

Police Car Wrecked Chasing Fleeing Bootlegger

A Morehead City police car was wrecked Monday night at the end of a 60-mile-per-hour chase through dirt streets in the Negro section of Morehead City. The car was wrecked as it struck the rear end of a 1946 Ford convertible operated by a fleeing bootlegger.

None of the four men in the police car was hurt. The bootlegger, who jumped from his car just before the crash, escaped on foot. A case of non-tax paid whiskey was found on the front seat of the convertible.

The chase started at the Morehead City port terminal. The police car, driven by Patrolman Carl Bunch, was parked at the entrance to the terminal when the convertible went by. Bunch and Capt. Carl Blomberg decided to check the car for whiskey and stopped it on Bridges street between 7th and 8th.

As the two officers started to get out of the police car, the Negro driver of the convertible drove off and the police car took off after him. The Ford turned into the colored district with the police car right behind it.

The driver of the convertible turned several corners in an effort to lose the police car. As the two cars careened around corners at high speed, they almost turned over several times. Bunch tried to cut corners in an attempt to catch the fleeing car but was unable to do so.

Blomberg finally drew his pistol and fired several shots in the air in an effort to halt the convertible. As the cars turned into Fisher from 13th, the bootlegger suddenly stopped and jumped from the car. Bunch, who was right behind him, was unable to stop and rammed the rear end of the whiskey car.

The bootlegger jumped from his car before the crash and ran down an alley in the direction of Bay street. Bunch, a newspaper reporter and a marine military policeman pursued him for two blocks but were unable to catch him.

While the others were chasing the bootlegger, Blomberg searched the car and found the case of liquor on the front seat. The case contained 12 half-gallon jars of non-tax paid whiskey.

A check of the Ford revealed that the driver had stopped because the car's gears had been completely stripped. The crash dented the lid of the trunk and broke the rear springs.

The extent of the damage to the police car is not yet known, but the radiator was broken in the crash and the grill was pushed in.

A wrecker was called to take both cars from the scene of the crash. It was necessary to use the wrecker's winch to separate the cars. The police car was taken to the Sound Chevrolet garage and the whiskey car was removed to the police station.

A check of the license number of the convertible revealed that it is owned by R. N. George of North Harlowe.

Man Ordered To Leave County

Samuel Edwards was ordered to leave the county after he was found guilty of public drunkenness Tuesday in Beaufort recorder's court. He was also ordered to pay \$20.30 of the costs of court.

The warrant against Woodrow Altman was amended to simple assault. He had originally been charged with assault with a deadly weapon. He was given a 30-day sentence which was suspended on condition that he pay a fine of \$10 and costs.

The state declined to prosecute Levi and Nehemiah Williams on a charge of selling non-tax paid whiskey to a minor. The decision not to prosecute was made when it was learned that the prosecuting witness had left town.

Curtis James was given a 30-day suspended sentence on a charge of public drunkenness. The sentence was suspended on condition that he pay the costs of court.

Rodney Kennerson was sentenced to 30 days in jail for public drunkenness. The sentence was suspended on condition that he pay court costs.

Charles Logan, Archie Payne and Martin W. Keiffer were ordered to pay the costs of court for public drunkenness.

Claude Russell was ordered to pay costs for possession of non-tax paid whiskey. Matthew Mitchell paid costs on a charge of operating a motor vehicle without a license.

Floyd Bratcher paid costs for failing to stop at a stop sign. Malignous prosecution was ruled in the case of Eddie B. Daniels. The prosecuting witness, Woodrow Bryant, was taxed with the court costs.

A similar ruling was made in the case of Jimmie Bryant Swinson. The prosecuting witness, Mrs. Edwina Stallings Penny, was ordered to pay costs of court.

Tax Listing For County To Begin Jan. 2

Tax listing for the county will begin Friday, Jan. 2. All real estate and personal property must be listed. All males between the ages of 21 and 50 are required to list for poll taxes.

County Auditor James D. Potter reminds property owners that all personal property must be listed whether or not it is paid for. This includes all property being purchased on a time basis.

Tax listing for Beaufort will be done in the county courthouse. List takers for Beaufort township are Fred R. Seeley and John Brooks.

List taker for Morehead City is C. V. Webb and taxes will be listed in his office. In Newport, taxes will be listed at the town hall. Prentice Garner is the list taker for Newport.

In the other townships of the county, the tax listing will be done in various places at different times. The notices posted in the townships will give the times and places for listing.

The other tax listers for the county are Mrs. Dora Day, Cedar Island; Walter Smith, Atlantic-Sea Level; Alvin Davis, Stacy-Davis; George W. Davis, Williston-Smyrna; James Gillikin, Marshall-Island; William Gillikin, Harkers Island; Peter Carraway, Merrimon-Lukens; Raymond Ball, Harlowe; and Sam B. Meadows, White Oak.

