

## 6-Year-Old Loretta O'Conner Recovers from Severe Burns

### State Employees Meet Wednesday

14 Members in Highway Group Receive Service Pins at Dinner Meeting

Fourteen service pins were presented at a dinner meeting of the Carteret County State Highway Employees Association Wednesday night at the Newport Prison Camp. Mrs. Sybil Smith, secretary-treasurer of the Craven County unit, presented the awards.

Rufus Ward's 35 years of service was recognized but no pins have been designed for workers with that long a record. Mrs. Smith explained. Receiving 30-year pins were D. C. Golden, Corbett Norris, and J. L. Humphrey, who is county road superintendent in Carteret. B. C. Golden and S. E. Mann received 25-year pins while a 20-year pin was given to S. C. Mann.

The four men given 10-year pins were H. G. Gurganus, W. H. Cannon, Clyde Willis and H. D. Lewis. Five-year pins were presented to Stonewall Grey, Sterling Mason, J. C. Skinner, and C. W. Nobles. Mr. Humphrey was re-elected chairman of the association. Also re-elected were S. C. Mann, vice-chairman, and Mr. Gurganus, treasurer. Delegates elected to go to the district meeting in Greenville were Stonewall Grey and Corbett Norris.

Officials present were P. E. Malison, Greenville, supervisor for division two, Otis Banks, Cary, secretary-treasurer of State Highway Employees Association, and J. L. McDonald, Greenville, vice-president of the State Highway Employees Association. A barbecue chicken dinner was served in the prison camp dining hall prior to the program. Fifty persons attended.

### Chicken Shack Stays Open

The Chicken Shack, Queen Street, Beaufort, ordered closed by the Beaufort Town Board Monday night, June 7, is still operating. Chief of Police M. E. Guy said papers to padlock the place are being drawn up by Gene Smith, town attorney, but it was also learned yesterday that Otis Sharpe, the owner, has consulted an attorney relative to keeping the place open.

The town board ordered the "juke joint" closed because they said it was dirty, a fire trap and a general nuisance. Alfair McCray, Negro migrant worker, was shot there Thursday night, May 20, and later died.

Her husband, Elizabeth McCray, found guilty of second degree murder, was sentenced last week in Superior Court to 15 to 20 years in prison.

Chief Guy said he didn't know why there was delay in closing the place and said in his estimation there is no reason whatever for allowing it to remain open.

### Car Hits Parked Truck Sunday

Mrs. James Steed, Beaufort, driving a 1951 Ford, ran into a parked pickup truck at 5:15 p.m. Sunday in the 1000 block of Front Street. Officer Maxwell Wade of the Beaufort police force, reported Wednesday.

The truck, owned by Cyrus Hunter, route 1 Beaufort, was headed east on Front Street and Mrs. Steed was proceeding east.

Officer Wade said, her young baby started to fall and as she reached for the child she ran into the truck. Damage to the Steed car was estimated at \$175. Estimate of damage on the pickup had not been made.

The officer said no one was hurt.

### Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Friday, June 18	LOW
9:15 a.m.	3:23 a.m.	
9:32 p.m.	3:17 p.m.	
Saturday, June 19		
9:58 a.m.	4:01 a.m.	
10:13 p.m.	4:01 p.m.	
Sunday, June 20		
10:39 a.m.	4:40 a.m.	
10:57 p.m.	4:48 p.m.	
Monday, June 21		
11:28 a.m.	5:21 a.m.	
11:44 p.m.	5:42 p.m.	
Tuesday, June 22		
12:19 a.m.	6:07 a.m.	
	6:40 p.m.	



As the result of severe burns on her back and arms, 6-year-old Loretta O'Conner, shown above in her room at the Morehead City Hospital, has been hospitalized more than three months. The daughter of Mrs. Mary O'Conner, 412 Macdon Court, Morehead City, Loretta was burned Sunday, March 7, while playing in a yard in the neighborhood.

The accident occurred when Loretta ran too close to a trash fire to rescue little 3-year-old Jim Dawson who had wandered close to the blaze. As she reached over to pick the little fellow up, the back of her dress caught fire.

Loretta did not know at first that her dress was burning and by the time it was discovered she was severely burned on the back and arms. Dr. John Way of Beaufort has been treating Loretta and finished grafting skin on her back last Friday.

## Ocracoke Begins Plans For Holiday Celebration

By ALICE K. RONDTHALER

Ocracoke will put on its second big parade Saturday, July 3, celebrating the July Fourth holiday which this year falls on Sunday.

