

Fire Levels Graham's Chapel Wednesday

Firemen Will Accept Donations for Needy

Beaufort firemen will distribute food and clothing to needy families Thursday.

Persons who wish to contribute food or clothing should call the fire station, 2-4371, and their donations will be called for, or they may take the food and clothing to the fire station.

Roma Willis, engineer, said yesterday the firemen must have the contributions by 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

Graham's Chapel, about eight miles northeast of Newport, was destroyed by fire at midnight Wednesday. The church was valued at \$10,000 and was insured for \$5,000.

The Newport fire equipment and 20 firemen rushed to the scene after Walter Williams who lives near the Chapel, drove to Newport to give the alarm.

Leon Mann Jr., fire chief-elect, said that nothing was left of the Chapel but the chimney and a half-full oil tank. Newport firemen poured all the water in their 550-gallon tank on the blaze, but the fire had too big a start for the water to do much good.

A church meeting had been held in the Chapel Wednesday night and people attending said they were having trouble with the kerosene floor furnace. It is believed that the furnace was left on, became overheated and burst into flames.

Teen-Agers Will Celebrate New Year with Dance

Morehead City FTA Will Sponsor County-Wide Affair Dec. 31

The Future Teachers of America Chapter at Morehead City School will sponsor a New Year's Eve dance at the Recreation Center, Morehead City, Thursday night, Dec. 31. Proceeds from the dance will go to the March of Dimes, said Mrs. Hattie Lee Phillips, FTA advisor.

The dance will be semi-formal with admission 50 cents a person.

Jerry W. Willis, president of the chapter and chairman of the dance committee, announced yesterday that all teen-agers in the county are invited.

There will be balloons and confetti and all the "pros" for a gala New Year's Eve affair, added Mrs. Phillips.

Serving on the dance committee besides the chapter president are Jerry T. Willis, Anne Lewis and Lynne Richardson.

Assisting in planning the dance is Mrs. Gordon Skean of the Carteret Business and Professional Women's Club which is sponsoring the March of Dimes. Mrs. Skean said there will be no March of Dimes Ball for adults this year.

Bridge Struck; Rail Enters Car

A rail of the Ward Creek bridge on highway 70 east of Beaufort passed through the windshield of a car at 10:30 Friday night and narrowly missed the head of Mrs. Lee Roy Dudley, Davis.

Mrs. Dudley was riding on the front seat of a 1953 Ford driven by her husband. Mr. Dudley told State Highway Patrolman J. W. Sykes that he had evidently fallen asleep. He came to about 50 feet from the bridge and slammed on the brakes but could not avoid hitting the right guard rail.

Patrolman Sykes said that Mrs. Dudley was evidently asleep too because her head was low. Had it been where the head of a passenger normally is in the front seat, the rail would have decapitated her, said the patrolman. She escaped with a few cuts and bruises.

Mr. Dudley was not hurt. Damage to the car was estimated at \$300 and to the bridge \$20. No charges were preferred.

Weather Warms Up Saturday

Temperatures continued to drop in Carteret County over the week-end until Saturday night. Cloudy skies and a warm front moving up from the south raised temperatures Sunday and yesterday. Rain started falling early yesterday morning.

The mercury hit a new low Friday and Saturday with recorded temperature being 22 degrees, according to Stacey Davis, weather observer in Morehead City.

Thursday warmed up during the day to 48 degrees with wind from the northwest. Friday it dropped to 32 during the day and sank to 22 at night.

Saturday was clear and sunny but a cool wind from the southwest kept temperatures hovering around the mid-forties. Overcoats, mufflers, and gloves were the wearing apparel of the day.

Sunday the thermometer went up to 37 and fell back to 29 during the night. The day was clear and sunny.

Maximum and minimum temperatures for the four days since Wednesday have been recorded, but the maximum and minimum temperatures for yesterday were not recorded by Mr. Davis until 5 p.m., after press time.

Temperature readings follow:

	Max.	Min.
Thursday	48	29
Friday	32	22
Saturday	44	22
Sunday	37	29

196 Town Tags Sold

One hundred and ninety-six Morehead City town tags have been sold to date, John Lashley, city clerk, said yesterday. The tags are on sale at the city clerk's office, municipal building, Morehead City.

