

In the Spotlight

Julian Brown, Marshallberg, Really Owns Entire Island

By HAL SHAPIRO

Julian Brown, resident of Carteret County for over 50 years, is one of the few people who owns, all by himself, an island within the continental limits of the United States.

Mr. Brown, a native of Hyde County, was born in Swan Quarter Oct. 10, 1871. He owns Brown Island, located north-northeast of Harkers Island, the largest privately-owned island in North Carolina.

Calling Marshallberg his home at the present time, Mr. Brown, going on 84, is now a farmer and stock raiser, though at one time he was a lumberman, policeman, Army private and storekeeper.

Though he had only seven months of formal schooling in his hometown of Swan Quarter, Mr. Brown is well versed on history, going back to the days of the Roman Empire, and can recite most everything he reads. He stated that he has been told he has a photographic memory.

In 1895 he left home and went to Ft. Monroe, Va., where he joined the Army on May 1. He signed up for a three-year hitch with B Battery, 3rd Coast Artillery, but was honorably discharged in 1897 "by favor" when his father, Ezekiah Brown, passed away.

Upon leaving the service he worked as a storekeeper for a time with W. J. Harris at Leecheville, a dry goods emporium, and then joined the Tunis Lumber Company as boss lumberman. The lumber firm was the second largest in the state at the time.

Marries in 1898
On April 7, 1898, Julian Brown married the former Annie Shaver and he and his bride went to Pantego to farm for his father-in-law.

August of that same year found Julian on the go once again and he wound up at Beaufort, which became Belhaven, while he was a resident.

As he explained it, "There was a Mrs. Montgomery at the town commissioners' meeting when the town was ready for incorporation and she had originally come from New Haven, Conn. Another of the commissioners had an eldest daughter named Belle, and so it was decided to name the town using Belle and Haven, and the name has been with the town ever since. The town is now known as Belhaven, and I was the first policeman that the town had."

One of the largest industries in Belhaven at that time was the Booth Oyster Co. But in 1900 the great storm came and millions of bushels of oysters were sanded up in Pamlico Sound, according to Mr. Brown.

After leaving the police job, he decided to become a salesman and started selling horses and mules to the farmers around Belhaven.

Buys Island
November 1904 he bought what was known as Crane Island from the McCagey Nelson heirs in Beaufort, and the island was renamed by the Federal government about 20 years ago as Brown Island.

Jan. 1, 1905, Mr. Brown moved into Carteret County and he and most of his family have been living here ever since.

His recollection concerning the island that he purchased makes a truly interesting story.

Originally Harkers Island and Crane Island were all part of a grant made by King George in England to Thomas Pollock, one of the colonial governors in 1730.

Islands Sold
The sons of Mr. Pollock sold the islands to Ebenezer Harker, and in Ebenezer's will he bequeathed the islands to his children.

The southern part of Harkers Island went to James Harker, the eastern end to daughter Clarissa, the straits to Ebenezer Jr., and Crane Island was bequeathed to Zachariah.

Zachariah bequeathed the island See JULIAN BROWN, Page 3

Thirty Expected At Historical Society Meeting

Thirty historical society members and guests are expected at the meeting of the County Historical Society Saturday afternoon at the civic center, Morehead City.

The civic center is located at 9th and Evans Streets. Two persons will appear on the program, Mrs. T. T. (Tom) Potter, Beaufort, and A. D. Ennett, Swansboro.

New members enrolled at the April meeting were Miss Carrie Bunnings, Mrs. Jasper Daniels, Allen Taylor, Mrs. Kate Leffers, Mrs. W. A. Mace, Mrs. Grayden Paul, Clyde Jones and Mr. Emmet.



Julian Brown

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... at the age of 26

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Newport Church Members Will Attend Dinner

Plans have been completed by St. James Methodist Church at Newport for a Loyalty Dinner at Newport School tomorrow at 6:30.

The event is the focal point in the preparatory stage of a \$42,000 building fund canvass. Funds realized from the canvass will be for the erection of a new and enlarged church plant.

The dinner will be without charge for all members and friends of the church and their entire families. The number of reservations already received indicates that it will be the largest gathering of St. James people in the history of the church. There will be no solicitation of funds during the program and there will be no outside speakers.

Arrangements for the dinner are under the direction of Mrs. Alfred Reynolds, assisted by Mrs. Grace Barnes and Mrs. Ruby Woodruff. The dinner will be prepared and served by women of the Eastern Star.

Hostess Committee
Mrs. Gerald Merrill and Mrs. Milton Warren are co-chairmen of a committee of 11 hostesses who have checked all families on the church list for reservations and who will welcome those attending.

