

Melba Swinson Sustains Broken Leg in Accident

15-Year-Old Girl Struck By Car as She Crosses In Front of Bus

Melba Gray Swinson, 15, daughter of Mrs. D. S. Swinson, route 1, Newport, suffered a broken left leg and brush burns at 1:15 yesterday afternoon when she was struck by a car in front of her home on Highway 70. The accident happened about a hundred feet east of the Highway 24 and 70 intersection.

Miss Swinson was hit by a car driven by Luther R. Lawrence, 903 Fisher St., Morehead City. State Highway Patrolman W. E. Pickard said that Lawrence was headed east. He struck the girl as she was crossing the highway from in front of a stopped Seashore bus. The bus was headed toward Morehead City.

Miss Swinson had gotten on the bus with a friend, June Hunter, 15, but had forgotten a package she left across the highway at a service station. She got off the bus to get it and was hit by the car.

Patrolman Pickard said eye witnesses told him Lawrence was not speeding. He was driving a 1954 Ford.

Miss Swinson was taken to the Morehead City Hospital in the Dill ambulance. She was reported to be getting along all right yesterday afternoon.

No charges were filed against Lawrence.

Funeral for Accident Victim Takes Place at Tabor City



Two Morehead City policemen, Patrolmen Bruce Edwards and Bill Condie, remove from the brush the body of Martin Byrd Jr., 30, who was killed in an automobile crash early Sunday morning. Patrolman J. W. Sykes watches the operation. The body is covered with a sheet.



This is the way the car was found, lying on its side, 300 feet from the Fort Macon Road.

District Engineer Travels Local Waterways Saturday

Col. H. C. Rowland, Wilmington, district engineer who recently succeeded Col. R. L. Hill, visited Beaufort and Morehead City Saturday.

Accompanying the colonel were Col. J. H. Jackson, also of the Corps of Engineers; L. C. McDuffie, civilian aide at the Wilmington engineers office, and Col. Richard Marr, executive director of the North Carolina State Ports Authority.

The group came to Morehead City by automobile, then boarded a survey boat here.

At Morehead City they were met by Mayor George Dill and J. A. DuBois, manager of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce.

At Beaufort they were met at the engineers dock by Mayor Clifford Lewis and Dan Walker, town clerk.

The party toured the Beaufort waterfront. Mayor Lewis pointed out that a wider Taylor's Creek channel would be desirable, with the spoilage thrown up on the shoal south of Beaufort to protect the town from storm tides.

The boat went through Galients Channel and in the afternoon took its party up the Inland Waterway to the Core Creek Bridge.

On behalf of Gene Smith, Beaufort, Mayor Dill presented to Colonel Rowland the Sea Level harbor project. The project has been hanging fire since the early 1920's. Mayor Dill said that the district engineers' office will request the chief of engineers for a "letter of report" to restore the project to active status.

If this letter of report is received, the district engineers' office believes the project may get underway early in the fiscal year 1958, Mayor Dill said.



Col. H. C. Rowland... studies projects

Gloucester Folks Dedicate Park with Big Barbecue

A chicken barbecue was the big attraction at the Gloucester Community Park dedication Saturday evening. More than a hundred attended. The Community Club sponsored the event as a social get-together for residents and summer visitors to Gloucester.

State Poultry Extension Specialist W. G. Andrews was chief cook. He demonstrated the recommended methods for barbecuing chicken. County Agent R. M. Williams, with several community club members, was present for the two-hour practical demonstration.

E. P. Blair, principal of the Vanceboro Farm Life School, was introduced by President Richard Whitehurst. Mr. Blair spoke of the achievements of the club and proposed new projects which he thought would make Gloucester a larger and finer community.

The club has been organized since last fall. Officers are Mr.

Whitehurst, president; Walter Stewart, vice-president; Murray T. Pigott, treasurer; Mrs. Lillian Willis, secretary, and Mrs. Nat Smith, corresponding secretary.

The secrets of a good barbecue were willingly given by Mr. Andrews after the meal. A good sauce and getting the chicken done were the two most important things.

