

# Tragedy Strikes During Holidays

## Alleged Car Thief Sent to High Court

James Oscar Chapman was brought in by his bondsman after a six-months search. He was ordered to pay costs and pay the damage to William Kelly's car, which he had taken. He got a year's suspended sentence.

William T. Brock paid \$10 and costs for public drunkenness. William Gordon Gaskill paid costs for public drunkenness.

Charlie W. Willis, New Bern, was fined \$25 and costs for driving without a driver's license. Willis was told that the fine would be remitted if he presented a valid license within one month.

Raymond G. Chugg was taxed half costs for making an improper left turn.

Cases against Jerry Bryant, William Kennedy, and James Carroll were continued.

## Rich Fishing Grounds Located off N.C. Coast

## Chamber Lists Final Winners

The Beaufort Chamber of Commerce has announced the winners of the final drawings of the Pirates Chest of Silver, Saturday and Monday.

Saturday's winners were Jerry Darling, \$50, ticket from Guthrie and Jones; Jimmy Raden, \$20; ticket from B. A. Bell, Jeweler; Mrs. Sue Gibbs Willis, \$10, ticket from Jim Wheatley's; Mrs. Graham Duncan Jr., five gift certificates, ticket from Styron's Department Store; Miss Esther Cowan, \$10, ticket from Potter's Dress Shop; and Earl Jones, \$10, ticket from Ben's Bicycle Shop.

Monday's winners were Mrs. Dolly Smith, \$50, ticket from Johnson-Saunders; Tull Williams, 10 gift certificates, ticket from E. W. Downum; Miss Lucy Whitehurst, \$20, ticket from Carteret Hardware; Miss Lilly Lewis, \$10, ticket from Guthrie and Jones; Miss Ruby Guthrie, \$10, ticket from Guthrie and Jones; and Julian Piver, \$10, ticket from City Appliance.

Jimmy Raden, Morehead City, was the only person outside of Beaufort to win in either drawing.

Mrs. Pat Russell, chamber secretary, reports that the program was very successful and that the chamber appreciates the cooperation of the merchants and customers who helped.

## Shooting Accident Reported to Sheriff

George Washington Boone Jr., 15, was shot in both legs and in the left foot Wednesday afternoon. Sheriff Hugh Salter, who investigated the accident, said that Boone lived just over the line in Craven County.

The sheriff said that Boolether Fisher Jr., 11, had taken a 12 gauge shotgun and two shells belonging to his father, Bobby Martin, 14, Fisher, and Boone were playing with the gun when the accident occurred.

The loaded gun was on the ground, and Martin pulled the trigger with a stick. The charge hit Boone while he was running away. He was brought to the Morehead City hospital.

## Practice Bombing Set for Maw Point

Cherry Point, N. C.—In keeping with a policy of giving advance warning to the public of practice bombing operations in the Pamlico Sound area, air station officials here issue the bombing schedule in force through Sunday, Jan. 6, 1957.

Practice bombing will be held over Maw Point, also known as May's point area, from sunrise to sunset on Dec. 28 and 29 and from sunrise to sunset on Jan. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

There will be no bombing operations on Maw/May Point on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 30, 31 and Jan. 1.

Use of this target area beyond Sunday, Jan. 6, will be announced at a later date.

Back to Normal  
The school students seem to be the only ones still enjoying the Christmas holidays. Banks, city halls, businesses, and the court-house were all open yesterday.



This is the 1951 Plymouth in which J. C. Fulcher, Stacy, was killed Christmas morning. He and Bruce Fulcher, Atlantic, were thrown from the car, which was demolished. Funeral services were conducted at the Fulcher home in Stacy Wednesday afternoon.

## Business Forecast for 1957

By ROGER W. BABSON

Both presidential candidates, in their pre-election speeches, promised Peace, Prosperity, and Progress. They stated that they must do this in order to enforce the Employment Act of 1946. This is the basis of my Outlook for 1957, tempered of course by Russia.

