

Charles Garner of Newport Named 'Father of the Year'

Charles Manley Garner of Newport is Carteret county's "Father of the Year." He is the father of nine children.

Mr. Garner was chosen from many nominations in a contest sponsored by 10 Morehead City merchants. Judges in the contest were Mrs. J. W. Jackson, John L. Crump, and George B. Stovall.

The nominations were judged on the basis of qualifications listed and not the number of nominations for any one candidate.

Born in 1891 on a farm near Newport, Mr. Garner is still active, his hair is coal black except for a slight greying at the temples. He is now employed as a caretaker at the Wallace Fisheries, but for many years he was a farmer around Newport. He also served as Newport's policeman for six years.

The Garner's were married in 1915 and raised their large family primarily on the farm. Fairleigh Small of Morehead City, Mrs. Garner's son by a prior marriage, was reared there with the succeeding children. He has one child.

Of the other children four now live in Nevada, one is in the Navy, and the remaining three are the famous "Newport triplets" who still have one year of high school left before they graduate. Roland M. Garner is stationed in Pensacola with the Navy and has one

child; Charles, Jr., lives in Las Vegas, Nev., and is married; Mrs. Mary Garner Levitts, also lives in Las Vegas. She has two children. Living in Reno, Nev., are Mrs. Dorothy Garner Smith and Mrs. Eloises Garner Ranson, who has five children.

"We have nine children and nine grandchildren," Mr. Garner said in describing his family. Their pleasant six-room house in Newport is filled with pictures of various members of the family and the grandchildren, now that most of the children are living elsewhere.

"I miss them right much," he said. "Doesn't seem quite like home not to be able to hear them." The triplets are spending the summer in Morehead City where they have jobs and Mr. and Mrs. Garner are now by themselves at home. "The triplets are his pride and joy," Mrs. Garner says.

Another of his prides and joys is the large garden which practically surrounds the house. He has corn, cantaloupes, watermelons, beans and many other vegetables growing in the garden. "We got along pretty well when we were farming," he said. "I really liked that. You can't control the prices or the heavy rain, but it's good work." At the present time, Mr. Garner spends some of his spare time helping other farmers around Newport with their work. His

work at the fisheries is every other night and every other weekend.

A television set given them by Mrs. Levitts when she visited her parents the first of May this year is another diversion for the Garners.

"We've had a wonderful time with the family," was his comment on rearing a large family.

The award came as a complete surprise to him. Mrs. Garner said "I didn't tell him a thing about it." Of the many nominations for Mr. Garner only one came from his own family. The others came from his neighbors and friends in Newport.

They described him as an "ideal father," "a good citizen who is well liked and respected," and "kind hearted." One praised him in terms which cannot be misunderstood: "His wife says he is the best father in the world." In nomination of her husband for the honor, Mrs. Garner wrote: "He has worked very hard all his married life to raise nine children who are all living. The triplets are his pride and joy."

When he was asked if he liked large families, Mr. Garner laughed and said "I guess I like all kinds." He admitted that he was "awfully proud" of his family but seemed quite surprised at being named "Father of the Year."

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Morehead City Chamber Opens Tourist Service

Membership Drive Adds 30 Firms, Raises \$2,000

The Morehead City Chamber of Commerce will open its night room information service for tourists tonight, Joseph Dubois, manager of the chamber, announced today.

Mr. Dubois also reported that the group's membership drive has renewed 30 memberships and turned in more than \$2,000 in membership fees. W. B. Chalk was chairman of the membership committee.

The room information service is a clearing house through which tourists may find rooms after hotels and other regular tourist accommodations have been exhausted. It is organized by the tourist and convention committee of the chamber with Bud Dixon, chairman.

The service will be located in the Chamber of Commerce office in the recreation center on Shepard street every Friday and Saturday nights until 11 o'clock. Charles R. Freeman will operate the service.

