

Presbyterian Pastor Accepts Call to Church near Charlotte

The Rev. W. Priestly Conyers III, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Morehead City, has been called to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church, Belmont, N.C.



The Rev. Priestly Conyers bids farewell

The son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Conyers Jr., he was born Aug. 9, 1921, in Greenville, S. C. At the age of 4 years, his family moved to Spartanburg, S. C., where his parents still make their home.

He entered Davidson in 1939 and was graduated in 1943 with a bachelor's degree in science.

He returned to the United States in July of 1946 and was relieved of active duty in August 1946.

He entered the Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va., in September 1946. Graduated from the seminary in June 1949, he accepted the pastorate at the First Presbyterian Church, Morehead City, in July.

He replaced the Rev. J. V. Axtell as pastor. When the Rev. Mr. Conyers came

to the Presbyterian Church, there were 97 members. Now there are 185.

He helped organize the Havelock Presbyterian Church, which later became the Trinity Presbyterian Church, in December of 1953. He took a year's leave of absence two years ago to study a year in Switzerland. His family accompanied him.

Members of the First Presbyterian Church launched a building program in February of 1954. The church bought the Leary property at 17th and Arendell Streets in May 1954, and added the Sudie Nelson property, which adjoins the former Leary property, last month.

During the Rev. Mr. Conyer's first year in Morehead City, the church budget was under \$4,000. It is now \$15,000.

The Conyers have three children, Anne, 6, Priestly IV, 4, and Janice, 20 months. The pastor said, "I wish to thank the members and the folks of the community for the many kindnesses and the helpfulness. It has been a joy and a privilege to live in Morehead City."

"We're going to miss all of our friends, both in and out of the church, very keenly. We will always be concerned with the church and the community because we have so much of our heart and interest here," he concluded.

He will succeed the Rev. Walter Dickson at Belmont. The Rev. Mr. Dickson has been called to a pastorate in Houston, Tex.

Judge Invokes Year Suspended Term Tuesday

Defendant Gives Notice Of Appeal to Superior Court; Bond Set at \$150

Harold Lloyd Fisher, charged with non-support, was sentenced Tuesday in County Recorder's court to one year on the roads after being found guilty of failing to comply with a suspended sentence he received Jan. 20, 1953.

Fisher appealed to Superior Court and Judge Lambert Morris set his bond at \$500.

Albert S. Slakovsky, charged with drunken driving, was found guilty of careless and reckless driving and was fined \$125 and taxed court costs.

Pays \$150 Fine Kenneth R. Hightower was fined \$150 and assessed costs for speeding, careless and reckless driving, and drunken driving.

Sixteen persons were charged with speeding. They are Allen M. Smith, William E. Duettt, Richard Coulter Armstrong, Dollie Riggs Tasko, Dominic Defilippi, Jr., Richard L. Pritchard, Royce Potter, Gilbert K. Lawrence, George L. Heidt, Emerson Weyers, Helen S. Weeks, Otis J. Morrow, George Walton Davis, Jr., Edward Henderson, Gerald Peden, and Robert J. Potter.

Defilippi was fined \$50 and taxed costs while Peden faced a \$25 fine and costs.

Davis, Armstrong, Lawrence, and Weeks were fined \$10 and were assessed costs of court. Smith, Tasko, Pritchard, Potter, Heidt, Weyers, Morrow, Henderson and Potter were taxed court costs.

The case against Duettt was left open for future prosecution.

John Tony Wilson, charged with drunken driving, no driver's license and failing to transfer auto registration was found guilty of not having driver's license. He was fined \$10 and taxed costs.

Pays Costs Bobby Stroud was taxed costs for driving on the wrong side of the road.

Winston Hunter Hill, charged with having insufficient brakes, and John W. Burton, charged with failing to stop at a stop sign, was assessed costs of court.

Joseph Robert Darden had to pay a fine of \$10 and costs for not having a driver's license, failing to give a proper hand signal, having improper equipment, and having improper license plates.

Alex Graham Jr. was taxed costs of court for following too closely. The case against Robert J. Robiecard Jr. was left open. He is charged with not having a muffler on his car.

Mark Eugene Hanlin, charged with failing to stop at a stop sign, and Sam Mitchell, charged with not having a driver's license, were assessed court costs.

Hubert E. Gaskins had to pay a fine of \$25 and costs of court on a charge of drunken driving.

