

## Columnist Returns for Rest; Spends Night on Rescue Job

By JERRY SCHUMACHER

### Long-Sought Levi Found Saturday

Police Book Twin Brother Of Nehemiah Williams On Charge of Murder

Levi Williams, being sought by police in connection with the murder of Albert Fallin, 19-year-old Negro, has been picked up and is being held in the county jail on a murder charge.

Beaufort Police Chief M. E. Guy said yesterday that Williams, when questioned yesterday morning, confessed to firing one rifle bullet. Fallin was killed at 7 p.m. Dec. 21 when three bullets from .22 rifles entered his head and side.

Police haven't yet found the two rifles they believe were used.

Williams was found on the streets of New Bern by New Bern police late Saturday. Deputy Sheriff Bobby Bell was notified of Williams' apprehension at 12:30 a.m. Sunday. Deputy Bell, Deputy Sheriff Marshall Ayscue, and Corporal L. D. Springle brought Williams here later that morning.

Chief Guy said he believes that Williams was probably hiding out in Beaufort until the weekend. Williams said he hitch-hiked to New Bern, but police believe someone took him there. He had a several days' growth of beard when picked up.

Levi is the twin brother of Nehemiah Williams who was also being held in connection with the murder. Nehemiah was released Thursday afternoon. His sister, Lucille (Candy-baby) is still being held, charged with Fallin's murder. Abraham Williams, her son, is charged with aiding and abetting.

Nehemiah, who was turned loose Thursday, was originally charged with being an accessory after the crime.

## Hospital Board Elects Officers

The board of trustees of Sea Level Community Hospital elected officers at their recent January meeting. T. A. Taylor, Sea Level, was re-elected chairman. The only new member of the executive committee is David Yeomans, Harkers Island. He replaces T. B. Smith, Davis.

Other members of the committee are Elwood Willis, Marshallberg; D. Mason, Atlantic; and ex-officio members, T. A. Taylor and A. B. Taylor, both of Sea Level.

Elected to the finance committee were Winston Hill, Atlantic; Gilbert Whitehurst, Straits; and Wesley Willis, Williston. They replace Herbert Styron, Roe; Harvey Taylor, Sea Level, and Gilbert Whitehurst, Straits.

John Weston Smith, Atlantic and Romain Gaskill, Stacy, remain on the auditing committee, and an additional member, Nollie Fulcher, Atlantic, was elected.

## Firemen Honor Ben L. Jones

Ben L. Jones, Beaufort, who is retiring after 29 years' active service in the Beaufort Fire Department, was presented with an honorary certificate and honorary firemen's license tag at the fire department meeting Thursday night.

The presentation was made by Elmond Rhue, engineer, in the absence of Charles Harrell, chief.

Mr. Rhue expressed his thanks to Mr. Jones for his valuable and faithful service. Few men, he remarked, have served as actively as Mr. Jones for such a long period of time.

The new fire department officers for 1956 took office. It was reported that approximately half the amount necessary to buy a respirator had been raised. The department is also working on construction of a respirator (iron lung).

## Driver Tried for Driving On Wrong Side of Road

Charles Herbert Davis, Harkers Island, who was involved in a wreck on the West Beaufort Road Jan. 1 was charged with driving on the wrong side of the road and not with speeding as stated in Friday's paper.

According to A. H. James, clerk of Superior Court, Mr. Davis appealed upon being found guilty, but the appeal was later withdrawn and Mr. Davis paid \$10 and costs of court.

Just came back from two wonderful days at Hog Island as George Wallace's guest. The Fish-hunt Lodge was bustling at the seams with the greatest assortment of characters known to these parts, John Lashley, Bob Hicks, Ray Garrett, Mac McCuiston, Walter Teich, Archie Davis, plus an assorted sprinkling of Yankees. Add to this, George Wallace, Monroe and Luther Gaskill and me and you have the ingredients for a party to end all parties. Of course, some of the boys did a little hunting too.

Well, anyway, I left there Thursday afternoon instead of Thursday evening 'cause I was just plain worn out and I wanted to get home early and get some sleep. Well this is what happened.