Track Crewman Faces Multiple Charges in Court

Jetson Clark, a Negro, formerly of Louisiana, was docketed for trial in recorder's court, Morehead City, yesterday on a charge of destroying personal property, theft of property and disposing of it for profit and also possessing a bottle of nontax-paid whiskey.

The defendant is charged specifically with knocking holes in the bottoms of two purse boats that were pulled up on the shore west of the Jefferson Hotel. The boats were owned by H. O. Phillips, Morehead City.

Prior to Wednesday the bottom had been knocked out of one and the rudder removed. Sometime between Wednesday and Saturday, Capt. Herbert Griffin said the bottom was knocked out of the other and the brass shaft taken. Total damage and loss was estimated at between \$300 and \$400.

Clark was arrested by Captain Griffin and Sgt. Bruce Edwards at 10 o'clock Saturday morning. He was apprehended after the Twin City Parts and Metal Co., Beaufort, informed the police that some brass had been sold there by Clark.

The junk yards in the area had been alerted to be on the lookout for brass such as that removed from the purse boat. Mr. Phillips identified the brass at the Twin City Parts and Metal Co. as that removed from his boat.

Clark told police that he found the brass along the shore. At the time of his arrest he had a bottle of whiskey in his pocket. He was put in jail under \$250 bond.

Clark, a track crewman with the Atlantic and East Carolina Railroad, has been living in the company cars parked on a siding near the port.

Two Cars Collide On Front Street, Beaufort, Saturday

Two cars collided Saturday afternoon in front of the City Barber Shop, Front Street, Beaufort.

Officer Mack Wade who investigated said that Grace Ann Croons, 805 Pine St., Beaufort, was going west on Front street when she collided with a car driven by James Lee Quinn, Chinquapin.

Quinn said he was backing into a parking space and the driver of the other car said he was pulling out. Quinn was driving a Mercury. The other, a Chevrolet, was not damaged. Damage to the Mercury was estimated at \$7.

No charges were preferred.

Car Turns Over, Driver Scratched

William James Sparks of the Beaufort-Morehead City causeway got a scratched car Friday night when his car ran off the highway, knocked over a power pole and turned over in a canal. He has been charged with careless and reckless driving.

The accident occurred at 8 o'clock at Otway east of the Ward Creek bridge. State Highway Patrolman W. E. Pickard said the car was a total loss.

Sparks was going toward Beaufort when his car ran off the shoulder at the right, swerved across the road to the left, hit the pole and landed bottom up in the canal. He crawled out of the car all in one piece.

Sparks was the only one in the car. Patrolman Pickard said the night was cold and clear, so cold that the canal froze over while he was getting the fact on the wreck!

A few lights in the area went out because of the accident but the main power line was not damaged, George Stovall, power company manager, reported yesterday. Temporary repairs were made Friday night and permanent repairs Saturday.

Last Morehead 'Give-Away' Will Take Place Thursday

The last drawing of prizes in the Christmas promotion program, sponsored by Morehead City merchants, will take place Thursday at 2 p.m. in front of the Morehead City municipal building.

Five winners will be chosen who will draw five \$10 gift certificates good at stores whose names appear on the certificate. Tickets are given for each one dollar's worth of purchases from merchants participating.

Five Win Saturday

Five winners were selected Saturday at the third drawing. The first winner was Richard Conway, Highland Park, Beaufort. He received his winning ticket at Belk's.

His certificates are from Sound Appliance Co., Early Jewelers, Morehead City Drug Co., and two from Styron's. The second winner was Carl Bunch, 309 N. 22nd St. His winning ticket came from Leonard's.

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Inmate at Newport Prison Camp Dies Following Wreck Thursday

Morehead City Board Turns Thumbs Down on Dock Lease

PTA Hears Talks On Christmas

School Glee Club Presents Concert at Newport Meeting Tuesday

The Newport Parent-Teacher Association heard talks on "Let's Make Christmas Christian" at their December meeting Tuesday night.

The school glee club, under the direction of Mrs. Ruby Woodruff gave a concert. Mrs. Margaret Mann, program chairman and Mrs. Jack Bell told of the origin of the carols and the meaning of the Christmas tree, wreath and holly. Mrs. Bell gave the devotional from the gospel of St. Luke.

The treasurer, Mrs. Y. Z. Simmons, reported a balance of \$1,534. One of the PTA's two major projects, a cement block wall in front of the school has been completed. Cost of the wall, according to the 1953-54 budget, was \$250.