When hotels report they are full, tourists will be sent to the information service where a list of available rooms will be kept. The service was a success last summer in its first year of operation, Mr. DuBois said.

Any resident of Morehead City who wishes to rent rooms on weekends during the summer season should register the room with the information service. Several times last summer the service did not have enough rooms to supply the demand.

At the present time the chamber has a list of approximately 100 rooms which will be available on weekends. All rooms which are registered will be inspected and approved by the chamber committee. Mr. DuBois urged local residents to register them with the chamber.

Jury Refuses Damages In Truck Accident Case

A superior court jury Tuesday refused to award damages to Frank and Clara Moran, operators of the Morehead City Floral company, in a suit against Vernon Gillikin of Outway.

The jury held that, although the property of the plaintiffs had been damaged by the negligence of the defendant, the negligence of their agent had contributed to the damage. The jury ruled that the plaintiffs were not entitled to recover any damages.

The suit grew out of an accident on May 27, 1952 in which a truck being driven by Gillikin collided with a truck owned by the Morehead City Floral company.

Ray Kennedy, mechanic for Sound Chevrolet company, testified that he examined Moran's truck and repaired the damage. He said that the repairs cost \$148.35.

Under cross-examination by Claud Wheatly, attorney for Frank and Clara Moran, Kennedy admitted that he did not know how much of the damage to the truck was caused by the accident.

Dr. E. P. Spence, Moran's father-in-law and driver of the truck, said that he was driving west on Arendell street at about 25 miles per hour at the time of the accident.

Spence said that as he passed Sound Chevrolet company Gillikin's truck came out of the driveway and struck the right side of his truck. He said that he then lost control of the truck and went about 50 feet beyond the intersection along the railroad tracks.

Spence said that he did not see the truck until it struck the side of his truck. He said that the truck damaged the right side of his truck from about the center of the side to the rear fender.

The witness said that he believed that the truck was worth about \$800 before the accident and that it was worth about \$650 after the collision.

Under cross-examination, Spence denied that he had asked Gillikin not to call the police or that he suggested that they settle their own damages.

When Attorney Wheatly suggested that Spence might have told Gillikin that the accident was his fault, he rose to his feet and shouted angrily at the attorney. He said that he had never admitted anything of the sort and that Gillikin had hit him.

Judge Henry W. Stevens, Jr., cautioned Spence and told him to sit down. He urged him to regain control of himself. After the outburst ended, Wheatly continued his cross-examination.

He asked Spence how the front of his truck had been damaged if Gillikin struck it in the center of the right side. Spence said that he did not know, whereupon the jury returned its verdict.

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Superior Court Judge Expects Two-Week Term to End Today

Jewelry Stolen At Atlantic Beach

Jewels valued at between \$2,500 and \$3,000 were stolen from the parked car of W. J. Chandler of Oak Ridge Tuesday at Atlantic Beach.

The thief or thieves also took \$38 from Chandler's wallet which was left in the car and \$5 from Mrs. Chandler's purse.

The jewelry had been left in a locked box in the glove compartment of the car while Chandler and his wife were swimming. The jewel box also contained \$100 in cash.

The theft was discovered after Chandler and his wife returned to the house where they are staying at 2905 Evans street, Morehead City.

After a search of the car and the house produced no sign of the jewels, Chandler at first concluded that the jewels had been stolen from the house. He then called the Morehead City police to report the supposed burglary.

Chandler told Capt. Buck Newsome that he thought the jewels had been left at the house while he and his wife were at the beach.

While discussing the robbery with Captain Newsome, Chandler discovered that the money was missing from his wallet. He then realized that the jewels had been in the car and that the robbery had taken place at the beach.

Chandler was able to provide police with a description of the jewelry, none of which was covered by insurance.

Captain Newsome turned the case over to the sheriff's department since the robbery happened at the beach which is out of the jurisdiction of the Morehead City police department.