Cases which were continued are Matthew A. Marshall, drunken driving; Theodore Johnson, bad check; Isaac Blango, following too closely; William C. Rose, failing to stop at a stop sign; James Taylor, disturbing the peace, being a public nuisance and resisting arrest.

Frank Lee Johnson, insufficient brakes, no driver's license; James P. Strickland, no driver's license; John Murrill Jr., drunken driving, no driver's license, careless and reckless driving; Donald E. Gillespie, driving drunk; James Harold Wade, peeping tom; Robert Leo Esminger, no driver's license, speeding.

Carl C. Goodwin, bad check; Robert R. Mitchell, improper passing; Charles G. Morris, James G. Suggs, both charged with exceeding the Beaufort bridge weight limit; Curtis Gillikin, speeding, careless and reckless driving; Frank Wesley, speeding, careless and reckless driving and drunken driving; Otto See COURT, Page 2

Beaufort Town Board Proposes County Dog Control Plan

Special Court Term to Open At 9:30 Monday

The special criminal term of Superior Court will open at 9:30 Monday morning with Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn presiding.

It will be a three-day session due to Thanksgiving being Thursday.

Cases to go before the grand jury involve charges against the following defendants: Daisy Rowe, Oscar McLean Kennedy, Pennuel Jesse Tillet, Flossie Reel, Edward Lee Piner, James E. McCotter.

Buddy L. Prince, Thomas E. Brewington, Raymond D. Weaver, Ronald R. St. Cyr, Ted Day, K. P. B. Bonner Jr., Johnnie Logue, Ford Joseph, Paul J. Snyder.

Aloysius C. Peck, Bryan W. Carr, Jake Raymond Baker, Adram Mohamed and Thurman Lassiter.

In addition to the grand jury cases, approximately 60 other cases are docketed. The extremely heavy docket is due to the cancellation of the October term of court because of the hurricane.

A. H. James, clerk of Superior Court, said it may be possible to clear many of the cases rapidly by defendants' entering guilty pleas.

Sea Level Events Will Begin at 9 Tomorrow

Tomorrow will be a busy day at Sea Level and Atlantic. The schedule of events follows: 9 a.m.—Sea Level branch of Commercial National Bank of Kinston opens

11 a.m.—Anniversary ceremony at Sea Level Hospital in observance of conclusion of a year's operation

12—Oyster Roast on hospital grounds

8 p.m.—Sea Level Chamber of Commerce meeting, Atlantic merce meeting, Atlantic School Auditorium

Stories, pictures and congratulatory messages on the hospital anniversary and the bank opening appear in section 2 of this issue.

Contractor Starts Tearing Down Old Lab Building

Tearing down of the two-story frame building at the Fish and Wildlife Station, Pivers Island, started Tuesday. The building, constructed in 1901 as a summer laboratory only, is being razed because a new laboratory has been built.

The contractor for the razing operation is Steve Roberts Paint Co., Morehead City. Contract price for tearing down and removing the building is \$4,670. The operation is expected to be completed in 60 days.

In 1925 the building now being taken away was equipped with heat and electricity to permit its use for fishery research on a year-round basis.

Closed during the second world war, it reopened in 1949 as headquarters for Middle and South Atlantic Fishery Investigations.

Because estimates to renovate the old building were higher than the cost of building a new lab, it was decided to do away with the 53-year-old structure.

Construction of a new, single-floor concrete block building began in December 1953 and was completed in July of this year. A new service building, to house machine shops and supplies, was completed in September 1953.

When the old building has been taken down, a new concrete road and parking area will be built and the area landscaped to conform with the modern buildings.

In charge of the fisheries station is G. B. Talbot. Another change on Pivers Island this year was the addition of a research laboratory at the Duke Marine Station. The Duke station is located south of the federal fisheries lab.

Morehead City Doctor to Join Surgeons' Group

Dr. John W. Morris Will Be Inducted at Rites At Atlantic City

Dr. John W. Morris, Morehead City, will be inducted tonight as a fellow of the American College of Surgeons at Atlantic City, N. J.

More than a thousand surgeons will be honored in cap-and-gown ceremonies which will close the annual five-day clinical congress. The American College of Surgeons, largest in the world, has a membership of 20,000.