Marvin Howard, chairman of the parade committee, is already at work with plans for the annual pony penning, the patriotic service and flag raising at the schoolhouse, and the afternoon parade. By request, some of last year's participants will take similar parts but for the most part a good many new, and at present secret, ideas for costumes and characterizations are cropping up here and there. When you see Mr. Marvin galloping around on one of the famous island ponies, you can be sure another July Fourth idea is in the making.

Prizes totalling in value between \$100 and \$150 will be awarded to winners in various categories: first, second and third grand prizes to the "most outstanding individual" or group; first and second prizes for decorated floats, trucks, cars or other vehicles — a prize for the "prettiest," a prize for the "most comical," a prize for the "most unusual," a prize for the "most realistic looking," and a prize for the "best use of local materials."

Drivers of the winning vehicles will be given a box of 12 gauge shotgun shells for their part in making the parade a success.

Even the Ocracoke ponies will come in for their share of the spoils. There will be a first and second prize for the best costumed horse and rider, also one for a horse and wagon, or cart. This means that three persons with a good amount of "horse sense" will be walking off with a horse prize! Special prizes will be given adults and children for clever costumes. See OCRACOE, Page 4

## Newport Businessmen Discuss Street Markers

### L. A. Daniels Wins TV Set at Drug Store Opening

L. A. Daniels, 805 Fisher St., Morehead City won the television set given away by the Carteret Drug Store, Morehead City, during its formal opening Tuesday.

Other prize winners were Edw. Lancaster, 1402 Evans St., electric iron; Lovella Brickhouse, 1307 Arendell St., deep fat fryer; Henry Turner, Morehead City, percolator; Mrs. Gib Willis, 1305 Shackleford St., corn popper; and E. W. Scramlin, 904 Fisher St., toaster.

Erma Sells, Morehead City, electric frying pan; Mrs. G. C. Frazelle, 1808 Arendell St., mixmaster and James Hinkley Salter, route 1 Newport, radio. Dow Lassiter, owner of the new drug store, said the opening was a grand success.

## Judge McNeill Hears 49 Cases

Daisy Rowe Requests Jury Trial, Bound Over to Superior Court

Judge George McNeill heard 49 cases Monday in Morehead City Recorder's Court. Eight others were continued.

Daisy Rowe, Bay Street, Morehead City, charged with being drunk on the highway and a public nuisance, requested a jury trial. The case was transferred to Superior Court with appearance bond of \$100.

Prayer for judgment was continued for two weeks in the case of Parris Willis charged with public drunkenness on June 4. Willis was found not guilty of a similar charge placed against him June 11. The state decided not to press charges of reckless driving against Marvin Flowers. The court ordered Janet C. Crommett, charged with having an expired operator's license, to pay \$25 and costs.

The fine will be remitted if a valid license is shown to the clerk of court in two weeks.

Prayer for judgment was continued for three weeks in the case of Eugene Bell, charged with public drunkenness.

The state decided not to press charges against Albert Willis, charged with no license plate on his motorcycle, after Willis showed he had obtained a tag. The case of a juvenile, charged with no operator's license and an expired license plate, was transferred to juvenile court.

Two cases were removed from the docket. The case against Elwood Newman, charged with speeding and issuing bad checks, was removed until the warrant was served. Also, the case against Harold Willis, charged with public drunkenness and drunk driving, was removed from the docket until he returns from the hospital.

Pays Fine, Costs

Robert Dale Roseblock was fined \$10 and costs on charges of speeding and no muffler. Patricia Ann Potter, charged with no operator's license, was fined \$25 and costs. The court said the fine would be remitted.

Kenneth W. Cashin was found not guilty of failing to stop for a stop sign and passing at an intersection. Joseph C. Surrena, charged with drunk driving was fined \$150 and costs.

The state decided not to press charges against Rupert Wade, Walter Niemi, Edmund G. Phillips, and Aloysius C. Peck. Wade was charged with public drunkenness. Niemi was charged with failing to yield the right of way and improper passing; Phillips, improper passing; and Peck, no operator's license.

Verne Brewer and Vestal Adair Grant did not appear in court. They were given two weeks in which to appear and show why their bonds should not be forfeited. Brewer is charged with being drunk and disorderly, using loud. See COURT, Page 2

## Cars Collide Late Sunday

A 1950 Chevrolet driven by Jesse C. Staton, Morehead City, collided with a 1949 Plymouth driven by Sara Wade Hitchcock, Raleigh, at 4:30 p.m. Sunday on Gordon Street, Beaufort.

