

Help Sought Here in Locating Goldsboro Youth

18-Year-Old Decides Not To Go Back to Air Force Base, Alarm Sent Out

The public of this area today was asked to help find a Goldsboro youth who has been missing for 15 days. He is Jerry Hocutt, 18, of 311 North Audubon Ave., who has not reported back to his Air Force base.

Officers who issued the appeal directed it particularly to residents of Morehead City, Kennell's Beach in Craven County, Fayetteville and areas near these communities.

The 1949 Mercury in which young Hocutt left Goldsboro on June 2 was found abandoned yesterday at Kennell's Beach, where the Hocutts formerly owned a cottage. There were reports that he had been seen and possibly was in company with a Fayetteville youth.

Leaves Home

The missing youth left his home about 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 2, ostensibly to return to Scott Field, Ill., to begin a special Air Force course in electronics. He had recently completed his basic instruction in the Air Force and had spent a 10-day leave with the family and friends in Goldsboro.

Searching officers gave this description of the boy. He is 6 feet tall, slight, weighing about 118 pounds. He has light, wavy hair and gray eyes. When he left home he was wearing the Air Force uniform.

However, he carried in his automobile two pairs of civilian trousers, one dark blue and one black. These items of clothing, however, along with changes of shirts and other items were in the automobile discovered at Kennell's Beach. The car was parked not far from what had been the Hocutt cottage. See YOUTH, Page 2

Rotary Officers To Be Installed Tuesday, June 28

New officers of the Beaufort Rotary Club are scheduled to be installed Tuesday, June 28, at the Sea Level Inn. Glenn Adair and Bruce Tarkington have been named by President Halsey Paul to obtain another place for the meeting if the inn is not available.

Rotary-Anns will be invited to the installation.

New officers to be installed are Gerald Hill, president; Gilbert Potter, vice-president, and the re-elected secretary-treasurer, Dr. W. L. Woodard.

Mayor C. T. Lewis of Beaufort had charge of Tuesday night's meeting at the Inlet Inn. He introduced Miss Ruth Peeling, county civil defense director, who spoke on civil defense.

Miss Peeling emphasized the fact the survival in atomic attack is primarily an individual affair. If persons learn to take care of themselves and their families, she remarked, they will be accomplishing much in the civil defense program.

The civil defense director commented on Operation Alert, which took place this week, pointed out the importance of obtaining metal identification tags for each member of the family, and suggested that businessmen have a civil defense plan for their places of business.

In case of attack, if customers in stores don't know where to go for protection and if employees don't know what to do, panic will undoubtedly result, Miss Peeling said. She distributed pamphlets on Concord, the H-Bomb and radioactive fallout.

The meeting followed a ham dinner. Visitors were J. D. Parker and James McElrath, Greenville, and Ellis Drisker, Raleigh.

JC's to Sponsor Football Again

At a meeting Monday night at the Inlet Inn, Beaufort Jaycees planned to sponsor the high school football program for 1955. A lengthy discussion of the project took place. Advance tickets will be sold.

Bruce Tarkington, principal of Beaufort School, was a guest at the meeting and spoke on football prospects this fall.

One of the other projects discussed was cleaning the playground near the Ann Street Bridge. The Jaycees worked at the playground Tuesday night.

Danforth Hill showed three films on the football and basketball teams of last season.

Jury Sets Moody Lewis Free

Her Aunt Was a Winner Too

Mrs. Jimmy Cottrell, Norfolk, the aunt of Carolyn Guthrie, who is Miss Morehead City of 1955, was Miss North Carolina of 1928.

In 1928 Mrs. Cottrell was dark-haired hazel-eyed Zenovia Guthrie, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Guthrie. Her brother is Leroy K. Guthrie, the father of Morehead City's newly-selected beauty.

Zenovia was entered by Atlantic Beach in the local pageant back in 1928. The pageant was held at Atlantic Beach. Wearing a white bathing suit with an orange sash, Miss Guthrie won hands down. Her olive complexion was offset by the white suit and her hair, unlike the short bob style of the time, fell to her shoulders.