The wall, about 4 feet high, is topped with brick. It separates parking space in front of the school from the area proposed for an asphalt-topped ball court. It also extends along the lawn in front of the school.

The hard-surface ball court is the other major project for the year. Cost has been estimated at \$600. Total budget for the year has been set at \$1,550.10.

Officers of the PTA are Mrs. Tom Dickinson, president; C. S. Long, vice-president; Mrs. Day Kirk, secretary; Mrs. Simmons, treasurer; Mrs. Janie Garner, program chairman; Mrs. Manly Mason, ways and means, and Mrs. Floyd Garner, publicity chairman.

Rotarians Hear Talk on Christmas

The Rev. Priestley Conyers, pastor of Webb Memorial Presbyterian Church, Morehead City, spoke Thursday at the meeting of the Morehead City Rotary Club in the Recreation Center.

Mr. Conyers spoke on Christmas, telling the Rotarians of the first Christmas and what it means to persons of this era. He also explained briefly the evolution of the day from what it was then to what it has become today.

It was announced at Thursday's meeting that the club would meet Dec. 24, but would meet Dec. 31. Robert Humber, well-known Rotarian and founder of World Federation, will be the speaker for the Dec. 31 meeting.

Ed Comer of Newport and Darden J. Eure Jr. were guests at the meeting.

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Inadequate Equipment Causes Loss On Cargo Discharge, Port Boss Says

Wreck Causes \$245 Damage

Two hundred forty-five dollars' property damage resulted from an automobile accident at 10:30 Friday night on Ann street, Beaufort.

Carlton Garner, assistant chief of police who investigated, said that a car driver, who was not identified, slammed on his brakes and then sped on after two cars in back of him ran together.

The unidentified car and the two others involved were headed west. The accident occurred in the 200 block of Ann.

Bobby Smith, driving a 1950 Chevrolet, ran into the back of a 1942 Mercury driven by W. I. Loftin Jr. Both boys are residents of Beaufort.

Damage to the Mercury was estimated at \$45 and to the Chevrolet \$200. The assistant chief said no one was hurt and no charges were preferred.

Cars Collide, Driver Arrested

James T. Wilson, Havelock, was charged with following too closely causing an accident, after a wreck at 8 o'clock Wednesday night west of Newport.

The accident occurred in front of Ray and Earl's Service Station on highway 70. Each of two cars involved was damaged to the extent of \$400.

Wilson was driving a 1940 Chevrolet and the other driver, Wilbur Lee Jacques, Camp Lejeune, was driving a 1947 Pontiac. State Highway Patrolman W. E. Pickard said both cars were headed toward Havelock when Jacques attempted to turn into the service station and was struck from the rear, by Wilson.

One of the cars narrowly missed causing extensive damage at the station, according to the patrolman. Two passengers were riding with Jacques. They, as well as the drivers, escaped injury.

Government Offices Announce Holiday Dates

Beaufort and Morehead City town hall offices will close noon Wednesday and remain closed until Monday morning. Dan Walker, Beaufort town clerk and John Lashley, Morehead City town clerk announced yesterday.

Offices in the courthouse, Beaufort will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dr. K. P. B. Bonner, chairman of the board of county commissioners, said.

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Milton Sanders, 38, inmate at Newport Prison Camp, died at 10:15 Thursday night in the Morehead City Hospital as the result of injuries received at 4 o'clock that afternoon. Sanders was riding in a "guard trailer" behind a state dump truck when the trailer turned over on the Stella Road.

Two other prisoners were thrown out of the trailer and were treated for minor injuries at the hospital. Sanders, from Pantego, Beaufort County, was serving 90 days on an assault charge. He was to be released today.

The truck was a 1950 Chevrolet driven by Albin A. Beacham, RFD 1, Morehead City. According to Patrolman J. W. Sykes and Lester Wetherington, Stella, an eye-witness to the accident, the truck was rounding the curve at Jim Young's store at Stella. It was proceeding east.

The truck ran off the right shoulder of the road and into a drainage ditch. The driver continued on, guiding the truck back to the road, but the trailer turned over and was demolished. The three men riding in the trailer were brought to the hospital by Mr. Wetherington.

Coroner Leslie D. Springle said Sanders died as the result of a crushed skull and internal injuries. He ruled the accident unavoidable. No charges were preferred.

