

## Lonnie Hyatt Dies When Truck Overtakes Sunday

Lonnie Hyatt, 38, Morehead City, was killed at 5:35 p.m. Sunday on the Salter Path Road three miles west of Atlantic Beach. His truck, a 1949 Ford flatbed turned over and Mr. Hyatt, a brickmason, was thrown 30 feet beyond the cab. He had a fractured skull, broken neck, and crushed chest.

State Highway Patrolman J. W. Sykes said that Mr. Hyatt was headed toward Morehead City. He came to a right curve and all four wheels ran off the road into the sand. The truck traveled straight until it hit a protruding sand embankment on the shoulder of the road.

**Truck Turns Over**  
The right front of the truck hit the embankment causing the truck to flip over on its side, its top, and back on its wheels, heading in the

opposite direction from which it had come. The truck traveled 258 feet after it left the paved surface. Patrolman Sykes said no one saw the accident. He estimated that Mr. Hyatt was traveling between 50 and 55 miles an hour. It was raining when the accident happened. Damage to the truck is estimated at \$500.

The body was taken to the George W. Dill funeral home. Mr. Hyatt was returning from Salter Path where he was doing some work for Abram Willis. His truck was empty except for tools.

Mr. Willis was following Mr. Hyatt into Morehead City and about a mile from the spot where the truck left the road, he stopped and asked Mr. Willis to take his two children, who were riding with him, home.

**Passes Truck**  
Mr. Willis took the youngsters and passed Mr. Hyatt on his way into town. It is estimated that the accident occurred a few minutes later.

Coroner Leslie D. Springle said the death was accidental. The fatality is Carteret's fifth on the highways this year, the coroner reported.

Surviving Mr. Hyatt are his wife and five sons, Lonnie Lloyd 17, Jerry 15, Francis 14, Frederick 13, and Cecil 10; a brother, Roland, Morehead City, and a sister, Mrs. Annie Townsend, Fairmont, N. C.

## Three Persons Hurt in Wreck

Three persons were slightly injured Monday morning Sept. 14, in an auto accident on highway 24 at Bogue. James Everett Culpepper, Newport RFD 1, Montie Allen Sly, Beaufort RFD 1, and Bobbie R. Willis, Crab Point, were treated at Morehead City Hospital for cuts and bruises and were discharged.

J. W. Sykes, state highway patrolman, said the accident occurred at 8 o'clock in the morning when Culpepper, driving a 1939 DeSoto, tried to make a U-turn.

Culpepper was headed east, parked in front of a small store at Bogue. Culpepper started out, swung to head west in the direction of Swansboro and met Sly driving toward Morehead City in a 1950 Ford panel truck.

Sly turned to the left to try to avoid a head-on collision, but Patrolman Sykes said it was practically a head-on anyway. Damage to Culpepper's car was estimated at \$300 and to Sly's truck \$500. Willis was riding with Sly.

Culpepper was charged with driving on the wrong side of the highway and failing to yield right-of-way. He was found guilty and paid court costs in Carteret County Recorder's Court Tuesday morning.

## Morehead Firemen Put Out Four Small Fires

The Morehead City Fire Department recently answered calls to Mason's Drive-In, the Freeman house at 1210 Arendell, the home at 2900 Evans, and Will Smith's at 207 N. 23rd St., Morehead City.

The Drive-In and Smith fires occurred shortly after 4 o'clock Monday morning. The ceiling was on fire at the drive-in and a mattress burned at the Smith house. Damage was slight.

## Irvin W. Davis to Head Carteret Bond Effort

Irvin W. Davis, Carteret County register of deeds, has been named chairman of the bond effort in Carteret County, John Harden, co-chairman of the state committee, announced yesterday.

The state committee is organizing each county in the state to stimulate interest in the Oct. 3 election on a \$72 million school and mental institution bond issue. Of the bonds, \$50 million would go to the state's public schools.

Mr. Davis announced that he has accepted his appointment and "will do the best I can for the bond issue."

"I was a school teacher myself for 22 years, and I still have a deep interest in the future and progress of schools throughout the state and particularly in Carteret County," Mr. Davis commented.