Fellowship entitling the recipient to the designation, "FACS," following his name, is awarded to



Dr. John Morris to receive honor

doctors who fulfill comprehensive requirements for acceptable medical education and advanced training as a specialist in one of the branches of surgery, and who gave evidence of good moral character and ethical practice, according to Greer Williams, director of public relations.

Twenty-eight other doctors from North Carolina will also be inducted tonight with Dr. Morris. Dr. Morris is a graduate of the University of Virginia, class of 1936. He interned two years at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Richmond, and from 1938 to 1945 practiced in North Wilkesboro.

He started practice in Morehead City in October 1945. Dr. Morris is an associate member of the International College of Surgeons and has been active in civic affairs here. He is a past president of the Morehead City Rotary Club, a member of the Town Board, the Morehead City fire department, Chamber of Commerce, the County Medical Society and is the immediate past president of the Morehead City Golf and Country Club.

Dr. and Mrs. Morris have a son, Watson, and three daughters, Virginia, Evelyn and Mary Alice. Their home is at 2410 Evans St.

Decision on Zoning Change Deferred

Beaufort's town board, in session Monday night at the town hall, authorized the town attorney, Gene Smith, to contact other towns in the county relative to presenting a county dog warden proposal to the County Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Smith explained that, by statute, a county is enabled to hire an officer to help control stray dogs. The attorney said the problem is too big for towns alone to handle because unwanted dogs are brought into town from rural areas.

He added that county handling of the problem has proved effective in other parts of the state. It was suggested that the county health board's support be solicited as well as Newport and Morehead City's.

The attorney was authorized to draw up a resolution and present it to the county commissioners.

Dan Walker, town clerk, said that strays are becoming increasingly dangerous and that one mad dog was killed in town last week.

Action Deferred The board deferred action on a request by W. H. (Piggy) Potter, Beaufort. Mr. Potter appeared before the board and asked if the town could make a decision, by Jan. 1, on whether the block between Queen and Pollock on Front would be re-zoned to allow commercial structures on the waterfront.

Mr. Potter explained that the firm, Carteret Services, bought the Dey property in that block to develop it as a business site. On March 26, he added, they requested a permit to construct docks and on July 26 of this year the board was reminded that they had made no decision on the application.

He said that it is necessary that the board make a decision so that plans can be made for the coming year.

"I'm not interested in putting obstructions on the waterfront," Mr. Potter told the board. "I'm interested in attracting people who will spend money. I'm not interested in this real estate venture solely for myself, but for others who will benefit through it."

Even if the board would grant permission for commercialization, with certain restrictions, Mr. Potter said such decision would be acceptable if the restrictions weren't unreasonable.

Mr. Potter forthrightly told the board that he is interested in developing the entire block from Queen to Pollock. He said that he doubted that the Hill property (at Queen and Front) could be acquired, but emphasized that he's interested in the property east of that.

The Dickinson property, he commented. See BOARD, Page 2

Coast Guard Conducts Nine-Hour Hearing on Fish Boat Collision

F3D Jet Crashes While on Search

The United States Coast Guard conducted a nine-hour hearing Tuesday on the Dixie B-Dewey collision which occurred last Friday morning in the sluice at Cape Lookout.

The Coast Guard investigation was held to determine the possibility of preventing such accidents in the future and not to establish which party may have been at fault.

Wiley Taylor Jr., Beaufort, represented Charles Davis, owner of the trawler Dixie B, and George Rountree, Wilmington, represented the Webb Bunker Co., owner of the Dewey, a menhaden boat fishing for Wallace Fisheries, Morehead City.

Should action to recover damages be undertaken, the suit, an action in admiralty, will be filed in federal court, New Bern.

Tuesday's hearing took place in the grand jury room on the first floor of the courthouse, Beaufort. James Raymond Gaskill, Beaufort, captain of the Dixie B and Harry Willis, captain of the Dewey, both believe that they had the right of way before the collision of their boats Nov. 12 between 7 and 7:30 a.m.

Lt. A. S. Zabinski of the United States Coast Guard, Norfolk, brought the witnesses in one at a time. The first to be questioned was Captain Gaskill of the Dixie B. Captain Gaskill said that the Dixie B left Beaufort about 5:30 a.m. last Friday for ocean shrimping. He explained that the boat had a draft of 7 1/2 feet and had no cargo aboard.