As a gift to the winner, Atlantic Beach presented her with a gold-sequined gown. So she went to Wilmington to appear in the state pageant and again won the crowds' acclaim. She was crowned Miss North Carolina.

At the time when Zenovia was crowned at Atlantic Beach, her brother, Leroy, was a lifeguard at the beach. Little did he dream then that some day his daughter would also be wearing the local beauty crown. He is on the float pictured here.

And not only is his daughter attractive, she's intelligent and a recognized athlete. Miss Guthrie was valedictorian of her graduating class this spring at Morehead City School and was given the most outstanding player award in girls' basketball the past season.



Mrs. Norma Swinson Midgett crowns Carolyn Guthrie as Miss Morehead City of 1955 following the beauty pageant at the Carolina Race Track Friday night, May 27. Mrs. Midgett was Miss Morehead City of 1954. The pageant climaxed the Morehead City Vacation Festival sponsored by the Jaycees.



Bathing beauties are always in style—1928 or 1955. Carteret girls pictured above are, standing, left to right, Maude Overstreet, Beaufort, who is now Mrs. Haynes of Burgaw; Josephine Baily, Morehead City, who is now Mrs. Harold Alford, Aurora; Estelle Caffrey, Beaufort, who is now Mrs. George

Taylor of Severna Park, Md.; Zenovia Guthrie (behind palm), Morehead City, who became Miss North Carolina several weeks after this picture was taken; Virginia Howe, Beaufort, who is Mrs. Charles Hassell; Evelyn Chadwick, Beaufort, who is now Mrs. Harvey Smith, Beaufort; Martha Longest, Beaufort, who is now Mrs. W. I. Loftin, Beaufort.

'Other Side' Speaks

Railroads Opposing A&EC Transfer Present Evidence at Goldsboro

Four Building Permits Issued

Four building permits were issued in May by Gerald Woolard, Beaufort building inspector.

The largest was for remodeling Hooper's Esso Service Station on Front Street at Turner, \$17,000. The permit was obtained by the Standard Oil Co. Contractor is J. V. Stanley.

Other permits were to C. E. Everette, repair old Davis House, Turner Street; Otis Sharpe, to build apartments on Queen Street, and Mrs. Roy Hamilton, alter business building on Live Oak Street.

The Hamilton building, housing the bedding department of Hamilton's, Inc., will have a flat roof when the alterations are finished. Work started this week on remodeling the Esso station.

Colonial Stores Drop Price of Fryers to 43¢

Price on fryers at Colonial stores in Beaufort and Morehead City dropped to 43 cents a pound this morning.

The price in the full page advertisement on page 3 in the second section lists the price at 45 cents.

As the Interstate Commerce Commission hearing at Goldsboro continued this week, factions opposing the transfer of the A&EC lease presented their evidence.

The hearing opened Wednesday, June 8, and for the first few days Southern presented witnesses in favor of its taking over the state-owned railroad which runs from Goldsboro to Morehead City.

Other roads this week claimed that Southern was trying to obtain a monopoly and that if Southern excluded them from sharing in freight-hauling from eastern Carolina to points west, they would lose money.

E. H. Ware, general traffic manager of Norfolk Southern, said that Southern has been trying to elbow Norfolk Southern out of A&EC and Beaufort and Morehead Railroad business ever since negotiations to take over the A&EC started.

As a result, a suit against Southern, filed by Norfolk Southern, is now pending in Wake Superior Court, Mr. Ware said.

Port Manager Testifies
J. D. Holt, manager of the Morehead City port, testified Friday. He described the facilities for shipping and storage at the port and port operations.

In addition to more facilities for handling whips, Mr. Holt said the port needed more a regular ship schedule. He said shippers could then store goods at the port until the ship called.

As for the Southern-taking over

the A&EC, Mr. Holt said, "It would very materially aid in the further development of the port."

Other witnesses testifying since the hearing began, in favor of Southern's acquisition of the rail line into Morehead City, were Edwin Pate, chairman of the State Ports Authority; Ben Douglas, chairman of the State Board of Conservation and Development.