He said that citizens in the county will visit each precinct to stir up interest in the election and distribute information about the purposes and mechanics of the bond issues.

The bond election was called by the last General Assembly after Governor William B. Umstead made improvements to public schools and mental institutions a

prime part of his program for the state. The mental institution funds will be used to increase the state's capacity for mental patients and improve existing institutions so that more patients may be cured and returned to private life.

The General Assembly directed that each county in the state receive a flat \$100,000 from the school bond money. The remaining \$40 million will be divided \$15 million to the counties on the basis of average daily attendance and \$25 million on the basis of need.

The \$25 million fund based on need will be distributed by the State Board of Education according to a formula which has not yet been announced. A committee will investigate each county to determine the school needs. Such a survey has already been made in Carteret County but the results have not been announced though some school men have reported that Carteret's minimum needs would involve at least \$1 million.

"We will work through the schools and other organizations to do the best job we can for the bond effort," Mr. Davis said in concluding his statement.

## Final Plans Made by Group For Coastal Highway Meet

More than 100 Coastal Carolinians are expected to attend the State Highway Commission meeting Thursday in Raleigh supporting petitions for a Coastal Highway connecting the Outer Banks with Atlantic.

Joe DuBois, manager of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, has been spearheading the drive for the highway. Alvah Hamilton Sr. is chairman of the committee for the road.

In addition to the Morehead City delegates to the meeting, delegations will be present from Beaufort, Durham, Carolina Beach, Warsaw, Rocky Mount, Raleigh, Fairfield, Ocracoke and Dare County, Mr. DuBois said. At least 10 delegations will attend the meeting from beaches and towns associated with the Southeastern North Carolina Beach Association.

Mr. DuBois will meet with the SENCA this afternoon to explain the Coastal Highway and answer questions.

The meeting will start at noon in the highway building in Raleigh. It is a regular meeting of the highway commission. Petitions and resolutions on the highway have been sent to the commission from almost every town and county along the coast. Civic clubs and Chambers of Commerce have also supported the project.

The proposal calls for the addition of car ferries between Hatteras Island and Ocracoke and Ocracoke and Atlantic with an estimated 18 miles of paved highway on Ocracoke. This would mean that tourists could travel down the Outer Banks from Norfolk to highway 70 at Atlantic.

The All Coastal Highway Committee describes its efforts as an attempt to get more North-South highways for the eastern part of the state. Proponents point out that the central and western parts of the state have much larger networks of highways than the eastern part.

In addition to Mr. Hamilton other members of the committee are Dan L. Walker of Beaufort, Clayton Fulcher Jr. of Atlantic, R. Stanley Wahab of Ocracoke, Harry Midgett of Hatteras, Acock Brown of Manteo, P. M. Camak of Wilmington, M. N. Lisk of Swansboro, and Mr. DuBois, secretary.

## Rural Home Owners Seek Fire Service

Leslie D. Springle Heads Group Hoping to Organize Rural Association

Residents of areas of Beaufort east of the town limits have taken steps toward organization of a Beaufort Rural Fire Association.

Two meetings have been held and temporary officers elected. They are Leslie D. Springle, chairman; Neal Campen, vice-chairman; Grayden Paul, secretary; and John Miller, treasurer.

Mr. Springle and Mr. Campen were empowered to appoint three others as members of an executive committee. They are Charles Pake, Lennoxville; Roy Keller, Bettie, and John Butler, Beaufort. Mr. Springle and Mr. Campen are from the route 101 area and Mr. Butler represents the Ann and Front street extended areas.

About 30 residents of the Highland and Hancock Park sections, Ann and Front streets extended, and highways 70 and 101 are investigating the possibility of assisting the Beaufort Fire Department in answering out-of-town fires.

**Two Plans Proposed**  
Chairman Springle says two plans are under consideration. The first plan involves purchase of a 2,000-gallon tanker truck. This truck, bought by the association, would follow the town trucks to out-of-town fires and would make the available water supply total 3,000 gallons. The tanker truck would be equipped with a gasoline motor to pump water into the fire department booster tank.