Officer Maxwell Wade of the Beaufort police force said both cars were going north on Gordon. Mr. Staton said he thought Miss Hitchcock was going to park on the left side of the street. Instead she had swung to the left to make a right turn into the Logan Whitehurst driveway.

As she did so, she ran into the side of Mr. Staton's car, the officer said. Damage to the Hitchcock automobile was estimated at \$135 and damage to the Staton car was estimated at \$20. No charges were filed.

### Cars Tangle Wednesday At Beaufort Intersection

A car driven by Esskier Wooten collided with an automobile driven by Mrs. S. J. Rabon, Morehead City, at 8:45 a.m. Wednesday morning at Ann and Moore Streets, Beaufort.

Wooten, driving a DeSoto, was headed south on Moore and turned right on Ann when he collided with Mrs. Rabon who was proceeding west on Ann.

Officer Maxwell Wade said Wooten agreed to pay for repairs to Mrs. Rabon's car. She said Wooten stopped at the stop sign but then pulled out in front of her. No one was hurt.

Ted Davis, manager of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, will attend a chamber of commerce school at Chapel Hill next week. The school is being held for chamber of commerce officials from North Carolina.

# John R. Tillery, 74, Wins County Father-of-Year Title

## Welfare Superintendent Returns from Europe Tour

## Knife Wounds Hospitalize Negro Laborer

Early Williams, 42-year-old migrant laborer from Belle Glade, Fla., is recovering in Morehead City Hospital from stab wounds he allegedly received in a knife fight Wednesday morning with Minnie Ruth Ashley.

The Ashley woman, also a migrant worker from Belle Glade, is being held in the county jail. Sheriff Hugh Salter said the spat took place about 10 a.m. at Earl Campen's migrant labor camp on highway 101 north of Beaufort.

According to the sheriff, the woman was hanging up clothes when Williams walked up to her and knocked her down. With that, they both drew knives.

The woman evidently proved to be the more expert carver, for Williams had several chest and shoulder wounds, but she escaped unscratched, according to the sheriff.

The weapons used are believed to be switchblade knives. "But in cases like this," the sheriff commented, "the knives just disappear. Nobody can ever find them."

The Ashley Negroess was arrested at the labor camp by the sheriff, Deputy Sheriff M. M. Ayscue and Officer Carlton Garner of the Beaufort police force.

## 53 Women Join Hospital Group

Fifty-three women attended the first meeting of the Sea Level Community Hospital Auxiliary Tuesday afternoon at the Sea Level Inn, and became charter members of the organization.

Marshall Whisnant, hospital administrator, presided until a president was elected, explained the purpose of an auxiliary and suggested ways in which it might work to benefit the hospital.

Dr. Herbert F. Webb, resident physician, introduced the new member of the medical staff, Dr. Harold M. Peacock, who in turn commented upon the work of auxiliaries in other communities.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. Herbert F. Webb, Sea Level, president; Mrs. William B. Smith, Atlantic, vice-president; Mrs. Elmer D. Willis, Williston, secretary; and Mrs. Leon Salter, Sea Level, treasurer.

The second Tuesday of each month was named meeting day for the newly-formed organization, and 8 p.m. was set as the time. Meeting will be held in the various communities represented in the organization.

Committees were set up to assist in the preparation and serving of the Sea Level Community Hospital Benefit Fish Fry, to be sponsored by the trustees of the hospital July 3.

After adjournment, the auxiliary was served refreshments by the Sea Level Inn.

### Wednesday Temperature Fails to Reach '53 High

Wednesday's temperature was much more agreeable to county residents than that posted a year ago. On June 16, 1953 the thermometer soared to 107, a record for this area last year and several years past, says Stamey Davis, weather observer.

Wednesday's maximum was 89 and minimum was 75 says Mr. Davis. The wind continued to come from the southwest and skies were overcast.

Monday and Tuesday the temperature stayed in the high 80's with wind from the southwest. Temperature readings follow:

	Max.	Min.
Monday	87	73
Tuesday	87	75
Wednesday	89	75

### Suitcase Found

Morehead City police are holding a suitcase which was found recently by Mrs. J. R. Sanders, Morehead City. The suitcase, a black satchel type, was found on 33rd street between Arendell and Evans. It may be claimed at the police station by the owner's identifying its contents.

John Randolph Tillery, 74, a Negro employee of the Atlantic and East Carolina Railroad for 30 years, has been named Carteret County's "Father-of-the-Year." He is the father of 10 children.

The "Father-of-the-Year" was selected by three judges, George Dill, mayor of Morehead City, Ted Davis, manager

of Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, and I. E. Pittman, vice-president of the First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co., Morehead City. The Father-of-the-Year event is being sponsored by 10 Morehead City businesses.

