

'One Foot in Heaven'

Footlights Go Up Tonight On Last Performance of Play

Tonight is the last night to see the Carteret Community Theatre production, "One Foot in Heaven." The curtain will rise at 8 in the Beaufort School Auditorium.

The play, a three-act comedy, is the story of a preacher who has just taken over a new pastorate and who has his share of trouble with his congregation and family. The title role, the Rev. William Spence, is played by Ray Cummins, Morehead City.

Joyce Willis of Morehead is cast as Mrs. Hope Spence, wife of the troubled preacher. Other members of the cast are Hartzell Spence played by Wayne King; Eileen Spence, Edith Lewis; Dr. Romer, Carter Broad; Louise, Sue Gibbs; Mana, Sue Lynch; and Molly, Patsy Daniels.

Ronny, Floyd Stewart; Letty, Barbara Harris; Mrs. Sandow, Maureen Downey; Mrs. Digby, Pat Webb; Georgie, Jimmie Wheatley; Mrs. Cambridge, Hilda Cummins; Mrs. Julison, Sara Daniels; Major Cooper, Ed Walston; Bishop Sherwood, Walt Hamilton; and the Rev. Frazer Spence, David Small.

Tickets are being sold by the Carteret County Girl Scouts and members of the Carteret Community Theatre.

Net proceeds from the play will go to the Girl Scouts.



The Rev. Mr. Spence and his family include his wife, upper right, played by Joyce Willis, Morehead City, his daughter Eileen, played by Edith Lewis, Beaufort; his son Hartzell, lower left, played by Wayne King, Beaufort, and the long suffering pastor himself, lower right, played by Ray Cummins, Morehead City.

Police Chief Makes Monthly Report Monday

Chief of Police M. E. Guy, Beaufort, presented to the town board Monday night the first of the monthly reports which he announces will be kept by the police department.

The report, covering January, follows: arrests, public drunkenness 32; assault 2; prostitution 3; breaking and entering 3; motor vehicle violations 29; locked up because of insanity 2.

Seventy-five complaints were investigated, 2,400 miles were travelled in the police car, 24 court cases were extended and collected from the parking meters during January was \$687.22.

The chief made 20 investigations for the Army, Coast Guard, Navy and Civil Service department of the federal government.

One hundred ninety-two parking tickets were issued and parking fines collected totaled \$26. Fine for over-parking is 25 cents. Only about half the fines were paid. Because meters as they now operate are not in compliance with state law, the town does not press charges on non-payment.

Because a complaint was made in the board meeting that certain arrests are not made because an officer fears he may make someone mad, the board requested that the chief of police report in the future the number of arrests made by each officer monthly.

"Complaints investigated" cover things such as "somebody's prowling around my house" and "courtesies extended" cover helps the police may offer to out-of-towners and other matters in which police can offer assistance.

The chief announced that a card file is being started at the police station and names of persons arrested will go in the file. A fingerprint file has also been started. The commissioners commended the chief on his report.

Newport Will Extend Water Mains as Contest Project

Charles Hill, general chairman of Newport's Finner Carolina Committee, announced an additional project for 1954.

Newport's third project will be extending the present water system. The other two are construction of a playground and "Welcome to Newport" signs.

The town completed the well, tank, and pump house last year. At the moment, though, this water supply is not very accessible to the main center of the community. A single fire hydrant is placed near the tank. The tank is located back of the Forestry Service warehouse near the Nine Foot Road.

Chairman of the project will be Bennie R. Garner, assistant chief of the Newport Fire Department. Mr. Garner and Mr. Hill both stated that although the fire department is taking the responsibility for the project, the community must participate. Mr. Garner said "We have plenty of shovels for everybody."

The extension will place two additional fire hydrants on the system and bring the majority of the

Soil Conservation Officer Makes 1953 Report Monday

Floyd M. Garner, Newport, presented the 1953 report on soil conservation in the county when the county board of commissioners met Monday morning. Mr. Garner is secretary-treasurer for Carteret in the Lower Neuse Soil Conservation District.

The report follows: Another 96 Carteret County farmers began working with the Lower Neuse Soil Conservation District by planning and applying at least one correct land use measure for their farms in 1953.