Three Men Fined In Shrimping Case

Spence Laster and Vernon Taylor of Sea Level were each fined \$25 and costs Tuesday in county recorder's court after they pleaded guilty to charges of shrimping on Sunday.

A third shrimper, Berkley Willis of Atlantic, was fined \$10 and costs after pleading guilty to a similar charge.

Six other shrimpers will be tried Tuesday on similar charges. They are Porky Mason of Ocracoke, C. B. Prescott of Oriental and Wilmont Bolivia, Willie Newton, Ernest Mayo and James Armstrong of Vandemere.

The six were also scheduled for trial Tuesday, but warrants against them have not yet been processed, according to court officials.

Charges against the nine shrimpers were brought by Stanley Golden of Otway, captain of the patrol boat Cape Fear, who caught the men on Sunday, June 7. Warrants were

sworn out by C. D. Kirkpatrick, head of the commercial fisheries division of the department of Conservation and Development.

Mr. Kirkpatrick has announced that any shrimper who is convicted twice for shrimping on Sunday will lose his license for the remainder of the season.

He says that he believes that most of the shrimpers are obeying the law which allows day and night shrimping but prohibits the taking of shrimp on Sunday. He said that his department's patrol boats will continue to keep a close check on the operations of the shrimpers.

Shrimpers have enjoyed a banner season since it opened May 11, with large catches reported and shrimping bringing a high market price.

It was to enable shrimpers to catch this variety that the Institute of Fisheries Research of the University of North Carolina recommended that the C&D board allow night shrimping.

Episcopal Laymen Open Bogue Banks Camp Drive

Episcopal laymen in eastern North Carolina have launched a campaign to raise \$20,000 to erect the first buildings on the church's property on Bogue Banks.

A part of the banks running from the Atlantic to the Sound containing 80 acres of land and with an ocean frontage of 1,500 feet was given to the Episcopal diocese of Eastern North Carolina by the late Mrs. Alice G. Hoffman and her heirs, members of the Theodore Roosevelt family. The property is six miles west of Atlantic Beach.

Under the terms of the gift, the church has five years in which to begin the project.

The complete plans call for cabins, a lodge and assembly hall, open theater, recreation building, baseball field and pier. The camp will be operated for laymen and their families in the church.

To start the camp, the laymen's group is asking for contributions to construct a building 40 feet by 86 feet in dimensions which will contain two large dressing rooms with showers, a kitchen and dining room. Plans call for completion of this building this year. A road will be paved to the camp from the Salter Path highway, a parking area fixed and the grounds will be cleaned.

James D. Potter of Beaufort is in charge of the fund-raising drive in St. Paul's parish. Contributions may be mailed to Joe House, Beaufort. All checks should be made payable to the East Carolina Laymen's Building Fund.

Contributions in St. Andrew's parish, Morehead City, are being taken by H. Earle Mobley and Stanley Woodland.

The Episcopal camp is the second such church enterprise for Carteret county. Earlier this spring the Albemarle presbytery of the Presbyterian church purchased a home and property on Bogue Sound to be used for a church summer camp.

County Residents Not Interested In Typhoid Shots

The Carteret county health department has concluded that county residents are not particularly interested in protection against typhoid fever.

Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, county health officer, reported this week that only 153 persons received typhoid vaccinations in a recently completed county-wide series of vaccination clinics. These clinics were particularly for adults, since vaccinations in the schools were completed earlier.

At the same clinics whooping cough, diphtheria and tetanus vaccinations were given to 47 children and smallpox vaccinations to nine children.

Dr. Ennett pointed out that many children were vaccinated during the pre-school vaccinations this spring.

The health department holds two vaccination clinics a week in the health department offices in Beaufort at the county court house on Tuesday afternoon and Saturday morning. A clinic is also held every Thursday night from 6:30 to 7:30 in the health department offices in the Morehead City town hall.

Heavy Calendar Of Civil Cases Slows Progress

Superior court officials said yesterday morning that they hope that the current two-week term of court will end this afternoon.