1. World War III will not start in 1957.
2. 1957 will witness gradually increasing inflation.
3. Manufacturers will be faced with higher costs for both materials and labor.
4. All business will be confronted by increased competition, both within their own industries and from other industries.
5. More advertising will be necessary in 1957 if profits of manufacturers and retailers are to equal those of 1956.
6. Failures will increase in 1957, both as to numbers and liabilities. Thousands of small concerns will be wiped out. One or two of the largest corporations will face bankruptcy or re-organization.
7. Cost of living will rise slightly during 1957.
8. Most labor unions will hesitate to make public fights for higher wages, but will work for shorter hours, pensions, and "fringes."
9. Europe must pay so much more for oil that it will have less money for purchasing other goods.
10. Unexpected events will occur during 1957; however, as a whole, business will remain fair, but with smaller profits.
11. As foreign countries must



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pay in gold or dollars for oil, their industries will be handicapped, unemployment will increase, and pressure for aid from the United States will be greater.

12. The Federal Reserve Board will not relax its restrictions so long as we have full employment in the United States; but if unemployment increases we may expect a relaxation. I am very glad Mr. Robert Cutler will again be Mr. Eisenhower's adviser.
13. Owing to the tremendous numbers of employees, suppliers, and retailers dependent upon the large corporations, these will be first to receive bank funds.
14. Many plans for expansions of plants, by both big business and little business, will be postponed. Most corporations will find it difficult to get new short-term money at any price in quantity; while long-term financing will be too expensive.
15. Tight money will cause state, municipal, and town governments to postpone plans for building roads, schools, and hospitals except in cases where the Federal Government pays most of the costs. This will put a damper on many lines of business.
16. Owing to these increased money rates, state, municipal, and town bonds, although tax free, have been declining rapidly in price. Most financial advisers forecast much lower prices for such securities. It is possible that the postponement of such building plans may so diminish demand for such money that these non-taxable bonds will sell at higher prices before the year is out. This

## Committee Starts Plans For Hodges' Inauguration

Raleigh — The Governor's Inaugural Committee announces that it is making plans for a full, two-day program covering the inauguration of Gov. Luther H. Hodges in February. In the past, all events of the inauguration have been held on one day.

State Senator James M. Poyner of Wake, general chairman of the committee, reported that his group is hard at work on plans for a program that will begin on Wednesday, Feb. 6, the day for the convening of the 1957 General Assembly.

This will allow ample time following the opening session of the General Assembly for social and cultural events during the afternoon and evening which may be planned by private groups and others, he said.

Groups Cooperate  
The Junior League of Raleigh and the American Legion, Post No. 1, of Raleigh, have notified the Governor's Inaugural Committee of their plans to co-sponsor the Pre-Inaugural Ball on Wednesday evening honoring Governor and Mrs. Hodges, Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Luther E. Barnhardt, and the Council of State.

The ball will not be sponsored by the State, but will be a privately-planned social event for the public with net proceeds going to

## Forty Years Ago It Was Cold!

By F. C. SALISBURY

Forty years ago today, Friday, Dec. 28, 1916, the Morehead City Coaster stated that the largest snowfall yet recorded in this section took place and was followed by another heavy fall the following Tuesday.

The thermometer recorded 4 above zero at 8 o'clock Monday morning, Dec. 31, and continued to hang around that point practically during the entire week. On the morning of Jan. 4, 1917, it registered 7½ above zero.

The coaster said, "According to our older citizens, in 1857 the temperature dropped considerably but no weather as the present spell is remembered by them."

The sounds and rivers are frozen over. A number of persons walked to Crab Point on the ice which covered Calico Creek. All fish boats and other craft are idle and trains have been unusually delayed of late.

"Many ducks are being killed in the harbor, in some instances off the fish house wharves."

## Automobile Accidents, Fire Mar Christmas Season

Tragedy struck the county over the Christmas holidays in the form of a fatal wreck near Stacy and a burned home at Atlantic Beach. Several less serious accidents were investigated by the Highway Patrol and Morehead City Police Department.

## Jaycees Praised For Christmas Lighting Program

The Morehead City Jaycees' Christmas lighting program was the subject of an article in Future, official publication of the North Carolina Jaycees.