Stanley Winborne, chairman of the State Utilities Commission; M. G. Mann, president of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, lessor of the A&EC; H. P. Edwards, chairman of the A&EC board.

Paul LaRoque, A&EC secretary; W. F. Hendrick, tobacco market-

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Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Friday, June 17	LOW
5:17 a.m.	11:28 a.m.	
5:49 p.m.		
Saturday, June 18		
6:20 a.m.	12:24 a.m.	
6:44 p.m.	12:24 p.m.	
Sunday, June 19		
7:16 a.m.	1:20 a.m.	
7:37 p.m.	1:21 p.m.	
Monday, June 20		
8:11 a.m.	2:14 a.m.	
8:31 p.m.	2:18 p.m.	
Tuesday, June 21		
9:08 a.m.	3:05 a.m.	
9:27 p.m.	3:11 p.m.	

Merrimon Farmer Wins Father Honor

Henry Carraway, 75-year-old farmer from Merrimon, was selected as Father of the Year in Carteret County, and will receive a group of fine prizes presented by sponsoring Morehead City merchants tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. at Town Hall from Mayor George Dill.

Mr. Carraway moved to his present home 72 years ago from Pamlico County, and has been engaged in farming since 1922.

Father of 11 children, 15 grandchildren and five great grandchildren, Mr. Carraway has all of his children living in the county.

The winning ballot was sent in by his daughter, Mrs. Mary C. Pittman, Highland Park, Beaufort. Five of his sons, Henry Ives, Grady Bell, Luther, J. M., and Allen, all served overseas in World War II.

Mr. Carraway stated that he was both surprised and pleased when he was notified that he had been selected Father of the Year.

Among the gifts to be presented

to the Father of the Year tomorrow are the following: A.S.R. table lighter, Early Jewelers; man's summer suit, Leary's; pair of Florsheim shoes, Webb's; box of three sports shirts, Styron's; wash and lubrication job, Willis Pure Oil Service; lazy susan, Smith's Television.

Pair of foam rubber cushions, Hamilton's, Inc.; pair of slacks, dress shirt, belt and tie, Belk's Dept. Store; Brownie Hawkeye flash camera, Morehead City Drug Co.; and a bathroom heater, Carteret Gas Co.

The judges who voted Mr. Carraway the Father of the Year included Ted Davis, manager of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce; Mayor George Dill of Morehead City, and H. Earle Mobley, former County legislator.

Winner of the contest last year was John Tillery, Morehead City, and the year prior the winner was Charles Garner, Newport.

Wolf at Door

Company Wants Money For Life-Saving Device

Unless Beaufort firemen make several hundred dollars at the movie they're sponsoring Tuesday night, they'll lose their newly-purchased resuscitator.

The company which sold it to them (cost \$581) has lowered the boom. They want their money or they'll take the resuscitator back.

The life-saving device has already been used twice. Once to try to revive a youth who died of a heart attack at Atlantic Beach—it was thought at first he had water in his lungs—and just last Sunday to revive a man who had fallen from a partyboat at Cape Lookout.

A couple hundred dollars already has been raised, according to Gerald Woolard, secretary-treasurer of the fire department. But the balance is needed.

To raise the rest, firemen are selling 2 tickets to a Spike Jones movie at the East Drive-In theatre Tuesday night. The movie is Fireman, Save My Child. Short subjects will also be shown and door prizes will be given.

Beaufort merchants have contributed electrical appliances, certificates for groceries, lubrication and wash jobs and many other prizes. People need not be present to win. All they have to do is buy a ticket.

Tickets are available from any fireman, at Haywood Snell's barber shop on Ann Street and from Bill Sutton at the Beaufort Theatre. On the fireman movie committee are Frank Lewis, Earl Lewis and Haywood Snell.

Cost of obtaining the movie and running the special show will be about \$100, according to Chairman Lewis, so a lot of tickets will have to be sold to make a profit.

Plans for the movie were discussed at the recent June fire department meeting. Herbert Whitehurst, assistant chief, presided in the absence of Chief Charles Harrell, who was in the hospital.