This more than doubled the previous annual rate of new cooperators in Carteret County and brings to 350 the number of farmers in the county working toward a sound land use program for their respective farms.

During 1953 these farmers improved drainage of 3,240 acres by excavating 24.5 miles of drainage ditches and installing 9,940 feet of farm drain tile.

They seeded cover crops for the first time on 910 acres and cut back crop residue on 2,400 acres of land. It wasn't many years ago that most residue was burned to make way for the next crop.

For the third straight year, Carteret County farmers seeded over 1,000 acres to permanent pasture. By working as groups, they cleaned out all but one of the major drainage canals in the county.

The district's education and publicity advisory committee was under the leadership of Floyd M. Garner, committee chairman.

For the first time a trenching machine is available in the county that farmers can hire to install farm drain tile. A local cooperating farmer purchased the machine in November.

The district has carried out its part in Carolina Power and Light's Finner Carolina Farm Contest. Finally, district officers wish to express their thanks to various local, state, and federal government agencies operative in the county which have helped them throughout the year.

For the coming year the district members have elected R. Neal Campen to serve as chairman, John D. Young, vice-chairman; and Floyd M. Garner, secretary and treasurer.

They have set two special projects as goals for 1954. These are in addition to the regular farm-by-farm, field-by-field planning and application work. These two special projects are:

First—To make available district cooperator signs to all actively cooperating landowners.

Second—To render all possible assistance to farmers in the Little Deep Creek community toward enlarging Little Deep Creek canal this year.

Men Live at Sea Level
Sheriff Hugh Saiter said Wednesday that James, Donald and Bennie Taylor, who have been charged with destroying Atlantic School property, are residents of Sea Level. He said an error was made in reporting to THE NEWS-TIMES that they were from Atlantic.

Coast Guard Schedules Return Of Security Team

Applications for Port- Security Cards Will

Be Accepted Feb. 27, 28

Norfolk—The U. S. Coast Guard's special port security identification card processing team is slated to return to Morehead City all day both Saturday, Feb. 27, and Sunday, Feb. 28, to accept applications for port security cards, it was announced today.

The processing team had a highly successful turnout of 354 persons in its visit to Morehead City last month, but the Coast Guard feels that many more persons around the Morehead City area, who are eligible for the cards, would apply for them if the team made a return visit to the city.

As before, the Coast Guard group will be located on the second floor of the Morehead City Postoffice building. They will be there all day starting at 9 a.m.

Early notice of the team's return is prompted by the fact that many fishermen and waterfront workers say that they need more time in which to make plans to visit the processing team and to get necessary evidences of citizenship ready, Coast Guard officials say.

The cards are issued to waterfront workers and fishermen who, in the course of their work, may have to enter areas which, from time to time, may be restricted by the Coast Guard in the interest of safety or national security.

As in its previous trip to Morehead City, the team will be equipped to handle all phases of application including fingerprinting and photographing, which is done by a commercial photographer at a charge of \$1.00 per applicant. All other costs of the processing are borne by the Coast Guard.

Officials emphasized that applicants must bring with them evidence of date and place of birth. Acceptable birth records or passports, military discharges, birth certificates, census records, baptismal records, merchant mariners licenses, merchant seaman's papers, notarized affidavits and Bible records.

Social security cards, if held, must also be shown to the processing team, but they are not acceptable as evidence of date and place of birth.

Judge Earl Mason Gives Woman Six-Month Term

Knife Wound Sends Negro to Hospital; Girlfriend Booked

John Henry Pritchard, Beaufort Negro, was hospitalized Monday night with a knife wound in his back. Bertha Harker, identified by Assistant Chief of Police Carlton Garner as Pritchard's girlfriend, was arrested at 1:30 a.m. Tuesday and charged with assaulting Pritchard with intent to kill.

The assistant chief said he was called after Pritchard was admitted to Morehead City Hospital at about 9:30 p.m. According to information given him, Bertha approached Pritchard at Pine and Queen streets, Beaufort, and accused him of paying attention to another woman.

