

Two Defendants Pay Court Costs on Fighting Charges

Sheriff C. G. Holland stated Wednesday that THE NEWS-TIMES report that no arrests were made as the result of the fight at Straits Friday night was incorrect.

Core Creek Congregation Recreates Bethlehem Scene in Church Yard

Defendant Pays \$200 in Court; Whiskey Law Breakers Fined

Jeston Henson Guirkins, 25, employee of the city of Greenville, was ordered to pay fines totaling \$200, plus court costs in two cases, when he was tried in recorder's court Tuesday. Guirkins pleaded guilty to possession and transportation of non-tax paid whiskey, careless and reckless driving and speeding in excess of 90 miles an hour.

The state decided not to press another charge against him of hit and run. The judge also ordered Guirkins to return the car he was driving at the time of his arrest to its owner, James D. Mathis, Greenville.

Guirkins was arrested Dec. 5 after a chase from Harlowe toward Beaufort.

The state did not prosecute the case against Lewis Collins (the name, Lewis Allen, was incorrectly given THE NEWS-TIMES in Tuesday's account) who had been charged with transporting non tax-paid whiskey. Collins, a colored employee at Scarborough-Safrit Lumber co., said that he had merely thumbed a ride in a car Sunday that was driven by Roy Teel.

When officers stopped the car, Teel ran. He later went to Claud Wheatly, attorney, and said he had run from the car. In court Teel pleaded guilty to transporting non tax-paid whiskey and received a suspended judgment plus a \$50 fine and costs.

On another charge he pleaded guilty to speeding and careless and reckless driving and paid \$25 plus costs.

Walter Lawrence and Luther Gillikin, both of Otway, who were arrested early Sunday morning by Sheriff Gehrmann Holland and Deputy Sheriff M. M. Ayscue, pleaded guilty to violations of the whiskey law.

Lawrence admitted he was transporting bootleg liquor and Gillikin admitted to aiding and abetting. Lawrence, who also pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle with no brakes, paid \$25 fine plus court costs. Gillikin paid \$10 plus costs.

Roderick Moore and Louie Gillikin were given suspended judgments for entering into an affray Dec. 14 near Straits. Both paid court costs.

Moore further pleaded guilty to driving a car without an operator's license and received a suspended judgment on payment of court costs.

Luther Paul Jones, arrested Nov. 30 for drunk driving and allowing an unlicensed person to operate his car, was found guilty of reckless driving.

Beaufort Board Buys Police Car

At a call meeting of the town board Wednesday night a new Beaufort police patrol car was purchased for \$1,969.

The successful bidder was the Robert L. Rose Motor co., Morehead City. Also bidding was Sound Chevrolet co., Morehead City. The latter's bid was \$1,828.66, but the other was accepted because board members said they believed it better-equipped. They also liked the better delivery date, Saturday.

The delivery date on the lower-priced car was "tentatively Dec. 31." Only two bids were received.

The board discussed purposes for which the police car, a two-door sedan, will be used and also asked that Tide Water Power co. fix the concrete humps it has placed on the streets where water valves have been repaired.

Attending the meeting were Commissioners Math Chaplain, O. T. Mundy, Carl Hatsell, James Rumley, Mayor L. W. Hassell, and Clerk Dan Walker.

The next meeting of the board will take place Monday, Jan. 7. The board did not meet this month on its regular date, the first Monday.

Tide Table

| Tides at Beaufort Bar | | |
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| HIGH | Friday, Dec. 21 | LOW |
| 1:17 a.m. | | 7:22 a.m. |
| 1:26 p.m. | | 7:45 p.m. |
| Saturday, Dec. 22 | | |
| 2:09 a.m. | | 8:23 a.m. |
| 2:21 p.m. | | 8:35 p.m. |
| Sunday, Dec. 23 | | |
| 3:05 a.m. | | 9:27 a.m. |
| 3:18 p.m. | | 9:30 p.m. |
| Monday, Dec. 24 | | |
| 4:03 a.m. | | 10:29 a.m. |
| 4:18 p.m. | | 10:25 p.m. |
| Tuesday, Dec. 25 | | |
| 5:00 a.m. | | 11:30 a.m. |
| 5:17 p.m. | | 11:22 p.m. |

Seal Sales Forge Ahead of 1951

Official Announces Collection of \$1,541.31; Prize-Winners Listed

Collections in the 1951 Christmas seal sale to date are ahead of the total sale of last year which was \$1,365. Collections thus far amount to \$1,541.31, announced Mrs. W. I. Loftin, executive secretary of the county tuberculosis association, and more money is expected.