The article noted that for many years Morehead City's only Christmas decorations were the store windows themselves and a few meagre strings of bulbs straggling the length of Main Street. Two years ago, several local business men asked the Jaycees to undertake a project of holiday decorating. The Jaycees did.

Lights and decorations were purchased and installed with the entire campaign financed on a direct merchant contribution basis. Everyone, adults and children alike, were delighted with the enhanced Christmas spirit of Morehead's Main Street, and the merchants reported their success in increased sales.

## Home Burns

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith burned to the ground Monday morning before firemen from Morehead City could get the blaze under control. The Smiths were out of town for Christmas, and neighbors reported the fire.

The new fire truck from the West End substation was the first engine at the scene, but it used all its water and returned to the station. A tank truck and an engine from the main fire station stayed at the house and tried to keep the fire from spreading. A small, one-room house trailer was damaged considerably by the fire.

The house was located near Mom and Pop's fishing pier and tackle shop which burned last October.

## Accidents Begin

Alvin Wade Jr., Morehead City, turned over a 1954 Chevrolet belonging to Denny T. Lawrence Friday night in the first of a series of accidents in the county. Wade turned from 33rd Street onto Arendell and lost control of the car.

It cut across the grass plot in the middle of the road, circled back, hit the curb, and turned over on its side about 200 feet east of 33rd Street. Morehead City policeman Murphy Jenkins, who investigated the accident, said that no charges were preferred.

Neither Wade nor Lawrence, who was also in the car, was injured.

Highway Patrolman Bill Pickard investigated four accidents during the holidays. Roland B. Turner, Morehead City, turned his 1952 Ford pickup over early Sunday morning two miles east of Beaufort.

## New Stamp Goes on Sale

Postmaster Harold W. Webb, Morehead City, announced today that the 3 cents commemorative Children's Stamp of 1956 announced recently in Washington went on sale at the postoffice Tuesday, Dec. 18.

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has termed the stamp a "symbol of the aspirations of all Americans who fervently hope for world peace in the years ahead, stressing the fact that our children of today are the hope of the world tomorrow."

The design for the stamp, carrying the slogan, "Friendship — the Key to World Peace," was selected from among designs submitted during a national competition by the grade school and high school children of the United States, its territories and possessions.

The winning design was submitted by Ronald Dias, 19, a former student of Roosevelt High School, Honolulu, Hawaii.

## Brakes Lock

Mr. Turner said that he was driving east when his brakes locked and he skidded off the road and turned over. Damage to the truck was estimated at \$250.

Sunday night James M. Graham, route 2 Newport, ran off US 70 one mile east of Newport. He told patrolman Pickard that someone had pulled out in front of him and forced him to run off the road.

He was charged with driving too fast for existing conditions, since there was some doubt that a car had actually forced him off the road. Damage to his car was estimated at \$100.

The third accident occurred Monday morning about 12 miles west of Morehead City on NC 24. Joe E. Lewis, route 1 Newport, slowed his 1938 Chevrolet to turn off the road, and Milton E. Bell, Swansboro, driving a 1953 Ford coupe, ran into his rear end.

## Gull Causes Lights To Blink in County

Lights in Morehead City and Beaufort blinked at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday. George Stovall, manager of the Carolina Power and Light Company, Morehead City, said that it was caused when a sea gull which flew between two wires touched both of them at the same time.

Mr. Stovall had the electrocuted gull in his office before noon. Its wings were burned, and its body feathers were singed.

He said that about this same time last year the lights were blinking once or twice every day. The gulls were feeding at the garbage dumps and as they fought for food as many as two or three would hit wires together.

## Beaufort Firemen Called For "Christmas Tree" Fire

Front Street merchants in Beaufort were sure that half the town was on fire Monday afternoon. A low ceiling had caused smoke from Rumley's Feed and Seed Store to hang over that and surrounding buildings, creating a lusion of fire.

Firemen had checked Fashion Shoppe and Hardware before they found Rumley's burning Christmas trimmings in his heat.

## New Year Schedule

The banks, postoffices, and public buildings will be closed New Year's day, but most businesses in Morehead City and Beaufort will be open. The Colonial and A&P stores, however, announce that they will be closed.