The sauce recipe suggested by Mr. Andrews is as follows: (serves five) water or tomato juice, 1/2 cup; vinegar, 1 cup; butter, 1/4 lb.; salt to taste; red pepper, 1/2 on. This recipe can be increased or cut to make sauce for any number.

Commander (retired) J. E. Murphy was chairman of the barbecue. Miss Josie Pigott was over-all chairman of the slaw, potato salad, and pie committees. Individual chairmen were Mrs. James Murphy, Mrs. J. L. Smith, Mrs. Monroe Willis, and Miss Mary Whitehurst.

The funeral service for Martin A. Byrd Jr., 30, who was killed in an automobile crash on the Fort Macon Road Sunday, was conducted yesterday afternoon at Tabor City, his home.

Byrd was driving a 1956 Ford when he lost control of it at 2:45 a.m. about 300 feet east of the entrance to Fort Macon State Park. In the car with him were four other youths, three of whom were injured.

The injured were Harold H. Willis Jr., 19, formerly of Beaufort, who had cuts and bruises; Andrew P. Denmark, 18, Raleigh, who was bruised and cut; David W. Windley, 18, Havelock, who suffered a broken leg and cuts; Kenneth Midgette, 19, Oriental, was not hurt.

All were employed at Fort Macon State Park. Willis, Denmark and Windley were lifeguards. Byrd was historian at the fort for the summer months. He taught at Newport School last year and was going to teach at Norfolk this fall, following marriage to a Raleigh girl in September.

According to State Highway Patrolman J. W. Sykes, Byrd was

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Morehead City Board Tangles With Sewage Disposal Issue

Pilot Parachutes to Safety, Rescued by Beveridge Crew

A jet pilot from Cherry Point made a miraculous escape from death Friday afternoon when he parachuted from his plane 20,000 feet in the air. The pilot, M/Sgt. William G. Knapp, Havelock, landed in the water at the western tip of Town Marsh, Beaufort, and was picked up by Capt. David Beveridge, Beaufort, in his trawler, Beveridge.

Sergeant Knapp, dazed and bruised, was rushed to the Morehead City Hospital by Harry Gillikin, Beaufort. There he was X-rayed and reported in good condition, but suffering from shock. A few hours later he was moved to Cherry Point.

Captain Beveridge, with his crew, Robert Willis and B. F. Willis, were waiting to unload shrimp at

the Beaufort Quick Freeze dock, several hundred yards from where Knapp landed in the water. They had just loosed their lines to move in to unload when someone shouted "Look!"

Captain Beveridge said the Beaufort drawbridge was open and he looked at the bridge, thinking a car had crashed through the gates, when again the cry came. "No, look up there!"

He said he looked and saw the parachute drifting down. "When I saw it, it was about the size of a nickel," Captain Beveridge said.

He headed the trawler out into the channel. By this time the bridge was going down. "It was too late to blow for the bridge to open again," the skipper said. So

he just kept going full speed ahead.

Before getting underway, several of the men on the dock had jumped aboard and someone yelled, "You'll never make it. It'll take your mast off." The fellow meant the leaves of the bridge would close down on the boat.

Captain Beveridge, recognized as one of the best seamen in these parts, kept going. "We got through with just inches to spare," he said.

Lands in Water
By that time the pilot had landed in water about waist deep, across from Duke Marine Laboratory on the shoals that runs in front of Beaufort.

"He had just stumbled up on the

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Board Will Set Date for Hearing On Zoning Cases if Requests Made

Morehead City town commissioners decided Thursday night that they would conduct a public hearing on two zoning matters if the parties concerned requested a change in the zoning regulations.

The commissioners met in regular session at the municipal building.

A letter from M. T. Mills, chairman of the zoning board of adjustment, was read.

One matter before the adjustment board dealt with location of a funeral home. Upon request of W. D. Munden, director of Bell's Funeral Home, the adjustment board recommended that section 4 of the zoning ordinance (recently changed to permit doctors' offices

in a residential section) be amended to include funeral homes.

The board felt it unwise to go along with this proposal and recommended that Mr. Munden make application to the board for a specific location for a funeral home.

Ralph Morris, New Bern, and W. B. Chalk, Morehead City, appeared before the adjustment board, according to Mr. Mills' letter, and requested location of Eastern Gas and Oil Co. on the northern 50 feet of lots 14 and 15 in square 199.

