

Melva Taylor Hurt Saturday In Rifle Accident

A five-hour session on the operating table at Sea Level Hospital followed the accidental shooting at 4 p. m. Saturday of Melva Lane Taylor, 16, of Williston.

Miss Taylor was rushed to the hospital by her sister after a bullet from a .22 calibre rifle lodged in her abdomen. Sheriff Hugh Salter said that the bullet was accidentally fired by Willard Solie Sanders, 16.

Miss Taylor is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Taylor, Williston. She was reported in a fair condition at the hospital yesterday. According to the sheriff, Sanders, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Sanders, and Vannie Eugene Willis, 15, were shooting target back of the Taylor home. Melva and a friend, Sandra Ann Willis, 14, came along and the two boys went into a tool shed.

The girls went with them and while they were standing there, the gun went off. The bullet went through Melva's left arm and side and into her abdomen.

Sheriff Salter said that the rifle had a hair-like trigger action and Sanders' hand accidentally touched the trigger. No charges were filed against the youth.

Florida Strong-Arm Tactics Send Many Shrimpers Home

Many of the North Carolina shrimpers operating in Florida waters are coming home.

The state of Florida has suddenly clamped down on the taking of small shrimp. Shrimpers say the dealers want the small shrimp, but the state has announced that the small shrimp cannot be marketed.

Because the size of the mesh is not limited, small shrimp taking must be thrown overboard—dead. Deputies armed with pistols have boarded trawlers and examined catches. Some shrimp fishermen have been put in jail and others, who are able post bond, dealers have gone to the state capital, Tallahassee, to plead their case, but little is expected to result from their protests.

One deputy going aboard a North Carolina shrimper declared, "If you North Carolina fellows hadn't killed all the small and big shrimp in North Carolina, you wouldn't be down here!"

Shrimping, as a whole has been good in Florida, but many of the boats can't meet expenses now, since most of their catch has to be thrown overboard.

Although there was some talk of the large trawlers going into Georgia, dealers interested in the idea express some doubt that it would be worthwhile since it is so late in the season.

Easter Seal Sale To Start March 15



Mrs. Thomas L. Noe, general chairman for the 1957 Easter Seal campaign, has announced that the following members of the Morehead City Junior Woman's Club will be leaders of special committees for the campaign which opens March 15: Mrs. Welby Brown, auditing; Mrs. W. M. Brady, and Mrs. Silas Thorne, coin containers; Mrs. L. J. Norris Jr., Crippled Children's Day and schools; Miss Alida Willis, mail campaign; Mrs. Coolidge Merrill and Mrs. J. D. Holt, Lily Day; and Mrs. Roma Styrone, recording and reporting.

Special leaders who are not members of the club are Mrs. Zeb Mauney, society president; Nathan Garner, county treasurer; and Mrs. Ben Royal, Morehead City treasurer.

The county campaign will be conducted along with more than 1,655 other campaigns for crippled children in the 48 states, District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

Approximately 90 per cent of the funds raised during the Easter Seal campaign pays for services within North Carolina. The remainder goes to help support a national program of service, education, and research, Mrs. Noe reported. The Easter Seal Society nationwide has been serving the crippled for 36 years.

Three Men Face Court Charges Following Fight

As the result of a Saturday night fight at the Chatterbox, Morehead City roadhouse, three men face charges in court.

George Koonce, Broad Street, New Bern, has been charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. Victor J. Graves, a private in the Marine Corps, and C. J. Blackburn, Bridgeton, have been charged with fighting.

Koonce is in the Morehead City Hospital nursing a gash in the head inflicted by a blackjack. The blackjack was swung, Sheriff Hugh Salter said, by Philip Moore, who tried to break up the fight.

Graves was reportedly stabbed five times. He, too, is in the hospital.

The fracas started, according to the sheriff, in an argument between Graves and Koonce over Koonce's wife. He said that during the fray, Mrs. Koonce called out, "Stop my husband. He's got a knife!"

The fight started inside the Chatterbox and then moved outside. Moore is employed at the roadhouse by Harvey Lee, who operates the place.

The sheriff said that all three men involved in the fray had been drinking. Koonce and Graves were taken to the Morehead City Hospital by a Mr. Nowell. By the time the sheriff's department was notified, the men were already hospitalized.

The Chatterbox is located on Highway 70-A a short distance from the junction with Highway 70.

Deputy Sheriff Bobby Bell investigated.

County Board OK's Hiring Special Collector of Taxes

Commissioners Up Time on Lease For Pond Site

The county board decided yesterday to permit leasing of property in West Beaufort to Charles Davis and Eddie Copeland for 25 years for \$400 a year.

