

Funeral Rites Conducted For School Pupil

Robert Midgett, Who Attended Swansboro School, Shot Friday

Funeral services for a Swansboro High School junior who was accidentally shot Friday were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Oak Grove Methodist Church, Bear Creek.

Robert Neal Midgett, 16, Hubert, had been hunting Friday afternoon when he met his cousins, J. B. and Bud Bell, 14 and 11, respectively. One of his cousins was also carrying a gun. The three got on Robert's motor scooter and rode down the road.

When they were getting off the scooter, one of the guns went off and hit Robert in the lower part of the back, spreading the shot into his intestines.

The load hit the youth from about a one foot range, according to Dr. James Piver. He was taken to the office of Dr. J. P. Corbett, Swansboro, and immediately sent to the Onslow County Hospital in Jacksonville.

At the hospital he underwent surgery for more than three hours with Dr. Piver and Dr. W. T. Turlington performing the operation.

He had lost a great deal of blood and emergency calls were sent for donors of his rare type of blood.

Out of 600 persons who answered the call, only 55 had blood that matched that of the wounded youth.

He was given 30 pints of blood before he succumbed at 5 o'clock Saturday morning.

Coroner Talbert Jones, Onslow County ruled that the shooting was accidental and he will not call for an inquest.

Surviving are Robert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Midgett; two brothers, Harold and Nolan; one sister, Martha; his grandmother, Mrs. Bertha Midgett, Hubert; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eden Yeomans, Hubert; and his great-grandmother, Mrs. Miria Phillips, Wilmington.

Firemen Return Home Check Lists

Newport firemen have mailed completed and checked "home fire safety check lists" back to home owners.

As part of the Fire Prevention Week campaign, Newport Firemen distributed in the school several hundred fire safety check sheets. The four page questionnaire covered all fire hazards ordinarily found in the average home. The school children carried the list home where parents filled out the forms. These were returned to school. Later firemen checked over the forms and circled in red the hazards to be corrected.

The biggest hazard noted by firemen was combustible rubbish, leaves, and debris in the yards, commented Joe Jones, secretary. Another big thing was the fact that few oil burning appliances were checked and cleaned prior to the heating season.

Many of our rural people are handicapped in that they have no available telephone to call the fire department. Yet it was amazing how many people did not know how to contact the fire department, commented Charlie Gould Jr., Fire Prevention Week chairman.

Boy Scouts helped distribute the forms to the teachers.

Andrew Jackson, a member of the committee expressed thanks to E. B. Gomer, principal, for his help.

26 Defendants Plead Guilty to Recklessness

Twenty-six drunken driving cases were disposed of in Superior Court last week as the defendants pled guilty to a charge of careless and reckless driving and were fined \$100 and assessed court costs.

They were Alton Ray Lamm, Braxton Bragg, Hall, Randolph H. Eiler, William P. Doland, Flossie Reed Henderson, Fernie B. Smith, Nicholas Peter Denuder, Bryan W. Carr, Pennuel Jesse Tillett.

Ivey Ray King, Larry Delmore Smith, Herbert George Mohr, Oscar B. Ellett, Ralph Herbert Bell, Charles Edward Anthony, David Truman Harris, Ralph Russell Dixon, Vernon Charles Arthur.

Clinton A. Johnson, Gordon Herbert Salter, Kenneth Lee Best, Jake Raymond Baker, Ray Tew Sr., Thomas John Prince, Henry Daniel Smith, and Willard Lee Kittrell.

Woodrow Harless and Elbert Gillikin, charged with speeding, pled guilty to careless and reck-

Children Help Firemen



Youngsters flocked to the Beaufort Theatre Friday morning to see a cartoon show sponsored by the Beaufort Fire Department in cooperation with the theatre. Price of admission was a new toy, a used

toy in good condition or 50 cents. Pictured above is the fire truck with Lt. John C. Parkin, fireman, standing on top of it. At left is Bill Sutton, theatre manager, and children holding toys are Marcus Mason, Ronnie Lake Smith, Danny

Toler, Jennifer Rose, Carolyn Daniels, and Jimmy Salter, all of Beaufort.

Firemen will repair toys and use them as well as money contributed to carry out their Christmas goodwill program.

