

Three Crewmen Hurt County. Applies for \$258,538 As Dredge Blows Up To Repair Hurricane Damage

Van Etten Family Injured Friday In Serious Wreck

Mrs. James Van Etten of 205 S. 21st St., Morehead City, and her four children were injured at 4:30 Friday afternoon in a three-car collision just east of New Bern in front of the Dixie Chemical Co. The accident occurred on Highway 70 as Mrs. Van Etten was returning from the New Bern airport where she had met a friend, Mrs. Louise McCormick of Perth Amboy, N. J., who was coming to Morehead City to visit the Van Ettens.

Man Dies

Edwin A. Rasberry, 67, of Snow Hill, died Friday night from injuries received in the accident. He was taken to St. Luke's Hospital. Rasberry was riding in the front seat of a 1952 Oldsmobile being driven by his daughter, Mrs. Ray Newell of Fayetteville.

Mrs. Van Etten suffered fracture of both bones of the right forearm, possible fracture of the right leg, and hip and head injuries. Her 2-year-old daughter, Mary Grace, was reported to have severe head injuries.

Seven-year-old Jimmie Van Etten had a slight scalp wound; 5-year-old Bill Van Etten had a cut on his head, and their 3-year-old brother, Stevie, had a cut on his right shoulder. Their father, Lt. Cmdr. James Van Etten, USCG, is commanding officer of the Conifer, a buoy tender based at Fort Macon. He was not with the family at the time.

Mrs. McCormick has a compound fracture of the nose, fracture and ankle dislocation, multiple cuts on the face and a head injury.

Patrolman Reports
State Highway Patrolman H. W. Pridden who investigated the accident stated that the 1955 Ford station wagon being driven east on Highway 70 by Mrs. Van Etten, had just crossed the railroad track in front of the Dixie Chemical Co. when it was struck from behind by a 1947 Plymouth.

The impact forced the Ford into the path of the oncoming Oldsmobile.

The Plymouth reportedly was being driven by Walter Lee Nichols, 21, of 538 West Park, Lakeland, Fla., and also occupied by Thomas S. (Pete) Willis of Route 3 Vanceboro, neither of whom was injured.

Patrolman Pridden said witnesses told him the Plymouth was traveling at a speed estimated at around 60 miles per hour and had just passed a car and pulled back into the right traffic lane when it rammed into the Ford.

Driver Runs
Nichols reportedly ran from the scene of the accident along the railroad track and had to be apprehended by the highway patrol officer. He has been charged with manslaughter, driving drunk, careless and reckless driving and leaving the scene of an accident.

Nichols is being held without bond pending a coroner's inquest. Coroner Clyde Smith of Craven County stated Saturday morning.

Nichols' companion, Thomas Willis, has been charged with public drunkenness and his bond was set Friday night at \$500.

Mrs. Newell, driver of the Oldsmobile, stated Friday night at St. Luke's Hospital that she, her

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Two men were seriously injured and a third slightly injured at 2:30 Saturday morning when the Carteret Dredging Co. dredge blew up and sank near Cape Lookout.

Robert Whaley, Morehead City, a crewman, suffered a brain concussion and internal chest injuries, and another crewman, James Jones of Harkers Island, sustained broken hip bones. John I. Garner, Beaufort, captain of the shift on duty at the time of the accident, was slightly injured but not hospitalized. Whaley and Jones were taken to the Morehead City Hospital in the Adair ambulance, of Beaufort.

Cause Unknown
A. B. Cooper, Morehead City, owner of the dredge, said yesterday that no one knows what caused the accident. The explosion occurred on the forward part of the dredge, tore the hull to pieces and the dredge sank in a few minutes.

Mr. Cooper said it is a total loss. Capt. Hubert Dail of Mill Creek, head captain, investigated the wreckage and he too said he couldn't determine what caused the explosion. Captain Dail was not aboard at the time. "We're inclined to believe that something floating in the water may have hit it," Mr. Cooper remarked.

The explosion occurred in the bilge, below deck. At the time nothing was operating except the light plant. The men had been welding in the engine room about an hour and a half before the blast, Mr. Cooper said. It was raining hard at the time.