When Pritchard denied it, Officer Garner related, Bertha lunged at him and he thought she had no evil intent until he "felt something cold" in his back.

Officer Garner described the knife wound as being about 3 inches long. The Harker woman was released under \$100 bond and told to appear in Beaufort Recorder's Court Feb. 9.

Pritchard was reported Wednesday to be on the mend at the hospital.

Minor Arrested For Operating Car

A boy under 16 years of age was arrested in Beaufort Tuesday on a charge of going through a stop light and operating a car prior to reaching the required age.

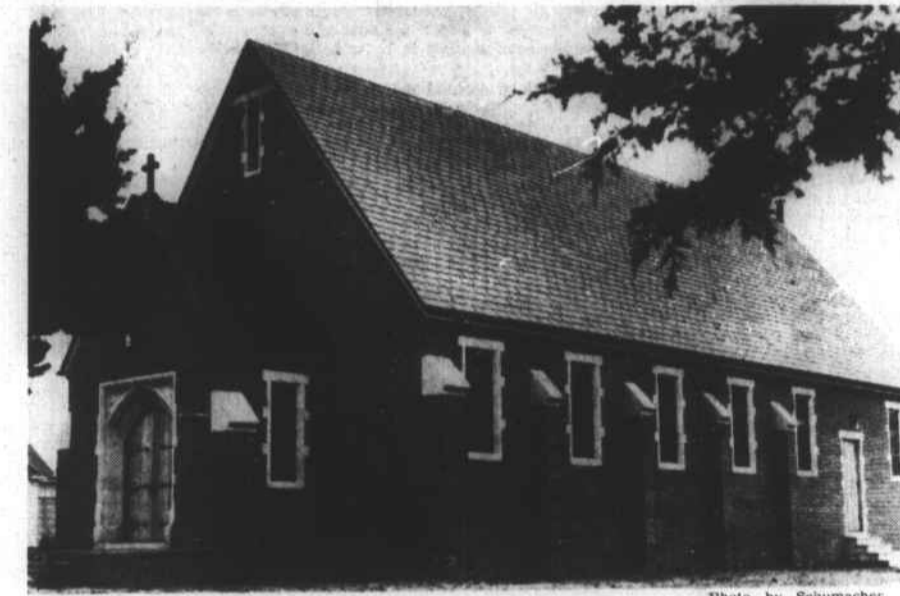
The case has been referred to A. H. James, juvenile court judge.

Assistant Chief of Police Carlton Garner arrested Ralph Lupton Daniels Monday on a charge of going through a stop light. Iner J. Lawrence was arrested Tuesday on the same charge and Hubert L. Everhart Wednesday for running through a stop sign.

Alice Davis was arrested by Chief of Police M. E. Guy Tuesday on a charge of public drunkenness. The assistant chief and Officer Steve Beasbom apprehended Georgia L. Newnam Wednesday for running through a red light.

Newport Residents Protest Proposed State By-Pass

St. Andrew's Congregation Will Dedicate Church Feb. 14



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Morehead City, will be dedicated Sunday, Feb. 14. The architect for the sanctuary was Archie Royal Davis, Durham. The Rev. E. Guthrie Brown is rector of the parish. A history of St. Andrew's, since its start as a mission in 1919, will appear next week in THE NEWS-TIMES.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Morehead City, will be dedicated Sunday, Feb. 14. The new church, costing approximately \$90,000, is located at 2007 Arendell St. Ground for the sanctuary was broken June 16, 1952.

The service of dedication will take place at 11 a.m. with the Right Rev. Thomas Wright, bishop of the East Carolina Diocese, preaching the sermon and conducting the formal service of dedication.

Participating in the service will be the Rev. E. Guthrie Brown, rector, and the Rev. Daniel W. Allen, executive secretary of the Diocese of East Carolina.

Holy Communion
There will be Holy Communion

on the Day of Dedication at 8 a.m.

Memorials and gifts have been placed in the church by the following: the Rev. Dr. George Lay who gave the lectern Bible used in St. Andrew's Mission from 1919 to 1928; Woman's Auxiliary of St. Andrew's, Mr. and Mrs. H. Earle Mobley, Mr. and Mrs. J. David Murray Gabrielle G. Brard, Frank A. Wooten.

