

9-Year-Old Louis Johnson To Undergo Heart Surgery

Two Children Hurt When Hit By Car Tuesday

Accident Occurs West Of Morehead City In Late Afternoon

Two colored children, 2-year-old Rupert Bell, and 5-year-old Thomas Edward Bell, are in Morehead City Hospital recovering from injuries received at 4:05 p.m. Tuesday when they were struck by a car on Highway 70 just west of the Highway 24 intersection.

The car was driven by Gail Patricia Evans, 2003 Evans St., Morehead City. Miss Evans, a student at New Bern High School, was proceeding west and the children were crossing Highway 70, near their home, from the south to the north side.

Didn't See Car

Patrolman R. H. Brown, who investigated, said the left door of the car hit the youngsters. He questioned the little boy at the hospital and he told the patrolman that he looked before he and his sister started to cross the highway but didn't see the car coming.

Neither of the children had any broken bones. Thomas suffered severe bruises and brush burns of the face and body. Rupert also had brush burns on the face and a badly sprained knee.

Tries to Avoid Accident

Miss Evans was driving a 1950 Studebaker. Patrolman Brown said she was going about 50 miles an hour and swerved to the right to avoid hitting the children, skid and hit a mailbox.

The children were taken to the hospital in Dill's ambulance. No charges have been filed against Miss Evans. Riding with her was Miss Marcia Kersey, 17, Havelock. Parents of the accident victims are Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Bell, route 1 Newport.

Bill Would Set Drunk Penalties

A bill setting maximum penalties for public drunkenness in this county was passed by the Senate this week. It was introduced by Sen. Luther Hamilton. The bill, No. 328, sets penalties as follows: Fifty dollars' fine or 30 days' imprisonment for the first offense, \$100 fine or 60 days' imprisonment for the second offense within 12 months and punishment, as misdemeanor, in the discretion of the court, for a third offense within 12 months.

Introduced in the House recently was a bill that would permit local voters to choose members of the County Board of Education. At present the General Assembly appoints the board of education members upon recommendation of local county officials.

Drama Group to Meet

The Carteret County Outdoor Historical Drama Association will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the home of Mrs. G. W. Duncan, Beaufort.

Principal T. L. Lee Says 'Nobody's Satisfied' with 15 Per Cent Raise

"We hope Rep. D. G. Bell and Sen. Luther Hamilton will hold out for a 19.31 per cent pay raise for teachers," T. Lenwood Lee, principal of the Morehead City High School, said this week.

Mr. Lee's statement followed the announcement Wednesday that the board of managers of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers, meeting at Durham, had voted unanimously to keep pressing for the 19.31 per cent raise despite Gov. Luther Hodges' "second thought" recommendation for a 15 per cent hike.

"Nobody's satisfied with the 15 per cent," Mr. Lee said. "We feel as though the governor has let us down."

Governor Hodges proposed a 15 per cent raise for teachers and an 11 per cent raise for state employees in a joint session of the legislature Tuesday, April 9.

Under the program to provide an extra \$25 million for pay raises, the following is proposed:

1. Use \$10 million budgeted for permanent improvements and replace it with a \$10 million bond issue.

2. Use \$4,289,000 budgeted from the General Fund for support of a separate Prisons Department and leave the Highway Fund with

Nine-year-old Louis Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Johnson, Beaufort, is in Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, where he is scheduled to undergo a serious heart operation.

Louis's father is the principal of Queen Street School. Louis was a "blue baby," or in medical language, suffers from Fallot's tetralogy. Because of the serious heart ailment, Louis has had to lead a very quiet life, frequently seized with attacks of being unable to get his breath.

The Johnsons took their son to Baltimore Wednesday where he will be under observation three or four days. If the doctors decide to operate now, the operation will probably take place sometime next week.

Louis is looking forward to the operation because he's confident that the doctors can fix up his heart so that he'll be "able to play ball like the other kids."

A blue baby has four abnormalities in the heart, an artery (aorta) which straddles both the right and left ventricles, a hole between the



Louis Johnson . . . eager for operation

ventricles, a narrowing of the pulmonary valve, or the neck of the right ventricle, and a greatly enlarged right ventricle.