The only dissenting vote came from Commissioner Skinner Chalk who said that he felt the period was too long for too little money.

The board agreed several months ago to lease the property for 10 years, with option to renew, but Davis and Copeland felt that their intended investment of \$21,000 was too much to put in an enterprise that may be in their hands for only 10 years.

This information was conveyed to the board by Alvah Hamilton, who represented Davis and Copeland in the matter several months ago, was at the meeting and said that the prospective lessees did not like a clause in the lease which stipulates that the county may take the property over at any time.

Wanted Copy of Lease Commissioner Chalk said that he didn't see how the county could make a decision without the proposed lease in hand. Mr. Taylor said he didn't have a copy of the lease with him.

Davis and Copeland plan on building a sports fishing pond on the property which is west of the West Beaufort bridge. Mr. Hamilton presented a sketch of the proposed pond. It would have an island in the middle and spillage from dredging would be deposited as banks around the property.

Mr. Davis and Mr. Copeland propose to stock the pond with 125,000 pounds of fish. Flood gates would allow the free flow of tide in the pond.

Mr. Hamilton commented that on a previous occasion only one objection was voiced and that came from Harvey Smith, who

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Supreme Court Will Hear Motion

To be heard before the State Supreme Court next Monday is a motion to dismiss an appeal filed by plaintiffs in the Newport water case.

The motion, filed last Tuesday, requests dismissal of the suit on the basis of its being frivolous and an attempt to delay installation of the town-wide Newport water system.

Defendants in the case are Newport town officials. The plaintiffs are a group of Newport residents objecting to borrowing \$120,000 to put the system in.

Play to be Given March 21, 23

Laura, a thrilling murder drama, will be presented by the Carteret Community Theatre Thursday and Saturday, March 21 and 23. Curtain will rise each night at 8 p. m. at the recreation building on Shepard Street.

Tickets may be obtained from theatre members or at the door. Patrons of the Carteret Community Theatre will be welcomed for the first time and will be seated in a reserved section.

Refreshments will be on sale during intermission.

Setting of the play is in New York City and the story revolves about the murder of a beautiful girl in her penthouse apartment.

Mrs. Lynn Herndon plays the part of Laura. Other members of the cast are Ralph Knight, Ernest Carlson, Donald Chadwick, Jimmy Wheatley, Mary Smith, and Romelda Sheppard.

The play is being directed by Joyce Willis.

Exchange Pupils To Talk to AAUW

A French student who is attending high school at Goldsboro and a German student who is attending high school at Kinston will be the guest speakers at the meeting of the American Association of University Women Friday night.

Junior and senior high school students of the county, as well as their teachers and principals, are invited. The meeting will begin at 8 p. m. in the civic center, 9th and Evans Streets, Morehead City.

Mrs. Clarence Guthrie, Beaufort, is in charge of the program. The students will be the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George McNeill, Morehead City, prior to the meeting.

They are studying in this country under an exchange program. After the students speak, refreshments will be served and the AAUW will then conduct its business session.

Down East Firemen Will Meet Tonight

The Down East Fire Department will meet at 7:30 tonight at the community building, Davis.

Efforts will be made to promote more interest in Davis residents' joining the fire department and Cdr. William Lewis, county Civil Defense director, will speak on forming a Civil Defense organization in Davis.

William Gorges, secretary of the fire department, says that 1957 memberships are coming in slowly. Homeowners who take a membership are entitled to free fire protection throughout the year.

Farmers Must Act at Once To Get Civil Defense Funds

Farmers interested in the county's getting federal Civil Defense funds for clearance of farm streams are asked to go to the courthouse immediately to pick up form letters to be filled out.

Moses Howard, chairman of the county board, said that the county has to get its applications to Thomasville, Ga., by Sunday, March 10.

Before March 10, the county will have to compile the necessary figures, so the farmers must return their reports on hurricane loss no later than Thursday to the farm agent's office.

A full copy of the letter to be followed was published in THE NEWS-TIMES Jan. 11. Farmers were asked to copy the letter, fill in the blanks, and return it to county officials.

Deputy to Go After Unpaid Personal Property Taxes

The county board of commissioners, in session yesterday morning at the courthouse, authorized the hiring of a deputy tax collector to assist the tax collector, Eugene Moore, in collecting delinquent personal property taxes.

The board expressed the hope that the deputy collector would have to work only two to three months to clean up unpaid personal property taxes for 1955 and prior years.

Taxes Due on Cars Mr. Moore and Sheriff Hugh Salter estimated that between a quarter and a half of the unpaid personal property taxes were on cars. The tax collector said the only way to get the tax was to request payment under threat of taking away the car.

"If they don't pay, we'll tow the car in," Mr. Moore said. He said that it would be impossible to do that himself, that he would need help. For that reason, the board authorized hiring a deputy collector.

