

Coroner's Jury Decides 'No Negligence' in Lewis Death

Richard Tootle Sentenced To 30 Days for Assault

Richard Thomas Tootle, Morehead City, was sentenced to 30 days on the roads in Morehead City recorder's court Monday morning. Tootle was found guilty of attacking Catherine Horton by stamping on her with his feet. She suffered minor bodily injuries.

Robert Earl Morris pled guilty to careless and reckless driving after his warrant had been changed from driving drunk and running a stop sign. He was fined \$150 and court costs. He agreed not to drive on the highways for a period of one year. He will appear in court once every four months to be questioned as to his complying with the order.

David F. Range paid \$100 and costs for his first offense of driving drunk. He was sentenced to 90 days, suspended on payment of the fine and one year's good behavior.

Wants Trial
Carlton Pittman requested a jury trial for a public drunkenness charge. Bond was set at \$500. Richard W. Fiorvanti paid \$25 and costs for speeding and careless and reckless driving. Ben Heath paid \$10 and costs for public drunkenness.

Youvon L. Phelps was found guilty of improper display of license plates and was fined \$10 and costs. The \$10 will be returned if valid license plates are presented within one week.

Those who were taxed costs were Archie R. Firby, driving without glasses; William Ferguson, vagrancy; Robert J. Willis, public drunkenness; and Horace F. Norris, speeding.

Pays Fines
Willie Clifton Smith paid fines of a previous court order, and the failure to comply with court order suit against him was dismissed.

Morgan Bell Stewart paid half costs for improper passing, and Phillip R. Mason was taxed a similar amount for scratching off.

Cases were continued against Leston W. Gillikin, Olan Bell, Clyde R. Eubanks, James T. Nixon, Samuel Howland, George L. Green, and Cal Whaley.

Negro News

The Simmons Family of New Bern will present a talent program at the Christian Star Church Sunday afternoon at 3:30.

The Willing Workers Club of the Christian Star Church will meet Monday night at 8 at the home of Mrs. Beatrice Jones, 1407 Bay St., announces the president, Mrs. Thelma Stamps.

The PTA of Queen Street School, Beaufort, will give a program at the St. Antioch Baptist Church at Adams Creek Sunday afternoon at 3.

The pastor, the Rev. W. C. Horton of Morehead City, invites the public to attend. The program proceeds will go to the building fund.

The Rev. Henry Crocker of Beaufort will preach at the Sunday evening service at the Christian Star Church.

Special services will be presented Sunday at St. Mary's Holiness Church, Morehead City. The Rev. Mr. Pearsall of Burgaw will speak.

MRS. JULIA SHARPE
Mrs. Julia Sharpe, 67, died Monday at her home, 310 Queen St., Beaufort.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the Mount Zion Baptist Church, with the Rev. M. C. Carter officiating. Burial will be in Ocean View Cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, Joe, a son, Otis, of Florida, two daughters, Mrs. Isabel Jones, Mrs. Annie Mae Collins, both of Florida, a brother and a sister.

ANNIE ELIZABETH POTTER
Annie Elizabeth Potter, 19, died Wednesday at her home, 500 Pollock St., Beaufort. Coroner Leslie Springle said death was from natural causes. The girl had been physically afflicted since birth.

Surviving is her mother, Mrs. Fannie Potter.

Funeral plans were incomplete at press time yesterday.

Morehead City Hospital
Admitted: Sunday, Arithia Tootle, Bogue; Tuesday, Lula Godette, Havelock.

Discharged: Tuesday, Arithia Tootle, Bogue.

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Three Meetings Booked to Date

W. C. Carlton, chairman of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce tourist and convention committee, announces that three conventions have been scheduled for this area.

The annual County Bridge League tournament will be May 17-19. Telephone Pioneers of North Carolina will meet here May 24-26, and the North Carolina Chapter of the American Institute of Architects will meet June 20-22.

The tourist and convention committee, consisting of W. L. Derickson and Shelby Freeman, in addition to the chairman, have outlined the following program for the year:

1. To prepare an up-to-date list of hotels, motels, inns and rooming houses, showing location, accommodations, season and manager.

2. To prepare a listing of charter boats, showing whether inside or outside, rates, accommodations, location and captain.

3. To prepare a listing of meeting places available for convention banquets, conference rooms and registration space.

4. Make available services to assist in registration of convention guests.

5. Issue press releases on conventions planned for the area, giving as much information as can be obtained.

6. To aid the convention organization by sending its members, prior to the convention, descriptive literature about this area, and a special letter of invitation from the Chamber of Commerce.

7. Support the U. S. Highway 70 Association and All-Seashore Highway Association, to mail brochures to prospective visitors, circulate brochures at selected points to secure widest possible distribution, to maintain highway signs to attract visitors, support groups organized to attract tourists and conventions to this area.

Cool Air Masses Clear Skies Here
The mass of cool air passing through eastern North Carolina is responsible for the clearing of the skies, according to E. Stamey Davis, weather observer. Mr. Davis says that the unusually warm winds during the past weeks have been condensing over the water and forming dense fogs.