Ventricles are the lower two of the heart's four chambers.

Mr. Johnson says that two of the world's foremost heart surgeons, Dr. Alfred Blalock, and Pediatrician Helen Taussig, will perform the operation. They are developers of the operation and since 1944 Dr. Blalock and his assistants have done 1,500. Of that number 85 per cent have been successful.

The Johnsons have one other child, a little girl, who is normal. Because of their interest in Louis, every class in Queen Street School contributed to the recent heart fund drive, raising a total of \$75.90.

Play Try-Outs Will Take Place at 8:30 Monday Night

Persons interested in trying out for the forthcoming Community Theatre play, Blithe Spirit, are invited to the recreation building, Morehead City, at 8:30 Monday night.

Lynn Herndon, director, says that four women are in the cast as well as two men "on the middle-aged side."

Although the theatre had hoped to have three summer plays, difficulty has developed in that project and Mrs. Herndon says that Blithe Spirit will probably be the third regular-season play this year.

The Bishop's Mantle, originally scheduled to be presented this season, will be given next fall.

Fabulous Check Brings TV Recognition to Morehead

Morehead City made the Dave Garroway television show Tuesday morning! And all because Fred Clarkson of Morehead City sent Mr. Garroway a check for \$100,000—signed by Santa Claus.

Mr. Clarkson, who is in charge of development of Pine Knoll Shores, the Roosevelt property on Bogue Banks, sent the following letter along with the check:

Pine Knoll Shores
Morehead City, N. C.
April 16, 1957

Dear Dave:
"Ask and thou shalt receive . . . On your "Today" program this morning when opening letters, you made the remark that one of these days a letter would have a check in it for one hundred thousand dollars.

Morehead City Honors Dr. B. F. Royal With Title, Citizen of the Century

Raging Fire Rips Through 10 Acres of Croatan Forest

Ten acres of the Croatan National Forest between Newport and Cherry Point were turned into an inferno Tuesday as fire swept through an area that extended from Highway 70 to Highway 101.

Five hundred Cherry Point Marines were called out to fight the blaze which endangered homes and trailer parks east of the air station.

The state tractor stationed in Carteret County was sent to the scene, reported county forest ranger

E. M. Foreman, county forest ranger, announces that all burning permits are cancelled until further notice. The dry weather has made it necessary to call a halt to all burning.

ger E. M. Foreman. Mr. Foreman said that had there been a high wind, the base would have been in serious danger.

The fire is believed to have been started by someone throwing a lighted cigarette from a car on Highway 101. Because the woods are so dry, the blaze ripped scarily through the trees.

Brig. Gen. E. A. Montgomery, commanding general at the base, ordered out the fire-fighters, bulldozers, road graders and all the fire-fighting equipment at Cherry Point.

Jerry Schumacher, Morehead City photographer, was taking pictures of a new crane being used by the State Highway Commission when, he said, a fire started in nearby woods in an area about 8 feet in diameter.

Men started to beat the blaze out with tarpaulins but within "less than a minute the fire was a mile down the road," Mr. Schumacher declared.

"I've never seen anything like it," he added. "It looked as though the tops of the trees exploded. I hate to think what would have

Coast Guard Station Gets Three Calls for Help

Marine Bases, TV To Go 'Daylight'

Marine bases and TV stations will be on daylight saving time after Saturday midnight.

The "fast time" will allow Marines and civilian workers to go to work early and get home early enough to enjoy four hours of summer sun. For the old-fashioned standard timers, all TV programs will come on "an hour earlier." TV schedules in the paper have been changed accordingly.

Carteret County and most of eastern Carolina will remain on standard time.

Three boating accidents were reported to the Coast Guard station, Fort Macon, this week. The accidents involved boats ranging from a \$100,000 yacht to a 12-foot outboard motorboat.

The yacht Roja ran aground a short distance north of the Morehead City drawbridge Tuesday morning. The 56-footer was being taken to Baltimore by its owner, Miss R. S. Hubbard.

EN/2 Ronald Quiddle and SN Aulcie Farmer went out in the Coast Guard's 40-footer and stood by until high tide. To keep the yacht from keeling over, they put a hawser aboard the yacht and held her steady with the Coast Guard boat.