The second plan, Chairman Springle says, involves petitioning the county board to hold an election in certain areas to see if people want a 10-cent tax for fire service, as provided by a statute enacted in the 1949 legislature. This involves also the possibility of entering into a contract with the town for out-of-town fire service.

No decision has been made as to either plan. The first, Chairman Springle says, would help out immediately. The second is a long-range plan. If the first is decided on, money would have to be raised to buy the tanker truck.

In March 1953 the town authorized the fire department to answer out-of-town calls. This was a reversal of previous action prohibiting the equipment to go beyond the town limits. Now, even though rural property within a 12-mile radius is being protected, there is insufficient water, Chairman Springle said. The town has a 1,000-gallon booster tank.

**To Meet Thursday**  
There will be a meeting of persons interested in the Rural Fire Protection Association at 7:30 Thursday night, Sept. 24, at the county courthouse. "All persons within the outlying areas of Beaufort who want better fire protection are urged to attend," said Mr. Springle.

He emphasized that the town of Beaufort is not involved in the proposed plan other than being willing to send its equipment out within the 12-mile limit when necessary. If organization of the association is a success, new officers will be elected Jan. 1, 1954.

## Morehead Tries Again for Bridge

Another grasp at a straw — to save part of the old Atlantic Beach bridge as a fishing pier — was made last week when Warren Beck, president of the Chamber of Commerce, Morehead City, and Mayor George Dill sent a telegram to A. H. Graham, state highway commissioner.

The wire was sent, Mr. Beck said, after it was learned that crews tearing down the south end of the bridge were transferred to the north end. This was done because certain "Raleigh interests" were reported to have made headway in getting the state to save part of the bridge.

The telegram was merely to reaffirm Morehead City's interest and approval of the fishing pier idea, Mr. Beck said. Ever since it was decided to build a new bridge, civic groups in Morehead City and businessmen of Atlantic Beach have been trying to convince the state that part of the bridge should be saved for use by anglers.

## Court Clerk Issues Report for August

John Lashley, clerk of Morehead City Recorder's Court, has released the financial report of the court for the month of August.

Fines paid to Carteret County totaled \$1,562.50. Paid to the Officers' Retirement Fund was \$124; food for prisoners cost \$89.25; payment for parking meter violations amounted to \$121; appeal bonds refunded, sheriff warrants, had checks collected, and damages paid \$569.40.

Of the total \$3,768 received, the town of Morehead City got \$652.24. Mr. Lashley pointed out that the amount received by the town from each case tried amounts to \$19.50. One thousand dollars is on hand for working capital.

Total fines paid to Carteret County during the court's first year of operation were \$18,000.

## Salter Path House Burns

Mr. and Mrs. Alec Moore Lose Possessions in Early Morning Fire

The frame dwelling of Mr. and Mrs. Alec Moore, Salter Path, burned to the ground about 1 o'clock Friday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Moore lost all their possessions. The home was valued at about \$6,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore were asleep in the house when they were awakened by neighbors who saw the flames. Word was sent to George Smith, chief of police at Atlantic Beach who has a phone and he telephoned the Morehead City Fire Department.

By the time the firemen arrived at the scene the house was beyond saving. The Moores even failed to save some money they had in the home.

It is not known definitely how the fire started but it is believed it may have started at the stove.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore, who have a son Leslie employed at the roofing plant, are living now with their daughter and son-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. Alec Guthrie at Salter Path.

## Opening Draw Catches Car

About 10 o'clock Friday morning the Beaufort draw started to open for a boat.

As it rose it carried with it a shiny Buick owned and driven by Llewellyn Phillips — his mother Mrs. Mattie Phillips, was a demure passenger at his side.

The front wheels were hooked over the west side draw, the back wheels over the east side draw.

Up, up went both draw leaves. Up, up went the Buick.

Honk, honk went Mr. Phillips' horn.

Horrified motorists, safe behind the barricades, started honking. What would have been to them a thriller in the movies was a frightening spectacle.