The tax listers were appointed by the county commissioners at their December meeting.

Taxes will be listed between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. every day, Monday through Saturday.

As was done last year, the farm census will be taken with the tax listing. Questionnaires have been prepared and will be filled out by farmers when they list their taxes.

Maneuver Plans Near Completion

The Atlantic amphibious force is rapidly completing plans for transporting elements of the Sixth Marine regiment and the Third Marine Air wing to the Caribbean area for large-scale amphibious training. The Marines will begin sailing from Morehead City about Jan. 6.

The troop movement, one of the largest in history, will involve some 40 ships. The operation will be under the command of Vice Admiral F. G. Fahrión, commander of the amphibious forces of the Atlantic fleet.

Brig. Gen. Robert E. Hogaboom, USMC, will direct the Fleet Marine force training group of more than 6,500 personnel from the Sixth regiment and Force troops and 1,600 from the air element. Captain C. N. Day, USN, commander Transport Division 22, heads the training support group of 7,500 Naval personnel for the exercise known as LANT TRAX III.

The training ashore in the Roosevelt Roads-Vieques, Puerto Rico, area will last for about a month, starting Jan. 27. At the end of that time, the troops will become "aggressors" and resist an amphibious assault landing by other marines from Camp Lejeune. The Sixth Marine regiment later will storm the beaches at Onslow Beach.

Marine Air Group-31, which provides air support during the instruction, will go on board attack transports at Port Everglades, Fla., Jan. 21 for the trip to the Caribbean. The majority of the ships will leave Norfolk on Jan. 21 and 23, but the advance echelon will sail from Norfolk about Jan. 5.

Morehead-Beaufort Draw Closed Twice for Repairs

Repairs to the Morehead City-Beaufort drawbridge necessitated the closing of the bridge to automobile traffic Monday morning and Tuesday afternoon. The bridge was closed Monday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. J. L. Humphrey, county road superintendent, said that the bridge was closed so that repairs might be made on the machinery which opens and closes the draw. He hoped that the work would be completed Tuesday afternoon.

County Churches Hold Special Holiday Services

Although most of the county's churches held special Christmas services Sunday, many churches also held services Christmas Eve or on Christmas day. Some of the churches which did not have services had special Christmas programs Wednesday night.

St. Paul's Episcopal church, Beaufort, held a midnight service at 11:15 p.m. Wednesday night. Services were also held Christmas morning at 10 a.m.

Catholics had an opportunity to attend midnight mass Wednesday night at St. Egbert's church, Morehead City. Masses on Christmas day were at 7:30, 9, 10 and 11 a.m.

A brief worship service was held at 10:30 a.m. Christmas morning at the Webb Memorial Presbyterian church, Morehead City. The

Sunday school presented a pageant at the church Tuesday night. A special candlelight service was held at 7 p.m. Wednesday night at the Wildwood Presbyterian church. A Christmas cantata was presented by the choir.

A short prayer service was held Wednesday night at the First Christian church, Morehead City. The service was followed by carol singing on the streets.

The children's department of the Sunday school of the First Methodist church, Morehead City, presented a special Christmas program Wednesday night at the church. The program was followed by a party for the children. At the request of many of the church members, a special christening service will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday.

The Sunday school of the Franklin Memorial Methodist church of Morehead City presented a Christmas program Wednesday night. A play by the MYF was followed by a party for the children.

The primary department of the Sunday school of the First Baptist church of Morehead City presented a program at a Christmas Eve party at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Every member of the church and Sunday school received the traditional Christmas sack at the party.

Jaycees Aid Needy Children

The Beaufort Jaycees announced at their Monday night meeting that clothing had been obtained and would be distributed at about 9 p.m. Christmas Eve to 44 needy children.

The committee announced that it would appoint judges for the best-decorated home contest. The Jaycees offered cash prizes to the Beaufort homes with the best exterior decorations during the Christmas season.

The basketball committee announced that goals would be erected over the weekend at the high school gymnasium. Barriers will also be placed around the stoves which have been installed in the gym. Members of the club were assigned to groups which will rotate duties at the home basketball games.

Plans were discussed for a Christmas party New Year's eve at the American Legion hut.

State Transfers Land For Cape Hatteras Park

The state Monday gave the National Park service the lands forming the nucleus of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreation area.

In a brief ceremony held in Governor Scott's office at noon, the governor and council of state formally transferred North Carolina's title to 8,000 acres on Ocracoke, Hatteras and Bodie islands to the Federal government.

Conrad Wirth, director of the National Park service, accepted the property. Earlier, the N. C. Cape Hatteras Seashore Park commission, which in 13 years of work acquired most of the property, had passed a resolution recommending that the property be turned over to the U. S. government.

