

## Net House, Damaged By Fire, Will Re-Open Extensive Search Fails to Locate Son of Mrs. Lee Garner, Morehead

### Sumter Man Put Under \$1000 Bond For Taking Taxi

William Kennedy, Sumter, S. C., was bound over to superior court under \$1,000 bond by Judge Herbert Phillips in Morehead City recorder's court Monday. Kennedy was picked up in New Bern Dec. 19 when police saw him driving a Yellow Cab from Morehead City. The car had been reported stolen earlier in the night, so New Bern policemen held Kennedy until the next day when he was returned to Morehead City to await trial. The judge found probable cause and ruled that he be held for grand jury action at the next term of superior court. Will Smith got a 30-day sentence for public drunkenness. Included in the sentence was an order to pay \$10 to Dr. S. W. Hatcher and \$7.50 to the Morehead City Hospital. Smith will serve his time under the supervision of the superintendent of streets.

### Enters Two Pleas

Charles M. Willis of Harkers Island pled guilty to having no license and not guilty to a drunken driving charge. He was picked up Dec. 21 when he brought Garrison Lewis, Harkers Island, to the hospital. Lewis, known as Tom-Tom, had let a firecracker explode near his face and had to be treated for powder burns. Judge Phillips did not find him guilty of driving without a license because of the circumstances involved, but he did fine him \$100 and costs for driving drunk. James Coyle and David Edward White received \$100 fines for driving drunk. Each got a 90-day sentence suspended. Frederick Roy Tilley and Alton Edward Lloyd paid \$25 fines for speeding. It was Tilley's third traffic conviction. John Lee Bowman paid \$25 for driving without a license and \$10 for driving on the wrong side of the road. The \$25 fine will be remitted by the court if he presents a valid license within one week.

### Witness Pays Costs

Nathan Minor received the same sentence for driving without a license. He too was given one week in which to present a valid license. Minor was involved in another case as well. His wife, Mary Minor, had sworn out a warrant, stating that he had assaulted her. She refused to testify against him and paid costs for malicious prosecution. One other prosecuting witness paid costs for malicious prosecution. He was Gilbert Riggs, who had sworn out a warrant against John Pettigrew for disturbing the peace and assault on his (Pettigrew's) wife. Final judgments were entered against Louis Marshall, no driver's license; and Jerry Bryant, assault on a female. Both had forfeited bonds previously. Richard Sutter Moore paid \$10 and costs for having improper lights and improper registration. Raymond Earl Whitley paid half costs for driving with no lights at night.

### Costs Paid

Paying costs were Jerry Rossi, Don Forster, and Eunice Davis, all assault; Robert Golden, public drunkenness; and Vannie B. Willis, disturbing the peace. Cases were continued against Phillip B. Moore, James Carroll, Harry Lee Norman, J. E. Morris, Ed Kelley, Edward V. Jones, Eddie Lee Howell, J. C. McDonald, John E. Ferguson, and Joseph Taylor.

### License Plate Sales Pass 500 Yesterday

North Carolina license plate sales passed the 500 mark yesterday morning at the installment loan department of the First-Citizens Bank, Morehead City. A breakdown showed that 445 automobile tags, 53 truck tags, 26 trailer tags, and one motorcycle tag had been sold. Letters for the yellow on black tags are ZJ for automobiles, ST for private trucks, RC for farm trucks, and KF for trailers. City tags are on sale at the town halls in Beaufort and Morehead City and at Edwards Soda Shop in Newport.

### Grass Fire

Morehead City firemen put out a grass fire in the Huntley Development, Calico Drive, Tuesday afternoon. Engineer Mac Edwards said that no damage was done to property.

Gaston Smith, whose net shop at Atlantic was seriously damaged by fire New Year's Day, said yesterday that he expects to be back in business by Monday.

Mr. Smith estimated loss of nets and materials in his shop at between five and six thousand dollars. The loss was partially insured. The net house itself was not severely damaged. The 22-foot square frame structure is now almost repaired, Mr. Smith reported.

The business is located on Highway 70. Mr. Smith said he believes the blaze started in the electric wiring. Both the Down East and Beaufort Fire Departments fought the fire.

Mr. Smith said he noticed smoke soon after he had closed shop Tuesday afternoon and gone home to watch television. He was watching a football game a few minutes after 4, when he saw smoke drifting by his window.

He told his wife to call the fire department, and his son Michael went in the car to get the fire truck, but the Down East firemen were already on their way.

