

# Mr. Gus

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lis had 12 children. He has nine grandchildren now and 18 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Willis died in 1935. The centenarian worked at fishing, farming and was a mailman for about two years. For two years he ran the mail boat from Smyrna to Ocracoke, making two trips a week.

Mr. Willis doesn't think young people these days work hard enough.

He said, "When I was growing up, boys had to work hard and as a result, they were strong. The boys now probably aren't as strong because they don't work enough to build up their strength. When I got big enough to walk they put me to breaking up lumps in the potato field."

Concerning present-day times, he said, "This is the most dangerous age I have lived in. A lot of people say that every generation thinks their era is the most dangerous, but I've lived through a couple of generations and I know this is the most dangerous. One more war and there won't be many people left."

### Visited in Florida

Mr. Willis, who still has a quick mind and a keen sense of humor has been out of the state one time in his 100 years. When he was 93, he spent two weeks in Pensacola, Fla. Other than that, his travels have been confined to the counties surrounding this area.

Mr. Willis appears to be in wonderful condition for a man his age. His main trouble seems to be hearing and seeing.

He doesn't get out of his home on Gordon Street very much. The last time he was out was the night of June 30 when he and his daughter, Mrs. Nina Pake, walked to the corner of the block to watch the eclipse.

He appeared to be very interested in the eclipse but said, "I was pretty tired when I got back. We walked down to the end of the block and back. That's almost too much walking for me now."

When asked why he thinks he has lived so long, Mr. Willis said, "I don't rightly know. When I was young I had rheumatism and was little and not too strong."

Quickly he said, with a tone of admiration, "My twin brother, Alex, was big and strong. He was a strapping fellow, over six feet tall."

Alex died 28 years ago.

Mr. Willis was asked if there was any special diet he could recommend which might help people to live longer.

He answered, "I always liked raw sweet potatoes. Everybody else always cooked theirs but I didn't like 'em cooked. I liked to eat them raw. I think they're better for you when you eat 'em raw. And now I don't have any special diet. Eat anything I want to."

Mr. Willis will celebrate his birthday Sunday noon at a picnic which is being given in Smyrna by friends and relatives. The picnic will be at the home of Mitchell Willis, a nephew.

# Town Board Grants Permit To Build Reel Near Dock

## Broad Street No Parking Signs Will Be Taken Down

Members of the Beaufort town board issued permission for a seine reel to be built in front of the post-office and decided that the no parking signs on the south side of Broad Street should be taken down. The board met Monday night at the town hall.

Leslie Moore requested the board's permission to build a seine reel on the property adjacent to the Moore dock on the south side of Front Street in front of the post-office.

Mr. Moore explained that it would be a temporary structure which would be taken down at the end of the fishing season. He said it was important that the reel be built as a convenience to the menhaden boats using the dock.

He also pointed out that the menhaden fishing fleet means a great deal to Beaufort and that the town board should grant the privilege of building a reel.

Gerald Hill, commissioner, stated that he was under the impression that no thing could be built on the south side of Front Street. He said the reel would be detrimental to the appearance of the property.

Gene Smith, town attorney, said he thought it was a question of whether or not the board could grant the permission. He believed it was a matter for the zoning board.

Halsey Paul, chairman of the Beaufort planning board, said he thought it would be up to the town board to decide the matter.

**Favors Reel**  
Carl Hatsell, commissioner, spoke in favor of granting permission.

Attorney Smith said the town would be creating an "attractive nuisance" and that children might play on the reel and get hurt.

Mr. Moore insisted again that the menhaden fleet meant a lot to Beaufort.

Commissioner Hatsell moved that permission be granted to build the fishing reel. Stipulations were that the reel be taken down within 10 days after the fishing season ended and that the permission be granted for one year.

The board approved with Commissioner Hill dissenting.

The board went on record to the effect that the audit of 1952-53 which has not yet been completed be finished within 30 days, or steps will be taken to effect completion.

**Tax Rate Set**  
The tax rate for the 1954-55 fiscal year was set at \$2 per hundred.

Dan Walker, town clerk, told board members that this is the first year "in a long time" that the town of Beaufort has been able to get any credit.

He said the town could float bonds worth approximately \$12,000 and said that is about the amount it would take to do needed street paving.

He was instructed by the board to look into the situation and the board would consider paving at a later date.

Gerald Hill asked about the parking in the 500 and 600 block on Broad Street.