The hostesses are Mrs. W. B. Allen, Mrs. E. F. Carraway, Mrs. L. N. Garner, Miss Nina Garner, Mrs. Parker Guthrie, Mrs. W. D. Heath Jr., Miss Betty Jo Hill, Miss Peggy Howard, Mrs. C. H. Lockey, Miss Edith Lockey and Mrs. R. K. Montague.

Arrangements have been made for the entertainment of children during the program following the dinner, and nursery care will be provided for infants at the church.

The canvass organization, composed of laymen, has been selected according to Charles M. Hill, chairman of the canvass committee.

To Preside
R. K. Montague, general chairman of the committee, will preside at the Loyalty Dinner. L. N. Garner is the initial gifts chairman. The special gifts chairman is E. F. Carraway whose committee members are Roy T. Garner, Moses Howard and Dr. Manly Mason. The canvass treasurer is Gerald Merrill.

Other members of the canvass organization are W. B. Allen, Allen Elliott, C. T. Garner, Ira Garner, Roy T. Garner, Wilbur Garner, C. H. Lockey, Harry Lockey, Chester Meares, Clarence Millis and Milton Warren.

Pastor Serves
The Rev. J. Herbert Waldrop Jr., pastor of the church, is ex-officio member of all committees.

Speakers at the Loyalty Dinner will be Allen Elliott, L. N. Garner, Charles M. Hill, Gerald Merrill, Milton Warren, Wilbur Garner, E. F. Carraway, Mrs. Gerald Merrill and the pastor.

For the past 10 days there has been intensive activity in the organization and training of the canvass organization. The solicitation of pledges covering a period of the next 150 weeks will begin immediately following the dinner.

Two Apprehended
Joe Gillikin, Beaufort, was charged Friday with public drunkenness and Harry E. Brooks, Wilson, was cited Saturday for failure to stop at a traffic light. The arresting officer was Assistant Chief Carlton Garner.

Moses Howard Heads Board; Commissioners Adopt Budget

59 Chamber Officials Attend Meeting Here

Fifty-nine Chamber of Commerce executives registered for the annual N. C. Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives meeting in session here Sunday through Tuesday.

Headquartered at the Atlantic Beach Hotel, the group was entertained Sunday evening with a social hour and dinner. Host was W. L. Derrickson, owner-manager of the hotel. The Carolina Queen and Morehead City Chamber of Commerce sponsored a "moonless moonlight cruise" aboard the Queen at 8:30.

More than fifty executives and guests made the cruise and described it as "the most enjoyable event at any executive session."

Monday morning the group convened for breakfast in the hotel dining room and at 8:45 Rhodes Batson, manager of the North Wilkesboro chamber won six deep sea fishing trips aboard the Carolina Queen.

Harry Krusz, of the Internal Affairs Department of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, Washington, D. C., spoke on "Upgrading Ourselves as Chamber Executives" and Graham Dozier, manager of the Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce led the discussion which followed on "A State Chamber of Commerce for N. C."

The group, after lengthy discussion, decided to take up the matter at a later date.

President Fred Linton of Winston-Salem explained the operation

Methodists Meet In Morehead City

For the first time, the district set-up meeting for the local Methodist district will take place in Morehead City today. This planning meeting, to coordinate local, district and conference work for the coming year, is usually held at New Bern.

Forty ministers, representing 80 to 100 churches, are expected. Total attendance, including laymen, is estimated to reach 200.

Dr. H. K. King, New Bern, district superintendent, will preside. The session will take place this morning in the First Methodist Church. "They decided to meet here because our church is air-conditioned and then after the meeting, they can enjoy the ocean and eat some seafood," the Rev. Leon Couch, pastor of the church, remarked.

Fishermen Discuss Shrimping, Crab Pots at New Bern Meeting Saturday

Members of the North Carolina Fisheries Association discussed shrimp catches and crab pots at their meeting Saturday night at New Bern. President Earl Holton of Vandermere conducted the meeting.

The shrimp discussion dealt mainly with the taking of very small shrimp between the runs of the spotted and summer shrimp. In some areas shrimp, 138 to the pound, were shrimped.

The crab pot discussion dealt with places where pots could be placed without interfering with shrimp trawlers. Representing the crab fishermen of the Wanchese area were Bernard A. Daniels, Basil R. Daniels, Malcom S. Daniels, R. Hughes Tillett and Randall K. Tillett.

Garland Fulcher and other men in the shrimp business in Pamlico County submitted suggestions on areas where pots could and could not be placed. The shrimpers said they were interested in protecting their financial investments in the face of invasion of the new crab pot business.

Sanitation Ratings
W. H. Potter, Beaufort, reported on the State Stream Sanitation committee's pollution ratings for the White Oak River Basin. He warned the fishermen that ratings set for waters in their areas may cut into their fishing revenue if they are not aware of regulations being proposed.

Mr. Potter said that the committee is considering changes he and George R. Wallace of Morehead City have proposed for waters in the Carteret area.