Judge Henry Stevens, Jr., said that he has been averaging a little better than one civil case each day during this second week of the court term. Several of the 42 civil cases on the court calendar have either been settled out of court or continued. Only this fact makes it possible for the court term to end today.

The first week of the session was devoted mainly to criminal cases with 44 cases on the docket. With the exception of a few cases which were continued until the October term, most of the criminal cases were disposed of.

No action was taken on the residents of the county who had failed to list taxes. At the March term, the grand jury recommended that those who failed to list be turned over to the grand jury at this term.

Court officers said that most of those who had failed to list have since done so. It was also found that many of those on the list have moved from the county. Any who have still failed to list their taxes will probably be presented for grand jury action at the October term.

Mrs. Ruby Lawrence received \$9,000 damages in settlement of a suit against Lundy Gillikin, W. L. Gillikin and Connie Gillikin. Mrs. Lawrence was seeking \$50,000 for the death of her son Donald, killed last fall in an automobile accident on the Harkers Island road.

In another case growing out of an accident on the same road, Eric Gillikin received \$1,451.55 in settlement of his suit against William and Leroy Gillikin. The suit was brought in his behalf by his mother, Mrs. Lula Gillikin.

Mrs. Mae Smith settled her suit against the Dr. Pepper Bottling company for \$200. Mrs. Smith sought \$10,000 for injuries she said that she received from a piece of glass in a soft drink bottle.

S. A. Horton was awarded damages amounting to \$178.25 plus interest from Jan. 6, 1951 from Bruno and Mary Marino.

John P. Anderson was awarded \$350 damages from Rosetta Williams, whose car struck Anderson's at a stop light in Beaufort last fall. Enoch Pettway, who was driving the Williams woman's car at the time, fled from the scene of the accident and has never been apprehended.

With the case of Lewis against Blaskowitz in the process of being tried yesterday morning, Judge Stevens said that there were two more cases on the calendar for trial. He said that he hoped that those cases could be finished by this afternoon.

4-H Girls Enter Award Programs

Two national 4-H award programs of special interest to girls have been approved for 1953 by the state extension service. They are bread demonstration and dress revue.

Objectives of the demonstration program are to help 4-H club girls acquire the skills involved in making breads, rolls and other baked goods. Participants learn to give effective demonstration showing some phase of what has been learned and its relation to the family dietary needs.

Incentives for outstanding 4-H records of achievement, provided by Standard Brands, Inc., comprise medals of honor for top ranking individual and team participants in each qualifying county. State winners, both individual and team members, will receive \$50 U. S. Savings Bonds. More than 35,800 girls in accepting states gave baked foods demonstrations last year before audiences totaling 850,000 persons.

In the dress revue program, which is open to all girls participating in the 4-H clothing program, members learn to dress appropriately in keeping with a well-planned family budget, and to develop poise, proper posture and habits of good grooming. The popularity of this program is reflected in the enrollment of girls last year, which totaled 689,259.

Simplicity Pattern company provides awards of honor medals to county blue award winners and an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club congress in Chicago next November to the state winner. Each state winner participating in the national presentation at the club congress will receive a leather-cased scissors set.

New Minister Assumes Duties

The Rev. H. Edgar Harden of Norfolk, Va., has arrived in Morehead City to take up his duties as pastor of the First Christian church.

Mr. Harden is a native of North Carolina, having been reared in Bertie county. He received his education in the Bertie county



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schools and in Norfolk where he made his home for several years. He received his training for the ministry at Moody Bible Institute and at a Christian church school in Norfolk. He was ordained in 1935.

Before coming to Morehead City, Mr. Harden held pastorates in Norfolk, Creeds and Salem, Va., and Edenton and Pantego. He has devoted much of his time to evangelistic work connected with the formation of small churches.

Mr. Harden has replaced the Rev. C. R. Berry who resigned recently to accept the pastorate of the Lumberton Christian church. Mr. Harden was chosen after a long search for a successor to Mr. Berry.

