

Martha Bell Suffers Gunshot Wounds in Legs Friday Night

Chamber Guest Formerly Held Fisheries Post

Eric W. Rodgers, newspaper publisher who will speak at the Sea Level Chamber of Commerce meeting Friday night, is former chairman of the state commercial fisheries committee.

Mr. Rodgers, who publishes the Commonwealth, weekly newspaper at Scotland Neck, has long been interested in the advantages the coast has to offer the rest of the state. "He has been tireless in promoting the coast and working for solutions to its problems," says Cecil Morris, Atlantic, present chairman of the commercial fisheries committee and personal friend of Mr. Rodgers.

The chamber meeting will begin with a baked ham dinner at 7:30 p.m. at the Sea Level Inn.

During the business session members of the board of directors for the coming year will be elected. Clayton Fulcher Jr., president, will preside.

The chamber has been functioning recently with Joe Mason, Atlantic, as acting manager.

Martha Bell, Negro resident of Beaufort, who was accidentally shot at her home on Mulberry Street Friday night, is recovering in the Morehead City Hospital.

Mrs. Bell suffered gunshot wounds in both her legs. The injury was quite severe and she lost a great deal of blood. She was operated on and yesterday was reported to be getting along all right.

According to Chief of Police Guy Springle, the wounds were accidentally inflicted by her grandson, William Lloyd Hardesty Jr. Hardesty told the chief that Mrs. Bell, his grandmother, grabbed the shotgun to take it from him. As she did so, it went off.

He claimed that he went after the .12 gauge gun when his father, William Sr. struck his mother on the side of her neck with his fist, when his mother fell to the living room floor, he ran to the hall and got the gun.

He said that his father was going out the front door then and his grandmother tried to get the gun. She is over 60 years of age.

The incident happened about 10 p.m. The chief said he didn't know why Hardesty up and struck his wife. According to the story the boy told, Hardesty just walked in the front door and knocked his wife down.

The Hardesty family has been making its home with Martha Bell and her husband, Aaron. No charges were filed, the chief said, but he has ordered Hardesty to stay away from the house.

Fishermen Work On New Program For Research

The Combat, research vessel working for the federal Fish and Wildlife Service, will be in North Carolina waters for the first week in June to carry out projects suggested by commercial fishermen at a meeting at New Bern Friday afternoon.

"There was enough suggested to keep a research vessel busy for two or three years," said G. B. Talbot, head of the fisheries laboratory on Pivers Island, "but we'll do the best we can."

Fishermen are interested in exploration of the deep-water areas off the coast.

Deep-Water Shrimp?
The June searches will be specifically concerned with looking for shrimp beds. The area set up is between Cape Hatteras and Cape Lookout, a distance of about 65 miles beyond the 20-fathom depth.

Another area, which was sketchily explored by the service on a previous occasion, lies between Cape Hatteras and Cape Fear, the

Few Candidates Draw Opposition In Contests for Municipal Office

Chamber Surveys Past, Present At Membership Meeting Thursday



Dr. Ben Royal, left, and Mrs. Royal, admire the gold pocket watch presented to him Thursday night by Mayor George W. Dill on behalf of the citizens of Morehead City. Engraved on the back of the watch were the words, "Citizen of the Century, Morehead City Centennial, Dr. Ben F. Royal, 1857-1957."

The 150 guests at the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce banquet Thursday night were treated to a program dedicated to both the past and future of Morehead City. The banquet was at the Morehead City recreation building.

Charles Markey, general chairman of the centennial committee, gave some of the highlights of the first 100 years in Morehead City. His question, "How far can we go ahead looking back?" was answered in part by himself.

He said that it was good to look back to evaluate progress so long as it did not interfere with looking forward. This was emphasized by Mayor George W. Dill who conferred the title, Citizen of the Century, on Dr. Benjamin F. Royal.

Mayor Speaks
Mayor Dill said that Dr. Royal was able to remember many of the important events in the history of Morehead City but still thought of the future rather than the past.

Dr. Royal said, "I don't mind growing old. I have enjoyed every minute of it." The honor was a complete surprise to the doctor, who has been a prime mover in such civic projects as building the Morehead City Hospital, development of the port terminal and locating Cherry Point south of the Neuse River.

