

Salter Path Man Held in Slaying

Mrs. E. J. Dolzer Killed Early Sunday Morning

Held without bond on a charge of murder yesterday was Moody Lewis, 50, Salter Path. Lewis, confined to the county jail, appeared before a coroner's jury at the courthouse last night. He is charged with the shotgun slaying of Mrs. Edward J. Dolzer, 33, Morehead City.

Funeral services were conducted for Mrs. Dolzer at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the First Baptist Church, Morehead City. Burial was in Bay View Cemetery.

Mrs. Dolzer's body was discovered at 2:40 a.m. Sunday a hundred yards from the road which loops around the new Catholic Chapel at Atlantic Beach. She was clad in a red sweater and skirt.

Sheriff Hugh Salter said the body was discovered by a young Morehead City couple who went immediately to the Ocean King Hotel, Atlantic Beach, and phoned police.

Sheriff Salter was notified by Deputy Sheriff Bobby Bell that a body had been found and the sheriff called Deputy Sheriff Marshall Ayscue and Coroner Leslie Springle.

The sheriff said the woman had been dead about 30 minutes when officers arrived. The body was sent to the Morehead City Hospital where Dr. M. B. Morey removed No. 1 buckshot from the left chest. The body was then taken to the George W. Dill Funeral Home.

Officers immediately began a round of questioning, checking with the victim's husband, her son, 16-year-old Jerry Conner, and a girl friend identified as Joan Brown, who worked at a drive-in snack bar at the junction of the Atlantic Beach Road and the old beach road.

Officers learned that Mrs. Dolzer was riding in an automobile with Lewis until about 2 a.m. She had left the Curve Inn, where she worked as a waitress at 12:45 a.m. Deputy Sheriffs Ayscue and Bell went to Lewis' home at the western end of Salter Path and there found his car, a black Chevrolet sedan, but Lewis was nowhere about.

Lewis, who was divorced from his wife a couple years ago, lived alone. Officers went in the house and found his Ward's Hercules 12-gauge shotgun between two mattresses on a tumbled-up bed.

Also found in the house was a note to his daughter, Janice, who lives in Morehead City. The note, written in ink on 4 by 6-inch lined notebook paper, told her to keep the car and also mentioned "Tressa," Mrs. Dolzer. Sheriff Salter said yesterday he preferred not to reveal the details of the note.

After finding the gun and the note, the officers were joined in a search for Lewis by residents of Salter Path. "We appreciate their help," the sheriff said.

When daylight came and Lewis had not been found, the sheriff hired three airplanes from the Beaufort airport to fly low over the Salter Path area in an effort to find Lewis.

Late Sunday afternoon officers were returning from patrol along the beach in a jeep. They left John Willis, Salter Path, off at his home and Willis went to the Lewis home again. Luther Lewis, Morehead City, son of the hunted man was there.

Lewis Surrenders
A few minutes later, about 6 p.m. Lewis came walking out of the woods, went up to his son and gave himself up. Luther took his father to county officers in Beaufort where the elder Lewis was questioned.

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Elizabeth City Attorney to Get Fee of \$5,000

The State Supreme Court has ruled that Frank B. Aycock, Elizabeth City attorney who pressed charges that the dog racing track at Morehead City is illegal, is entitled to \$5,000 as an attorney's fee.

An order to A. H. James, clerk of Superior Court, specifies that the \$5,000 figure shall be included in the costs to be paid by the defendant in the action, the Carolina Racing Association.

The order, filed at the courthouse in Beaufort Saturday, states that if all the costs are paid by Feb. 1, 1955 and the defendant "immediately abates the nuisance" (the dog track), the sheriff of Carteret County shall return to the owner the dog track property now being held by the county.

Should the Carolina Racing Association not pay the costs by Feb. 1, 1955, Sheriff Hugh Salter is authorized to sell the race track property.

Aycock was granted a fee of \$7,500 as the result of his suits which closed the dog racing track in Currituck County.

He prosecuted the Carteret case at the request of Wiley Taylor Jr., county solicitor here.

Officers Meet Commissioner

At a meeting of the Morehead City Police Department Friday afternoon, the new police commissioner, who will take over Dec. 25, was presented to police department personnel. The new commissioner, Ted Garner, replaces D. G. Bell who has resigned.

Town officials announced that Capt. Herbert Griffin had assumed the duties as chief and that E. J. Willis, former chief, has been named superintendent of public safety.

It was pointed out that promotion in the police department will continue on the basis of seniority and officers were urged to take advantage of the policemen's retirement fund set-up.

By statute, \$2 of every fine levied goes into the policemen's retirement fund, but officers who do not pay a proportionate part of their salary are not entitled to benefits when they retire.