**William Glass, Beaufort, Faces Series of Charges**  
William Glass, Queen Ann apartments, Beaufort, has been charged with being drunk and disorderly, assaulting his wife, and carrying a concealed weapon, a straight razor.

Glass was apprehended about midnight Thursday at the south end of Queen street on Front.

## Car Turns Over Near Bridge Sunday

A car driven by Josephus Fulcher, retired Coast Guardsman of Beaufort RFD 1, turned over at 3:15 p.m. Sunday a half mile west of the North River bridge on highway 70. No one was injured.

Mr. Fulcher told State Highway Patrolman W. J. Smith Jr. that it was pouring down rain and he tried to pass a car. He saw a car coming from the opposite direction, however, lifted his foot off the accelerator and the car started to skid.

Then he applied his brakes and the car went into the ditch and turned over. Patrolman Smith said the tires on the car were smooth.

Riding with Mr. Fulcher were two of his brothers and a third unidentified passenger.

# James Howland Case Will Go Before October Grand Jury

## Morehead Board Okays Re-Zoning

The Morehead City Board of Commissioners approved the re-zoning of portions of Arendell and Evans streets at their Thursday night meeting in the municipal building.

The re-zoning changes lots from 9th street to 14th street on Arendell street and certain ones on Evans from residential to business area. Action on the re-zoning has been tabled since February.

The commissioners acted Thursday night when W. B. Chalk, Morehead City realtor, appeared and asked that disposition be made of the matter.

The town board, in re-zoning the residential areas, acted in accordance with recommendations of the zoning board. Their approval of the move was based to a large extent on recommendations of Leigh Wilson, representative of the North Carolina League of Municipalities.

The lots which may now be used for business sites are the following: lots 9-15 in square 71, lots 1-7 in square 13, lots 1-16 in square 15, lots 11-15 in square 69, lots 8-13 in square 67, lots 1-16 except 7 in square 17, lots 1-7 in square 18, lots 1-7 in square 20, lots 2-16 in square 19, lots 9-16 in square 65, lots 8-15 in square 63, lots 1-5 in square 21.

At the request of Joe DuBois, the board formally approved the resolution joining U. S. highways 70 and 158 in a coastal highway.

W. C. Carlton, manager of the Carteret-Craven Electric Membership Corp., spoke to the board in regard to construction of a sewer line in the vicinity of the new REA building on 25th street.

The board told Mr. Carlton the line could not be constructed to benefit the largest number of people in the manner he suggested. They said laying of the line on Fisher street and then to the REA building would be feasible. Mr. Carlton said he would report their opinion to the REA board.

An adjustment was made in the personal property tax of Cecil Nelson. L. M. Fluhart, who has been collecting delinquent personal property taxes, requested authority from the board to take legal action on certain cases. No action was taken.

Attending the board meeting were Commissioners D. J. Hall, Ted Garner, S. C. Holloway, D. G. Bell, Clerk John Lashley, and Mayor George Dill.

## Sheriff Seeks Letters In Wright Libel Case

Sheriff C. G. Holland has asked all persons who have received letters libeling K. W. Wright to turn the letters over to the sheriff's department for investigation.

A reward of \$1,000 was offered by Mr. Wright early this month for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for spreading the libel through the mails.

At the end of August more than 50 persons in the county received a printed, poorly written jumble of doggerel verse, spreading information calculated to damage Mr. Wright's reputation. Mr. Wright has branded the cards as malicious and false.

All of the cards were mailed first class from the Morehead City post office.

In addition to the investigation being carried on by the county sheriff's department, the State Bureau of Investigation and the U. S. Post Office Department are investigating the case.

The sending of libellous material through the mails is a violation of the federal criminal laws as well as state laws. Mr. Wright has announced that he will prosecute to the limit of the law the person responsible for the libel.

Similar libellous material was distributed several years ago. The cards were printed on strips of poster board eight inches long by three and one-half inches wide. The printing is of the type done professionally throughout the country in printing shops.

Sheriff Holland commented that his investigation would be aided if residents of the county turn over to his department any material they receive immediately following the receipt.