Fair Weather When asked the condition of the weather, Captain Gaskill replied, "Pretty a morning as I hope to see. The wind was to the northeast and there was just a little swell."

Another trawler, the Evelyn Smith, was ahead of the Dixie B about 100 to 200 yards, he said. Captain Gaskill explained that he did not use a chart for going in and out of the harbor.

He stated that he went westward after he passed the Beaufort bar but changed back to eastward after a crew member of the Evelyn Smith indicated that the shrimping wasn't good to the west.

He saw two boats coming, with the Dewey first, when he swung into the sluice, he said. The Dewey was about three-quarters of a mile away when she was first sighted by members of the Dixie B, according to Captain Gaskill.

He said, "The Dewey kept bearing toward us instead of away. We See INVESTIGATION, Page 6

Rotarians Hear Talk, Solos

Mrs. Robert Carney, advance publicity agent for the Grass Roots Opera Company, Raleigh, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Beaufort Rotarians at the home of the president, Halsey Paul, Tuesday night.

Mrs. Carney sang three songs, One Kiss, Deep in my Heart, and Through the Years.

She said the Grass Roots Opera Company is better known throughout the nation than in its own home state.

Mrs. Carney said the movement started in 1948 in Raleigh as the hobby of a group headed by A. J. Fletcher. The Grass Roots Opera started appearing in schools in 1951.

She explained that the purposes of the company are to provide support for young singers who are studying for opera and to bring good music and entertainment to small towns.

SBA Office, Beaufort, To Close at 5 Today

The Small Business Administration office, set up in the courthouse for making disaster loans, will close at 5 p.m. today.

After today, persons wanting assistance to get back into business after hurricane-caused loss, must apply to the SBA office, 900 N. Lombardy St., Richmond, Va.

A. H. Graham, SBA office manager here, said disaster loan applications may be filed as late as May 1, 1955.

Official Names Bank Board

H. C. Wooten Jr., vice-president of the Commercial National Bank of Kinston, yesterday announced the names of men on the advisory board of the bank's Sea Level branch.

They are Cecil Morris and Clayton Fulcher Jr., both of Atlantic, and Alvah Taylor, Sea Level.

Mr. Morris operates a store at Atlantic and is chairman of the state commercial fisheries committee. Mr. Fulcher is operator of a seafood shipping business and a member of the North Carolina Fish Dealers Association.

Mr. Taylor, of V. Taylor and Sons, Sea Level, is also a member of the county board of commissioners.

Cross-Arm Burns Tuesday Night

A broken insulator on a 13,000-volt line at 23rd and Bay Streets, Morehead City, caused a fire on the cross-arm of a power pole at 10 o'clock Tuesday night.

The fire department was called and Carolina Power and Light Co. notified. The fire caused outages at Atlantic Beach, the west part of Morehead City, and along the highway west of Morehead. Power was restored in an hour and a half.

A few minutes before the cross-arm fire, the street light circuit grounded at the port, putting one street light circuit out for two hours.

George Stovall, manager of Carolina Power and Light here, said that the two difficulties were probably caused by damp weather and that the effects of the hurricane are still showing up.

There hasn't been enough rain to wash the salt off the power equipment, he says.

Veterans Office Closed

C. L. Beam, county veterans officer, left yesterday for Winston-Salem to attend a conference for service officers this weekend. His office will re-open Monday, and close Thursday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Waitress, Milk Man Win Town Courtesy Contest

Mrs. Roberta Woodcock and Lennis Brinson have won the courtesy contest sponsored in Morehead City by the retail merchants committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Woodcock, a waitress at Capt. Bill's Waterfront Restaurant, and Mr. Brinson, deliveryman for White's Ice Cream and Milk Co., received by far the most votes in the two-week contest which opened Nov. 1, according to Ted Davis, chamber manager.

Each will be presented today with \$25 checks from the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce. The presentation will be made by Bernard Leary, president of the chamber.

Mrs. Woodcock, now known as "Miss Courtesy," has a daughter

16 Churches Plan to Have Floats in Parade Nov. 26

Floats from 16 churches are scheduled to appear Friday in the Morehead City Christmas parade which is being jointly sponsored by the Morehead City Merchants Association and the Carteret County Ministers Association. Starting time for the parade is 8 o'clock.

The parade will feature only religious floats this year. Santa Claus will arrive in town the next day. He will bring with him balloons for the children.