Mr. Moore will find his man and the board will confirm the appointment.

Continual Problem Collection of personal property taxes, a constant headache, came up again at the board meeting when Commissioner Skinner Chalk asked Mr. Moore how many legal papers had been drawn to serve on the backsliders.

Mr. Moore said that about 250 executions had been turned over to the sheriff but only a few had been served. Sheriff Hugh Salter said that he did not intend to get into the tax collecting business and turn widows out into the street.

Commissioner Chalk said he was not interested in working a hardship on widows, but he said that people who can afford to pay their taxes aren't paying them.

Mr. Moore said that he had collected between \$1,500 and \$1,800 on delinquent 1955 personal property taxes. He estimates that personal property taxes, past due, amount to \$30,000.

The tax collector said that if the board did not see fit to hire a deputy collector, he would do the best he could to collect the taxes "like I always have."

The board agreed to pay the deputy collector 25 per cent commission on all back taxes he collects.

Firemen Show Movies Saturdays

To raise money to pay for their fire station, known as the recreation building, the Down East firemen show a movie at the building, Atlantic, every Saturday night.

The firemen have painted the inside of the building, formerly a theatre, and have sanded and painted the floor.

Officers of the department express their appreciation to George Huntley Jr. of Beaufort for his help in getting material for the work, also to the volunteer firemen who did the work.

The building is being paid for at the rate of a hundred dollars a month, the debt to be paid over a period of four years.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the department is welcome at the meetings. They are held the first Tuesday of every month. The meeting tonight is at 7:30 at the community building, Davis.

Driver Injured, Cited to Court

Charles Quintin Willis, Davis, has been cited on three counts as the result of a wreck at 6:35 p. m. Saturday on the Beaufort-Morehead City causeway. He was in the Morehead City Hospital yesterday suffering from bruises.

Willis has been charged with driving drunk, driving without lights, and careless and reckless driving. He will be tried in Morehead City recorder's court March 18.

Also involved in the wreck was Jerry Lee Jones, route 1 Morehead City, who was driving a 1953 Ford, and a 1955 Mercury station wagon parked on the right side of the road. The Mercury was owned by Mardis Kent Bentley, Greensboro, who had stopped at one of the cottages along the causeway.

Jones told Patrolman Sykes that he was headed toward Beaufort and saw a hitch-hiker. He pulled to the right to pick up the man, Larry Ellsworth, a Cherry Point Marine.

As he started off, he looked behind him and seeing nothing, proceeded. As he did so the car driven by Willis rammed into him. When Jones saw the impending collision, he tried to pull to the right again, but it was too late. He was shoved into the parked station wagon.

Jones' car was a total loss. Damage to Willis' car was \$700 and damage to the station wagon was \$150.

Automobile Accidents Keep Morehead Officers Busy

Six traffic accidents occurred in Morehead City between 9:30 a. m. Friday and 7:10 p. m. Sunday. No one was injured in any of the accidents, but damage to vehicles involved ran close to two thousand dollars.

The first accident of the weekend was at the intersection of Fourth and Arendell Streets. A 1947 Chevrolet truck driven by Herman W. Merrill, route 1 Beaufort, and a 1955 Plymouth driven by Mrs. Leona G. Russell Marshallberg, collided when Mr. Merrill started to turn left from Arendell Street. Mrs. Russell was going west on Arendell.

Damage to the truck was estimated at \$150. The car was damaged more severely, and Sgt. Homer Lewis, who investigated, estimated the damage at \$300.

Crash at Intersection Sergeant Lewis investigated a second accident Friday afternoon. Andrew R. Thrower, Morehead City, and Llewellyn Phillips Jr., Morehead City, collided at the intersection of 14th and Fisher Streets.

Thrower pulled out of 14th Street and Phillips was driving west on Fisher Street. A truck parked at the corner obstructed the vision of both drivers, police said. Damage to the Chevrolet was estimated at \$75. Damage to the Buick was estimated at \$100.

Capt. C. E. Bunch investigated a third accident Friday. He said Charles T. Lynch backed a 1956 Plymouth from a parking space on N. Seventh Street and hit a car owned by Mrs. A. T. Bowen, Beaufort, which was parked across the street. Lynch's car was not damaged, but \$75 damage was estimated for the parked car.

Driver Cited Nathaniel McFadden, Morehead City, has been charged with failure to yield the right-of-way as the result of an accident at the corner of 13th and Arendell Streets Saturday morning.