As soon as the explosion occurred, Captain Garner went for the fire extinguisher, but when he realized the dredge was going down,

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King-Size 'Jack'



Johnny Chivas, commercial fisherman of Morehead City, right, hauled in this 90-pound amberjack Wednesday. The fish is believed to be the largest of its kind ever caught in these waters. It was 5 1/2 feet long. The world record for amberjack is reported to be 120 pounds.

Chivas was fishing with Capt. Lloyd Reed on the William J in the 100-fathom waters off this coast. They were bottom fishing, using squid for bait. The giant fish was half dead from the terrific pressure change when he came to the surface, then he was gaffed and boated.

Photo by Reginald Lewis

Ants Stop Flow of Town Water in Beaufort Saturday

Never underestimate the power of the tiny ant.

Ants on Saturday morning emptied the town of Beaufort's 60,000 gallon municipal water tank. How? It was simple. They crawled into the automatic pump controls, caused a short which kept the pump from starting automatically, and so all the water was being drawn out of the tank and none replaced.

At about 8:30, housewives turning on their faucets got only a trickle of water. Nobody could take showers and if there had been a fire, the only thing which could have put it out was the rain. There was literally water everywhere but not a drop to drink, unless you caught it on the way down.

Water was replaced in the tank and pressure thereby automatically restored by 9:15 a.m. When the trouble was discovered, the pump was started manually and the other pumping system put in operation. C. W. Williams, Carolina Water Co. manager, reported.

Mr. Williams said there is a pressure gauge at the Beaufort fire station and when the pressure gets down to the danger point, a loud horn blows. The fireman on duty is then to notify the water company, but the company got no word of the lowered pressure Saturday morning, the manager said.

Elmond Rhue, fireman on duty at the station Saturday morning, said that the pressure alarm sounded at 8:15 and he tried continually for half an hour to phone the water company plant but there was no answer.

How did the water company get rid of the pesky ants? "Sprayed 'em," Mr. Williams said.

Ants have been out in force ever since rainy weather set in about the middle of August.

Sea Level Men To Face Charges

Earl Lewis and Alex Nielsen, both of Sea Level, will appear in County Recorder's Court Thursday to answer to charges of destroying property on two boats at Sea Level.

According to Sheriff Hugh Satter, the men went aboard one of Timlon Taylor's buy boats and a shrimp Wednesday night. They tore the horn off the buy boat, twisted the light in an attempt to get that off, threw bread on the buy boat overboard, tried to steal gasoline and threw a battery overboard.

The boats were tied up at Mr. Taylor's docks.

The charges against the men are attempting to steal gasoline and destruction of personal property.

Two Persons Bitten by Dogs

Henry Congleton, 114 Broad Street, Beaufort, and Miss Helen Manson, 906 Ann St., Beaufort, were bitten by dogs Friday. Chief of Police Guy Springle said that the dog which bit Mr. Congleton in the ankle is now being kept tied.

Miss Manson was walking along Front Street in front of the Roland Bell house when she said three dogs went after her. One bit her on both legs.

Chief Springle said that town ordinances give police officers the authority to kill any vicious, unlicensed dog. No dogs are allowed to run loose unless they are vaccinated and females in heat must be kept confined.

Anyone having a mad dog can be fined or imprisoned and failure to list a dog for taxes constitutes violation of law, he declared. Chief Springle said that anyone convicted of violation of the dog laws may be fined as much as \$50 or imprisoned 30 days.

They are also responsible for any destruction the dog may cause or for any bills arising from treatment of bites inflicted by the dog.

Wildlife Area to Be Opened to Hunters

Raleigh—The Caswell Wildlife Management area, south of Yanceyville in Caswell County, will be opened to public hunting Nov. 24, for the first time since its establishment in 1948, according to Frank Barick, Chief of the Game Division of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

Almost 7,000 acres of managed lands will be opened for hunting of rabbit, quail, turkey, squirrel, raccoon, and opossum in the area, which lies between N. C. Highways 62 and 86. There will be no permit or fee required, but each hunter must possess a valid North Carolina hunting license.

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More Water Problems

Towns Consider Filing Rate-Raise Protests

Beaufort will evidently file a protest with the State Utilities Commission regarding Carolina Water Company's proposed rate increase, town officials said Friday. Mayor George Dill, Morehead City, said he didn't know whether the town of Morehead City would keep quiet or protest.