After noting the progress of the fire, the fire department asked Mrs. Smith to call the Beaufort station and ask for help. The Atlantic truck emptied a load of water on the fire and then had to go after more water, leaving the fire to spread while the truck was gone.

The Beaufort rural truck and pump truck No. 5 arrived just as the Down East truck ran out of its second load of water. Fifteen volunteer firemen from Beaufort and Engineer Elmond Rhue connected the pump truck to the rural truck and worked while the Down East truck was getting its third load of water.

With two trucks, the Beaufort firemen can connect the pump truck to the rural truck, empty it, and pump water from reserve tanks on the pump truck while the rural truck is reloading.

Beaufort firemen used nearly all the first load on the rural truck, and the Down East firemen used a good part of their third load before the fire was put out, about two hours later.

The Smith's home, within 15 feet of the net house, was not damaged. The Down East Fire Department expresses its thanks for the generous help of the Beaufort Fire Department and the 15 volunteer firemen who made the trip to Atlantic.

### Bell Warns Swimmers



Mr. and Mrs. Gerald T. Murdock have a sure way of warning swimmers when they venture too far out in Bogue Sound waters in front of the Murdock home. They just ring this bell which used to be on engine No. 296 of the Jersey Central Railroad. Mr. Murdock, pictured here, says that it's impossible to shout against the southwest wind when swimmers are too far from shore, so the bell is rung "and then we motion to them to come in." He said it's used frequently to summon the Murdock youngsters inshore for the tide carries them and they don't realize how far they're drifting with it.

### New Year's Baby Arrives at 12:03

Carteret's New Year's baby was a young lady who arrived 3 minutes after 1957 officially entered the scene. She was Holly Dianne Noe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Noe Jr., Glendale Park, Beaufort. Holly weighed in at the Morehead City Hospital at 6 pounds 10 3/4 ounces. Mrs. Noe is the former Joyce Ann Willis of Beaufort.

### Town Accepts Plans for New Water System

Tuesday night the Newport Town Board accepted the plans and specifications for the town's new water system as drawn up by C. C. Tilley, of W. F. Freeman Co. The bids will be let on construction of the new system as soon as the plans are approved by the State Board of Health. The town commissioners, meeting in the town hall for their first session of the year, had smooth sailing. J. M. Cox, sanitation commissioner, reported the only complaint, an unsanitary chicken yard.

Mayor Leon Mann noted that the city limits sign on the east edge of town had been moved about 300 yards. The sign had been that distance beyond the actual city limits, according to the highway department.

Town license tags for automobiles and trucks are on sale at Edwards' Soda Shop. The tags are \$1 each, and one must be displayed on every motor vehicle in Newport by Feb. 15.

The commissioners discussed the possibility of putting asbestos shingles on the east side of the city hall and the addition to the fire station. Commissioner B. R. Garner was appointed to investigate the cost of the project.

Commissioners present in addition to those mentioned were W. V. Garner, P. M. Garner, H. G. Gurganus, and Miss Edith Lockey, clerk.

## New Year's Resolutions Apparently Have No Appeal for Folks of Today

By BOB SEYMOUR

New Year's resolutions are apparently becoming a thing of the past. Results of a NEWS-TIMES poll conducted this week show that most folks give little thought to resolutions for the new year. Miss Betsy Brooks, Beaufort expressed the sentiment of the majority questioned when she said that she just had not had time to think of any resolutions. She was home from East Carolina College where she is a senior majoring in grammar grade education.

The only resolution which showed signs of long and serious forethought was made by Sp/3 Alvin Wade, a paratrooper with the 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky. His resolution was to get out of the Army as quick as possible and go to college, either at UNC or NC State. He is home on leave, visiting his parents at 503 Bridges St., Morehead City.

Mayor Leon Mann of Newport had to dig back into his college days to find a resolution. He said that he would continue to attempt to refrain from talking about other people. Town commissioner Prentis Garner suggested that the mayor resolve to have more water for '57!

W. W. Garner, who works for his son at the Open Air Produce Market east of Beaufort, said that he had not made any resolutions for the coming year, but that he would try to live better in every way.

Joseph Dixon, a junior at UNC, said that he had not made any resolutions this year—majoring in math is a full time job. He was visiting his parents at 405 Bridges St., Morehead City.