Coming home from the Blue Ribbon at 8 o'clock, bound and determined to be in the sack at 8:30, I noticed flares over Fort Macon Coast Guard Station, so called and asked what was cooking.

### Ducks in Trouble

The electrifying ansour sent me scurrying for my camera and foul weather gear. Nine ducks were in trouble at the Beaufort Bar. Some missing altogether, one sunk and most of the personnel at this time also missing.

Well, the Coast Guard Station was a madhouse of radio-phones, teletype, and phone calls all coming in at the same time plus trying to keep in radio contact with the boats already out and the planes flying above.

Now all the action was at Shackelford Banks, accessible only by boat and it was some kind of rough out there.

"No sir," Bo'sun Baum said, "We can't risk you going, Jerry. It's too dangerous."

Finally Commander Van Etten, commanding officer of the Conifer, said go ahead but stay out of the way and be careful. Well, I was some kind of happy.

However, ten minutes later as we were standing on end, going across the channel from the Coast Guard Station to the banks, with the wind blowing and the rain lashing in my face, I would have given everything I own to be back on a solid and dry bit of land. But it was too late. Next thing was some survivors were sighted on a sand-spit and the 40-foot utility boat was going in to get those men.

Now I was on the 30-foot rescue boat, so I had to be transferred.

This, dear reader, was some operation. Both boats pitching like a dog-dog ride at Atlantic Beach. Well, I made it but my camera didn't, before the boats parted, so they tried again and this time one of the Coast Guardsmen snagged the camera and away we went.

Now that 40-footer will really run, gets right up on top like a speedboat. Of course it will shake your back teeth out if you aren't careful.

### Survivors Sighted

So the men were sighted and we came in as close to shore as was possible, then the mad scramble through the shallow water and the great relief on their faces when they finally had a hold of the boat and were pulled aboard. Then the smiles and thanks for a great job well done.

Let me stop right here and say we should be proud of our Coast Guard. They are a fine bunch of lads with courage to spare, and good equipment which is well taken care of. And the training and know-how to put them all together and then do the seemingly impossible.

Well, we took on four men that night and then more wild racing around from one end of the banks to the other and after what seemed hours, there were six more men. They were picked up in the same manner.

In the meantime, a Coast Guard plane had been on the spot from the time of the first SOS, dropping flares that lit up the whole area for miles around. When this plane gave out of flares and fuel, two more were standing by at Cherry Point to take over.

### Boats Join Search

The radio crackled and 12 boats from the Port Terminal were leaving to join in the search. By then we had more survivors than we had room for, so back to the Coast Guard Station at Fort Macon for hot coffee, which I needed more than the men did.

Remember, by then it's 12:30 and I'm the fellow that came home

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### Firm Incorporated

Papers of incorporation have been issued by Secretary of State Thad Eure to Morehead Ships Service, Inc., Morehead City, to operate a ships' chandlery business. Authorized capital stock is \$100,000, subscribed stock \$400 by Leroy Guthrie, Eunice S. Guthrie and Robert L. Hicks, all of Morehead City.

## Junior Class To Present Play, 'Charley's Aunt'

"Charley's Aunt," a hilarious three-act comedy, will be presented by the junior class of Morehead City High School at 7:30 Thursday night in the school auditorium.

The play is well-known, having been made into a motion picture several years ago with Jack Benny playing the leading role. The play was first produced at the Royalty Theatre, London, in 1892, and had a four-year run.

Playing roles in Thursday night's production are Patrick Connor, Billy Rich, Eddie Smithwick, Gus Aspenburg, Gregory Lewis, Bobby Glenn Lewis, Novella Reid, Helen Carlton, Renee Kemp and Ellen Bourdeaux.

Members of the stage crew are Kent Brown, Danny O'Neal, Bradley McIntosh, Jimmy D. Willis, James Griffin, Earl Willis and Jimmy Howland.

C. Poe Moring, faculty member and junior class sponsor, is directing the play with Margaret Lupton as student director.

Mrs. Hattie L. Phillips, faculty member, is in charge of publicity and tickets and Mrs. Varena Glenn, faculty member, is in charge of properties.

Children of eighth grade age and under will pay children's admission prices. Proceeds will go to the class treasury.