A letter from Miss Ruth Peeling, county civil defense director, was read, regarding federal financial assistance for obtaining radio for a fire truck.

The firemen voted on two candidates for fire commissioner and

JC's Will Take Boat Ride June 27

Morehead City Jaycees will hold their annual sheriff's party, a boat ride aboard the Carolina Queen Monday night, June 27, at 7:30.

Sheriff Oscar Joslyn said Jaycees should supply their own food and the sheriff's fund would supply the beverages.

Luther Lewis reported on the lamp bulb sale. It was not known at that time how much had been made. Russ Willan spoke on the Little League program which he said is moving along very well.

Hal Shapiro asked the members about forming a Morehead City Bowling League to bowl at the alleys in Havelock. The response from the Jaycees was encouraging and it may be that this fall the Jaycees and other civic organizations will be bowling as teams.

Several of the members attended the meeting of the Havelock Jaycees on Wednesday night to help revitalize the Havelock club.

'Not Guilty' Verdict Brought in Wednesday

Moody Lewis, Salter Path, was a free man at 3:10 p.m. Wednesday afternoon. At that time the jury brought into the county court room a verdict, "Not Guilty."

Lewis was charged with second degree murder and the jury could have brought in a verdict of guilty on that charge or guilty of manslaughter. The jury decided he was guilty of nothing.

Members of the jury were A. C. Murdock, Wildwood; W. H. Loyd, Sea Level; Edward Gillikin, Otway; Billy W. Lewis, D. H. Mansfield, Morehead City; W. J. Hardesty and D. C. Garner, Newport; Ervin Lupton, Cedar Island; K. A. Merrill Jr. and S. T. Merrill, Beaufort; C. M. Sharp, Gales Creek; and Joe Whitley, Harkers Island.

The jury deliberated three hours and 19 minutes and rendered the verdict a short time after they came back from having lunch.

According to evidence presented by officers, Lewis was with Mrs. E. J. Dolzer, Morehead City, when she was slain at about 2 o'clock Sunday morning, Dec. 19 near the Catholic Chapel at Atlantic Beach.

Lewis was apprehended at about 6 p.m. Dec. 19 after he had "been in the woods." He spent a while in the county jail and then was released under \$12,500 bond in February.

The trial started at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, Judge Walter J. Bone presiding. Witnesses appearing for the state Monday were A. W. Huffman, Deputy Sheriff Bobby Bell, Sheriff Hugh Salter, Coroner L. D. Springline, Deputy Sheriff Marshall Ayscue and Dr. M. B. Morey.

Jerry Connor, son of the late Mrs. Tressa Dolzer, was the first witness Tuesday morning as the trial against Moody Lewis continued.

Jerry told the court that the night before his mother was killed he was picked up by Lewis at D. B. Webb's Store in Morehead City at about 6:30 p.m., after he had finished his day's work at the store.

He told the court that he went to his home with Moody and while there Moody offered to loan him his (Moody's) car for the evening. Jerry testified that he tried to refuse the loan, but that he finally accepted.

The pair left the house at approximately 9 p.m. with Jerry dropping Moody off at the Gulf Station at Seventh and Arendell Streets. The agreement was that he would pick Moody up at 11 at either the service station or at the Busy Bee Pool Room.

Jerry testified that at 11:10 he picked Moody up and then drove the car back to his home, after stopping by at Dom's, a restaurant, to get something to eat. He stated that he last saw Moody that night at 11:30 p.m.

He testified that he had had the car several times before and that Moody also told him that he "was leaving town the next day with a man." Jerry thanked him for the loan of the car, and asked Moody what he was going to do with the car after he left town. Moody said that he was going to leave it at Salter Path. According to the 18-year-old's testimony, Moody said

that he "couldn't get along with Tressa."

Jerry stated that about two weeks prior to his mother's death, she and Moody had a conversation in the house and she told Moody then that she didn't want him around any longer.

Jerry said that the last time he saw his mother alive was between 4 and 4:30 on Dec. 18, about 10 hours before her body was found, and that she was wearing his wrist watch, a Wellsboro.