He said, "I was riding down Broad Street with a man who had just paid \$21.50 for not stopping for a red light and the man pointed out that the Judge (Mason) was parked in a no-parking zone on Broad Street. I think that either the zone should be enforced or the signs taken down."

Gordon Hardesty, police commissioner, said, "We had an agreement with the town board that no tickets were to be issued there. The board met later and said that all parking zones were to be enforced but I didn't know about it and as soon as somebody got a ticket for parking there they came running to me. Not knowing about the board telling the policemen to enforce that no-parking area, I called up and told them to quit giving tickets there."

Mr. Hatsell said, "The commissioners don't know what the police department is doing because we don't know what happens at the meetings with the police. We don't even know when they meet."

**To Be Invited**  
Mr. Hardesty said that he would see to it that Mr. Hatsell was invited to the next meeting with the police department.

Mr. Walker explained that the zone was put there so that trucks would have a place to unload when they brought merchandise to the stores on that side of the street.

Mr. Hill maintained that he still thought the signs should either be taken down or the zone enforced.

Mr. Hatsell said, "This is the craziest thing I ever heard. You put up no-parking signs and then agree to not enforce it. If I'd been here no such arrangement would have been made."

# Trailers Help Solve Store Trash Problem

## 66 Sheriffs Attend Annual Meeting at Beach

Sixty-six sheriffs registered for their annual convention Tuesday afternoon at Atlantic Beach and the convention came to a close last night with a banquet at the Ocean King Hotel.

One hundred fifty women attended ladies' night Tuesday night at the Hear of the Beach. Prior to the ladies' night program sheriffs' and invited guests, numbering 243, were served a full-course seafood dinner at the Sanitary Fish Market and Restaurant, Morehead City.

Orange punch, cookies and nuts were served. Mrs. C. L. Beam, Beaufort, poured. Other hostesses were Miss Georgia Hughes and Mrs. Hugh Salter, Beaufort, and Mrs. Marshall Ayscue, Morehead City.

Carteret's sheriff, Hugh Salter, was master of ceremonies. Members of Mrs. Pat Fodrie's dancing class, Beaufort, presented two numbers, the Hokey-Pokey, and Walkin' My Baby Back Home.

Miss Bobbie Dennis, Beaufort, sang Bill Bailey, Won't You Please Come Home? and Temptation.

Ted Davis, manager of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, presented a skit, How to Hula by Mail. The announcer's voice on the recording used for the skit was Lynn Stoller's of Beaufort.

Attending ladies' night, in addition to sheriffs' wives, were members of the women's clubs in the county.

Wednesday was devoted to committee meetings and a chicken supper was served at Captain Bill's at Atlantic Beach Wednesday night.

Yesterday a meeting for sheriffs and deputies took place from 10 to 12 a. m. and was continued from 2 until 4 p. m.

The ladies enjoyed a motorcade to Fort Macon and a bus trip to Cherry Point Air Base.

The banquet featured a talk Edmund Harding, noted comedian.

Officers of the sheriffs' association are Tom P. Bardin, president; E. M. Logna, first vice-president; Malcolm G. McLeod, second vice-president and John R. Morris, secretary-treasurer.

## Dan Walker, Beaufort town clerk, said the town is well on the way to licking the trash problem in the business section.

Street Superintendent Wardell Fillingame and his men have built two-wheel trailers which are being placed at the rear of stores. Instead of business houses dumping trash in bins and the town crew then shoveling the trash from the bins into the truck, the trash will be dumped directly in the trailer.

Then when a trash truck is full and ready for a trip to the dump, it stops in the downtown section, picks up a trailer and tows it to the dump.

The trailers, Mr. Walker says, are equipped with a Fillingame-Conway Four-Piston Hydraulic Lift (manpower that is). The tail gate is removed, they're dumped, and towed back to their downtown station.

The town clerk said that the trailers, three of which are in use now, will save the town eight man hours a week, four truck hours, gasoline and wear on tires.

The trailers, about 6 x 9 and 8 x 10 are built of wood, have automobile axles and automobile wheels. Each trailer cost the town about \$50 and takes the place of expensive dumping machinery which if bought would cost about \$8,000, according to Mr. Walker. The first of the new trailers was built in Morehead City at a cost to the town of \$75.

Five trailers are planned. The new system provides better service to the businessmen and allows the street crew more time to do other town work, the clerk concluded.