## Polio Treasurer Reports on Funds

Mrs. C. L. Beam, treasurer of the Carteret County Infantile Paralysis Chapter, yesterday reported on disbursement of funds received in the 1954 March of Dimes.

A total of \$8,220.50 was collected. Expenses amounted to \$213.44, leaving a balance of \$8,007.16. Of that amount, one third, \$2,669.05 was used in the National Foundation's polio prevention work (inoculation with Salk vaccine), another third went into the National fund, and 50 per cent, \$4,003.58, remained in this county.

Of the amount remaining here, a total of \$511.49 was spent to aid polio victims of past years. To the Babies Hospital, Greensboro, \$84.75 was paid for the patients, Tony Johnson and Kirby Bryan Lawrence; doctor's fees for Carolyn Davis, Morehead City, \$207.47; and for Eric Pake, \$219 to the Orthopedic Hospital.

There was only one polio patient in the county this year and he was moved to his home county for care. In years prior to 1954 the Carteret chapter has had to borrow funds from national to meet expenses, but if sufficient funds are obtained in the current drive, Mrs. Beam said the county may be able to take care of its own cases if there are no serious polio outbreaks.

## JC Chairman Reports On Scout Building Use

Wiley Taylor, chairman of the Beaufort Jaycee committee on administration of the Scout Building, Pollock Street, reported yesterday that \$30 has been received in rentals since the new Jaycee system of operation went into effect.

Persons wishing to use the Scout building for meetings or parties are required to register at the chamber of commerce office, Front Street. Rental charge is \$5 a night. When they register, they state for what purpose the building is being used and are then given the keys.

In some instances, Mr. Taylor said, an additional deposit may be required if it is felt that there will be danger of breakage or damage to the building.

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## Night Rescue Mission Saves 24 Marines

Ducks Capsize Thursday Night on Way to LSD San Marcos off Bar

A night-long rescue mission saved Marines on five capsized ducks, amphibious-type trucks, from turbulent waters off Beaufort Bar Tuesday.

The 24 men who manned the ducks were picked up and taken to the Fort Macon Coast Guard Station where they rested and received medical attention.

Friday morning the men were back out again at the bar trying to raise the sunken vessels.

Nine ducks, participating in a Marine movement, left Morehead City port Thursday evening, going out to the LSD San Marcos which was anchored off the bar.

Of the nine ducks, five were capsized by high waves. The Coast Guard Station at Fort Macon was notified and rescue boats and airplanes were dispatched to the scene.

The airplanes dropped flares while the rescue boats sought the lost men.

Ten men were picked up by the Coast Guard boats and 10 more were rescued by small boats which were dispatched from the USS Monrovia. The remaining four men were picked up by the LSD San Marcos.

Seven thousand Marines are boarding ships at Norfolk, Va., Morehead City and Port Everglades, Fla. this week to rendezvous at Vieques about Jan. 20. A second group will board ship in mid-January to arrive in the maneuver area about Jan. 25.

The exercise combining Marine and Naval Forces, climaxes with a full-scale beach assault at Vieques, Puerto Rico, about March 2. Twenty thousand men and 29 ships are involved.

The exercise, ending late in March with an assault on Onslow Beach at Camp Lejeune, will be commanded by Vice Adm. F. G. Fahion, commander of the Atlantic Fleet amphibious forces. Brig. Gen. A. F. Binney, deputy commander of the 3rd Marine Air Wing, Miami, is in command of the Marine forces.

## Agent Requests Farmers' Help

R. M. Williams, county farm agent, yesterday called upon farmers to cooperate in providing farm statistics to list-takers this month. Mr. Williams said that the S.ate Farm Census taken annually in January provides county statistics on agriculture in greater geographic detail and at more frequent intervals than can be done by the federal census conducted every five years.

The county agent pointed out that the figures given list-takers, if accurate, are essential in formulating various farm programs.

D. W. Colvard, of the State College School of Agriculture, says that because of the close economic relationship of industry to agriculture, the facts derived from the farm census are very important to the manufacturer, merchant, and banker.