Watch Presented
The watch, he stated, was shown to him one day after the death of his mother by Deputy Sheriff Bobby Bell.

He stated that his mother was about 5 feet 4 inches or 5 feet 5 inches tall and weighed about 170 to 180 pounds, though on cross examination he stated that he didn't know for certain exactly how much she weighed.

In his testimony concerning Moody and his mother, Jerry said that Moody was a regular visitor at the house and that he often ate all three daily meals with the Dolzers and Jerry.

Jerry said that his mother often used Moody's car too. He stated that he had never seen Moody give his mother money though he had heard Moody speak about giving money to his mother.

Shotgun Offered
Moody did offer to loan him his shotgun, he said, to go squirrel hunting, but he refused.

Even after his mother had told Moody to stay away, he testified, Moody continued to come to the house and offer him the use of the car.

Following the son's testimony, Sheriff Hugh Salter took the stand and told of arriving on the scene of the alleged murder and found upon examination several footprints of a man and one of a woman.

Tire tracks were also seen which showed that a car had been at the scene. He stated that he saw a wound in the right shoulder of Mrs. Dolzer.

From the scene of death he went to the funeral home in Morehead City where Coroner L. D. Springline handed him some of the shot that were removed from the body.

Then he, Deputies Marshall Ayscue, Bell and Coroner Springline went to Salter Path after learning that Mrs. Dolzer had been with Moody Lewis the night of her death.

Car Located
Upon arrival at Moody's home they found a '48 black Chevrolet parked in the yard and noted that there was a great deal of red clay on it. At this point the defense admitted that the car in question was Moody Lewis's vehicle.

The sheriff stated that he and See CASE, Page 8, Section 2

In the Spotlight

Welfare Superintendent's Mother Made Sure She Was 'Tar Heel Born'

By RUTH PEELING

Because her mother did not want her to be an "Okie," Miss Georgie Hughes, Carteret's welfare superintendent, was born in Pamlico County.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hughes were living in Tulsa, Okla., and when Georgie was due to put in her appearance, Mrs. Hughes headed back to her home at Oriental. And Miss Hughes' name is really Georgie, not Georgia as some folks want to call her.

Miss Hughes is one of the county's outstanding officials, but many folks never hear of her. Hers is one of the most difficult jobs in county administration because on her shoulders falls the responsibility of deciding who is worthy to receive welfare

fare board. But she is the only welfare "boss" that people come in contact with so they tell her what they think if they don't get the money they want!

Carteret's welfare superintendent attended grammar school in Tulsa and then she returned to Oriental to live with relatives. She was graduated from Oriental High School.

Attends WC
At Woman's College, Greensboro, Miss Hughes majored in business administration and psychology. And her business administration training stands her in good stead when she has to struggle with making out the welfare department budget.

If you think the welfare business is small potatoes, look at the total budget for the coming year: \$371,317.89.

One year the budget was all ready to go to the county commissioners for approval. But Miss Hughes realized there weren't enough funds provided in it to cover the county's needs. The more she thought about it, the more concerned she got, so the Sunday before the county commissioners' meeting she began in the afternoon and worked until 3 a.m. Monday morning making up a new, adequate budget.

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William H. Potter Buys 4th Navy Ship

The former U.S. Navy minesweeper No. 1425 sailed last Monday from San Pedro, Calif., for Beaufort where it will be converted for menhaden fishing by Beaufort By-Products Co., according to an announcement by William H. Potter, president of the company.

This will make the fourth minesweeper to be brought from the west coast for conversion by Mr. Potter's company.

The vessel was surveyed and purchased by Capt. W. G. Sampson, west coast representative of Beaufort By-Products Co. It is being sailed here under the command of Capt. Floyd L. Johnson.

Service Station Operator Comments on Gas Price

Marion Noe, operator of Wright's Texaco Station, Beaufort, said Tuesday that he has a sign in front of his station advertising regular gasoline at "16.9 cents plus tax."

The total price, he said, is 25.9 cents per gallon. Mr. Noe commented on his prices after reading a story in Tuesday's NEWS-TIMES relative to the recent cut in gasoline prices.