The adjustment board did not recommend location of the firm there. Commissioner D. J. Hall said he was informed that the pe-

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Chase Leads to Wreck, Tall Story of Stolen Car

There was a wreck on the Beaufort drawbridge at 1:25 a.m. Sunday — and thereby hangs a tale. According to Patrolman J. W. Sykes, it goes like this:

Edward T. Harrell of route 1 LaGrange, and three other boys were in a 1955 Dodge going west across the Beaufort drawbridge when a 1949 Chevrolet, driven by Norman E. Williams, 1200 Avery St., Morehead City, ran into them.

Harrell and his friends are white and Williams and a boy with him, Franklin Earle Tootle, are Negroes. About 2 a.m. Patrolman Sykes got a call saying that Williams had turned up at the Morehead City police station to report that someone had stolen his car. A short time later, after questioning, he confessed to Patrolman Sykes and Patrolman Bruce Edwards of the Morehead City police force, that he was driving it when it ran into the Dodge on the Beaufort bridge.

He said he had "hidden" the car in the 1100 block of Fisher Street, Morehead City. In the patrol car on the way to get the "stolen" Williams automobile, Williams told

Patrolman Sykes that he and Tootle go with two Negro girls in Beaufort, and the girls had told them that Harrell and his friends were trying to pick them up.

The girls said that the boys would drive around the block and call to them. Their boyfriends, Williams and Tootle, then hid in back of the home of one of the girls and the boys from LaGrange came by again, just as the girls said they were doing.

So Williams and Tootle jumped in their car, the Chevrolet, and started pursuing Harrell out of town toward Morehead City. Williams said they were going between 60 and 65 miles an hour and were trying to pass a slow car on the bridge when the accident happened. The Dodge was struck in the rear.

Harrell has been charged with speeding 55 in a 35 zone and passing on a hill. Williams has been charged with hit and run, careless and reckless driving, speeding 55 in a 35 zone and passing on a hill.

Both will appear in county court Thursday morning.

Freighter to Leave Here Today



The SS Mormacisle made port at Morehead City at 2:30 p.m. Sunday and is scheduled to sail today after taking on 2,000 tons of soybean pellets, a processed soybean product.

The Morehead City port's first "grain" cargo, destined for overseas, will leave today on the Moore McCormack freighter, SS Mormacisle.

The Mormacisle took on 2,000 tons of soybean pellets destined for Scandinavian ports. Next month

4,000 tons will leave Morehead City.

Movement of this cargo may amount to 25,000 tons a year, according to the State Ports Authority.

Heide & Co. are stevedores and agent, and Cargill, Inc., nationally-known grain exporters, will move

the grain from some 50 railway cars to the ship's holds. The State Ports Authority's mechanical grain loader here will be used to transfer the pellets directly from rail car to ship.

Inter-Oceanic Commodity Corp. of New York is shipping the soybean pellets.

County Board Authorizes Sale Of 'Health' Notes

County commissioners, in special session yesterday morning at the courthouse, Beaufort, passed a resolution authorizing issuance of \$12,000 in health center notes.

Sealed bids on the notes will be received until 11 a.m. this morning at the office of the Local Government Commission, Raleigh. The notes will be issued in denominations of \$3,000. They will be delivered to the purchaser the first week of September.

Twelve thousand dollars is the county's cash share in building a \$33,000 county health center in Beaufort. County officials are hoping to sell them at no more than 3 per cent interest.

'Good Shape'

Board Chairman Moses Howard and County Attorney Alvah Hamilton commented that the county is "in good financial shape." Chairman Howard, who returned last week from the meeting of the State Association of County Commissioners, said the county is in better shape than lots of other counties in the state.

Commissioner Odell Merrill, the attorney, and James Potter, auditor, were appointed to a committee to prepare an answer to the complaint filed by the North Carolina Pulp Co. relative to land values.

The committee sent a telegram yesterday to the firm which retained county land, E. T. Wilkins and Associates, asking that a representative of the firm come here next week to study the situation with the committee.