Together with 5,000 acres in the Pea Island Wildfowl refuge, which will remain a refuge although it will be considered a part of the recreation area, the National Park service now has 13,000 acres of beachlands for the nation's first seashore recreation area. The minimum set for the park was 10,000 acres.

Wirth said that eventually more than 33,000 acres of land will be acquired. At present, condemnation proceedings are pending against much of the beach property in the area from a few miles north of Oregon Inlet all the way southward to the northern side of Ocracoke Inlet. Generous areas have been set aside in the vicinity of each of the Outer Banks villages to provide for future growth.

The land conveyed to the government included the 1,200-acre Cape Hatteras State park. Some other lands which the state owns along the Outer Banks was not included in any of the three deeds turned over to the park service because descriptions of the property are too vague.

Congress will be asked to provide funds with which to staff and administer the new recreation area for the fiscal year starting next July 1, according to Wirth, who said the park service hopes to ac-

NEWS-TIMES to Print Babson's 1953 Outlook

The NEWS-TIMES will publish Roger W. Babson's Business and Financial Outlook for 1953 in the issue of Tuesday, Dec. 30.

Babson's 1953 Outlook will contain outstanding forecasts on such important topics as general business, commodity prices, taxes, trade, labor, inflation, farm outlook, stock market, real estate and politics.

We are calling this feature to your attention because we believe that every one of our readers will find it of inestimable value.

Jaycees Hear Party Report

The Morehead City Jaycees, at their meeting Monday night, heard a report from Dr. W. M. Brady on the Christmas party sponsored by the Jaycees last Saturday.

Dr. Brady reported that 37 children attended the party. All toys contributed to the Jaycees were distributed at the party to the colored children. The larger toys were distributed Christmas Eve to the most needy children.

Dr. Brady thanked the NCO Toastmasters club of Cherry Point for the toys which were contributed to the party. President Walter Morris thanked the community for its support and for its contributions of toys and money to the toy drive.

The club pledged to increase its membership 20 per cent by May 1. The pledge is to be a Christmas present to Hunt Henderson, national president of the Jaycees.

M/Sgt. R. M. Larson, M/Sgt. J. G. Moltzen and HMC R. W. Davis of the NCO Toastmasters club were guests at the meeting. They gave short discussions of the purpose and activities of the Toastmasters clubs. After the talks, the three guests answered questions about the possibility of organizing a Toastmasters club in Morehead City.

Attends Christmas Party

Approximately 450 children according to Cornelius Simmons, organizer for the International Fur and Leather Workers union, attended a Christmas party in union headquarters, 514 Craven st., Beaufort, Monday afternoon.

Christmas



Town, County Offices Close

All town and county offices, with the exception of police and fire stations, have been closed over the Christmas holidays. The offices will reopen Monday morning.

County offices and the Beaufort town hall closed at 4 p.m. Tuesday afternoon. Town offices in Morehead City were open until noon on Wednesday.

There were no garbage collections in Beaufort from noon Wednesday until noon Friday. In Morehead City, garbage was collected as usual.

The Morehead City and Beaufort post offices were closed on Christmas day but will reopen Friday morning. City mail deliveries will be made as usual Friday, but there will be no RFD deliveries. The offices will be open for most business although they will not have full crews.

Rotarians See Films of Trip

The Rev. Priestley Conyers of Morehead City showed movies of his trip to the Holy Land at Monday night's meeting of the Newport Rotary club.

Mr. Conyers described his trip and showed scenes of Jerusalem, Bethlehem and other places of Biblical significance. He also showed pictures of old ruins and of archaeological studies being made in the area.

Guests at the meeting were George H. McNeill and Frank Eckert of the Morehead City Rotary club.

A barbecue supper was served by Fred Norris of Beaufort. Ladies of the community served dessert and coffee.

C. S. Long presided at the meeting, and Roy T. Garner gave the invocation. The meeting was held in the vocational agriculture shop at the school because of the work being done on the lunch room.

Army Chaplains World Over Arrange Christmas Services

American soldiers all over the world will observe Christmas this year by attending religious services arranged by Army chaplains.

Combat men in Korea may kneel before an improvised altar set up on the hood of a jeep or listen to the word of God from a crouched position in a foxhole.

Soldiers in Alaska, Europe, and in the United States will observe the birthday of Our Lord by attending Protestant services or Catholic Mass in Army chapels, large auditoriums, or in churches near Army posts.

Besides church services, chaplains everywhere will encourage the Christmas spirit by sponsoring gift collections for the poor and needy. Christmas concerts and parties for homeless orphans.

Chaplain (Colonel) Herman H. Heuer of the Office Chief of Chaplains in Washington, D. C., describes in these words the "round-the-world Army observance expected for Christmas, 1952:

"Whether the soldier is station-

Beaufort Chamber Manager Writes Letter to Santa Claus

The Christmas card sent out this year to its members by the Beaufort chamber of commerce is in the form of a letter to Santa Claus. The letter, written by Dan Walker, manager of the chamber, asks Santa for the things which are most needed by the town.