Report Suggests Spending Five Million on County Roads

Club Contributes Fund to Finance Moving Office

The Carteret Business and Professional Woman's Club voted to give \$72 toward the moving of national federation headquarters when the club met Tuesday night. The moving of the national office was approved at biennial convention and each club throughout the nation has been asked to contribute \$2 per member. The office is now located in New York City and will be moved to Washington, D. C.

Miss Lydia Piner, chairman of the loan closet committee, reported that two sickroom loan closets in the county need hospital beds and wheel chairs. The club agreed to offer to buy, at reasonable price, such beds or chairs which county residents may wish to dispose of. The club will then contribute them to established sickroom loan closets.

Miss Alida Willis, chairman of the 1955 March of Dimes, appointed Mrs. C. L. Beam, Miss Ruth Peeling, Mrs. Joe Beam, Mrs. Roma Noe and Mrs. John Johnson to assist her in appointing committees for the polo campaign.

Mrs. Marshall Ayscue reported on the State Home project and distributed questionnaires for club members to fill out. Mrs. Ayscue, Mrs. C. L. Beam, president, and Miss Peeling also reported on the mid-year council meeting at Statesville.

A change in the meeting date for the club was discussed and it was decided that a vote shall be taken at the next meeting. Mrs. Don Martin, Beaufort, was admitted as a new member, and Miss Georgie Hughes, chairman of the club's civil defense committee, reported on civil defense work.

Mrs. Retha King, finance chairman, announced that Miss Evelyn Westergard, Beaufort - Morehead City causeway, had received the turkey given away by the club. Profit on the project was \$92.21.

The president opened the meeting with a Thanksgiving prayer. The meeting followed dinner at Holden's Restaurant, Beaufort.

WOW to Give Flag To Guard Unit

The Woodmen of the World, Camp No. 188, Morehead City, will present an American flag to the Morehead City National Guard unit Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Camp Glenn Armory.

Willie W. Moore, financial secretary of Camp 188, will serve as master of ceremonies and Clifford C. Faglie, WOW field representative, will be the main speaker.

The invocation and benediction will be given by the Rev. Noah D. Brown, pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church, Morehead City. The public is invited.

The WOW will elect officers at their meeting at 7:30 Monday night, Dec. 6, at the Woodmen Hall and Newport's WOW will have elections Friday night, Dec. 30. Newport Woodmen will convene at 7:30 in the hall over Cose Howard's garage.

The case against Robert Dudley, charged with gambling, was left open. Neither did the state prosecute Edward Lee Piner on an embezzlement charge.

Flossie Reels was taxed costs of court for forgery and Darval Wayne West Jr. paid costs and a fine of \$10 for speeding.

Phillip A. Sandron had to pay costs for hunting on Sunday. A jury found Edward Hyde Willis not guilty on a speeding charge.

Charged with forcible trespassing and attempting to steal chickens, Junior Thompson was given a suspended sentence of 30 days. See COURT, Page 6

After an intensive seven-month survey, Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Hall and Macdonald, engineers, have issued a report on North Carolina's highway needs.

The report gives recommendations for bringing highway, road and bridge systems up to standard during the coming 10 years.

To make the necessary improvements in Carteret, the survey recommends the expenditure of slightly more than five million dollars.

The major expenditure would be \$3,137,000 for 71.17 miles of improvement to rural roads and 6.9 miles of new construction. Suggested for improvement of .9 mile of town streets on the major highway system was \$18,000.

The report recommends the building of three new highway structures and replacement of 10 at a cost of \$2,051,700, bringing the total recommended expenditure to \$5,206,700. (Structures are bridges of any type or culverts).

Needed to bring the state's entire system up to par is \$610,000,000. To help pay the bill the report suggests floating a \$153,000,000 bond issue.

The financing contemplates borrowing \$39,000,000 during the 1955-57 biennium, \$53,000,000 during 1957-59 and \$61,000,000 during 1959-61 to augment regular highway revenues.

These amounts, the experts reported, would be sufficient to cover the deficits created by the remodeling program in the first three bienniums, including interest costs on the borrowed funds at an assumed average rate of 2.25 per cent per year.

The State Highway Commission will meet soon to consider the recommendations and put them in the form of proposals to present to the legislature in January.