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# ABC Officer Cracks Down On Illicit Whisky Traffic

## Historical Society to Meet Saturday at Civic Center

The quarterly meeting of the County Historical Society will take place at 2:30 Saturday afternoon at the Civic Center, Morehead City. The social room on the second floor will be the meeting place.

Since the organizational meeting last October, the officers and committees of the society have been working out details for future programs and assigning various matters of research to members.

Much interest has been shown in the gathering and preserving of historical data and other material from which a county history may some day be compiled.

Persons interested in becoming members of the society are cordially invited to the Saturday's meeting. Mrs. Nat Smith, president, said yesterday. Membership to the society is \$1 with yearly dues \$1.

## Christian Pastor To Go to Pamlico

The Rev. Zeph DeShields, pastor of the Otway Christian Church, will leave Thursday to become director of the Christian youth camp, Camp Caroline, in Pamlico County. He will also serve as pastor of the New Hope and Amity Churches.

The Rev. Mr. DeShields is being replaced by the Rev. Paul Parker of Crockett, Tex., who is expected here within several days.

During the Rev. Mr. DeShields' pastorate the Otway Christian Church was placed on a full-time basis. The church building was remodeled and the educational building is now nearing completion. Membership, too, has substantially increased.

Following the church service Sunday night, the congregation gave a surprise birthday party for Mrs. DeShields and a farewell party at the parsonage. Gifts, including money, were presented the pastor and his wife.

The congregation gave a surprise birthday party last month for the pastor and at that time he was given many gifts.

Camp Caroline, where the Rev. and Mrs. DeShields will make their home, is owned and operated by the Christian churches of North Carolina. It is used for education of youth and adults.

The Rev. Mr. DeShields and his wife have had experience in that type of work for many years.

## Two Farmers To Take Course

Two county farmers, Marion Weeks, Pelletier, and Clayton Cannon, Newport, and possibly a third will attend the short course for farmers, sponsored Feb. 7-18, by the North Carolina Bankers Association.

The third person will probably be selected within the next two weeks, according to R. M. Williams, county farm agent, who is cooperating with J. R. Sanders, Morehead City banker, in naming the men.

The course, conducted at State College, Raleigh, is open to young men who plan to continue farming as their occupation and who have not had college training.

The cost of the course, a total of \$180 for three students, will be borne by the Beaufort, Morehead City and Newport First-Citizens Banks.

## Car, Pickup Truck Collide Saturday

A car driven by Joseph James, Beaufort, collided with a pickup truck driven by Willie Sharp, Beaufort, shortly after noon Saturday at the intersection of Ann and Queen Streets.

The pickup, owned by Carteret Hardware Co., was headed south on Queen. It had stopped at the stop sign at Ann when James made a left turn off Ann and sideswiped it.

Chief of Police M. E. Guy, who investigated, estimated total damage at \$35. No charges were preferred.

### Casting Wednesday

Casting of the Carteret Community Theatre play, "Arsenic and Old Lace," will start at 7 p.m. Wednesday at radio station WMBL. Persons interested in appearing in the play are invited to try out. Lynn Stoller, Beaufort, is directing.

## Nine Defendants Appear On Court Dockets

In a major crack-down led by M. M. Ayscue, county ABC officer and deputy sheriff, alleged violators of the state liquor laws are being brought to trial this week in town and county court.

Three defendants were tried in Morehead City Recorder's Court yesterday, three are docketed for trial in County Recorder's Court this morning and three will be tried in Beaufort Recorder's Court this afternoon.

Officers have been concerned for the past several months over the amount of illicit liquor traffic in Beaufort and Morehead City and the recent arrests came as the result of a concerted drive to apprehend liquor law violators.

To be tried in county court this morning are Roy Teel and his wife and Fred Arnold, all charged with re-selling ABC-bottled liquor. All three posted bond for their appearance in court today.

Docketed for trial in Beaufort Recorder's Court this afternoon are Albert Anderson and his wife, and Viola Debrax. All are charged with having and selling bootleg whisky. The Andersons were bailed out under \$150 bond each.

The alleged violations took place on and before Christmas Day. Warrants were served last week.

### Found Guilty

Malcolm Reed, crippled dispatcher for the Yellow Cab Co., Morehead City, was found guilty in Morehead City Recorder's Court yesterday of possessing ABC whisky and selling it to state ABC investigators. Judge George McNeill said he would render judgment at a later date.