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## State Presents Evidence In Hearing Yesterday

The case of James Howland, charged with attempting to burn the Beauty Nook, Morehead City, was referred to the grand jury by Judge George McNeill in Morehead City Recorder's Court yesterday. Howland remains under \$1,000 bond.

The Beauty Nook, a hair dressing salon formerly operated by his wife, Glennie Howland, is located west of S. 10th street on Shepard. It is alleged that the shop was damaged by a fire deliberately set early on the morning of Wednesday, Sept. 2.

At yesterday's hearing the state put four witnesses on the stand, Mrs. Laura Pittman who is now operating the Beauty Nook, A. E. Johnson who lives near the Beauty Nook, Morehead City Police Officer Homer Lewis, and Bob Pope of the State Bureau of Investigation.

**Mrs. Pittman Testifies**  
Mrs. Pittman testified that the morning before the fire Howland told her that she (Mrs. Pittman) started to destroy "Glennie's business" and that he was going to finish it. (Glennie is Howland's wife).

Mr. Johnson, who lives about 25 feet east of the Beauty Nook, told the court that he saw Howland at 11:15 the night of Sept. 1 and that he also saw him between 2:30 and 3:30 a.m. on Sept. 2, the morning of the fire. At about 3 he saw Howland at the Beauty Nook and after hearing glass shatter at the Nook, he saw Howland enter it, he said.

Half an hour later, he continued, he saw the Nook in flames. He went to the building, saw shattered glass on the floor and assisted in putting the fire out — with the exception of a stool which was still burning and then the police were called for help.

**Sees "Oil"**  
Johnson testified that he found "oil" poured over the air conditioner and oil was around each booth in the shop. Later, at about 4 a.m. he saw Howland who had only the lower half of his pajamas on. He said Howland's hands were covered with blood and he had a band-aid on his head. According to testimony, there was no blood in the Beauty Nook but blood was found on the walk between the salon and the skating rink which is located west of the Nook on Shepard street.

Mr. Pope showed pictures that were taken of the inside of the beauty shop. He testified that the

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## Two Accidents Occur in Town

Sgt. Bruce Edwards of the Morehead City police force investigated two accidents over the weekend.

Two cars collided at 1:30 Sunday afternoon at 18th and Bridges streets. Driving a 1952 Packard was Bruno J. Marino Jr., Morehead City RFD 1, and driving a 1954 Ford was Eugene Perry Ham, 6150 Polk St., Raleigh.

Mr. Marino told Sergeant Edwards that he thought Mr. Ham's car was going to make a left turn in front of him so he applied the brakes. He skidded into the car driven by Mr. Ham. Mr. Ham told Sergeant Edwards that he slowed down to make a left turn and was still on his side of the highway when the Marino car skidded into him.

Mr. Marino is charged with exceeding the 25-mile speed limit, thus causing an accident and the other motorist is charged with failing to yield the right-of-way, causing an accident.

At 9:30 Friday morning on Arendell street in front of the post office two cars collided. One, a Kaiser, driven by Clyde F. Jones, was backing out from a parking space when its left rear was struck, according to Sergeant Edwards, by a 1953 Chevrolet driven by Geneva Owen, 502 Belton Ave., Charlotte. Damage to the Owen car was estimated at \$125 and \$150.

No charges were preferred.

## Firemen Answer Call

The hot water heater at the home of Frank Langdale, Marsh street, Beaufort, caught fire at 11:30 Sunday morning. The fire was out by the time firemen arrived. Damage was slight.

## Junior Woman's Club Will Sponsor Fashion Show

The Junior Woman's Club of Morehead City will present a fall fashion show at 8 o'clock Thursday, Oct. 1, in the Morehead City School auditorium. Proceeds will be used for the club's community projects during the coming year.

Formal gowns, sports and street clothes, tailored dresses, coats, suits, and hats will be modeled. The apparel will be provided by a Morehead City dress shop.

The show is in charge of Miss Elizabeth Lambeth and Mrs. Albert Lea, co-chairmen of the ways and means committee. Tickets are available now from members of the Junior Woman's Club.