The Roja ran aground at 7:15 a.m. and it was nearly noon before the tide was high enough to help float her free.

A runaway 14-foot outboard caused trouble Monday. Billy Jenkins of Greenville and two friends came to Morehead City to water ski. Two boys were in the boat and one was on skis when the accident occurred.

The skier fell and Jenkins cut back to pick him up. He cut too sharply, and he and his companion fell out of the boat.

Bill Price of Morehead City notified Fort Macon that a boat was running in tight circles with no one aboard. It came ashore near 21st Street.

EM/1 Gerald Salter, EM/2 James Manette, SN Kerry Lewis

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Yours very truly,
Fred Clarkson

The camera panned in and the check was flashed on the screen, a check, incidentally, on the Commercial National Bank, Morehead City.

As luck would have it, Mr. Clarkson was not watching the show Tuesday morning. He watched faithfully for several days after his check went off to Mr. Garroway. But Tuesday morning Mr. Clarkson left the house before Dave started to open his mail, and his wife had to telephone him the good news at the office.



Being demonstrated Tuesday near the air base was the equipment at left which has been acquired by the State Highway Commission. The crane digs a ditch and pictures of it were being taken by Jerry Schumacher, Morehead City, when the fire broke out in this area. The "demonstration ditch" was put to good use in preventing spread of the fire.

happened if a person had been in those woods?"

In many forest fires, when the woods are dry, the flame will creep underground and burst into the open far from the place where the fire started.

A Marine base spokesman said the fire started at 11 a.m. Mr. Schumacher was shooting pictures on Highway 70 at 2:30 p.m. The blaze was brought under control at about 4 o'clock.

Frank Potter to Receive Eagle Scout Award Sunday

Frank Potter, 16, Beaufort, will receive the Eagle Scout award at the 11 a.m. worship service in Ann Street Methodist Church Sunday. Potter will become the second active Eagle Scout in the county. John Staton, Beaufort, also holds the Eagle rating.

Frank, who has been active in the Scouts since 1951, has collected 22 merit badges. Part of his work toward the Eagle rank was done without the benefit of belonging to an active troop.

His troop, 51, of Beaufort, did not renew its charter last year. He has been working on his own since that time. Advancement chairman Bob Slater, Beaufort, says that this makes Frank's award even more noteworthy.

A special section of the church will be reserved for Scouts and leaders. Mr. Slater says he hopes to have 150 persons sitting in the reserved section.

Eagle Scout Staton and Frank's father, James H. Potter III will serve as honor guard for the ceremonies. They will bring him to the front of the church where District Scout Chairman Bob Howard will make the presentation.

Mr. Howard will pin the Eagle Scout badge on Frank, who in turn will give a similar pin to his

mother, signifying that she is the mother of an Eagle Scout.

Frank's merit badges include safety, citizenship in the nation, citizenship in the community, citizenship in the home, nature, fishing, canoeing, camping, pioneering.

Firemanship, forestry, personal health, public health, art, cooking, first aid, life saving, swimming, personal fitness, rowing, reading and home repairs.

One-week civil term court will open at 10 Monday morning with Judge J. Paul Frizelle presiding. Three uncontested divorces will open the docket.

Five cases are also slated for Monday, six for Tuesday and nine for Wednesday. The term will end Thursday with four cases on the docket.

Patrol Cars in Plainclothes

The House and Senate have taken final action on legislation to allow the State Highway Patrol to cruise in unmarked cars. The patrol may use up to 21 per cent of its cars "incognito."

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Mayor George W. Dill, Morehead City, conferred the honor on Dr.

LATE BULLETIN

William Taylor, treasurer of the Taylor brothers enterprises, yesterday informed J. A. DuBois, manager of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, that the "Bogue Sound Club" will be known in the future as the Morehead Biltmore Hotel.

The Taylor brothers, who have contracted to purchase the hotel, hope to have it open by June 15. There are plans to build a yacht basin, swimming pool and after this season, an addition to the hotel.