The temperatures have ranged from a high of 58 on Monday to a low of 33 Tuesday morning. Maximum and minimum temperatures and wind direction for the period follow:

Monday 58 49 NE
Tuesday 51 33 NE
Wednesday 55 35 SE

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A coroner's jury ruled "no negligence" on the part of Joe Whitley, Harkers Island, driver of the car which fatally injured 12-year-old Judy Ann Lewis of Harkers Island Thursday morning, Feb. 7.

The jury deliberated nine minutes Tuesday night at the courthouse before reaching its decision. The inquest was conducted by Coroner Leslie Springle.

The first witness was 10-year-old Diane Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Neal Davis, Harkers Island. She was with Judy Ann and Mary Ruth Willis at the time of the accident. All were walking to school.

According to Diane, she and Mary Ruth were walking along when "Judy caught up with us. Judy started to say something and then the car hit Judy and kept on and Judy started rolling down the road."

Diane said that Judy was 4 feet from the hard surface when she was hit. She said that she, Judy and Mary Ruth were "walking on the dirt."

Twelve-year-old Mary Ruth Willis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Guy Willis, Harkers Island, was the next witness. She said that they were walking on the right-hand side of the road, their backs to traffic. She had her books in one hand and had Judy's hand in the other "when the car hit Judy in the back and took her on. The car brushed my arm as it went by," she said.

In answer to a question by Gene Smith, attorney for Mr. Whitley, the witness said the car ran off the road "and when he tried to get back on the road, he took Judy with him."

Did Not See Car
Replying to another question by Mr. Smith, she said that they did not see the car before it hit Judy.

"Were you girls playing alongside the road?" the lawyer asked.

"No sir," Mary Ruth replied.

Coroner Springle asked if it was foggy and the witness said it wasn't.

David Yeomans, who took Judy Ann to the hospital, was called to the stand. He said it was about 8 or 8:10 in the morning on Feb. 7 when he was looking at his TV set and his wife was getting breakfast.

He said his wife called to him that some little girl was hit and he ran out and saw the girl lying by the fence in front of his house. Because he had no shoes on he went back in the house to finish dressing and when he came out of the house, Mr. Whitley was kneeling by the girl, holding her head.

"I got my car and backed out, and told them (people who had gathered at the scene) to bring her and put her in the car. She was bleeding pretty bad and I didn't go over there. They wrapped her in a blanket and put her in the car and I took off. That's all I know."

Under questioning by the jurors, Mr. Yeomans said that the Whitley car stopped about 15 feet from where Judy was lying.

In answer to a question by Mr. Smith, Mr. Yeomans said that he didn't notice any fog that morning, but that the road was wet. He also added that the books and papers Judy was carrying were strewn behind her body.

Patrolman Testifies
State Highway Patrolman J. W. Sykes was the last witness. When he arrived at the scene at about 8:45 a.m. he said the Whitley car, a 1951 Chevrolet was on the right side of the highway just east of the Harkers Island REA building.

He spoke to Mr. Whitley who told him that he was the driver of the car which struck the child. Mr. Whitley told him that he was taking his grandson to school and that it was foggy or misty. He said he ran into a patch of fog and felt that he hit something.

He said he didn't know whether it was a hog, a dog or a child and when he stopped he found that he had hit a child.

Patrolman Sykes then told of questioning the witnesses who had testified and said they told the same story as they did on the stand.

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letters individually to representatives at Raleigh.

A letter of protest, he added, is being sent by the Down East Lions Club and the president of the PTA.

"We want a 20 per cent pay increase," Mr. Johnson said. "Education in North Carolina needs it," he declared, "not just the teachers."

Stewart Daniels, principal of Smyrna School, said yesterday that teachers on the Smyrna faculty were not happy about the budget recommendation.

"Our teachers are writing letters to our representative and senators and we're working with Mr. Tarkington, who is legislative chairman of the county NCEA."

Mr. Lee said that all persons are invited to join the teachers in their crusade. "If they think we have a legitimate protest, we believe they can help us in a concerted effort to get a decent salary."

Fruitless Efforts
During the past two legislatures the teacher pay-raise issue has loomed larger and larger and never have the teachers' requests been met. This year for the first time, however, all education groups have agreed on what they want. There is a united front.

In the face of the 9.1 per cent pay raise recommendation, three representatives introduced in the House Tuesday a bill providing a 20 per cent raise for teachers. The bill was signed by R. Frank Everette of Martin County, Dr. J. M. Phelps of Washington and Jack Love of Mecklenburg.

Everette estimated his bill would cost an additional \$25 million over the budget estimate.

According to state figures, the state now pays its teachers an average of \$3,300 a year. With the 9.1 per cent increase, they would receive, on the average, \$3,630. The national average is \$4,200.

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Kenneth Fischler Heads Theatre

Kenneth Fischler, Morehead City, was elected president of the Carteret Community Theatre at a meeting Wednesday night at the recreation building, Morehead City. He succeeds Miss L. F. Giddens.