Organ music for the show will be provided by Mrs. Theodore Phillips.

## Elderly Man Dies of Burns

Peter Davis, 73, North River Negro, Falls Asleep with Cigarette

Peter Davis, 73-year-old Negro of North River, died from severe burns at 4 o'clock Saturday morning in Morehead City Hospital. Coroner Leslie D. Springle said death resulted from third degree burns sustained by Davis when he fell asleep with a lighted cigarette.

Davis was sitting in a large overstuffed chair alone in his home. Neighbors were attracted by his screams at 11 o'clock Friday night. They rushed to the house and pulled Davis from the chair. Flames were leaping up 6 to 8 feet high. They put out the fire and had the Adair ambulance, Beaufort, take him to the hospital.

Davis was alone at the time. His wife had left Thursday morning to go to Morehead City. He is survived by his wife, Louise Taylor Davis, and 32 children, all of whom live away from home. Davis was born in Beaufort and worked as a day laborer.

Graveside services were conducted at 11 o'clock Saturday morning in Bayview Cemetery, Morehead City.

## Speeders Trouble Hatteras Island

The highway has brought Hatteras Island a problem that early residents never had to contend with — the speeder.

The Ruritan Club on the island discussed the problem at its last meeting and made plans to try to control it. The members were particularly upset by teenagers who in addition to speeding "disrupt the peace and endanger lives by ending their bursts of speed with squealing tires."

In the absence of a law officer on the island, members of the club will endeavor to control speeds themselves. They unanimously agreed that upon any three members observing anyone speeding or driving in a reckless manner, the three will go to the offender and issue a warning.

Should the offender disregard the warning and continue speeding, he will then be reported to the Motor Vehicles Department in Raleigh with the recommendation that his driver's license be revoked.

In addition, the club agreed to erect a sign at the entrance of the village warning motorists against speeding or other traffic violations. Should the sign be defaced or destroyed, as happens frequently in the community, the members decided to make every effort to discover and prosecute the offender.

The Ruritan members also voted to complete the renovation of the community club room which was started last spring. The 23 members of the club had a fish dinner.

## Four Convicted In Unemployment Fraud Cases

During the 14 months ending Aug. 31, 83 unemployment insurance claims were investigated by the state and 37 persons were convicted of fraud in the 12 counties in the second district, it was announced today.

C. A. Dees, claims deputy for the Employment Security Commission in New Bern, reported that four persons were convicted of obtaining unemployment insurance payments through fraud in Carteret County. They are Kathleen Rose, Grace Gaylett, John Anderson and Charles Hardesty.

In making his report, Mr. Dees requested all persons with information tending to show that any claimant is willfully unemployed or employed while filing a claim to communicate with the Employment Security office.

He emphasized that without the cooperation of the public fraud in the collection of benefit payments in many cases cannot be detected and wrongful and unlawful claims cannot be prevented or stopped.

## Two Home Demonstration Clubs to Meet This Week

Two Home Demonstration Club meetings are scheduled for this week, it was announced yesterday by Miss Martha Barnett, home agent. Thursday the Williston Club meets at 7:30 with Mrs. Vivian Wade. The Cedar Island Club meets Friday at 2 p.m. with Mrs. Charlotte Lupton.

The demonstration this month is "Let's Make Housekeeping Easier."

## District Governor Speaks To Morehead Rotary Club

"More of the Same" was the topic of the talk by Rotary District Governor Charles McCullers, Kinston, when he visited the Morehead City Rotary Club. Governor McCullers asked Rotarians to continue as they are in their club activities.

Visiting Rotarians were D. G. Henderson, Henry Edwards, Ed Comer, and M. C. Howard, all of Newport.

Tide Table		Tides at Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW		
Tuesday, Sept. 22			
7:05 a.m.	12:55 a.m.		
7:29 p.m.	1:23 p.m.		
Wednesday, Sept. 23			
7:55 a.m.	1:41 a.m.		
8:16 p.m.	2:16 p.m.		
Thursday, Sept. 24			
8:44 a.m.	2:28 a.m.		
9:05 p.m.	3:07 p.m.		