

## Morehead Police Car Crashes, Patrolman Hurt

### Charlie Smith Pleads Guilty on Two Counts, Gets Two Years

Charlie Smith, Morehead City Negro, pleaded guilty to driving while under the influence of intoxicants and having no operator's license when he appeared in Morehead City Recorder's Court Monday morning. Judge George H. McNeill sentenced him to two years on the roads.

Smith's vehicle struck the police car driven by Patrolman Homer Lewis at the intersection of 18th and Bridges Streets Saturday at 1:15 a.m. Patrolman Lewis got a badly bruised right knee in the collision.

Patrolman Lewis was going west on Bridges Street in pursuit of a speeding car, when he saw the car driven by Smith enter Bridges Street from 18th. The patrolman attempted to avoid a collision but Smith's car hit the police car on the right side.

The police car went through the fence at the rear of Tolson's Tourist Home and uprooted several bushes. The car was badly damaged and ended up with several of the fence poles sticking through the windows.

Smith's car, a 1948 Plymouth, went onto the shoulder on the opposite side of Bridges Street and was also badly banged up. The police car, a 1953 Chevrolet, was insured.

Smith was called a menace to public safety by Judge McNeill, and after reciting the record of the defendant which dates back to 1950, the judge sentenced him to two years on the roads "so that he wouldn't endanger any more lives."

## Beach to Lay Concrete Walk

Members of the Atlantic Beach Businessmen's Association met with the Atlantic Beach Town Board Sunday and agreed to a per footage waterfront assessment to put down a concrete "boardwalk."

Mayor A. B. Cooper said that the federal government will allow only \$32,000 for replacement of the boardwalk as it was, but a more durable boardwalk, of concrete, has been decided on and that will cost several thousand dollars more. Businessmen will make up the difference.

Formal approval of the town's application for funds to repair hurricane damage has not been received, but the mayor said he was informed that the application would be approved.

Work on rebuilding the boardwalk was to start about three weeks ago but was delayed due to the difference in the cost of a board boardwalk and a concrete boardwalk.

T. A. Loving, Goldsboro contractor, is scheduled to start the rebuilding today.

Twenty-five businessmen attended the meeting at the Ocean King Hotel. Mayor A. B. Cooper presided. Commissioners present were J. C. Lanier, Greenville; W. C. Whitehurst, Bethel; L. T. White, Raleigh, and Hob Anderson, Wilson.

## Car Runs into Parked Automobile Friday Night

Edward Potter, Beaufort, driving a 1949 Ford, collided with a parked car owned by F. R. Bell Friday night at 7:30 on Front Street.

Officer Carlton Garner, who investigated, said Mr. Potter was going west on Front Street and was having trouble with his steering gear. He ran into the rear of a car parked on the right side of the street in the 300 block. The car, a 1953 Willys, had been parked there by Samuel Magill.

Damage to the car owned by Mr. Bell was estimated at \$100. Damage to Mr. Potter's car was estimated at \$200. No charges were filed.

## Mayors Proclaim Friday As World Day of Prayer

Mayor Clifford Lewis of Beaufort and Mayor George W. Dill of Morehead City have proclaimed Friday as the World Day of Prayer. The day will be observed with services at 10 a.m. in the Christian Church, Morehead City, and at 3 p.m. in the Free Will Baptist Church, Beaufort.

Nady Due Tomorrow  
The German tanker, Nady, will arrive here tomorrow afternoon to take on fish oil at the Fish Meal Co., Beaufort. Loading will be completed at the port in Morehead City Thursday and then it will sail for Rotterdam.

Instead of remaining open as announced last week, the municipal building in Morehead City will close today, Washington's Birthday.

## Fireman Honored



At the recent Beaufort Town Board meeting Mayor Clifford Lewis, left, presented Ben L. Jones a trophy for 29 years' active service in the Beaufort Fire Department. Mr. Jones is now an honorary fireman.

## Merry-Go-Round

# Gas Price War Long in Making, Happy Motorists Catch Brass Ring

While motorists in this area are glad to see a "gas war," service station operators think otherwise and none wants to be named as the fellow "who started it."

Roper Van Horn, manager of the Ocean Oil Co., says that first skirmishes in the gas war took place as long as four years ago when a Standard Oil station near the airport west of Morehead City dropped its prices below normal.

Jim Hibbs, manager of Hibbs Shell Service Station, echoes that report, claiming that his cut in price last week did not "start" the price slashing.

About three years ago, Mr. Van Horn says another Standard Oil station at Mansfield, cut prices and not many months later an independent dealer a short distance away on the highway dropped his.

Seven months ago a Sinclair station in the same neighborhood followed suit and then a Shell station right next door to the Sinclair dealer knocked off a few cents.

The sixth station to drop its price was Hibbs at Bridges and Arendell, but Mr. Hibbs claims that the price war actually started first in Morehead City rather than out on Highway 70. He said a Standard Oil station in Morehead City has been selling gas so long at a cut price that the sign stating the price has long been rusty and battered.

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## Governor, Friend Visit at Sea Level

Gov. Luther Hodges and Carl Goerch, Raleigh, left Atlantic by plane yesterday morning and flew over the outer banks before going to New Bern to attend the ceremony officially opening the new bridge across the Trent River.

The governor and Mr. Goerch arrived at the Atlantic auxiliary field at 5 p.m. Sunday in a state plane, had supper at the Sea Level Inn and spent the night at the motel.