Tom Sawyer, Morehead City, said that he would leave making new year's resolutions to anyone who thought he could keep one. Mr. Sawyer is a retired Coast Guardsman. He retired as a chief bos'n mate with 25 years' service.

Miss Catherine Sabiston, Morehead City, resolved to go to church every other Sunday. She explained that her job as a telephone operator required her to work the other Sundays. She also resolved to be nice as possible to wise guys who dial "0" and ask questions requiring an answer of "Sorry, we aren't allowed to give that information."

A member of the Morehead City girls basketball team made a resolution which the coaches should enjoy. Miss Cieta Taylor said that she was going to do everything possible to help the Eagles win all their remaining ball games. She also said that she wanted to be more economical this year.

Oscar Allred, who operates Early Jewelers, Morehead City, said that he made all his resolutions for the coming year, but that he would try to live better in every way.

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### Searches by the Bureau of Missing Persons from Maryland to Florida have failed to locate Roy Idleburg, 38, son of Mrs. Lee Garner, route 1 Morehead City. Mr. Idleburg has been missing since Dec. 9 when he left his ship, a Standard Oil tanker, in Baltimore with six months' pay in his pocket.

Mrs. Garner said that her son (by a previous marriage) probably had well over \$3,000 on him when he left the ship. He called his wife in Winter Haven, Fla., to tell her that he was on the way home in Winter Haven for Christmas. That was the last word received from him.

Phoned Mother-in-Law Mr. Idleburg's wife, the former Miss Ruth Gray Guthrie, Morehead City, called Mrs. Garner Sunday night and told her that her husband had not come home. She said that she had contacted the Baltimore police, who in turn referred her to the Bureau of Missing Persons.

Mrs. Garner had been expecting Mr. and Mrs. Idleburg and their two children, Ronald, 12, and DeLores, 7, to drive here for New Year's day. Sunday was the first time she was informed that he had not arrived in Florida.

Mrs. Idleburg's sister, Mrs. Cecil Guthrie, who lives at Fisher and 21st Streets, says that Mr. Idleburg had never been known to miss an opportunity to go home. His mother fears that he met with foul play, since he left the ship with so much money.

No Clues To date, no police or Missing Persons Bureau reports have turned up any clues as to his whereabouts. There is some hope that he may be suffering from amnesia at the present time, but no one answering his description has been picked up.

A picture of the missing man is not available, but his mother described him as being of medium height and build with dark hair and regular features.

Mrs. Idleburg and the two children are expected here to live with Mrs. Garner until the fate of Mr. Idleburg is learned.

### J. D. Brooks Dies; Burial Tomorrow

John Davis Brooks, 63, died at 7 o'clock Thursday morning at his home, 209 Moore St., Beaufort after a long illness. Funeral services will be held in St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 3 p.m. tomorrow with the Rev. C. Edward Sharp, rector, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Mr. Brooks assistant county tax supervisor, had been affiliated with the county auditor's office for the past 16 years. Surviving are his wife, Florence Trean Brooks, three sisters, Mrs. George D. Norcum, Mrs. Frank Langdale, Mrs. Sterling P. Ramsey, and two brothers, George J. and Cecil C. Brooks, all of Beaufort.

Mr. Brooks was the son of the late Elza and Mary Bowen Brooks of Beaufort.

### Stanley Barefoot Takes Position as Soil Engineer

David Jones, county soil conservationist, announced yesterday that Stanley O. Barefoot, civil engineer, has been named area engineer for the Lower Neuse and Southeastern Soil Conservation Districts. Carteret is in the Lower Neuse district.

Mr. Barefoot, who is living with his family in Kinston, succeeds Bernard F. Ingram. Mr. Ingram has been transferred to Salisbury.

Mr. Barefoot is a graduate of State College, holding a bachelor's degree in agricultural engineering. He is a native of Sampson County.

### Utilities Commission OK's Transfer of Water Company

The State Utilities Commission approved Wednesday the request of the General Waterworks Corp., Philadelphia, to acquire Carolina Water Co. of Beaufort, Morehead City and Snow Hill.

General Waterworks will issue 15,000 shares of common stock, \$1 par value, in exchange for all of Carolina Water's common stock and promissory notes.

C. W. Williams, Morehead City, manager of Carolina Water Co. in this area, said yesterday that he believes the change will be "better for all concerned."

Mr. Williams, who has been affiliated with General Waterworks in the past, said that the company, the second largest of its kind in the United States, has the capital and operating funds to maintain the best in municipal water systems.