Town officials said that unless the officers will voluntarily pay their part, the town will not be responsible for paying them benefits upon retirement.

Officers re-emphasized the importance of getting persons to comply willingly with the law rather than "cramping the law down people's throats," Mayor George Dill said.

Mr. Bell, the retiring police commissioner, expressed his appreciation to the force for its cooperation during his term of office and commended them for their fine record of service.

A letter from J. D. Holt, port manager was read. Mr. Holt thanked the officers for their assistance during the arrival and departure of the passenger ship Stockholm.

Santa to Visit Two Towns This Week

Santa Claus will make a personal appearance in Morehead City Thursday night and in Newport Friday.

Santa will ride downtown on one of the town fire trucks in Morehead City at 7:30 Thursday night. He'll have a treat for all the kiddies.

He will be at the Christmas Tree in Newport, in front of the teacherage, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Friday. He'll have a cellophane bag of fruit and a small toy for each child, "regardless of race, creed or color," announces B. T. Smith Jr., incoming fire chief.

Club Formed
A Hole-in-One Club has been formed at Morehead City Golf and Country Club.

Churches Prepare Special Services for Christmas

Most of the Churches in Morehead City and Beaufort have planned special services and parties for the Christmas season.

The First Baptist, First Methodist, First Presbyterian, and Franklin Memorial Methodist churches in Morehead City and the Ann Street Methodist church and Free Will Baptists in Beaufort all had special services last Sunday.

The First Baptist, Ann Street Methodist and First Methodist Church choirs presented programs of Christmas music. The children of the First Presbyterian church staged a Christmas pageant and had a Christmas tree party. The MYF of the Franklin Memorial Methodist church presented a Christmas play.

The Beaufort Free Will Baptist also had a Christmas play Sunday. A Christmas pageant will be presented by the MYF of the First Methodist Church, Morehead City, tomorrow and the Ann Street Methodists, Beaufort, will have a Christmas party for the children at 7 tomorrow night.

The First Methodist church,

Morehead City, will sponsor Christmas caroling Thursday night.

Christmas eve, the Morehead City First Baptist church will have a party for the children 12 years old and under at 7:30.

Also on Christmas eve, there will be Holy Communion services in St. Andrew's Episcopal church, Morehead City, and St. Paul's Episcopal church, Beaufort, at 11:30. Music at the churches will start at 11 o'clock, preceding the Holy Communion.

In St. Egbert's Catholic church, Morehead City, the Midnight Mass will be on Christmas eve and will be followed by the Christmas sermon which will be presented by Father J. Paul Byron.

The Free Will Baptist, in Morehead City and Beaufort will have a Christmas tree party and program Christmas eve. At 10 o'clock Christmas morning, St. Paul's will hold Holy Communion and there will be services in St. Egbert's at 10 o'clock and at 11 a.m.

The Sunday School classes of the First Christian Church, Morehead

City, will present a program of Christmas recitations at 7:30 tomorrow night in the church.

Billy Cannon will offer a Christmas prayer and Nancy Hoffman will give the welcome. Others taking part in the program are James Morton, Ricky Johnson, James Pittman, Grace Fodrie, Sherry Nichols, William Jones, Gary Fodrie.

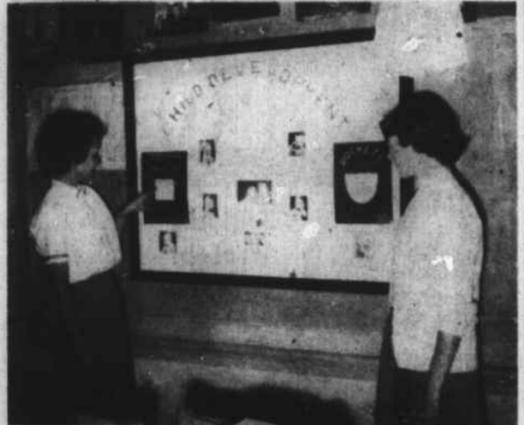
Natalie Hoffman, Joanne Nichols, Rebecca Hewitt, Frances Pittman, Ted Pittman and Sam Hildebrand.

The nursery children will present "Christmas Angels" and carols will be sung by the audience. After the recitations Santa Claus will make his appearance at the Christmas tree.

In charge of the program is the following committee from the Christian Women's Fellowship: Mrs. John Davis, Mrs. Mary Brinson, Mrs. Novella Slayman and Mrs. Lottie Olson, the pianist.

A Christmas pageant will be presented at the Atlantic Baptist Church at 7 o'clock tomorrow night.

Yule Season Keeps Home Economics Students Busy



Mrs. Floy Garner, left in the upper photo, discusses a bulletin board display with Hannah Nelson, a junior in home economics at Smyrna School. In the lower photo Rita Guthrie, Connie Jackson and Jan Willis, sophomores, make Christmas cookies.