Before supper they rode to Atlantic and Cedar Island.

## High School Sets Career Day for March 2

Morehead City School has scheduled its fourth annual career day for Wednesday, March 2.

G. T. Windell, principal, has obtained representatives of various colleges as well as business people in this county as speakers.

The morning session will begin at 9:15 and the afternoon session at 1:15. Principal speakers at both sessions will be Dr. Edward Carter of East Carolina College who will speak on "What Colleges Have to Offer," and Charles Bernard of the University of North Carolina who will speak on "Careers for Tomorrow."

Vocations to be discussed are the following: teaching, nursing, auto mechanics, religious education, journalism, medicine, chemistry, homemaking.

Industrial engineering, law, nursing, social service, elementary education, business administration, cosmetology, radio engineering, building trades.

Law enforcement, armed services, architecture, television, photography, and accounting.

Speaking on those subjects will be Miss Lillian Frances Giddens, Marion Mills, Dr. J. H. Bunn, Miss Ruth Peeling, Dr. W. M. Brady, Dr. A. L. Chestnut, Mrs. A. B. Roberts, Sgt. Albert W. Gore, Sgt. C. L. Teague.

Truman Kemp, Harvey Hamilton Jr., Miss Georgie Hughes, Albert Gaskill, Mrs. Lucille Purcell, Ray Cummins, Grady Rich, Charles L. Lewis, Robert H. Stephens, Bill Norwood, and Clifford Guthrie.

Several other speakers are yet to be announced.

The program is designed to acquaint seniors with the opportunities open to them in college and the business world.

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## Officials Say Progress Rests on 'Keeping Count'

If North Carolina's fishing industry is to keep pace with the fishing industry in other states, figures on catches must be compiled regularly throughout the coastal area.

That's what fishermen and fish dealers were told at a meeting yesterday morning at the commercial fisheries office, Morehead City.

After the new statistical program was explained, men in the industry expressed their willingness to help federally-employed statisticians gather the figures.

The meeting was attended by a hundred fishermen, fish dealers and state officials. It opened with an address of welcome by Mayor George W. Dill of Morehead City. Ben Douglas, chairman of the Board of Conservation and Development, presided.

Explains Objectives  
C. Edward Petersen, assistant chief of the statistical division, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, explained the reasons for the program and its objectives.

In the past no accurate records have been kept on the number or kinds of fish landed along the North Carolina coast. As a result, Mr. Petersen said, no logical recommendations can be made on how

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## TV Listings To Appear Weekly

The television programs of stations WMFD, Wilmington, and WNCT, Greenville, appear in today's issue of THE NEWS-TIMES under the sponsorship of The Rex Restaurant, Airway Moving and Storage Co. and Smith's Television.

The program listings are for the week beginning today and ending next Monday.

The listings will appear here after every Tuesday.

## Beaufort Police Apprehend Five

Five men were apprehended over the weekend by Beaufort police.

Roy Ormond, Washington, D. C., was cited in Beaufort Saturday for having an improper bumper on his car and Luther B. Tillery, Morehead City, was cited Sunday for failure to stop at a light at Live Oak and Mulberry Streets.

Both apprehended by Assistant Chief Carlton Garner, will be given a hearing in Beaufort Recorder's Court next Tuesday.

Picked up by Officer Maxwell Wade was Semmie White, charged Saturday with public drunkenness and Charles Matthews Bembry, charged Sunday with careless and reckless driving.

Officer Steve Beachem arrested Mil Owens yesterday on a charge of public drunkenness.

Because of the small attendance, no officers were elected at the meeting of the Carteret Chapter, North Carolina Symphony Society, Friday night.

## Today Has Many Names

Today, the day before Lent, is called Mardi Gras, Shrove Tuesday, and in sections of the country where folks are of German descent, it is also known as Fastnacht Day.

## College Women To Meet Friday

A meeting preliminary to organization of a chapter of the American Association of University Women will be held at 8 o'clock Friday night at the Webb Memorial Civic Center, Morehead City.

Literature on the AAUW will be distributed and plans made for formally organizing a chapter here.

Women who have expressed interest in becoming members are Mrs. M. L. Davis, Mrs. Clarence Guthrie, Mrs. Ralph Albares, Mrs. John D. Costlow, Miss Ruth Peeling, all of Beaufort; Mrs. Alvah Hamilton; Mrs. Marshall Ayscue, Mrs. Edgar L. Smith, all of Morehead City, and Mrs. Milton S. Roush, Newport.

Anyone else who would like to become a member should attend Friday night's meeting or inform Miss Peeling at 6-4175 of interest in becoming a member.

Ten persons are needed to form a chapter. Only women who have graduated from AAUW-approved colleges are eligible for membership. The list of AAUW-approved colleges will be available for reference at Friday night's meeting.

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## Brazilians Visit Friends Here

First Officer Agostinho Eirado and Second Officer Ambilio Bulhoes of the Brazilian M/T Guapore visited friends here Saturday and Sunday. Said Eirado, "We docked at New York last week. New York is nice, but as big as it is, there are no friends. So we come to where we know friends. We are happy here."

The Guapore put in here in December for repairs suffered in heavy seas off Hatteras and spent the Christmas holiday season docked at the state port in Morehead City.

The officers and ship's Hillbilly Band made several television and radio appearances and North Carolina citizens sent hundreds of greeting cards and gifts to the crew.

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