He added that he is highly in favor of protecting the state's water resources and preventing pollution, but there are ways that it can be done without hampering commercial fishing operations.

Investigation Underway
He also reported that the Coast Guard is investigating the garbage-dumping in Beaufort Inlet, read a letter from Eric Rodgers of the Board of Conservation and Development asking cooperation of fishermen in taking up net stakes, and reported that the association had paid its membership fee in the Rivers and Harbors Congress.

Congressman Graham A. Barden wrote Mr. Holton saying that efforts were being made to mark the channel to Cape Lookout Shoals "without delay." The president also stated that funds had been approved for dredging Taylor's Creek, Beaufort.
Monroe Gaskill, Cedar Island,

New Home Agent



Carteret's new home agent is Mrs. Floy G. Garner, Newport. Before assuming her present position, Mrs. Garner was home economics instructor at Smyrna School.

Mercury Fails To Hit 90 to Date

During the first 10 days of the month, the mercury climbed no higher than 88. A two-week dry spell was broken over the weekend with showers Friday, Saturday and early yesterday morning. Total rainfall exceeded an inch and a half.

Temperatures and wind:

	Max.	Min.	Wind
July 1	87	69	SE
July 2	87	71	SE
July 3	86	76	SW
July 4	88	76	SW
July 5	87	76	SW
July 6	87	78	SW
July 7	88	78	SW
July 8	83	74	WSW
July 9	85	77	WSW
July 10	85	72	WSW

Days were clear July 1 through 6, but were partly cloudy July 7 through 10.

Weather observer for the county is E. Stamey Davis, Morehead City.

Wrecks Occur Monday Morning

State Highway Patrolman W. E. Pickard investigated two accidents yesterday morning. One occurred just east of the Morehead City draw bridge and the other west of Newport.

Bobby Guthrie, 20, Morehead City, was charged with hit and run following the accident near the bridge at 12:45 a.m. According to Patrolman Pickard, Guthrie, in a 1951 Lincoln, was headed toward Morehead City and hit a 1946 Plymouth parked on the right shoulder of the road.

The parked car was owned by Julius F. Benge, Durham. Damage to the Lincoln was estimated at \$150 and to the Plymouth \$50. Patrolman Pickard said Guthrie failed to stop after the crash.

A state truck and a Willys station wagon collided at 11:25 a.m. on Highway 70 near Newport.

According to the patrolman, Martha R. Copeland was backing the station wagon out of a driveway and struck a 1949 Chevrolet truck proceeding along Highway 70. The truck was driven by Daniel E. Bell, Newport.

Damage to the truck was estimated at \$150 and to the station wagon \$50. No charges were filed. No one was hurt in either accident.

Lions Hear Talk On Chinchillas

Sergeant (that's his first name) Smith, Morehead City, spoke to fellow Lions at the meeting Thursday night in the Recreation Building, Morehead City. His topic was "Raising Chinchillas."

Mr. Smith was introduced by J. G. Bennett, Sr. program chairman. Alva Willis, newly-installed president, presided.

Newport Resident Fills Late Chairman's Office

Moses C. Howard, vice-chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, was elected chairman at the July meeting yesterday. He succeeds Dr. K. P. B. Bonner who died July 1. No one has been appointed as yet to fill the place left by Dr. Bonner.

A. H. James, clerk of Superior Court, who makes the appointments, said he was waiting yesterday for a reply from a Morehead City resident, relative to filling the vacancy.

Mr. Howard, who was appointed to the board upon the death of Commissioner Wallace Styron of Sea Level, has served five years. He was elected in 1950 and again in 1954, running high man on the ticket in one election and a close second in the other.

Mr. Howard served as chairman of the Newport School Board from 1945 until 1951 when he resigned. Born in Wilson County, he came to Carteret 21 years ago and operates a service station and garage at Newport.

The new chairman said he could act only if all his fellow commissioners back him up. "With the help of God, the citizens of this county and the help of the state, I believe we can continue well on the course we have set," Mr. Howard said.

Harrell Taylor, Sea Level, recently appointed to the board to succeed his brother, Alva, was elected vice-chairman.

Budget Adopted

The board adopted the 1955-56 budget totaling \$679,048.89. It exceeds last year's budget by slightly more than \$75,000. The general fund accounts for the lion's share of the increase, up to \$268,973 from \$162,367.

Other departments: health \$18,000, welfare \$71,775.89, education \$75,500 and debt service \$244,800. The amount set aside for repayment of the county debt has been reduced this year by about \$35,000.

The \$180 tax rate is apportioned as follows: general fund 20 cents, welfare general assistance 8 cents, old age assistance 6 cents, aid to dependent children 4 cents, aid to permanent and totally disabled 3 1/2 cents, blind fund 2 1/2 cents (total for welfare 24 cents), health 6 cents, public school maintenance 23 cents, revaluation 8 cents, special school bond debt 3 cents, court house annex and new jail, 6 cents (retirement of bonds), and debt service 90 cents.