Jaycees Discuss Beauty Pageant

The Morehead City Jaycees, at their meeting Monday night, continued to discuss plans for the Miss North Carolina beauty pageant to be held July 15-17 in Morehead City.

Dr. Russell Outlaw reported that he has obtained 24 rooms for the contestants in the pageant and asked club members to try to get more rooms.

It was also reported that material is available for the construction of the stage at the Morehead City race track where the pageant will be held.

A meeting of committee chairmen for the pageant was called for Tuesday night.

Miss Rosalind Diane Harris, Miss Asheville, was a guest at the meeting.

President Paul Geer, Jr., L. G. Dunn and Ralph Gardner reported on the national convention held last week in Minneapolis. Mr. Gardner reported that he had purchased lighting fixtures for the new football field. The 120 1,500-watt units were purchased in Springfield, Ohio, at a cost of \$2,330. The club voted to approve the purchase of the fixtures.

Laboratory Unit Studies Stream Pollution Here

Two mobile laboratory units under the control of the state Stream Sanitation committee have been sent from Raleigh to the coast to study stream conditions. E. C. Hubbard, executive secretary of the committee, reported this week.

One of the units will be located in Morehead City. It will make a study of the Newport river, North river and Bogue sound.

Much of the work here will be in connection with determining the pollution in the inland waterway and the effects of the tides on the pollution.

Later in the summer this mobile laboratory will move down the coast to study also the White Oak and New River basins. Ben Stephenson is in charge of this laboratory.

The other unit will be located at Edenton to make a study of the Chowan river basin. The main tributaries of the Chowan are the Nottoway, Blackwater, Meherrin, and Wicacoa rivers. The study will include many smaller tributaries as well as Edenton bay.

These tests will determine the volume of flow, the points of pollution, the pollution loadings, and other necessary data required for classifying these waters in accordance with the provisions of the stream sanitation law. Fred Sossaman, Jr., is in charge of the unit at Edenton.

When the two studies are completed, a detailed report will be made for each major river basin. After this information has been made available, public hearings on the proposed classification of the waters will be held, after which final classification of the various stretches will be adopted by the sanitation committee in accordance with the provisions of the law.

Only after this procedure can the abatement provisions of the law be put into effect for the reduction of pollution in these waters of North Carolina.

Mr. Hubbard explained that the stream sanitation program was designed to prudently utilize the water resources of the state in the best interests of the people by protecting the water requirements for health, recreation, fishing, agriculture, industry, and animal life not only for present needs, but also for future needs as well.

Capt. Reese Is Killed In Marine Plane Crash

Capt. S. W. Reese, USMC, who was stationed at El Toro airfield, Cal., was killed Monday evening in a plane crash.

Funeral services will be held today, with burial following in the National cemetery at San Diego, Cal.

Capt. Reese had returned to the west coast last fall after a year's tour of duty in Korea, and had expected to move with his family to the east coast next month.

Capt. Reese, who was born in Wink, Texas, is survived by his wife, the former Betty Rumbley of Beaufort, two daughters, Mary Elizabeth and Sharon, and his mother, Mrs. W. A. Allison of Carlsbad, N. Mex.

Rags Cause Fire

A fire believed to have started in a pile of rags in a closet caused no damage Tuesday afternoon in the home of Harry Parker, Broad street, Beaufort. The Beaufort fire department extinguished the fire before it did any damage.

CG Reservists Take Training

Coast Guard reservists from Morehead City and Wilmington returned recently from a two-weeks intensive duty training program at the Coast Guard port security unit in Norfolk.

The Morehead City division is headed by Lieutenant Commander D. G. Bell. The reservists took part in all jobs regularly assigned to full time active duty Coast Guard port security specialists at Norfolk.

In addition they received training by the Navy in fire-fighting and did small arms firing.