"The papers would have to be drawn up by our attorney," the mayor said, "after we take the matter up with the board of commissioners." He said George McNeill, the attorney, is out of town and was not available for consultation.

W. W. Exum, mayor of Snow Hill, told THE NEWS-TIMES yesterday that the matter would be considered at the board of commissioners' meeting at Snow Hill tonight. He said he didn't know whether his board would file a protest.

Mayor Dill said that citizens have been asking town officials what

the town is "going to do about it."

The mayor said, "The town of Morehead City is only one customer of Carolina Water Co. We may be a big customer, but it's up to the individual water users to protest too. We didn't ask for the rate raise and we alone can't prevent it," he said.

"I do think that to double the rate all at one time is a right high jump," the mayor added.

Attorneys for Carolina Water Co., which serves Beaufort, Morehead City and Snow Hill, filed a rate-raise application with the State Utilities Commission 13 days ago.

The application asks that present rates be doubled. Carolina Water Co. bought the water systems of the three towns July 1, 1954 and in the transaction agreed that the rates would not be raised within one year of purchase.

The systems were bought from Carolina Power and Light Co.

Automobile Hits Two Parked Cars Saturday Night

Robert (Steve) Dail, Atlantic Beach, was discharged from the Morehead City Hospital yesterday morning after being treated for injuries received in an automobile accident at 11:10 Saturday night.

The accident occurred on Evans Street, Morehead City, between 10th and 11th Streets. Dail has been charged with careless and reckless driving.

Lt. Carl Bunch of the Morehead City police force, said Dail in a 1952 Chrysler, was going west on Evans Street when he hit a Ford parked on the left side of the street. Then the Chrysler glanced off the parked car, hit two trees on the right side of the street, careened over to the left again and hit a parked Pontiac. The Chrysler came to a stop about 40 feet from the Pontiac.

Dail suffered cuts and ankle injuries. He was alone in his car. Damage to the Chrysler was estimated at \$600. Officers said that Dail was apparently exceeding the speed limit.

Damage to the Ford, owned by Mrs. Winnie Dawson, 1005 Evans St., was estimated at \$40. Damage to the Pontiac, owned by Anderson Taylor, 1010 Evans St. was estimated at \$300. Lieutenant Bunch said the Chrysler traveled about 300 feet after hitting the first parked car.

Assisting in the investigation were Sgt. Paul Bray of the Military Police and Patrolman Bruce Edwards.

To Visit Rotarians

The Rotary Club of Morehead City will be host Thursday night to E. Frank Ruble, governor of the 279th District of Rotary International. Governor Ruble is making his annual official visit to each of the 43 Rotary Clubs in the 279th District of North Carolina.

He will address the club and confer with President A. F. Chestnut, Secretary Delfido Cordova, and committee chairmen on Rotary administration and service activities.

Mr. Ruble is manager of the Beaufort County Storage Warehouse in Washington, N. C., and is a member of the Rotary Club of Washington. He was elected District Governor of Rotary International for the 1955-56 fiscal year at Rotary's Golden Anniversary Convention in Chicago last June.

Heart Forum Will Take Place Here

At a forum from 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, in the Morehead City High School Auditorium, outstanding heart specialists will comment on heart disease.

The forum, open to the public, is being sponsored by the Carteret County Heart Committee, the North Carolina Heart Association, and the Second Medical District.

Speakers will be Dr. Herbert O. Siker, associate professor in internal medicine, Duke University School of Medicine; Dr. Emery C. Miller Jr., of Bowman Gray Hospital, Winston-Salem; and Dr. Will Sealy, chest surgeon at Duke University Hospital.

Mayor Addresses Rotary Club

Mayor George W. Dill spoke on public safety at the Morehead City Rotary Club meeting Thursday night and reviewed the safety problems which confront the town government. In the past year, he said, a division of public safety was established.

He explained the duties and responsibilities of the superintendent of public safety and cited recent instances where measures toward safety had been taken for the protection of the public.

A letter to the town government from the State Motor Vehicles Department was read which commended the town on its safety record during the past year.

Mayor Dill had as his guest E. J. Willis, former chief of police, who is now serving as superintendent of public safety.

The club voted to endorse the N. C. Heart Association forum to be held at the high school Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 4 p.m.