The prisoners had been working on the Stella road near Onslow County. The other two men with Sanders were Robert Lee Sherwood and Lincoln Blue. Blue was serving time on an assault charge. He was convicted in recorder's court, Beaufort, in September.

Coroner Springle said this was the 11th highway fatality in the county this year. Fatalities in 1952 totaled five.

Judge Morris Hears 112 Cases

County Recorder's Court Convenes Friday After Two-Week 'Vacation'

Carteret County Court convened Friday after a two weeks' vacation due to Superior Court and an unavoidable absence of Judge L. R. Morris.

An oversize docket awaited the judge. He heard 112 cases and adjourned court at 2:15 p.m. A majority of the cases were traffic violations booked as result of a crackdown on speeders by highway patrolmen.

Major Robert Elsworth Wellwood, USMC, charged with no operator's license and drunk driving pled not guilty to the charges, saying that the drunk driving charge was unjustified, and that he had a driver's license.

He went on to say that his car naturally pulls to the right and at the time of arrest he was leaning over adjusting his radio.

W. J. Smith, State Highway patrolman, said that Wellwood was crossing back and forth across the line in the middle of the road and appeared slumped over the wheel. He also said he detected alcohol on Wellwood's breath.

Wellwood admitted he had been drinking earlier, but maintained that he was sober when he was driving his car. Others present at the time of his arrest testified that Wellwood appeared sober.

Rotary Presents Belts to Patrol

At the Christmas assembly program at Newport School Friday, members of the School Safety Patrol were presented with saddle leather belts by the Newport Rotary Club.

The following Rotarians were present for the presentation: Moses Howard, Nathan Garner, Edgar Hibbs, Walter Heath, Edgar Comer, and C. S. Long. The belts were presented as a token of appreciation by the Rotary Club for a job well done. The presentation was made by Mr. Long, Rotarian and patrol supervisor. Free soft drink tickets were also issued to the patrol members, compliments of Hibbs Soda Shop.

The student body was commended for their cooperation in following the rules and regulations of the School Safety Patrol. "Cooperation of this nature makes the job easier and certainly more pleasant," said Mr. Long.

The Newport Rotary is one of the sponsors of the Safety Patrol and they have many more good plans for entertaining the patrol personnel during the remaining school months, reported Nathan Garner, Rotary publicity chairman.

Churches Schedule Special Christmas Worship Services

On Christmas Eve a service will start at 11 p.m. in St. Paul's with organ music and Christmas Carols. Holy Communion service will start at 11:30 p.m.

Holy Communion service will be held also at 11 a.m. Christmas Day, announced the Rev. James P. Dees, rector.

Christmas Night Service

A special Christmas service will begin in the Pentecostal Holiness Church in Morehead City at 7:30 p.m. Christmas night, Dec. 25.

A Christmas pageant, "The Coming of the Great Light," will start at 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve in the Free Will Baptist Church, Morehead City.

The "Music of Bethlehem" cantata will be given Dec. 27 by the Free Will Baptist Morehead City Church choir at the Sea Level Free Will Baptist Church.

Midnight mass will be held in St. Egbert's Catholic Church Christmas Eve. Confessions will be heard from 7 to 8 p.m. Christmas Eve and before morning masses on Christmas Day.

Masses on Christmas Day will be at 7:30, 9, and 11 a.m.

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Police Arrest Six On Drunkenness Charges

Six men were arrested by Beaufort police Friday and Saturday on charges of public drunkenness.

H. Myatt, Mobile, Ala., was arrested at 6:30 p.m. Friday by Chief of Police M. E. Guy and Assistant Chief Carlton Garner.

Arrested Saturday by the assistant chief and Officer Steve Beachem were James Jones, Wilmington; James Richardson, Zebulon; William D. Berry, Fayetteville; John Noe, Beaufort; and Louis Simes, Washington, D. C.



President Eisenhower's grandchildren, Barbara, 4; David, 5, and Susan, 2, tell Santa Claus what they want for Christmas as the old gentleman visits the famous children at their quarters in Ft. Benning, Ga., where their father, Maj. John Eisenhower, is stationed. When Santa made his unexpected call Barbara (left) was wide-eyed with excitement. David chatted freely, but little Susan was rather frightened at first.



SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS