

Dr. K. P. B. Bonner Dies; Funeral Service Takes Place Sunday at 3

Rotarians Close Year with Party

Dr. A. F. Chestnut Heads Group; E. P. Blair Delivers Address

As a close to the 1954-55 Rotary year, the Morehead City Club entertained the Rotary-Anns at a banquet at the Blub Ribbon Club Thursday night.

Miniature boxes of chocolates and yellow carnations were presented to the Rotary-Anns as favors. The club used yellow flowers to symbolize the 50th anniversary of Rotary. Door prizes were also presented to fortunate ticket holders.

The officers for the present year were presented by Stanley Woodland, past district governor, as follows: Dr. A. F. Chestnut, president; H. S. Gibbs Jr., vice-president; Delfido Cordova, secretary, and Albert C. Gaskill, treasurer.

Jasper Bell was introduced to the club as a new member, and retiring President Bob Howard commented that it was a coincidence that a new member was also presented to the club at the first meeting of his term.

President Howard introduced E. P. Blair, principal of the Farm Life School, Vanceboro, the speaker. Mr. Blair brought to the club members and their guests one of his famous humorous talks.

In a serious moment, the speaker briefly outlined the aims and ideals of Rotary and reminded the members that they had the opportunity to render service to their community.

Harvey Joslyn had as his guest his daughter, Mrs. Amy MacDougall, York, Pa., and J. R. Morrill had his son, The Rev. Clinton L. Morrill and Mrs. Morrill, Concord, N. H., as his guests.

Morehead Firm To Dredge Inlet

The Carteret Dredging Co., Morehead City, has been awarded a contract here today for maintenance dredging in Barden's Inlet which connects Back Sound with Look-out Bight.

The contract (\$13,200) calls for removing some 35,000 cubic yards of shoals to restore the channel to 5 feet deep by 50 feet wide.

Project dimensions for the waterway are 7 feet deep by 100 feet wide but funds to provide this added depth and width have never been made available by Congress.

The Carteret firm has 20 days to begin the job.

Maintenance dredging in Wallace Channel by J. A. LaPorte of Arlington, Va., was completed June 18. This job required the removal of over 100,000 cubic yards of shoals to restore a 7 foot depth.

Police Department Officer Apprehends Six Since Thursday

Six persons have been apprehended in Beaufort during the past several days by Assistant Chief of Police Carlton Garner.

C. M. Daniels, Oriental, was picked up Thursday on a charge of public drunkenness. Gladys Davis was apprehended the same day on the same charge.

Eddie Numlay, Forester, Miss., and Archie McKay, Georgetown, S. C., were charged Saturday with public drunkenness.

Charged with driving Sunday without an operator's license was Clifton Reels, Merrimon. Joyce Willis Moore, Marshallberg, was charged Sunday with failing to stop at a stop light.

Coast Guard Looks For Youth's Body

By last night Coast Guardsmen had not found the body of a 17-year-old Negro youth, William Lane Jr., Fremont, who drowned Sunday afternoon in the Neuse River at Shady View Beach. He was on a boating party with three other Negro boys.

The boys with him, James Harrison, Norris Braswell and Chester Lewis said they were in a rowboat about a thousand feet from shore when Lane said he was going for a swim. They told authorities that Lane swam around the boat several times and then suddenly sank beneath the surface of the water.

Lane and his three companions were Boy Scouts.

The boat dragging for the body was the CG 56304 out of New Bern.



Dr. K. P. B. Bonner ... last rites Sunday

Willis Rites Set for 2 P.M. In Island Church

The funeral service for William Willis, 31, Harkers Island, who was killed in an auto accident, will take place at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the Free Grace Church, Harkers Island. Burial will be in the community cemetery.

Willis was killed instantly when the 1953 Chevrolet he was driving overturned near Whiteville at 6:45 Sunday morning.

The mishap according to State Highway Patrolman F. D. McLean of Lake Waccamaw, occurred on a rural paved road about eight miles south of Whiteville.

Mr. Willis, a Morehead City roofing company employee died of skull and internal injuries. A companion, Thomas Joseph Sparks, also of Harkers Island, was uninjured except for minor bruises and cuts.

Mr. Sparks said he was asleep at the time of the accident. He and Willis were on their way to Myrtle Beach, S. C. for the July 4 holiday.

Patrolman McLean said that Mr. Willis was Columbus County's 18th highway fatality of 1955.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Lena Willis of Harkers Island; two brothers, Delmas Willis and Lloyd Willis, both of Harkers Island; three sisters, Mrs. Tennie Davis and Mrs. Frank Capes, both of Harkers Island, and Mrs. Theodora Guthrie of Salter Path.

Two Wills Filed In Clerk's Office

Two wills were filed recently in the office of the clerk of superior court, Beaufort.

Eugene W. Meadows, Swansboro, who died April 13, requested a Christian burial, and named A. H. James, Morehead City as trustee of all his real and personal property.

He requested that the trustee make the care of his incapacitated daughter, Carolyn, his first concern. After all his daughter's needs are met, Mr. Meadows said the remainder of his estate, if any, could be divided among his other children.

The will requested that Mr. James post surety bond and file regular reports with the court. Mr. James was also named executor of the estate. Since the trustee is also clerk of superior court in this county, the will had to be probated in Craven County and then filed here because the clerk cannot issue legal rights to himself.

The will was witnessed by Gerald Pelletier and Joyce M. Willis. It was drawn Dec. 4, 1953 and probated April 29, 1955.

H. M. Parkin, Beaufort, who died May 22, requested that he be given a suitable burial. His wife, Maud M. Parkin, was given a life estate in the homeplace, Gordon Street, Beaufort.

At her death the property is to go to his heirs. His wife is to receive also all his personal property. She was named executrix.

The will was drawn Jan. 23, 1945 and witnessed by W. V. B. Potter and C. R. Wheatly.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar		
HIGH		LOW
Tuesday, July 5		
8:31 a.m.		2:33 a.m.
8:36 p.m.		2:31 p.m.
Wednesday, July 6		
9:11 a.m.		3:12 a.m.
9:11 p.m.		3:09 p.m.
Thursday, July 7		
9:50 a.m.		3:47 a.m.
9:44 p.m.		3:43 p.m.
Friday, July 8		
10:29 a.m.		4:19 a.m.
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Fourth Passes Quietly, But Traffic Hits New High

Give Us a Man...

(Editorial)

The death of Dr. K. P. B. Bonner leaves a vacancy on the Board of County Commissioners, which according to tradition, will be filled by a Morehead City resident.

Whether the appointee will become chairman of the board or whether he serves as a member rests with fellow commissioners. But the appointee — if Carteret is to continue on the progressive course Dr. Bonner set — should have the following qualifications:

1. Knowledge of government through experience in governing problems
2. An educational background of high school at least, and college preferably
3. An interest in public affairs and a desire to benefit Carteret, not enhance his own prestige
4. A man born in this county who has a deep interest in its welfare and KNOWS the county, both its municipal and rural problems.

A man without those qualifications will merely be a body filling a space on the board, someone to be maneuvered, at will, by political powers.

1,190 Attend Orthopedic Clinic in Two-Year Period

During its two years of operation the orthopedic clinic conducted monthly at Morehead City has had 1,190 patients.

The clinic, conducted in the annex of the Morehead City Hospital, will be in session Saturday morning from 8:30 to 11 a.m. That session will mark the beginning of its third year.

The clinic was started in 1953 by the Morehead City Rotary Club in cooperation with the state and county health departments.

Women of Morehead City have served without pay at the clinics, keeping records and acting as receptionists. Dairies have provided free milk and ice cream for the younger patients.

Figures on attendance and treatment released by the county health department, follow. The first figure is for the year just ended and the second figure is the total for the two years:

New patients admitted (attending clinic for first time) 238-496; return admissions (attended clinic more than once) 407-694; total attendance, 645-1,190.

Governor Visits At Sea Level

Gov. and Mrs. Luther Hodges spent the weekend at the Sea Level Inn, leaving Sunday morning for Atlantic by state boat to attend a centennial celebration at Belhaven.

The governor and his party went Gulf Stream fishing Saturday. He visited the proposed car ferry dock at the end of Highway 70 on Cedar Island and assured J. A. DuBois, manager of the Sea Level Chamber of Commerce, that the road paving project on Ocracoke would be pushed as fast as possible.

Mr. DuBois said today that he was sure there would be a car ferry between Ocracoke and Cedar Island, "either state-owned or private."

Also at Sea Level over the weekend were Alfred, Leslie and William Taylor and their families of Norfolk and West Palm Beach who left this morning for an overnight stay at Ocracoke.

Property Sold

The Mattie Duncan property on Front Street, west of the Inlet Inn, has been sold to Mrs. A. V. Pierson of the Inlet Inn. The home is being leased to Miss Duncan.

Heckers Make Port



Capt. and Mrs. Harvey H. Hecker are pictured aboard their outboard motor boat, Little Lady, in which they're traveling from New Port Richey, Fla. to the Great Lakes. Looking on from the Gulf dock in Morehead City where they stopped is the dock manager, Capt. Bill Styron. In the inset are closeups of the captain and his lady.

Heavy Morehead City Traffic and Two Wrecks Kept Morehead Officers on the Jump Over the Fourth of July Weekend

Two other wrecks occurred west of Morehead City but Carteret came through without a violent death.

One resident of the county, William Riley Willis, Harkers Island, was killed in a wreck Sunday morning in Columbus County.

One of the Morehead City motor companies reported towing in 14 wrecks, but either the wrecks were not officially investigated or highway patrolmen were unable to gather their wits about them sufficiently to release a report yesterday.

Charles A. Cation, from Missouri, died yesterday of a heart attack. He was visiting relatives in Kinston and came here for the holiday weekend. Mr. Cation was taken to the Morehead City Hospital in the Dill ambulance. He was dead upon arrival. The body has been sent to Kinston.

Two accidents occurred Sunday in Morehead City. The first, a few minutes before 1 p.m., was at the intersection of 24th and Arendell Streets. Mrs. Edward G. Gooding, Trenton, was slightly injured. She was treated at the Morehead City Hospital and discharged.

Mrs. Gooding was in a 1950 Chevrolet driven by her husband. They were headed west on Arendell Street, according to Sgt. Carl Bunch, when a 1950 Ford, driven by Robert Lee Hill, Bridgeton, struck them and knocked them into a car driven by O. H. Johnson Jr., Morehead City.

Faces Court Hill, who has been charged with failing to yield the right-of-way, was coming from the beach and had crossed the railroad tracks when the collision occurred.

Johnson, in a 1953 Chevrolet, was headed south on 24th Street, waiting to cross Arendell. Damage to his car was estimated at \$400. Damage to Hill's car was estimated at \$700 and damage to Gooding's at \$800.

With the Goodings was Leon Gillikin, 13, Beaufort. Passengers in the Johnson car were Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Norwood and children, Christine and Nancy, of Morehead City; and in the Hill car were Mrs. Hill and their four children, Robert Jr., 13, Frank & Helen 7 and Cora 10.

Hill said that after stopping at the stop sign, he proceeded northward, not seeing the Gooding automobile.

At 2:15 p.m. two cars collided at Bridges and 20th Streets. One car, a 1955 Ford, was driven by Russell E. Willis Jr., Morehead City. Willis was headed north on 20th and said the green light was in his favor.

The other car a 1955 Buick, driven by Nathaniel Lane, Brooklyn, was proceeding on Bridges Street. Lane said the green light was in his favor. The two met at the intersection.