State Seeks Old Furniture

Alexander Crane of the state conservation and development board, has written the NEWS-TIMES, to ask if any of its readers owning or knowing of a labelled piece of furniture which was made locally between 1680 and 1830, would send him a copy of the label and a brief description of the piece of furniture on which it is found.

Following is the letter: In the search for antique eastern North Carolina furniture made locally between 1680 and 1830, I have discovered a few pieces that bear the cabinet maker's name stamped, written or on a label inside or on the bottom of a drawer or chair bottom.

I am trying to find names of early furniture makers of eastern North Carolina to be included in an illustrated book on furniture.

If anyone owning or knowing of a labelled piece of furniture, even if the label is torn or barely legible, would get in touch with me, sending me a copy of the label and a brief description of the piece of furniture on which it is found, he will be doing the state a great favor as well as a personal one to me. Alexander Crane, Department of Conservation and Development, Education Building Raleigh, N. C.

Sincerely,
Dan Walker, Manager
Beaufort Chamber of Commerce

Highway Patrol Cautions Drivers

The state highway patrol, in an effort to cut down on holiday highway accidents has been issuing warning cards to motorists. The cards have been issued at road blocks set up on principal highways throughout the state.

The warning card is in the form of a pledge in which the driver promises to help keep the highways free from accidents over the holidays.

The cards headed, "Why let an accident spoil your holiday?", read as follows:

By accepting this card I pledge to help to do my part, in cooperation with the state highway patrol, to keep North Carolina highways free from accidents over the Christmas holidays by: (1) obeying the legal speed limit, (2) never passing on hills or curves, (3) not drinking after drinking.

Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar		LOW
HIGH	Friday, Dec. 26	10:37 a.m.
4:03 a.m.		10:36 p.m.
4:21 p.m.	Saturday, Dec. 27	
5:03 a.m.		11:38 a.m.
5:19 p.m.		11:31 p.m.
	Sunday, Dec. 28	
5:57 a.m.		12:32 p.m.
6:13 p.m.	Monday, Dec. 29	
6:47 a.m.		12:22 p.m.
5:02 p.m.		1:21 p.m.
	Tuesday, Dec. 30	
7:32 a.m.		1:10 a.m.
7:48 p.m.		2:05 p.m.

Police Recover Stolen Car

A car stolen in Beaufort was recovered early Monday night by the Morehead City police. The driver of the car fled as he was being brought to the Morehead City police station.

Lt. Carl Blomberg of the Morehead City police stopped the car, a 1941 Ford coupe, in a routine check for non-tax paid whiskey. When the driver of the car, a Negro, was unable to produce a driver's license, Blomberg told him to drive to the police station.

As the car approached the police station, the driver stopped, jumped from the car and ran down an alley toward the waterfront. Blomberg ran after him but failed to catch him.

Shortly after the car was brought to the police station, Willie Moore Harkley, Beaufort Negro, appeared to claim it. Harkley said that the car had been stolen from outside his house while he was at the barber shop. Harkley reported the theft to Beaufort police who sent him to Morehead City.

Harkley, who has no driver's license, left the car at the police station until he could find someone to drive it back to Beaufort.

Store Closing Days to Vary

Store closing during the holiday period will vary according to representatives of the Morehead City and Beaufort chambers of commerce.

In Morehead City, all places of business will be closed Christmas day and all will be closed Friday. In addition many of the stores will remain closed Saturday. The decision to close on those days was made at a merchants association meeting in November.

In Beaufort, there will be some stores open Friday although most were closed Christmas day. All Beaufort business places will be open as usual on Saturday.

One drug store in Beaufort, F. B. Bell's, was open on Christmas day. The store was open from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. All Beaufort drug stores will be open on Friday.

Two grocery stores, C. D. Jones and Ann Street grocery, will be open Friday. One Morehead City grocery store, Aspenberg's, 2112 Bridges street, will also open on Friday.

Good Deed Causes Fire

A Beaufort man will think twice before he again stops to assist a stranded motorist. An attempted good deed cost Robert F. Hudgins a 1952 Packard convertible valued at \$4,300.

Hudgins was driving along NC 101 Monday night when he saw a car stopped by the side of the road. He stopped and the other driver said that he was out of gas. Hudgins offered to get some for him.

Hudgins obtained the gas and was returning with the can of gasoline on the rear seat of his car. Near the steel bridge on 101, another car appeared and ran him off the road and into the woods.

When Hudgins' car left the road, the can of gasoline overturned and ignited. The car was completely destroyed by the resulting fire. Hudgins called Highway Patrolman W. J. Smith who investigated the accident. He told Smith that he had purchased the car for \$4,300.