Visiting Rotarians were Lee Nance, Ayden, and Frank C. Sproul, New Bern.

Rotarian W. B. Chalk had as his guest John Stevens, Richmond, Va.

For School Safety

Former Member Requests Cooperation with Patrol

Larry Howard, captain of the Newport School Safety Patrol, spoke to Newport Rotarians last week on the work of the safety patrol. His talk follows:

This Rotary Club along with the Newport Parent-Teacher Association has sponsored the School Safety Patrol since its beginning. These two organizations have done much to render comfort to the patrol members and provided recreation to boost their morale. I was graduated last year and will not be in school to help the patrol this year, but I am confident that the patrol leaders will be able to select a group of boys that will be efficient and proud of the job they have in preventing accidents.

Carteret County, exclusive of Beaufort, Morehead City and Atlantic Beach, has requested \$258,538.20 in federal Civil Defense funds to make emergency repairs — and all requests are not yet in.

These requests, totaling more than a quarter million dollars, exceed in themselves a fourth of the one million dollars allotted to North Carolina by President Eisenhower for hurricane relief. North Carolina's other coastal counties are also filing applications for funds.

Beaufort's request (not included in the above figure) totals \$76,000. The same amount requested after Hurricane Hazel, and Morehead City's request is expected to be in the neighborhood of \$65,000.

Atlantic Beach, Newport, and other communities throughout the county, will also be filing applications soon for funds for temporary repairs.

Requests are as follows: for building sand dunes and erecting snow fences along 12 miles of Bogue Banks, \$143,000; sand bags and sand fill at Davis, \$27,388.20; sand bags and sand fill at North River, \$10,930; Marshallberg, public dock, \$9,000 and emergency dredging of harbor \$31,500.

Harkers Island, temporary fill for three miles of eroded shoreline, \$27,000, and breakwater, \$11,000; Portsmouth Island, cleaning of open ditches and temporary foot bridge over the ditches, \$6,720. (That amount is about one-third of the total tax valuation of the island).

The amount of funds to be allotted will be determined by the Civil Defense office, Battle Creek, Mich.

Two Accidents Investigated

Two accidents in Morehead City, one on Wednesday and another on Saturday, were investigated by Patrolman Joe Smith.

At 1:35 p.m. Wednesday a 1951 Chevrolet station wagon driven by William T. Davies, 207 S. 17th St. collided with a 1949 Ford driven by Edward H. Willis, Harkers Island.

According to Patrolman Smith, Willis was proceeding along Evans Street and collided with the station wagon going south on 12th.

Willis told the officer that the stop light at 12th and Evans changed and he didn't have time to stop. He struck the left front fender of the station wagon, causing an estimated \$100 damage. Damage to the Ford was estimated at \$50. No charges were filed.

At 3:30 Friday afternoon a 1949 Plymouth driven by Joseph Smith, 390 Macon Court, backed into a 1950 Plymouth, Patrolman Smith said. The 1950 Plymouth was being driven east on Arendell Street by Herman K. Bratcher of route 2 Newport.

The other car, owned by Cagle Smith, Morehead City, was backing from a parking place. Damage to the Bratcher car was estimated at \$100 and damage to the Smith car at \$75. No charges were prefiled.

Two Accidents Occur

An accident occurred in Beaufort Saturday night and another on the Atlantic Beach Bridge Sunday night. Beaufort Police Chief Guy Springle said he could give no information on the town accident until further investigation is made and State Highway Patrolman W. E. Pickard, who investigated the bridge accident, could not be contacted before press time yesterday.

Jaycees, WOW Promote Safety In Sunday Rain

In a downpour of rain Beaufort and Morehead City Jaycees and Woodmen of the World staged a safety crusade west of Morehead City Sunday afternoon. "But everything worked out quite well in spite of the rain," reported Dr. Russell Outlaw, president of the Morehead City Jaycees.

The men stopped motorists going and coming on Highways 24 and 70. They gave children in the cars poppies, put safety bumper strips on the cars, and handed the drivers literature on safety. Three organizations cooperated with the State Highway Patrol in the Labor Day weekend event.

State Highway patrolmen put an undertaker's tent, steel vault, family chairs, artificial grass and flowers on the point of land where the two highways intersect. Two wrecked cars were also placed there. Signs nearby said, "This Could Be Your Funeral—Drive Safely."