Reed denied having ever seen either of the investigators who brought the charge against him and his attorney, Harvey Hamilton Jr., brought forth five witnesses who said that they did not see the investigators at the station on the nights of the alleged sales.

The first officer to take the stand said he bought a pint of whisky from Reed Dec. 16 and paid him five dollars for it.

He said he arrived at the cab stand at 10:15 p.m. on the night of Dec. 16 and asked Reed if he could buy some whisky.

He testified that Reed said, "Yes, but it will cost you." He asked how much it would cost, was told five dollars and then bickered over the price a bit with Reed. He testified that he then went out and got change and went back to the stand and bought the whisky.

The investigator said Reed took the whisky out of a waste basket and gave it to him.

Another investigator took the stand and testified that he bought a pint of whisky from Reed at 10:40 p.m. Dec. 18.

He also paid five dollars for it, he told the court.

Charles Crouse took the stand as a witness for the defendant. He stated that he had been at the cab stand all night on Dec. 18 and he had not seen Reed sell whisky to anyone.

Crouse told the judge that the only time he left the stand during

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## Familiar Figure Passes From Town Waterfront

BY NORWOOD YOUNG

His figure was as familiar along the waterfront here as that of the ever-present sea gull.

Hardly a day passed that he wasn't observed, walking along the shore, with cap pulled well forward on his forehead, his piercing, intelligent eyes peering from beneath bushy brows, watching through horn-rimmed glasses the activities about the docks he knew and loved so well.

A large, battered press camera was as much a part of his make-up as was the stump of a half-smoked cigar rammed into one corner of his mouth.

He was an elderly man, slow and methodical in his gait and his mannerisms. Now and then he would stop on his tour of the waterfront to chat with friends and acquaintances.

He has photographed governors, senators, millionaire sportsmen, and all of the variety of personages that visit the waterfront each summer for a fishing trip to the briny deep. His pictures have appeared in leading dailies throughout both the state and the nation.

Invariably, in the late afternoon, when the local "party boats" came creeping homeward from a day of deep sea fishing, he was there on the docks with his camera, waiting

## Chamber Will Sponsor School Essay Contest

"Why I'd like to spend the summer in Carteret County" will be the theme of a statewide essay contest to be sponsored this spring among school children. The sponsor will be the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce.

Ted Davis, manager of the chamber, said children 6 to 16 years of age will be eligible to participate. The prize winner will be given a summer vacation at Camp Morehead, located west of Morehead City.

Mr. Davis said details on contest rules and names of judges will be announced later, as well as the deadline for entering the contest.

If the winner lives upstate, he or she will be flown here free. The chamber manager said that he expects to meet this week with Pat Crawford, director of Camp Morehead, to iron out details.

There will be no second or third place winner, according to present plans — just one grand sweepstakes winner. Mr. Davis said judges will take into consideration the age of the children in making their decision.

## County Farmers Set Out Cabbage

County farmers are in the midst of setting out cabbage. R. M. Williams, county agent, said the Round Dutch variety continues the most popular, but some farmers expect to plant Copenhagen variety.

Because those plants have to be raised under glass, most plants are shipped in. Copenhagen is not as hardy as Round Dutch, and is set out later.

Mr. Williams also gave the returns on the December potato referendum. Forty-one Irish potato growers voted on the one cent per hundred pound assessment and all were for it.

The total vote in the eastern Carolina potato growing area was 405 for the assessment and 32 against. The money will be used to promote better marketing practices and promotion of the Carolina grown potato.

According to information from Raleigh, 90 per cent of the growers voted in the referendum. The assessment will go into effect this year.

to photograph the anglers and their catches.

He was quiet, reserved, and slow to make friends. But he had friends, plenty of them. He died last week in the hospital where he once worked as maintenance man.

His passing was hardly mentioned in the news of a world fraught with troubles.

But Morehead City, who owes much to his memory, and the men here who go down to the sea in charter boats will miss him, and long remember the man whose by-line read simply: "Photo by Dan W. Wade, Morehead City."

## Miss Mary Ellen Rice To Leave for College