Mrs. Loftin also announced today the winners of TB displays in store windows. First prize went to Mrs. David Beveridge's home economics class, Beaufort, for the display in the window of Lipman's store. They received \$5.

Second prize went to Miss Elizabeth Warrick's home economics class, Newport, which placed an exhibit in Hibbs' Soda shop window. They won \$3. Third prize, \$2, went to Mrs. Delfido Cordova's home economics class, Morehead City, which placed a display in the window of Blanchard's Electric service.

Contributors Listed

Business contributors to the campaign, in addition to those announced previously, are the following: Beaufort, N. E. Eure, R. H. Hill, Johnson-Saunders Dry Cleaners, Stanley's Store, Potter's Pure Food store.

Hooper's Esso Service, Dr. W. L. Woodard, B. A. Bell Jeweler, Texaco Service, Robert Taylor's Place, Guthrie-Jones, First Citizens Bank and Trust co., Beaufort Hardware, Hatsell's Electric service.

Dan's Taxi, Beaufort Bar, Huntley's, Earl Mades, Carteret Hardware, J. F. Duncan.

Morehead City, Carteret Ice and Coal, Lonnie Hill's Filling station, Morehead City theatres, Famise Corset shop, Dr. K. P. B. Bonner, Dr. Alvah Hamilton, Jr.

R. T. Willis and Son, Wallace Fisheries, Dr. L. A. Eakin, Lloyd Fry Roofing co., Sewell Plumbing co., Reid's Novelty shop, Dudley's Cozy Nook.

Newport and Others

Newport, Newport Tractor and Equipment co., L. W. Garner and Son, Williams Service station; also Courie's Villa, Money Island beach; Willis Brothers store, Williston.

Mrs. Loftin stated that notes of appreciation for sending seals have been received in numerous instances and although each note cannot be answered personally, she said they are deeply appreciated by the county tuberculosis association.

Club Collects Fund for Lunches

The Carteret Business and Professional Women's club Christmas project, collection of funds to pay for lunches of children at schools throughout the county, will be continued throughout the remainder of the school year.

This decision was made at the club Christmas party Wednesday night. While underprivileged children in the urban areas are usually taken care of by civic clubs, the B&PW members stated they would be willing to bear part of the expense of feeding needy children at other schools.

Mrs. Roma Noe, chairman of the March of Dimes, announced that a meeting of all March of Dimes committees will take place at 8 p. m. Friday night, Dec. 28, at the civic center, Morehead City. The March of Dimes begins Jan. 2 and continues through Jan. 31.

Mrs. Roy Clark, Beaufort, and Miss Nellie Cannon, Newport, were welcomed into the club. Guests at the party were Mrs. Blanche Snell, Greenville, and Mrs. A. H. Joyner, jr., New Orleans.

A turkey dinner was served in progress. Appetizer was served at the home of Mrs. M. M. Ayscue, Morehead City, and dinner at the home of Mrs. C. L. Beam, Beaufort.

Christmas gifts were exchanged and the party closed with the singing of "Silent Night." In charge of the affair were Mrs. Otis Jefferson and Mrs. John Alford.

Shuffling of Offices Begins at Court House

The register of deeds, Irvin Davis, and his staff, completed moving Monday to the new office and vault recently built on to the court house at a cost of \$20,000.

Rent Control Office Moves

The area rent control office, formerly located in the municipal building, Morehead City, has been moved to the second floor over Pender's store, 9th and Arendell st., Morehead City.

The move was necessary to make room for police headquarters in the municipal building. The police department is located at present in a small building on 8th street near Arendell. Decision to move the police office was made at a recent town board meeting. The office formerly occupied by the rent control board was rented to the government with the stipulation that they would vacate on 30 days' notice.

Minimum Temperatures Hang Around Freezing

Minimum temperatures have been hovering around freezing for the past several days. The official low in Carteret county Tuesday was 33 degrees and Wednesday 31 degrees. The minimum Monday was 25 but during the day the mercury climbed to 41.

The maximum temperature Tuesday was 62 degrees, Wednesday 57 degrees, and close to half an inch of rain fell Tuesday.

Official weather observer for Carteret county is E. Stacey Davis, Morehead City.

Willis Wins Pony

Kenneth Willis of Marshallberg won Skeeter, the pony given away Wednesday night at the East Drive-in theatre. Books of passes were also won by A. T. Reed, John Baker, and Ruby Peterson.