General Waterworks, in addition to owning controlling stock in 78 water utilities, also controls seven telephone companies. Its interests are distributed in 17 states. Mr. Williams said the transfer, which will probably become final Tuesday, won't cause any immediate change in the local operation. He expects no change in personnel. W. Frederick Spence, president of Carolina Water Co., is also a vice-president of General Waterworks.

### Union Bag-Camp Buys Property For Paper Mill

New Bern Chamber Says Firm Acted on Most Of Options by Dec. 31

Union Bag-Camp Paper Corp. has purchased most of the land it will need to build a \$50,000,000 paper mill near New Bern.

The company exercised the options it held on land in the Neuse River Basin before they expired on Dec. 31. A New Bern Chamber of Commerce official said only "one or two" options expire later than that date.

Construction of the mill will push North Carolina from seventh to fourth among the southern states in the daily output of pulp.

It also will provide several thousand jobs in an industry that pays above all other "non-manufacturing" firms in the state.

The state's five pulp and paper mills paid an average weekly wage of \$90.85 in 1955. No other non-manufacturing industry in the state approaches that figure.

In all, the five plants paid wages totaling some \$30,000,000 in 1955. Approximately 4,500 acres of land are involved in Union Bag-Camp's plans. The land is in the Tuscarora section about 12 miles west-northwest of New Bern.

Early last month, the State Stream Sanitation Committee approved the company's plan for handling wastes so they won't be detrimental to the fish life in the Neuse. That was a major hurdle for the company.

With the purchase of property on which the company held options, only an official announcement is lacking. It is to come through the New Bern Chamber of Commerce. Union Bag-Camp plans to build a mill that would produce 600 tons of paper a day. That would make it the third largest in the state. North Carolina Pulp Company of Plymouth produces 900 tons a day and Champion Paper and Fiber Company of Canton produces 835.

### Walter Thomas Joins State Patrol

Walter M. Thomas, a former member of the Morehead City police force, was sworn in Wednesday as a member of the State Highway Patrol.

He took the oath of office at Raleigh and has been assigned to Vanceboro. The oath was administered by Secretary of State Thad Eure in the office of Col. James R. Smith, patrol commander.

Patrolman Thomas is 21, the minimum age for troopers. A graduate of Morehead City High School, he was well-known as a local baseball star. He completed his service with the Morehead City police force Tuesday. Chief Herbert Griffin said he hopes to have a replacement for Thomas by Jan. 14.

Patrolman Thomas is the son of T. J. Thomas, Morehead City. His wife is the former Novella Reid, Morehead City.

### Shipping Agent Foresees Three More Oil Shipments

Robert L. Hicks of Heide and Co., ship's agents, Morehead City, reported yesterday that three more shipments of fish oil are tentatively scheduled in the near future. The oil is a product of this season's heavy catches.

Shipped on the Nabob last week was 130,000 gallons, bound for Rotterdam. Loaded on the Ellangen yesterday were 55,000 gallons, also destined for Rotterdam.

### Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar		
HIGH	Friday, Jan. 4	LOW
10:19 a.m.	4:06 a.m.	
10:58 p.m.	4:39 p.m.	
Saturday, Jan. 5		
10:55 a.m.	4:40 a.m.	
11:37 p.m.	5:10 p.m.	
Sunday, Jan. 6		
11:30 a.m.	5:09 a.m.	
	5:37 p.m.	
Monday, Jan. 7		
12:14 a.m.	5:41 a.m.	
12:04 p.m.	6:05 p.m.	
Tuesday, Jan. 8		
12:51 a.m.	6:29 a.m.	
12:43 p.m.	6:45 p.m.	

### Brakes Fail; Truck Hits Gate

Brake failure caused a milk truck to whiz under a descending draw bridge gate and crash into the second gate at 8:45 a.m. Wednesday on the Morehead City-Beaufort drawbridge.

The truck, driven by Loyd Cecil Corbett, 703 Fisher St., Morehead City, was owned by Southern Dairies. It was going toward Beaufort when the siren blew to give warning that the bridge was going up.

Corbett said he applied his brakes but they didn't work. He zipped through under the first gate, skimmed across the leaves of the bridge before they started to go up and crashed into the gate on the east side.

State Highway Patrolman R. H. Brown said that investigation showed that the master cylinder on the truck had dropped making it impossible for the brake pedal to connect. Damage to the truck was estimated at \$15.

No charges were preferred.