The port security trainees stood regular watches at the Norfolk unit. They boarded 40-foot utility boats on waterfront patrols in which docks and other waterfront facilities were checked for sabotage, improper stowage of cargo and fire.

With mobile dock-side patrols they checked warehouses for safety and security measures, and went aboard docked vessels to supervise the loading and unloading of dangerous cargo.

The reservists also spent a day aboard a buoy tender doing aids to navigation work in the Hampton Roads area.

Reservists from the Morehead City area in addition to LCDR Bell are Walter F. Patrick, 2109 Arendell street, Morehead City; Joseph D. Rose, Jr., 3201 Arendell street, Morehead City; Lester N. Willis, 2608 Evans street, Morehead City; John L. Lewis, Harkers Island; Etheridge G. Davis, Harkers Island; and Clarence A. Bell, Havelock.

New Bern Judge Blasts Speed Limits on 70

The problem of traffic speeds on highway 70 between New Bern and Morehead City received attention this week in the New Bern recorder's court.

Laurence Stith, judge of New Bern's city court, delivered a blast against the recently lowered speed limits on the New Bern to Havelock part of the road. Under the present laws, a 35-mile-per-hour zone extends from the Trent river bridge to the Brinson Memorial school, and from that point to Havelock a 45-mile-per-hour speed zone is in effect.

The city judge expressed the opinion that if certain speed laws are to be in effect on one highway they should prevail on all principal highways throughout the state.

Judge Stith said in court that he was in favor of anything that would reduce traffic accidents, but contended the lowered limits on highway 70 would increase accidents if the motoring public obeyed them. "If everyone obeyed the laws from the time an automobile left the bridge until it arrived in Havelock, there would be such a caravan of cars on the road that a serious hazard would be created," was his comment.

Possible Sites Studied by Bank

The Commercial National Bank of Kinston has not definitely decided which of several possible locations it will take for its branch in Morehead City. Harry C. Wooten, vice-president of the bank, reported this week.

Mr. Wooten said that a special meeting of the bank's board of directors will be held in the near future to decide on a definite location for the bank branch. Permission for the new branch was granted late in May to the Kinston bank by the comptroller of the currency who controls the operations of national banks.

Since the initial announcement, the bank has been doing mostly "ground work" in preparation for opening, Mr. Wooten said. "The poll taken by the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce which showed its members were in favor of a second bank with a margin of 10 to 1 was most encouraging," Mr. Wooten continued. He said the poll would be an important part of their future plans.

Founded in 1946 the Commercial National now has two branches in Kinston. Mr. Wooten pointed out that eight of the bank's directors own property in and around Morehead City.

Under the federal laws the bank has six months from the date of permission in which to open its branch before the period of permission ends. Since national banks are controlled by the federal government, the state banking commission does not have any power over the location of the new branch.

Court Holds Short Session

The Carteret county recorder's court held a short session Tuesday morning, with most of the cases on the docket continued until next week. The session was held in the grand jury room because of the superior court session being held in the court room.

William B. Kelly, Jr., served notice of an appeal to superior court after he was fined \$10 and costs for driving on the wrong side of the road. Bond was set at \$100.

David R. Felton was fined \$10 and costs for driving without a license.

James Piner was ordered to pay the check and court costs on a charge of issuing a bad check.

Malicious prosecution was ruled in the case of Willie Budgett, charged with non-support. The prosecuting witness was taxed with half of the costs.

James H. Barnes paid costs for driving a car with expired license tags.

Bonds were forfeited by Tilman Skidmore, Julian Carlisle Bell, McDonald Garner, James A. Marshall, Anthony Fugaro, Zana Britt, Johnnie Ray Waddell, W. H. Elliott, Richard C. Vittor, Jon Ray Robinson, Reginald Conway, K. P. E. Bonner, Jr., Leonard E. Raines, Dudley Gray, W. D. Mason, Leon J. Horn and Edwin Pagen.

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