Christmas lights will be turned on along Arendell Street for the parade which will originate at the Morehead City Recreation Center.

All parade units and floats will begin lining up at 6:30 p.m. Signs for the floats will be furnished and placed on the floats at the recreation center by members of the retail merchants committee.

The churches have been assigned phases of the coming of Christ which their floats are to depict. Several choirs will participate.

Churches taking part in the parade and the title of their floats are as follows: St. Andrew's Episcopal, Morehead City, "Christ in Christmas;" First Methodist, Morehead City, "The Coming of Christ;" First Presbyterian, Morehead City, "Annunciation to Mary;" Ann Street Methodist, Beaufort, "Mary's Visit to Elizabeth;" St. Paul's Episcopal, Beaufort, "Decree of Caesar Augustus."

First Baptist, Morehead City, "The Journey to Jerusalem;" Franklin Memorial Methodist, Morehead City, "No Room in the Inn;" Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Morehead City, "Mary and Joseph Find Shelter;" Parkview Baptist

Cold Front Due To Move In

The thermometer has had a steady rise in Carteret County this week but there is a predicted drop in temperature on its way.

The mercury moved up to 69 on Tuesday and Wednesday and even higher yesterday but the weather forecast has cooler weather in store for the county from Friday on.

Both Wednesday and Thursday cold predicted dawned in rain and fog. By noon yesterday, the sun came out bringing spring-like temperatures.

The average temperature has been about 60 degrees.

Table with 4 columns: Day, Max., Min., Wind. Friday: 66, 45, NE; Saturday: 63, 49, NE; Sunday: 63, 50, SE; Monday: 68, 55, E; Tuesday: 69, 57, ENE; Wednesday: 69, 62, NNE

Correction

The restaurant hours listed in the Sea Level Inn ad on page 4, section 2, are in error. Meals are served from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday; and from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays.

Burglar Enters Eastman Home

A burglar entered the George Eastman home, E. Front Street, Beaufort between 1 and 2 a.m. yesterday and took about \$5 from Mrs. Eastman's pocketbook.

Sheriff Hugh Salter, Deputy Sheriff Marshall Ayscue, George Smith, Morehead township constable, and two Beaufort officers, Carlton Garner and Steve Beachem, combed the neighborhood until dawn but could find no trace of the thief.

Sheriff Salter said that a toy pistol was found at the foot of Mrs. Eastman's bed. The burglar evidently dropped it, he said, when Mrs. Eastman turned the light on by her bed to look at the clock.

When she snapped on the light, he man rose from the floor by the bed where he had been going through Mrs. Eastman's pocketbook. He fled immediately and Mrs. Eastman could only describe him as wearing dark pants and a dark sweater.

She said she didn't know whether he was old or young, Negro or white. She roused neighbors who called the police.

Mr. Eastman was at Cedar Island. He returned at 8 o'clock yesterday morning. Sleeping in the room with Mrs. Eastman at the time she woke and saw the thief was her 11-year-old son, Joe. Sheriff Salter said the burglar probably entered through an unlocked door at the side of the house. Because Mrs. Eastman was expecting her husband to come home, all the lights in the house had been left burning except the ones in her bedroom.

Mrs. Eastman said she was not sure exactly how much money was taken but it was less than \$5.

Mr. Eastman yesterday expressed his appreciation to the officers for their prompt response to the call to his home and their diligence in searching for the thief.

Parking meter receipts in Beaufort for October were \$622.92. Dan Walker, clerk, reported yesterday. Meter fines during the month amounted to \$60.50.

Six to Answer Speeding Counts

Six persons were cited in Morehead City on charges of speeding this week.

Those receiving citations are Ray F. Garrett, Morehead City; Gene W. Bradford, Cherry Point; Andrew Jenkins, Beaufort; Julian Dewey Willis, Morehead City; James Foster Frink, Shallotte; and Alexander Kontos, New Bern.

State Highway Patrolman R. H. Brown cited Frink Saturday and Willis Sunday while Morehead City Police Capt. Buck Newsome gave a citation to Garrett Monday. Morehead City Patrolman W. J. Condie cited Bradford and Jenkins Tuesday. Patrolman Homer Lewis cited Kontos Wednesday.

Will Smith, Morehead City, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public drunkenness by Sgt. Carl Bunch.