## Committee Chairman Outlines Objectives

The aims and objectives of the Newport Rotary Club's health and happiness committee were outlined for the coming year by Milton Warren, committee chairman, at the Rotary meeting Monday.

Edgar Comer, Rotarian who has been spending the summer at Brevard, N. C., returned and was welcomed by the club. Mr. Comer is principal of Newport High School.

Walter Edwards of Morehead City was a visitor. Hawkins Hibbs of Newport was a guest.

# Court

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He was charged with trespassing, public drunkenness and disturbing the peace.

Found guilty of issuing a bad check, Ruth Cook was ordered to pay the amount of the check and costs.

Sam Stevenson was taxed costs of court for charges of public drunkenness.

**Sentence Suspended**  
Billy Malachi Merrill was sentenced to 30 days in jail with the sentence suspended providing that he pay costs in two weeks. He was charged with driving on the wrong side of the road.

Charges of parking on the travel portion of the highway were brought against Thomas A. Dobbin and he was taxed costs of court. Seven persons were charged with having no operator's license. They were Jack Carlton Gray, Donald Huston Lewis, Mary Louise Green Wooten, Carl A. Letsch, Bethine Lewis Gillikin, Curtis Harold Hamilton and Fred M. Peck.

Gray, Lewis, Letsch, and Hamilton paid costs and Peck was fined \$10 and costs. The state did not prosecute the case against Gillikin and Wooten.

Mable White Gilchrist and James Harrison Miller were charged with having an expired operator's license. Both were taxed costs of court.

James Benjamin Harkers Jr. pled guilty to a charge of careless and reckless driving and was fined \$50 and costs.

Gene W. Bradford was found guilty of having an improper muffler and was taxed costs.

A charge of having no lights on his automobile was brought against George E. Mosakowski. He was found guilty and paid costs.

Mike Merva Jr. paid costs for following too closely. Edward Hughes Meadows pled guilty to a charge of driving on the wrong side of the road and was fined \$10 and costs.

**Charges Dropped**  
The state did not prosecute Robert E. King on charges of having improper driver's license and improper registration.

Timothy J. McCarthy was charged with speeding and driving without a driver's license. The state did not prosecute on the charge of no driver's license but taxed McCarthy costs of court for speeding.

Leslie McLean pled guilty to a charge of allowing an unlicensed person to operate an automobile and paid costs.

The state did not prosecute James Taylor on charges of public drunkenness but left the case open.

**Bonds Forfeited**  
Three persons forfeited bonds. They were Edwin Ellis Daniels, David Lynn Neeley, and Harold Lynwood Dale. Daniels and Dale were charged with speeding and Neeley

was charged with driving on the wrong side of the highway.

Clem Fulcher had been charged with assault but the prosecuting witness was taxed costs of court for malicious prosecution.

**Cases Continued**

Thirty-seven cases were continued as follows: Herbert H. Jones, speeding; Vandie H. Allgood, non-support; Ted Day, bad check; Jack R. Bell, no operator's license; Matthew A. Marshall, driving drunk; Mildred Rose Styron, no operator's license; Jimmie L. Tolbert, expired operator's license; Jack Harlan Harmon, passing at an intersection; Charlotte K. Scheall, no operator's license; Richard James Scheall, permitting unlicensed person to operate an automobile.

William C. Johnson, speeding;

Andrew Green Jr., careless and reckless driving; Alonza Thomas Redd Jr., drunken driving after license had been suspended; Howard Fulton Baker, fishing from a restricted bridge; Robert Fulton Baker, loitering on a highway bridge; Hugh Whales, non-support; Gordon Poling, speeding.

Francis H. Strouse, assault; James Alton Wadsworth, speeding; Lester Dickinson, assault; Francis Lee Sheppard, speeding and careless and reckless driving; Harold Lee Odberg, careless and reckless driving; Harrison Horton, assault; Joe Gillikin, non-support; Clarence E. Smith, James Branton, Theodore Johnson, all charged with issuing bad checks; and Wyon Gray Lewis, expired operator's license.

William Hardy Willis, no opera-

tor's license; Ralph Russell Dixon, drunken driving; Edward Neal Jones, permitting an unlicensed person to operate an automobile; Geraldine Braswell Jones, no operator's license; James Paddison Pretlow, failing to stop at a stop sign; Isaac Blango, following too close; Percy Hamilton Davis, speeding; William Clifton Rose, failing to stop at a stop sign; and Peter Colan Grant, speeding.