The home economics department at Smyrna School has been the source of delectable odors during the past few weeks. The girls, under the direction of Mrs. Floy Garner, home economics instructor, have been turning out Christmas cookies, Yule logs, pies and other delicacies in keeping with the season.

To earn money for the Future Homemakers treasury, the girls bring food from home, prepare it and then sell it to students.

The Smyrna homemaking department is located in the recently-built wing of the school. It is equipped with two electric ranges, a gas range, electric refrigerator, and eight sewing machines including two reconditioned electric machines.

The girls are proud, too of their newly-installed Venetian blinds. The homemaking course at Smyrna begins in the ninth grade and continues through the 11th. At present 24 ninth grade girls, 25 tenth grade and 16 eleventh grade girls are enrolled.

Each one is assessed \$1 at the beginning of the year to help meet home ec department expenses. The courses cover homemaking, foods, clothing, housing, child care, financing and budgeting, and family functioning as a community unit. Classes are held for one hour five days a week.

Mrs. Garner, whose home is in Newport, is now in her second year as home economics instructor at Smyrna.

Three Injured In Multiple Car Wreck Sunday

Three persons were injured in a free-for-all automobile pile-up at 12:15 Sunday morning at the Core Creek Bridge, Highway 101.

They were William C. Miller, route 1 Newport, who had a cut forehead, John Ballou, riding with Miller, who had cuts on his forehead and chin, and Mrs. Doris Robinson, Atlantic, who was in another car, had a hip injury.

Five cars were damaged in the wreck. Property damage totaled \$1,650, according to State Highway Patrolman W. J. Smith Jr., who investigated.

All cars were proceeding toward Beaufort, most of them having left the square dance at Harlowe. Miller, driving a 1953 Ford, ran into the rear of another 1953 Ford driven by Freddy Gaston Smith, Atlantic. One of the injured, Mrs. Robinson, was in the Smith car.

Patrolman Smith said that Miller evidently hit the bridge before hitting Smith because one of the rails was knocked out. He said Miller, who has been charged with going 55 in a 20-mile zone, couldn't pass Smith because a truck was approaching from the other direction.

The car in front of Miller was going at about 20 miles an hour, the patrolman reported.

Several cars behind Miller were able to stop, but another, a 1954 Ford driven by Leland Wiggins, Fernandina Beach, Fla., ran into the rear of a 1950 Pontiac driven by Joyce Helen Mason, Bettie, and a 1953 Ford driven by Leslie Springle Jr., route 1 Beaufort, ran into the rear of Wiggins' car.

That pile-up occurred on the bridge. Injured persons were taken to Morehead City Hospital by motorists. Mrs. Robinson was still confined to the hospital yesterday.

Snowflakes Fly Fast Yesterday

Some uneducated snow fell on Carteret County yesterday.

Although the thermometer didn't get below 40 yesterday morning, snow came swirling down, apparently not knowing that it isn't supposed to snow unless the thermometer registers at least close to the freezing point.

Stamey Davis, Beaufort weather observer, attributed the freak snow to a cold layer of air hanging over the county.

Because of the comparatively warm weather, the snow quickly melted.

Newport firemen have requested that persons with used or new toys that want to contribute them to the fire department's Christmas charity program should take them to the store across from the fire department. The toys will be distributed Christmas Eve.

Committee Selects Two Boys for Scholarships

James R. Wheatley Jr., Beaufort, and James B. Willis Jr., Morehead City, have been selected by the county scholarship committee as Carteret's applicants for the North Carolina State College Talent for Service Scholarships.

The applications of the two boys will be sent to the district scholarship committee. The final selection will be made by the state scholarship committee, announced H. L. Joslyn, County Superintendent of Schools.

Other applicants before the county board were William J. Loughton, Morehead City, Edward E. Carraway, Newport, and Crawford B. Pigott, Smyrna. Each high school was permitted to nominate one candidate. Morehead City, because of its size, was permitted two. Atlantic did not submit a student for consideration.

The selection was based on character, leadership qualities, scholastic promise, interest in the raising which State College offers and financial need.

The county was entitled to one candidate for each 80 seniors or major fraction thereof, giving Carteret County the opportunity to name two candidates. The district committee will select 12 candidates to be recommended to the North Carolina State College Scholarship Committee for final selection.

Members of the county committee are Nathan H. Garner, Newport; W. B. Chalk, Morehead City; R. Hugh Hill, Beaufort; Graham L. Davis, Straits; Al Newsome, Beaufort and Mr. Joslyn.

Morehead City Men Discuss Port

Seven Morehead City men attended a dinner meeting at Kinston Friday night to discuss North Carolina state ports with general assemblymen and state senators of eastern North Carolina.