Mr. Tillery was born in Morehead City, Dec. 15, 1880, the thirteenth child in a family of 13. He had no formal education and went to work in the Morehead City Drug Store when he reached school age.

Married in 1912

He worked in the drug store until he met and married Parnilla Gaskill, of North Harlowe. They were married Dec. 28, 1912. After he was married, Mr. Tillery went to work in a shipyard here.

He left the shipyard to work as a porter at the Atlantic and East Carolina warehouse in 1924. Since 1918 he has served as janitor of the First Baptist Church, 9th and Bridges Streets, Morehead City. The congregation thinks so much of him that they have dedicated a window to him. The window is over the door on the left side of the church.

He has been janitor too of the First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co. since 1934 when the bank first opened.

Seven Attend College

Seven of Mr. Tillery's 10 children attended college and he held all three of his jobs in order to send them through school. He retired from the railroad in January.

Of his children, nine are still living and he has six grandchildren.

Herbert R. Tillery, the oldest of the children, died in March of 1948 at the age of 33. He had graduated from Kitteridge Junior College and attended North Carolina College. He was a thirty-second degree Mason.

Parker Leigh Tillery, 38, has worked at Duke Hospital for 12 years. See FATHER, Page 2

## Miss Norma Swinson Will Represent Morehead in State Beauty Contest

### 75 Students Enroll in School

Miss Norma Swinson, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Swinson, route 1 Morehead City, has been named Miss Morehead City of 1954. Miss Swinson was picked from among five contestants at a semi-private beauty pageant at the Recreation Center, Morehead City, sponsored by the Morehead City Jaycees Tuesday night.

As Miss Morehead City, Miss Swinson will receive an expense paid trip to the Miss North Carolina Beauty Pageant July 15 through 17 at Burlington.

Miss Swinson will also receive an evening gown and a bathing suit, compliments of the Jaycees. As her companion Miss Thea Memakis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Memakis, 1208 Arendell St., Morehead City.

The five girls competing for the Miss Morehead City laurel were Miss Swinson, Myrna Loy Hedgecock, Betsy Davis, Janice Ray Lewis, and Geraldine Best, all of Morehead City.

Seven Judges

The girls were judged on beauty, poise, and conformity. Judges were a group of seven Morehead City business men and women, James Wheatley, Mrs. W. C. Carlton, Mrs. Fred Lewis, Miss Judy Perry, R. B. Howard, John Lashley, and Dick Parker.

Walter Morris, chairman of the Jaycee beauty pageant committee, was master of ceremonies. The girls first talked to the judges,

giving name, age, where they are employed, and future plans.

The girls first appeared on the stage, in the ball room of the recreation center, in street length dresses. They were escorted to the stage individually by Jack Stallings and Cecil Adams, members of the Jaycee pageant committee.

After appearing in street length dresses, the girls then appeared individually in bathing suits, later as a group.

Questions Answered

To allow the judges to evaluate poise each of the girls was asked three questions by Fred Lewis, Morehead City. The questions were:

"Give your height and weight; how would you introduce Mayor Dill to me; and describe a game or sport."

Miss Swinson and Miss Lewis were called back for another question. The two were only 15 points apart in the scoring at this point, said Mr. Morris.

This question, also asked by Mr. Lewis, was, "If you won the Miss North Carolina Beauty Pageant and received the \$1,000 college scholarship, what course would you take and why?"

After both girls answered the question, ballots were collected and Miss Swinson was declared Miss Morehead City.

Friends, relatives, parents of the contestants and members of the Jaycees were present for the pageant.

## Negro Recreation Director Outlines Summer Program

Richard Thompson, director of the Morehead City Negro recreation program, has announced a three-phase program for the summer.

Thompson, who is also the W. S. King School coach, said that the three divisions will be major sports, minor sports and games and weekly teen-age dances.

The participants will be divided into two age groups. The children from six to ten years of age will meet from 9 until 12 o'clock in the morning while the 10 to 18-year-old age group will participate from 1 o'clock to 4:30 in the afternoon.

Under the major sports classification will come tennis and softball. Both will be played on the W. S. King campus. Minor sports will include ping pong, rope, horse shoes, checkers, cards, hops, puzzles and books. All minor sports activity will take place in the Negro Masonic Hall.

The third part of the program will consist of teen-age dances which will take place at least twice a week. Thompson stated that the nights of the dances will be set later. He also pointed out that these dances will be only for teen-agers in the 13 to 18-year-old groups and no "outsiders" will be allowed.