The tax rate is based on an assessed valuation of twenty-four million dollars and a 90 per cent collection of the levy.

The revaluation of county property is expected to be completed by Feb. 1, 1956 and a lower tax rate is anticipated in the coming year.

The budget resolution passed yesterday also includes a \$2 poll tax on all men between 21 and 50 (unless the man is exempted by law).

A break-down on the general fund follows: general county expense \$128,421; tax listing and assessing \$18,086, tax collector's office \$16,872, county sheriff's office \$20,247, elections \$4,490, county accountant's office \$8,737.

Courthouse and grounds \$11,818, register of deeds office \$15,595, county coroner \$2,200, jail \$6,479, agriculture \$9,004, superior court \$8,950, office of clerk of superior court \$11,908, recorder's court \$7,282, and juvenile court \$268,973.

Further details on the budget may be had by calling at the auditor's office where a complete copy may be referred to.

Employees to Vote
The board also passed a resolution calling for a vote among county employees Oct. 26, 1955 relative to their participating in the social security program. At present county employees are under the state retirement plan.

J. D. Potter said that the county employees' participation in social security would not increase the amount deducted from their salaries. The deduction would still remain at 5 per cent, but a portion would go to the federal program and the remainder to the state retirement fund.

The board approved a resolution See COUNTY, Page 5

County Receives 90.24 Per Cent of '54 Levy

E. O. Moore, county tax collector, told the county board yesterday that 90.24 per cent of the 1954 tax levy has been collected. Total levy was \$430,613.59.

Received thus far on the current levy is \$102,706.12. Total collections for the 1954-55 fiscal year were as follows: business privilege licenses \$2,982.25, 1953 and prior taxes \$30,536.82, 1954 \$277,067.89 and 1955 pre-payments \$102,706.12, making a total of \$413,913.07.

Newport Firemen See Radio, Fire Demonstrations

At the recent fire department drill, Newport firemen saw demonstrations on two subjects.

Chief Herbert Griffin and Patrolman Bruce Edwards of the Morehead City Police Department gave instructions on the use of the department's new two-way radios.

Chief Griffin expressed the Morehead City Police Department's willingness to cooperate in any way, and Patrolman Edwards covered the use of signals normally used for police and fire department communication.

A demonstration in which various units on the county system were contacted was then held. At one time contact was made with a car on Harkers Island.

The radios were placed on the county-wide radio system through the courtesy of the sheriff's department and contact with radio operators through the courtesy of Morehead's police department.

In the other part of the drill, firemen who had attended the Fire College gave a demonstration on indirect fog fire fighting. A hot fire was built on one side of the old town jail and interior temperatures reached 1,700 degrees.

Then fog was applied on the other side of the building directed toward the ceiling for ten seconds. A huge cloud of steam completely engulfed the building and the fire was quickly extinguished.

Water measurement in the tank on the fire truck showed 22 gallons of water was used. This method was used two days later at a tobacco barn fire with great success.

Twenty-nine firemen were at the drill.

Woman Hurt As Car Hits Truck

Mrs. Nellie Jarrell, Washington, D. C., was injured at 4:30 yesterday afternoon when the 1949 Ford she was driving smashed into a parked truck.

The accident occurred at the intersection of Highways 70 and 70A in front of Willie Gray's junk yard.

State Highway Patrolman R. H. Brown said Mrs. Jarrell was going west on Highway 70 and failed to make a slight curve. She lost control of the car and smashed into a ton-and-a-half tow truck parked at the junk yard.

A woman riding with her, Anita Louise Humphreys, Washington, D. C., suffered shock. Both were taken to the Morehead City Hospital in Bell's ambulance. Mrs. Jarrell suffered chest injuries, back injuries and cuts on the face.

Damage to the car was estimated at several hundred dollars. The owner of the truck, J. C. Peele, route 2 Jacksonville, estimated damage to his truck at \$200.

The left front of Mrs. Jarrell's car struck the right front fender of the truck. The truck bumper was knocked off and lay several feet from the scene of the collision.

Patrolman Brown said Mrs. Jarrell will be charged with speeding. Capt. Buck Newsome and Patrolman Homer Lewis of the Morehead City police force were sitting in a patrol car at Hibbs Service Station and saw the wreck. Both said the Ford was going faster than 60 miles an hour. Speed limit on the highway is 55.

Power in Morehead Will Go Off for 5 Minutes
Power in the Morehead City area will be off for 5 minutes tomorrow morning from 4 to 4:05. George Stovall, manager of Carolina Power and Light, said the outage has been scheduled to change taps on transformers so that voltage can be raised.