They were Mayor George W. Dill, D. G. Bell, assemblyman from Carteret County, J. D. Holt, port manager, Dr. B. F. Royal, Dr. John Morris, Stanley Woodland and H. S. Gibbs.

The meeting took place following a steak dinner at the Kinston Country Club. An informal discussion on the value of the ports to eastern North Carolina was moderated by Fitzhugh Wallace, Kinston. Import of and export of tobacco products and tobacco fertilizers was discussed.

Col. Richard S. Marr, executive director of the North Carolina State Ports Authority, was present. The dinner was arranged by the Kinston Chamber of Commerce.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, Dec. 21	
5:20 a.m.	11:51 p.m.
5:30 p.m.	
Wednesday, Dec. 22	
6:05 a.m.	11:38 a.m.
6:17 p.m.	12:37 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 23	
6:46 a.m.	12:22 a.m.
7:00 p.m.	1:20 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 24	
7:27 a.m.	1:04 a.m.
7:40 p.m.	1:59 p.m.

Nativity Scene Will be Shown Starting Tonight

Community Theatre Re-Enacts Bethlehem Event At Recreation Center

Tonight will be the first showing of the Nativity Scene being presented nightly this week at the Morehead City Recreation Center by the Carteret Community Theatre.

The showings tonight through Thursday night will be at 7:30 p.m., 8, 8:30 and 9. On Christmas Eve, Friday, they will be at 9, 9:30, 10 and 10:30 p.m.

The scene is outdoors, west of the recreation center. Characters are being portrayed by members of the theatre under the direction of Miss Joyce Willis, Morehead City. Mrs. Tressa Vickers, Morehead City, is technical director.

The scene will be shown as scheduled except in a hard down-pour of rain.

Miss Willis has requested viewers to park on the streets around the recreation center and walk to the front of the manger. Live animals will be in an enclosure in front of the manger.

The director expressed her appreciation to the town and Carolina Power and Light Co. for having the street lights at the west side of the building extinguished to allow for more effective stage lighting.

Car Demolished In Friday Wreck

A 1948 Chrysler was damaged beyond repair after it ran off the shoulder of Highway 70 two miles west of Newport Friday at 12:10 a.m.

John Randall Brotherton, Cherry Point Marine, 21, was driving the car toward Cherry Point when the accident occurred.

The car ran off the shoulder of the road on the right hand side, uprooted and broke off a pine tree and turned over on its top.

Highway Patrolmen R. H. Brown and W. L. Smith Jr., arrived at the scene of the accident about two minutes after it happened. They were making their regular patrol run.

Brotherton and Fredrick Newton Taylor, 20-year-old Marine, were still in the car when they arrived. Brotherton suffered face cuts, a fractured knee cap and fractured toe. Taylor had face cuts.

The patrolmen took the men to the Cherry Point dispensary.

Patrolman Brown said yesterday that he had not pressed any charges.

G. E. Sanderson Will Fill Vacancy on Morehead Board

Patrolmen Start Holiday Project

To reduce the Yuletide death toll, highway patrolmen throughout the state have started "Operation Chain Call."

Each highway patrolman will call two persons and request that they drive carefully over the holidays. Each of those persons will be asked, in turn, to call two more and make the same request.

Carteret County patrolmen started their chain call program yesterday.

Between Dec. 19 and Dec. 26 last year 50 persons were killed in automobile accidents in North Carolina. To make the toll less this year highway patrolmen are asking the motoring public to drive with extreme caution and with courteous consideration of other drivers.

From Sunday through Jan. 3 all patrolmen will work 12-hour days with no days off.

They say that the only guy who will get away with speeding will be the fellow driving a reindeer-powered sleigh Friday night.

Papers of incorporation for Port City Motors, Inc., Morehead City, have been issued by Secretary of State Thad Eare to Kenneth Johnson, John Earl Lewis, and Sammy G. Merrill, all of Beaufort. Incorporators say they will handle Plymouth and Chrysler cars.

Port Calendar

USNS Los Angeles—Will dock at Aviation Fuel Terminals Dec. 25 with load of avgas from Texas.

Frances R. Hart—Scheduled to dock at Esso Port Terminal Dec. 25 from Aruba, Netherlands West Indies, carrying No. 6 fuel oil.

MV Hoechst—Will dock at Morehead City Dec. 29 to pick up tobacco. Will sail for Hamburg, Germany, after loading 780,000 pounds of leaf.

GATCO—Barge docked at Esso Port Terminal Saturday from Norfolk and sailed for Washington, N. C. Sunday.

Holiday Starts Tomorrow

Schools in the county will close at noon tomorrow. They will be open at 8:30 a.m. Jan. 3.