Mr. DuBois made announcement of the plans at the chamber dinner last night.

ing the business session, commit-Royal at the chamber dinner last night. The event climaxed the evening's program at the recreation building which started with a buffet supper.

W. B. Chalk, president of the chamber, was toastmaster. Durtee chairman gave reports.

The two speakers were Fred

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Woman Faces Two Charges

Mrs. Gwendolyn L. Forster, 28th and Bridges Streets, Morehead City, will be tried in Morehead City Recorder's Court Monday on charges of driving drunk and hit and run.

Mrs. Forster was picked up by State Highway Patrolman J. W. Sykes after Daniel Sadler, Beaufort, reported to the patrolman that the woman hit his automobile and kept going.

The accident occurred at 2:45 p.m. Wednesday on Highway 70 in front of Cannon's boatworks, west of Morehead City.

Sadler was getting ready to turn left into the boatworks when, Patrolman Sykes says, Mrs. Forster in a 1949 Plymouth coupe, rammed him from the rear.

She kept going and then pulled off to the right at Mansfield and Sadler, who followed her, asked her to wait for the police. She refused to do it, so he took her license number and turned it over to the highway patrol.

The front end of the Plymouth was badly damaged and damage to Sadler's Ford was estimated at \$25.

Wreck Sends Two Drivers to Court

Citations were issued to each of two drivers involved in a wreck at 5:30 p.m. Saturday in front of Willie Gray's junkyard, west of Morehead City.

Walter C. Helms Sr., Morehead City, was charged with failing to yield right of way, and Anthony Lee Daugherty, also of Morehead City, was charged with careless and reckless driving.

Patrolman J. W. Sykes said that Helms, in a 1951 Buick, going west, pulled out from the west end of Arendell Street into the path of a 1951 Pontiac going west on old Highway 70. The Pontiac was driven by Daugherty.

Daugherty swerved to the right to avoid the collision, his right fender hitting the abutment at the base of the railroad sign. He came to a stop in front of Loekhart's Millworks.

The case, scheduled for hearing in court yesterday, has been continued until May 9.

Highway Extension

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Dr. B. F. Royal . . . No. 1 Citizen

Jaycees Begin Plans for Two Summer Events

The Morehead City Jaycees began plans for their annual teenage rodeo and Miss Morehead City contest Monday night. They met at Hotel Fort Macon. Hugh Porter was appointed chairman of the rodeo committee, and Bob McLean was appointed chairman of the beauty pageant.

Dates for the two events have not been set, but the rodeo will be in May and the pageant in June.

Officers will be installed at a dinner meeting at the Blue Ribbon Club May 6. Awards to be presented include the key man award and two directors awards.

The Jaycee ninth district fourth quarterly meeting is scheduled for tomorrow and Sunday in Morehead City.

Registration will be at the Atlantic Beach Hotel tomorrow from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. During the afternoon Jaycees are invited to participate in a nine-hole golf tournament at the Morehead City Country Club.

Jaycee wives will be free to play bridge at the hotel, lounge on the beach, or watch a fashion show. The show begins on the beach at 3 p.m.

Tomorrow evening there will be a cocktail party at the hotel followed by a dance at the Blue Ribbon Club. Skin Jones and his orchestra will furnish the music.

The business meeting will be Sunday morning in the Morehead Theatre. Breakfast will be served the Jaycees attending. The ladies will be offered a guided tour of Fort Macon. The visitors will return home Sunday afternoon.

Hog Theft Case Moved to May 9

The case of five men charged with stealing hogs has been continued in county recorder's court until Thursday, May 9.

Charged with taking hogs belonging to Allen Dudley, Morehead City, are Anthony Lee Daugherty, Thomas Bryant, Sam Sutton, Ray Harper, and Henry Bell, all of Morehead City.

Sheriff Hugh Salter said yesterday that the defendants have taken five hogs from Dudley at various times since Christmas. The men were apprehended Friday by Deputy Sheriffs Bruce Edwards and Bobby Bell.

After taking their car to the Dudley hog lot off Highway 70, the men took the pigs to New Bern and sold them to slaughter houses. The hogs were rescued alive and returned to their owner, the sheriff reported.

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