Julia A. Woodland, Diocesan Altar Guild of East Carolina, Virginia McGuire, Jane Gaither Murray, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Townes, St. Paul's Woman's Auxiliary of Beaufort, Mrs. P. T. Anthony.

Anne de Rosset Townes, Grady C. Rich, George R. Wallace Jr., William Borden Wallace, Danny and Jimmy Brown, Kathryn MacFarlane Thompson, St. Andrew's Church School, Rosalie Rives Dowdy, Mrs. John D. Cooper.

George W. Dill Jr., W. L. Derickson, Mr. and Mrs. George Eastman, Eva Pickup Gamble, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Morrill, Margaret E. Rowles, Hattie Jones Carrow through her granddaughter, Harriet Anne Mobley.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph H. Dow-

dy, Mrs. J. W. York, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Wallace.

The rector of the church commented, "There have been many gifts of time, money, materials and labor unselfishly given in the planning, construction and building of St. Andrew's Church. These gifts have been numerous and many anonymous and it is impossible to list them all. To each one, the people of St. Andrew's wish to express their sincere thanks and grateful appreciation."

Parish officers, in addition to the rector, are James R. Morrill, senior warden; H. Earle Mobley, junior warden; Richard M. McClain, register, Dr. O. H. Johnson, treasurer. Other members of the vestry: Paul R. Branch, Rudolph H. Dowdy, Camden P. Fessant, Mrs. George R. Wallace and Stanley Woodland.

Mr. McClain is church school superintendent. Mrs. Josiah Bailchey choir director and Mrs. Theodore Phillips, organist. Officers of the Woman's Auxiliary are Mrs. Paul Webb, president; Mrs. Theodore Phillips, vice-president; Mrs. Robert Hicks, treasurer, and Mrs. C. P. Fessant, secretary.

James G. Murdoch Jr. Wins Commendation for Service

State Proposes Insurance Hike

Carteret County is among the 22 counties in which the North Carolina Fire Insurance Rating Bureau proposes to raise hail insurance rates on tobacco.

A public hearing has been scheduled for Feb. 16, at 2 p.m. in the office of the commissioner of insurance, 300 Labor Building, Raleigh, to consider the review of rates on crop hail insurance for 1954 as filed by the fire insurance rating bureau, Charles F. Gold, insurance commissioner, announced.

The proposed change by the bureau will affect 38 counties, decreasing the cost of hail insurance on tobacco in 16 counties. The decrease will approximate \$130,305.60.

The rate increase on hail insurance proposed in this county and 21 others will total approximately \$332,039.85, a net increase of \$201,234.25.

Included in this filing is a proposal for a new type crop-hail policy which combines the present skeleton policy and most of the stipulations and conditions of insurance appearing on the back of the present application.

Police Captain Issues Air Rifle Warning

Following the breaking of several windows in town by persons firing air rifles, or BB guns, Capt. Herbert Griffin of the Morehead City police force, issued a warning. Anyone caught shooting an air rifle or B-B gun in the city will be prosecuted and if the person is 16 years of age or under the parents will be prosecuted, Captain Griffin said.

Cherry Point, N. C. — James G. Murdoch Jr., Wildwood, now employed as a civilian production specialist at the Overhaul and Repair Department of the Marine Corps Air Station here, became Marine Reserve Captain Murdoch again for a few minutes last Saturday.

During that time, he was awarded a Letter of Commendation with Commendation Ribbon and Medal Pendant for meritorious achievement in the performance of his duties in Korea from April 3 to Aug. 18, 1953.

As materiel officer with the First Marine Aircraft Wing in Korea, Captain Murdoch received the award for "demonstrating superior professional competence in handling manifold responsibilities attendant to materiel management. Utilizing his professional background, he procured replacement parts, tools and consumable supplies that enabled his squadron to achieve an exceptionally high degree of combat readiness."

During World War II, the captain flew anti-ship patrol missions as part of the pre-invasion operations at Iwo Jima and Okinawa. He also served with the occupational forces in Japan after the surrender.