Only Appeal

The paper company, the only taxpayer which has appealed its revaluation, filed its complaint with the State Board of Assessment. The state board has said a hearing will take place in October.

The company is basing its complaint on the fact that other surrounding property is valued at less than its holdings. Commissioners contend that valuation of property cannot be determined solely on that basis.

The next regular meeting of the commissioners will be Tuesday, Sept. 4, the day after Labor Day. The board decided that in the future when their regular meeting date falls on a holiday, it will meet the day following, Tuesday.

In the past, under those conditions, the board has been meeting the following Monday.

Attending the meeting, in addition to those mentioned, were Commissioners Skinner Chalk and Harrell Taylor, and the clerk, Irvin W. Davis.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, Aug 21	
8:03 a.m.	1:50 a.m.
8:14 p.m.	2:08 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug 22	
8:38 a.m.	2:29 a.m.
8:49 p.m.	2:44 p.m.
Thursday, Aug 23	
9:12 a.m.	3:01 a.m.
9:23 p.m.	3:20 p.m.

Morehead City commissioners explored a sticky problem Thursday night — sewage and sewage disposal. The state would like to see the town get rid of sewage other than by dumping it overboard. But a sewage disposal system would cost \$700,000, Commissioner S. C. Holloway estimated.

The commissioners listened to W. E. Long, who is with the state stream sanitation department, and R. M. Van Camp, engineer, who in 1940 drew plans for a Morehead City sewage disposal system.

Mr. Long distributed copies of the state laws on pollution. Prior to 1951, when the present law was passed, the state had only two laws on the books relative to stream sanitation, he said.

He pointed out that the State Stream Sanitation committee has classified waters in the 16 major river basins of the state, specifying their best usage.

'No Substitute'

"Gentlemen, there's no substitute for water," Mr. Long declared. "If we don't do something to prevent pollution of our waters, we will be unable to meet future demands of people and industry in the state of North Carolina."

He pointed to the Roanoke River where this summer hundreds of thousands of striped bass died from "lack of oxygen." He said that the power plants on the Roanoke store water in reservoirs. Storage causes reduction of oxygen content. But when the water is dammed up, paper mills still dump their usual wasteflow into the river. This means that a reduced amount of water is still expected to carry off the same amount of industrial waste, Mr. Long said.

The oxygen content is so low that fish can't live. He said that the state has worked out some type of voluntary agreement with the industries concerned to try to correct the situation.

Morehead City officials are well aware that a sewage disposal system is needed. "We want to clean up in Bogue Sound," Mayor George Dill said. "But what we want to know is this: does the State Stream Sanitation Committee have a financing plan for a sewage disposal plant?"

Mr. Long said no. He was informed that the town has no money to invest in a sewage disposal plant.

The stream sanitation official then mentioned federal Public Law

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Firemen Answer Three Alarms

The Morehead City Fire Department answered three calls from Saturday through Monday.

Two minor fires, a grass fire and burning railroad ties, were reported Saturday.

Monday morning firemen arrived at the Marvin Kornegay residence on Atlantic Beach just in time to keep a serious fire from spreading. According to Mayor Al Cooper, evidence showed that a pan of grease was left on the stove after the occupants had gone fishing. The grease caught fire and the fire soon spread to other parts of the kitchen.

Jessie Holland, an Idle Hour employee, reported it to the fire department, and rushed with a hand extinguisher to the scene.

Morehead City firemen were held up by the drawbridge. By the time they got to the fire, most of the kitchen had been destroyed. Mayor Cooper estimated that several hundred dollars damage was caused.

Holland managed to keep the fire confined to the kitchen until firemen arrived and put it out.

Ports Official Sees Eventual OK Of Port Fund Bill

Col. Richard Marr, director of the State Ports Authority, said Saturday that he believed the bill appropriating \$1,197,000 for deepening Morehead City harbor, would be approved early in the next session of Congress.

The bill appropriating the money was vetoed several weeks ago by President Eisenhower. Included in the bill were several projects, including money for eradicating water hyacinths in eight southern states.

The purple flowers clog streams and hinder navigation. As Mayor George Dill describes it, "Our port bill got all mixed up with the hyacinths."

Colonel Marr was visiting Morehead City with Army engineers Saturday.