Other officers are C. A. Stone, vice-president; Thomas Respass, secretary; Jimmy Wheatley, treasurer, and Floyd Stewart, business manager.

A rising vote of thanks was given Miss Giddens for her outstanding work as president during the past year. The new officers will begin their terms next month.

Saturday night, March 30, was set as the date of the annual awards dinner. The place is to be announced. Mrs. Tressa Vickers was named dinner chairman.

Miss Ruth Peeling was appointed to buy the awards to be given the best actor, best actress and best director.

Walton Hamilton gave the treasurer's report. Net profit on the last play, Peg O' My Heart, was \$74.68. The recreation commission's share was \$37. Balance in the theatre treasury, excluding recent payment of patron memberships, is \$28.91.

Dates of the next play, Laura, were tentatively set. The play will be given on two nights, about the middle of March. Miss Joyce Willis has been named director, replacing Thomas Respass.

Visitors at the theatre meeting were Mrs. Lynn Herndon, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Chadwick, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Knight, and Mrs. Kenneth Fischler.

Miss Ada Allen Reports on Callers At New Library

Two "customers" called at the Newport branch library the first day it opened, Feb. 4, announces Miss Ada Allen, librarian.

On this past Monday, four called during the two-hour weekly library period and the circulation doubled.

Mrs. Dorothy Avery, director of the Carteret County library, who is supervisor of the Newport branch, expresses the hope that more adults and children in the Newport area will call at the free library Monday.

The library is located in the PTA center and is open each Monday from 2 to 4 p.m.

Letters

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aries for public school teachers, and North Carolina does have the resources at its command to begin meeting this need now.

Governor Hodges, you are the one man who can really intercede for a million school children — North Carolina's future. They will be the ultimate losers if you do not. I fervently hope that you will see fit to do so.

Respectfully submitted,
T. L. Lee, Principal
Morehead City Schools

Girl Scout Cookie Sale Will Begin Here Monday

Advance Group Sails for Vieques

Camp Lejeune — An advance echelon of the Marine Corps' Amphibious Training Group 1-57 embarked over the weekend from Morehead City, and the Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, for its tropical training base at Vieques Island, Puerto Rico.

The several hundred Marines, under the command of Lt. Col. R. B. Prescott, have been sent ahead to make preparations for the arrival of the main body of the training group early next month.

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The advanced party will ready camp sites and install principal communication lines, so that the Amphibious Training Group, commanded by Brig. Gen. Austin R. Brunelli, can commence its training immediately upon arrival.

Most of the advance party embarked Saturday aboard the USS Hermitage at Morehead City. A smaller group took off from Cherry Point by aircraft last Friday.

Included in this weekend's advance lift were detachments from the following Marine units: 2d Provisional Military Police Company; Amphibious Training Group Headquarters; Service Company of Support Group; Support Group Headquarters; Company "B" of the 2d Medical Battalion; 8th Marine Regiment; Company "A" of the 2d Engineering Battalion; 8th Communications Battalion; Marine Wing Service Group-27; and "A" Company, 2d Motor Transport Battalion (Reinforced).

Mohammed was born at Mecca, Arabia, in 570 A.D.

Girl Scouts throughout the county will start their annual cookie sale Monday. The sale will continue through March 4.

Mrs. Charles Todd, Morehead City, district cookie sale chairman, announces that two kinds of cookies will be available, cream sandwich and mint.

Scouts will pick up the boxes at the recreation center in Morehead City Monday afternoon. Price is 40 cents a box. Twelve hundred boxes have been ordered for troops in this county.

Five cents from each sale will be retained by the troop and the remainder of the proceeds will go for improved camping facilities.

Scouts will make door to door calls to sell the cookies.

The average carrying capacity of a railroad freight car is 53 tons.

Realtors Hear State President Tuesday Night

Gene Phillips Jr., Durham, president of the North Carolina Association of Real Estate Boards, was principal speaker at the Morehead City Board of Realtors meeting at the Sanitary Fish Market Restaurant Tuesday night.

Mr. Phillips and Harry Lewis, Greensboro, state secretary, are on a tour of the 37 real estate board organizations in North Carolina. They discussed new ideas they had picked up on their tour and gave information on future conventions and the realtors institute at UNC scheduled for June.

Mr. Phillips emphasized the importance of belonging to the state and national associations for real estate boards. One of the biggest services of the national organization, he said, is performed by the Washington committee.

This committee sends realtors advance information on proposed legislative changes and current activities in Washington as they affect the real estate business.

He discussed the tight mortgage financing market and said that the realtors were trying to ease the situation by tapping new trust funds, pension funds, and bank association funds for ready capital.

Members of the Morehead City group who were present include W. B. Chalk, Jerry Willis, John Baker, Herbert Phillips, Charles Freeman, Charles Stanley, Billy Corey, and John Crump.

Watch For DOLLAR DAYS BARGAINS IN THE TUESDAY EDITION OF THE NEWS-TIMES

Morehead City's Great Dollar Days Thursday, Friday & Saturday February 21 - 22 - 23

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