Farm Bureau Solicitors Meet; Membership 365

Fifteen new memberships were announced at a meeting of the Farm Bureau membership solicitors Friday night in the county agent's office, Beaufort. Total enrollment for 1955 is now 365.

Floyd Garner, Newport, chairman of the committee, has announced that another meeting of the committee for Thursday night.

Civil Term Scheduled

The December term of Superior Court will open at 10 a.m. next Monday with Judge Joseph Parker presiding. Only civil cases will be tried.

North Carolina 1955 license tags will go on sale tomorrow at the loan department of the First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co., Morehead City.

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CHRISTMAS Is Just Around The Corner!

IN THIS ISSUE BUSINESSMEN OF BEAUFORT AND MOREHEAD CITY OFFER YOU SNOW-BRIGHT IDEAS FOR THAT GIFT LIST!

Dan Taylor Firm to Start New Ferry Service to Cuba

The first sailing of the "Sea Level," the New Orleans-Havana Railroad Car Ferry, will take place Tuesday, Dec. 14.

Now operated by the West India Fruit and Steamship Co., Dan E. Taylor, president, the ferry offers direct rail service from New Orleans to Havana. The "Sea Level" will sail each Tuesday from Belle Chase, La.

The West India Fruit and Steamship Co. already operates a car ferry from West Palm Beach, Fla., to Havana.

Mr. Taylor, originally from the community of Sea Level in this county, was here 10 days ago to attend the formal opening of the new bank at Sea Level. He and his three brothers, who were also here, and their father, Malthy, established the Taylor Foundation which constructed the half million dollar Sea Level Hospital in 1953.

The West India Fruit and Steamship Co. points out that their new service is especially adapted for handling shipments of petroleum products in bulk in tank cars, chemicals, lumber, raw materials for Cuban factories, liquid freight, chemical products and LP gas, fire brick, heavy machinery and other commodities loaded in box cars, refrigerator cars, gondola, tank and flat cars and special device railroad cars.

Northbound from Cuba the ferry will carry raw sugar in bags in box cars and other Cuban products.

Voters to Elect Soil Supervisor

Voters will cast ballots Dec. 6-11 for the county's new soil conservation supervisor.

Running for the office are Floyd Garner and Y. Z. Simmons, both of Newport, and Sam Garner, Wildwood. Mr. Garner's term is the one to be filled. He is running for re-election. The winning candidate will serve a three-year term.

David Jones, county soil supervisor, says any eligible voter in the county may cast a ballot.

On the board of supervisors in this county are Neal Campen, Beaufort RFD, chairman, John D. Young, Stella, vice-chairman, and Mr. Garner, secretary-treasurer.

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Police Hold 21-Year-Old Negro Captured Thursday

Hugh Martin Speaks Friday To Spud Growers

Farmers Will Vote Friday On Proposed 1 Cent Assessment

Hugh Martin, of the Marketing Division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, spoke to a group of Irish potato growers of eastern Carteret County Friday night in the courthouse.

Mr. Martin explained the purpose and procedure of the potato referendum set for Friday.

He announced that all potato growers in this county will vote Friday at the usual agriculture polling places in eastern Carteret.

The vote is to find out whether Carteret and other potato growers are willing to assess themselves one cent per 100 pounds of potatoes produced.

This assessment will be collected by the commissioner of agriculture to provide funds for research in better and more adaptable potato varieties.

Research will also be directed toward better packing, marketing and all phases of potato production and distribution.

Rolling places will be Crab Point Grocery Store; Gaskill's Seed Store, Beaufort; L. N. Conner's Store, Harlowe; Pake's Grocery, Bettie; and Headen Willis's Store, Smyrna.

Jaycees Sponsor Sports Movie

"The Bob Mathias Story," a movie on the famous athlete who broke several records in last year's Olympic Games, will be shown Thursday and Friday at the Morehead Theatre.

Sponsoring the show are Morehead City Jaycees who are cooperating with all U. S. Jaycees to raise money to send American athletes to next year's Olympic games.

Tickets are now available at either the City or Morehead Theatre or may be obtained from any Jaycee. The showing of the movie will be continuous and the regular price of admission will be charged.

The role of Mathias is played by Bob Mathias himself.