Charge Filed Lane has been charged with running through a red light. The Buick was hit on the right side, swung around, knocked over a hydrant and traveled a total of 143 feet after the impact. No one was hurt.

Damage to the Willis car was estimated at \$800 and damage to the Lane car \$700.

Alex Conway, Beaufort, was headed south on 20th Street at the time of the wreck and said he stopped dead when he noticed the collision about to occur.

Cyclist Hurt W. B. Eubanks, who was driving a motorcycle, was involved in a wreck near the Pine Tree Inn on Highway 70 west of Morehead City Saturday night. Eubanks was taken by ambulance to the Morehead City Hospital where he was treated and discharged.

Details of the accident could not be learned because State Highway Patrolman J. W. Sykes, who investigated, could not be contacted.

Also taken to the hospital by ambulance were Mrs. Irene Rolison See JULY FOURTH, Page 4

Alva Willis Goes Into Office As Lion President

Alva (Naughty) Willis was installed as president of the Morehead City Lions Club Thursday night at the Recreation Building. The event was also ladies' night.

Other officers installed by Lion Albert T. Willis of the New Bern Club, were first vice-president Elmer Watson; second vice-president John Naf; third vice-president David B. Webb; secretary Ed Walston; treasurer C. W. Williams; directors William Willis, Sargent Smith, Victor Wickizer and Fred Hardy; lion tamer Gordon K. Laughton, and tail twister Jack Morgan.

George Scott, deputy district governor, presented a trophy to the club for its work for the blind, and another trophy was presented to past secretary, Gordon K. Laughton, for being a "100 per cent secretary."

Pins were presented to Oscar Allred, Gordon Laughton, Elmer Watson, John D. Willis, Victor Wickizer, Ed Walston, Alva Willis and Ralph Albares for perfect attendance. The presentation was made by the outgoing president, Owens Frederick.

Hal Shapiro was inducted into the club as a new member by Lion Willis of New Bern.

The entertainment committee of Mr. Shapiro, Mr. Watson and Mr. Williams, presented a musical program with Andrew Searle as vocalist accompanied by Miss Maxine McLohan. Then the members and their guests played bingo.

Winners of bingo prizes were Mrs. Owens Fredericks, Mrs. Jack Morgan, Jack Morgan, Mrs. Ralph Albares and Fred Hardy.

Owens Frederick was appointed zone chairman for zone 2 of district 31-E for the next year. Guest at the meeting was Bill Brown, safety director at the overhaul and repair department, Cherry Point Marine Air Base.

Auto, Truck Crash at Corner

A convertible and a truck collided at 7:15 a.m. today at 28th and Arendell Streets, Morehead City. Mrs. Delores J. Grunwald, 2714 1/2 Arvon Ave., Morehead City, driver of the convertible, escaped with a skinned knee.

According to Patrolman Bill Condie of the Morehead City Police force, Mrs. Grunwald, driving a 1955 Buick convertible, was headed east and was turning across the tracks to go west on Arendell when her car and a truck owned by the Barrus Construction Co. collided.

Mrs. Grunwald has been charged with failing to yield the right-of-way. Driving the truck was Preston Lee Isler, 400 Oak St., Kinston. Damage to the 6-ton, 1953 model truck was estimated at \$150.

Damage to the convertible was estimated at \$1,500.

Postal Job Open

With Mrs. Blanche Willis retiring, the job of postmaster at Smyrna is now open. Applicants should send in their applications for the job on or before July 26 to the postoffice, Smyrna.

St. Egbert's Festival Will Take Place July 23

The festival this year, Mrs. Fahy added, will be expanded to include many new features. The tickets, which will be on sale shortly, will include cake, ice cream, and drink. Entertainment will be provided, and this year there will be many games for the children, including a pony ride.

The festival has been held each summer for the past three years. Proceeds go to the building fund of St. Egbert's School. Plans are now drawn for St. Egbert's School and will be submitted to bidders within the next three weeks, according to Mrs. Fahy. Construction is to start in late August or early September.

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