## Women Sheriffs

Little Rock, Ark. (AP) — Arkansas has two women sheriffs — both of them appointed by Gov. Francis Cherry after the deaths of their husbands. They are Mrs. Gertrude Langston of Lee County and Mrs. C. Cook of Hempstead County.

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## Driver Cited Following Wreck

John Freeman Sapp, 18, USMC, Cherry Point, has been charged with speeding as the result of an accident at 11 p.m. Monday just west of Morehead City on Highway 70.

State Highway Patrolman R. H. Brown said Sapp, in a 1937 Chevrolet, was proceeding west on Highway 70 and failed to make the turn where the new highway joins the old. He ran into the front yard of Willie Gray, made a U turn and re-entered the highway. As he got back on the highway, the car turned over on its right side.

Neither Sapp nor the several passengers in the car were injured. Patrolman Brown said that he was going faster than was safe at that point in the highway. His speed was estimated at 50 miles an hour. Damage to the car was estimated at \$150.

## Lions Attend District Meeting at New Bern

Seven Lions from Morehead City attended a district meeting of Lions International at New Bern Monday.

They were Owens Frederick, Fred Hardy, J. T. Willis, J. D. Willis, Cecil Sewell, Gordon Laugh-ton, and Ralph Albarea.

of the no-parking signs on the south side of Broad Street be taken down. The motion was passed. Mr. Hill said that it had been reported to him that the Beaufort police car had been seen at Atlantic Beach.

Police Chief M. E. Guy said that he had to carry Miss North Carolina over there.

The board decided that as long as it was a business trip it would be in order for the car to go out of the city limits.

In the absence of Mayor Clifford Lewis, Commissioner W. G. Temple presided. All other members of the board were present. The meeting was delayed one week because of the mayor's illness.

George Franklin, counsel for the League of Municipalities was expected but could not attend.

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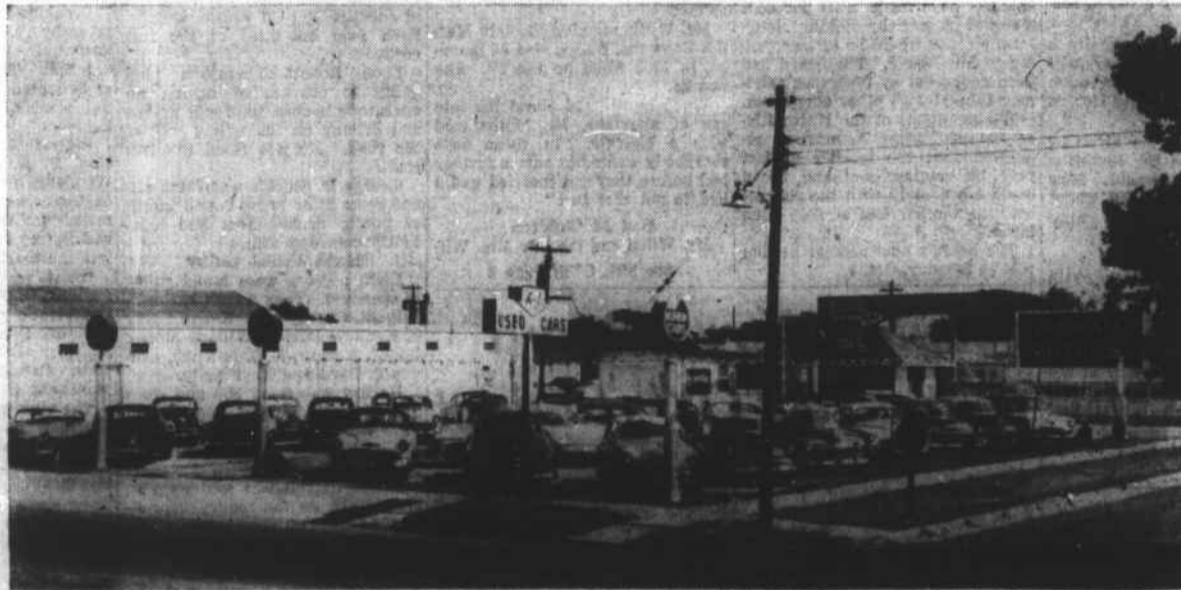
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