Farm Specialists Will Give Farm Outlook for 1955

Rural families of the county will attend an "Outlook" meeting Thursday morning at 9:30 in the courthouse.

Attending the meeting will be two agriculture economists and one home economist from North Carolina State College.

The outlook for general economy, farm products and family living for the coming year will be the topic of discussion.

R. M. Williams, county agent, said, "We hope to have as many families as possible attend this meeting since the subject will concern every farm family in the county. I believe everyone will benefit by attending."

Drive Opens

Sam Adler, chairman of the Salvation Army drive in the county, announced this week that this is Salvation Army Month. Contributions should be given or mailed to Mr. Adler, Morehead City.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar	HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, Nov. 30		
10:57 a.m.	4:41 a.m.	
	5:30 p.m.	
Wednesday, Dec. 1		
11:21 a.m.	5:30 a.m.	
11:43 p.m.	6:13 p.m.	
Thursday, Dec. 2		
12:11 a.m.	6:25 a.m.	
1:31 p.m.	7:02 p.m.	
Friday, Dec. 3		
2:09 a.m.	7:27 a.m.	
1:31 p.m.	7:55 p.m.	

Five Countians Will Enter Army Thursday

Five county men have been ordered to report to the County Selective Service Board Thursday where they will be forwarded to Raleigh for induction into the Army.

The men are Ernest Neal Hill and Osborne H. Owens, Marshallberg; Harry Gaskill Jr., Beaufort; Walter R. Trott, Stella; and Donnie O. Lewis, Otway.

Crowd Estimated At 4,000 See Christmas Parade

A crowd estimated at 4,000 saw the Friday night Christmas parade of floats depicting the coming of Christ. The parade took place in Morehead City. Spectators shivered in a Yule season temperature of 40 degrees and participants in the parade, portraying pantomime scenes, were effectively congealed into position.

Loud-speaking systems along the parade route, from 15th and Arendell east to 6th and then west again, were set up to describe the floats as they appeared.

The Morehead City High School Band, under the direction of Ralph Wade, played Christmas carols in the business section of the town as the parade passed by.

The float themes, taken from the scripture, and the churches which portrayed them, were as follows: Christ in Christmas, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church; The Coming of Christ, First Methodist Church, Morehead City.

Annunciation to Mary, First Presbyterian Church, Morehead City; Mary's Visit to Elizabeth, Ann Street Methodist Church, Beaufort; The Journey to Bethlehem, First Baptist Church; No Room in the Inn, Franklin Memorial Methodist Church.

Mary and Joseph Find Shelter, Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Morehead City; Shepherds Abiding in the Field, Park View Baptist Mission, Morehead City; Heavenly Hosts, Free Will Baptist Church, Morehead City.

The Manger, Core Creek Methodist Church; Shepherds Visit the Babe, St. James Methodist Church, Newport; Wise Men Follow the Star, Free Will Baptist Church, Davis; Wise Men Before Christ, Newport Baptist Mission, and The Hope of the World, Sea Level Christian Church.

The parade was sponsored by the retail merchants committee of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, Carl Southerland, chairman, and the County Ministers Association.

Newport PTA to Sponsor Supper, Bazaar Friday

The Newport PTA is sponsoring a fried chicken supper, a bake sale and a sale of Christmas gifts Friday from 5 until 7:30 p.m. in the school lunchroom.

"Come and enjoy a good southern fried chicken supper and buy your Christmas gifts," invites Mrs. Tom Dickinson, Wildwood, PTA president.

Meetings Cancelled

Civic organizations, such as the Lions and Rotary of Morehead City, which meet each Thursday, did not meet Thursday, Thanksgiving Day.

Santa Claus is Comin'



Santa Claus wired THE NEWS-TIMES yesterday that he will make his appearance in Beaufort at 4 p.m. tomorrow aboard his boat, the Mistletoe. He will tie up at a dock in the 1000 block of Front Street and be escorted downtown in a parade. He says he will have a gift in his pack for each child who gives him a letter.

Carlton Franklin Faces Five Separate Charges

Carlton (Bobby) Franklin, a 21-year-old Negro of T-163 Craven Terrace, New Bern, was being held in the county jail yesterday without bond. He faces five separate charges of entering and attempting to enter Beaufort homes. Franklin was captured Thursday night.