A highway patrol car, with blinker operating, brought cars to a stop. Then the men went into action with the literature, poppies and bumper stickers. The poppies were donated by Maola and White's Ice Cream and Milk Co.

The funeral equipment was borrowed from Bell's Funeral Home, flowers were donated by the Morehead City Floral Co. and Anchor Flower Shop. Jaycees gave material for the signs and they were painted by James B. Willis of Morehead City, who did the work without charge.

Highway patrolmen who promoted the project were R. H. Brown, W. J. Smith Jr., J. W. Sykes and W. E. Pickard.

12-Year-Old Boy Hurt in Collision

Summey Fisher Jr., 12-year-old son of Mrs. Mary Ann Fisher, 110 Orange St., Beaufort, was injured late Friday afternoon on Front Street, Beaufort, when the bike he was riding collided with a car driven by Haywood Snell, 1533 Ann St., Beaufort. The accident occurred in the 700 block of Front Street.

The Fisher boy suffered bruises on his body and a minor fracture of his right shoulder. He was taken to the Morehead City Hospital by the driver of the car.

According to Police Chief Guy Springle, Snell, in a 1955 Ford, was going east on Front Street and as he pulled out of his lane of traffic to pass a stalled car, the car collided with the bike. Summey was going west on Front Street.

Damage to the car was estimated at \$80 and the bicycle was demolished. No charges were preferred. Chief Springle and Officer Steve Beachem investigated.

CD Director Wants 12 'Ducks'

The "duck" that amphibious vehicle which is as much at home in water as on land, may become a much more familiar sight along the North Carolina coast.

Gen. Edward Griffin, state director of civil defense, says he is trying to obtain a dozen "ducks" for permanent assignment to the coastal towns for rescue work during floods such as those that accompanied Hurricanes Connie and Diane.

If the vehicles are assigned to the state, General Griffin said, they probably will be dispersed among the coastal towns and based at National Guard armories.

He recalled that Civil Defense had to call on the Marines at Camp Lejeune for a number of "ducks" for rescue work along the Pamlico River after Diane came by.

The amphibious vehicles brought a number of persons out of the flooded lowlands.

Weekend Vacationers
Vacationing at Harkers Lodge on Harkers Island over the weekend were eastern Carolina employees of the Standard Plumbing Supply Co.

Civil Defense Proposes Emergency Feeding Project for This County

In cooperation with the county civil defense director, the Carteret Business and Professional Women's Club has endorsed an emergency feeding program. Miss Ruth Peeling, civil defense director and chairman of the B&PW Club national security committee, has requested women's organizations in Beaufort and Morehead City to participate.

The program proposes that each member of the clubs or fraternal organizations contacted contribute canned foods to be stored for emergency use. Paper and wooden eating utensils are also being requested.

For example, the American Home Department of the Morehead City Woman's Club has been requested to contribute cans of applesauce. The Beaufort Woman's

Club has been requested to donate paper plates.

The clubs have been given a choice—each member may donate one package or can of the item specified, or else the organization may buy the item in bulk.

Would be Stored
The food would then be stored at central locations in Beaufort and Morehead City where it would be easily accessible in case of emergency.

Miss Peeling explained that under the civil defense program this county is designated as an area to which people would be evacuated from target areas. Because civil defense provides no funds for purchase of food supplies, these must be obtained through volunteer cooperation.

The types of food requested are

can be stored without deterioration and can be prepared without cooking. While the food would be earmarked for civil defense use, it is possible that it could be released for emergency feeding in case of natural disaster, such as hurricane. "That problem has always been taken care of by the Red Cross and civil defense is not going to step in and take over responsibilities already adequately handled by other agencies," Miss Peeling said. "But it is conceivable that in certain emergencies an available food supply such as civil defense is attempting to obtain, would be invaluable," she commented.

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Tides at the Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Tuesday, Sept. 6	LOW
10:50 a.m.		4:27 a.m.
11:11 p.m.		5:06 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 7		
11:46 p.m.		5:06 a.m.
		6:00 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 8		
12:10 a.m.		5:56 a.m.
12:46 p.m.		7:15 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 9		
1:14 a.m.		7:17 a.m.
1:48 p.m.		8:35 p.m.