Mr. Murdoch is one of 20 Overhaul and Repair Department employees selected from 500 applicants to attend the recently inaugurated Engineering Performance Standard course here.

Health Officer Reports
Dr. F. E. Hyde, county health officer, has announced that seven cases of whooping cough and one case of measles have been reported in the county during the past week.

Wins Scholastic Honor
Miss Ann Noe, daughter of James and Roma Noe, Beaufort, made the dean's list this past semester. Miss Noe is a freshman at Mars Hill College.

Newport residents descended on their town board Tuesday night to gain support of the town fathers in the fight against re-routing highway 70 around Newport.

The delegation of 18 men, with Moses C. Howard as spokesman, said that "Newport will die" if the highway does not go through the center of town as it does now.

Mr. Howard, a Newport business man and member of the Carteret County Board of Commissioners, explained that the State Highway and Public Works Commission is making a survey, staking out a four-lane highway from New Bern to Morehead City.

Mayor Edgar Hibbs said that according to the survey, the new highway would "go by Vivian Gilikin's, cross the Masontown Road to the edge of the veterans housing development, go across Jim Kirby's farm and across the back part of Lexie Garner's."

In other words, as the motorist now approaches Newport from Cherry Point, the highway would veer to the right, by-passing Newport which would lie to the motorist's left as he proceeded to Morehead City.

Would Divide Project

Lester Beregeay, resident in the veterans housing development on the Nine-Foot Road, said that the highway as it is being surveyed, "would cut the housing project right in half."

Rumblings of the highway controversy in Newport started about the latter part of November when highway men started inquiries regarding placement of the highway. According to the discussion at Tuesday night's meeting, the state attempted to feel out the sentiment toward cutting down the trees that now stand at the edge of highway 70 almost from one end of the town to the other.

Feeling Split
Some folks want the trees to go, others want them to stay. With the feeling divided, the state backed off. Mr. Howard says that the highway commission terms "a tree situation one of the worst they can get into."

He said that if the trees were chopped down, the state would probably come through Newport, widening the highway to 24 feet. Commissioner Charles Hill said he saw no point to cutting the trees down unless the town is assured they will get "a better highway."

L. S. Carroll, Newport, said, "The trees should have been cut down long ago." He said too that if the trees were cut down, "the road would go through town."

Mr. Howard said that highway officials say the present highway route is dangerous because it is so close to the school. In regard to the four-lane highway being surveyed, one of the members of the delegation said, "A four-lane highway will never go to Morehead City. It might go from New Bern to Cherry Point but not to Morehead City." Commissioner Wilbur Garner chimed in, "Not for 20 years anyway."

Mr. Howard said that the county's legislator, H. Earle Mobley, Morehead City, agreed to help the town on the matter if he could.

When the state learned of the divided opinion on the trees, they said that they would have to have permission from every property owner to take the trees down, but if the town removed the trees, the town would not need permission.

The conclusion finally reached is that the town clerk has been directed to write a letter to Maynard Hicks, Snow Hill, highway commissioner for this district, stating that the town will remove the trees if the state will agree to leave highway 70 where it is now.

It was suggested that Mr. Mobley be sent a copy of the letter. The communication setting forth this proposition gained the town board's approval by a vote of 4 to 1. Commissioner M. D. McCain was opposed. Commissioners D. Ira Garner, Wilbur Garner, Early Mann and Charles Hill were in favor of it.

Tide Table		
Tides at Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Friday, Feb. 5	LOW
9:15 a.m.	3:08 a.m.	
9:39 p.m.	3:35 p.m.	
Saturday, Feb. 6		
10:05 a.m.	3:58 a.m.	
10:28 p.m.	4:20 p.m.	
Sunday, Feb. 7		
10:52 a.m.	4:49 a.m.	
11:05 p.m.	5:06 p.m.	
Monday, Feb. 8		
11:20 a.m.	5:44 a.m.	
11:41 p.m.	5:56 p.m.	
Tuesday, Feb. 9		
12:16 a.m.	6:44 a.m.	
12:36 p.m.	6:52 p.m.	