Chief of Police M. E. Guy said yesterday that Franklin told him and SBI Agent John Edwards Saturday that he entered the Charles Owens home, 111 Broad Street, Sunday, Oct. 31. At that time, Mrs. Owens, an invalid, awakened at 5:30 and saw a man in her room. When she screamed, he ran. Her husband and sons ran after the intruder but could not catch him.

Franklin was taken to the Owens' home after he was apprehended and Mrs. Owens said he "favored" the man she saw in her room.

Franklin, who will be given a preliminary hearing before Judge Earl Mason in Beaufort Recorder's Court this afternoon, has been charged with breaking and entering the Owens' home with intent to commit rape.

The other charges against him are the outgrowth of incidents which occurred Thursday night. He is charged with attempting to break and enter the Sam Darling, Oliver Yost, and Harry Murphy homes with intent to commit robbery and with peeping in the home of Cecil Brooks, 302 Moore St.

According to police, someone tried to enter the Sam Darling house on Broad Street about 10 o'clock Thursday night. Then Mrs. Cecil Brooks drove into the driveway by her home shortly afterwards and saw a colored man looking in her side living room window.

She asked, "What are you doing?" He turned toward her and said, "Wait a minute," and with that she screamed. Frank Jordan, a neighbor two doors away heard her scream and came rushing out of his house. Mrs. Brooks ran inside and called the chief of police who went to the Brooks' home.

By that time the neighborhood was aroused and several men set out on a search for the "peeper." Chief Guy said he learned later that a few minutes after the Brooks episode, a man tried to get in the Oliver Yost house at Cedar and Orange Streets.

Mr. Yost went to the door with a flashlight and threw the beam right on the fellow. He ran again and was located at about 11 p.m. at the corner of the Murphy house, 211 Cedar St.

With the chief at that time was Officer Steve Beachem. Lewis Herbert Rice had joined the posse searching for the man and as Franklin ran around the Murphy house on the west side, Mr. Rice fired a shot gun blast over his head. When officers came upon Franklin a few seconds later, he was standing like a statue with his hands in the air.

Sheriff Hugh Salter, George Canady, SBI director for this district, and Deputy Sheriff Marshall Ayscue went to Atlantic Saturday to check with Franklin's employer, the Clayton Fulcher Seafood Co. But while they were on the trip, Franklin confessed to the Owens entry.

The chief of police yesterday thanked the men who helped look for Franklin. He said without them, Franklin would not have been apprehended.

Concert Member Cards Mailed Out

Members in Carteret-Cherry Point Area May Attend Nearby Concerts

Membership cards to the Community Concert Series have been sent to members for the 1955 season.

The first concert of the series will be Jan. 19 at the Beaufort school, featuring the Becker Ensemble.

Members of the ensemble are Mary Becker, violinist; Marcia Barbour, cellist; Lili Miki, pianist, and Ramona Dahlberg, flutist.

Feb. 22, Mario Braggiotti pianist, will be at the Morehead City School and Edwin Steffe, baritone, will be at the Beaufort school April 14. All concerts start at 8 p.m.

Carteret-Cherry Point Community Concert members may attend concerts in nearby towns as follows:

Kinston: Dec. 9 Leonard Pennington, pianist; Theodore Uppman, baritone, Jan. 14, and Elena Nikolaidi, contralto, April 11.

Wilson: Mimi Benzelle, soprano, Jan. 1; male quartet, Men of Song, Feb. 22; Herman Godes, pianist, April 21.

Goldboro: The Longines Symphonette, March 28; Ethel Barrymore Colt, actress, April 22.

Auto Burns After Smash-Up Thursday Night

A 1939 Plymouth burned up on Highway 70 in front of the Southern Oil Transport Co. building west of Morehead City Thursday night after a collision with a 1950 Ford. The Ford is considered to be a complete loss, according to J. W. Sykes, state highway patrolman who investigated the accident.

Herbert W. Stroud, Morehead City, stated that he was driving the Plymouth west on 70 when the Ford struck his car, with tremendous impact, from the rear, sending him 800-900 yards down the highway.

The Plymouth, hit in the gas tank, immediately burst into flames. Mr. Stroud's foot was wedged between the brakes and the clutch and the doors were jammed. As the fire blazed, he pulled