McFadden was driving a 1953 Ford truck south on 13th Street and hit the left side of a 1955 Chevrolet driven by William B. Harris of Newport, who was driving east on Arendell, said Lt. Joe Smith who investigated. He es-

Five Colored Boys Cited to Court

Five colored school students have been cited to appear in county recorder's court Thursday, announces Beaufort Police Chief Guy Springle. The boys allegedly threw stones and brick bats through a window of Randolph Johnson's house on Queen Street. Mr. Johnson is principal of Queen Street School.

The incident occurred Monday night, but Chief Springle did not complete his investigation and cite the boys to court until Saturday. Those who will appear in court are Robert Lee Davis, Teames Davis, Alfred Washington, Walter Fulford, and Ray Fenderson.

Nurses' Representative To Meet with Trustees

David P. Willis, Morehead City Hospital administrator, reported yesterday that a representative of the registered nurses at the hospital will be present at the next board meeting Thursday, March 14.

At that time the proposed salary adjustment for nurses will be discussed.

Frederick Sahlmann, Elon College Pianist, to Appear with Symphony

Frederick Sahlmann, pianist, will be guest soloist with the North Carolina Little Symphony Orchestra for the concert to be played for the Morehead City-Beaufort members of the Symphony Society Tuesday, March 12, at 8 o'clock in the Beaufort School Auditorium.

The talented concert pianist, who is a member of the faculty of Elon College, will open the second half of the program by playing the Liszt Concerto for Piano and Orchestra, No. 1 in E flat major.

Dr. Benjamin Swalin will direct the concert program, which has been carefully selected to combine the best in symphonic music with lighter, popular numbers.

The program will open with the Overture to Mozart's great opera, The Marriage of Figaro. Also in the first half will be the lively Concerto Grosso in D minor by Vivaldi, and Seigfried Idyll, which Wagner wrote to celebrate the birth of his son.

Following the piano concerto, the second half of the program will continue with a group combining Debussy's impressionistic Clair de Lune and Strauss' dashing Fireworks Polka with short selections from three contemporary American composers, Aaron Copland, Arthur Benjamin and William Kroll.

Tone Poem From Copland, the orchestra will present the tone poem, John Henry, based on the folk song of the same name, which tells the story of the legendary strong man's fatal conflict with the steam engine. Benjamin will be represented by Jamaican Rumba, which features the maracas, xylophone and bells. The distinguished violinist, Kroll, originally wrote for the violin and piano the spirited Banjo and Fiddle which the orchestra will play.

The program will close with five excerpts from Cole Porter's musical hit, Kiss Me, Kate. Sahlmann holds bachelor of arts

Marine Injured As Car Hits Pole

Marijan Lovreta, Camp Lejeune, is in the Naval Hospital at Lejeune recovering from injuries received when his car crashed into a telephone pole at 6:05 p. m. Thursday eight miles west of Morehead City on Highway 24.

Lovreta, who was alone, sustained head, back and shoulder injuries. Driving a 1956 Chevrolet, he was headed east when he ran off the right side of the road, swerved over to the left, back to the right and into the pole which he snapped in two.

State Highway Patrolman J. W. Sykes said the car was demolished. It traveled 80 feet after striking the pole.

The patrolman said that Lovreta had been receiving treatment in the Lejeune Hospital because he blacked out frequently. He had been discharged and apparently blacked out Thursday night and wrecked the car. Charges are pending.

Newport Finishes Religious Survey

A community-wide religious survey of the Newport area was completed Thursday by the Saint James Methodist Church. The survey was conducted by the membership and evangelism committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. Floyd Garner.

A group of 11 workers attended an instruction period conducted by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Ralph L. Fleming Jr. and during the past week the census workers contacted every home in the Newport area.

The primary purpose of a religious census is to discover the persons for whom each church is responsible, Mr. Fleming said. Information secured from this census, will be shared with the other churches of the area.

This religious census is the first phase of the annual evangelistic emphasis of the St. James Methodist Church, which will culminate in a series of revival services March 17-22, with the Rev. W. N. Howard of Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church, Greenville, the guest preacher.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar

HIGH Tuesday, March 5 4:25 a.m.
10:38 p.m.

LOW 4:25 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6 4:53 a.m.
11:18 p.m.

Thursday, March 7 5:28 a.m.
5:25 p.m.

Friday, March 8 6:15 a.m.
6:15 p.m.

Patrolman J. W. Sykes Speaks to Lions Club

State Highway Patrolman J. W. Sykes was the guest speaker at the recent Down East Lions Club meeting at the Sea Level Inn. He spoke on pending legislation proposed by the State Department of Motor Vehicles.

Two new members, Ed Willard, Sea Level, and John Hill, Atlantic, were admitted to the club. A guest at the meeting was Brantley Morris, Atlantic. Fourteen Lions attended. The club will meet again at the inn Monday, March 11.