Okahoman Speaks
Charles Hassing, Hugo, Okla., was the principal speaker at the banquet. Mr. Hassing is president of the National US 70 Association. His theme, too, was the progress of Morehead City.

He showed how the city's growth would be affected by the advertising of Highway 70 as a coast-to-coast highway. "Think big and talk tall," Mr. Hassing advised the members of the chamber.

Committee reports were given by Bud Dixon, membership; Dick Parker, advertising; Jack Lewis, merchants; and P. H. Geer Jr., transportation.

Chamber president W. B. Chalk acted as master of ceremonies. He recognized members of the various civic clubs who attended the banquet as units. They were the Emeritus Club, Rotary Club, Lions Club and Jaycees.

Joe DuBois, chamber manager, gave a report on the progress of the chamber during the past six months. He pointed with pride to a sign which the chamber has had since 1950. The sign states three objectives of the chamber: Southern Railroad, port development and a resort hotel.

Mr. DuBois said that the Southern was getting closer every day. "Things are looking up for the port, too. New warehouses and a deeper channel are in sight," he said.

"The Morehead Biltmore Hotel (formerly the Bogue Sound Club) should be ready for business by June 15. The chamber has been working hard for these and other improvements in Morehead City and their accomplishment is a sign of sure progress," the chamber manager said.

Fred Clarkson, developer of Pine Knoll Shores, who was scheduled to be on the program, was not present.

The lines have been drawn for the May 7 election "battles" in Morehead City, Beaufort and Newport. But there will be little battle to it in Beaufort and Morehead City. Newport might see a few sparks, but that's about the sum of it.

Candidates for municipal office in Beaufort had until 4 p.m. yesterday to file. The deadline for filing was originally set as Friday at the April town board meeting, but reference was made to the town charter and it was learned that candidates could file until seven days prior to the election.

Mayor Clifford Lewis is unopposed for the highest position. William J. Mishaal, sexton at the Ann Street Methodist Church, has filed for commissioner as have the incumbents, William Roy Hamilton, Math Chaplain, James Rumley, Otis Mades, and Gerald Hill.

Registration has been extremely light. Only seven new registrants came forth in Morehead City. The registration books closed Saturday night.

In Morehead City John Lashley faces opposition for the office of clerk of court; six men are running for the five commissioner posts and three persons are running for the two positions open on the hospital board of trustees.

Mayor George W. Dill faces no opposition. In addition to the five incumbents, Marvin Powers, operator of a Morehead City taxi business, has filed for commissioner. Others running for office are S. C. Holloway, Gibbie Sanderson, Ted Garner, D. J. Hall and Jasper Bell.

Grady Bell has filed for clerk of court. Running for hospital trustee are J. R. Sanders, Mrs. E. A. Council and Mrs. Walter Freeman.

Judge Unopposed
No one is running against Herbert Phillips III who has filed for judge of recorder's court.

Mayor Dill said yesterday that it will probably be a quiet election as far as the top executive offices go. He said that the fact that so few filed for office shows the lack of adversarial attitude people have toward government.

"Lots of people have jobs that would prevent their serving, but there is a lot of talent for government that is not applied to government," the mayor continued. "And as a result," he said, "people are not as well acquainted with government as they should be. It would be beneficial to the town if more interest were shown."

Newport Candidates
In Newport where the election outcome will probably determine whether the town gets a city-wide water system, the mayor is facing opposition as are the three commissioners who chose to run again. Running for the top executive office are Mayor Leon Mann and R. S. Jones.

The commissioners who are running for re-election are Wilbur V. Garner, Bennie R. Garner and H. C. Gurganus. Others seeking positions on the town board are Ed Comer, Dick Lockey, Jeff J. Garner, J. Wheeler Smith, L. E. Sanders, Louis Hibbs, Dewey Phipps, Douglas Henderson and Lester M. Garner.

The present commissioners are interested in borrowing \$120,000 to put in a town water system. Some of the citizens are not in favor of it, even though a referendum was held and the majority voted for it. The case has been taken to court.

Several of the citizens who filed the suit are running for commissioners.

The Morehead City first aid class will meet at 7 p.m. tomorrow at the civic center, Dr. Berl Lewis in charge.

The Newport Fire Department and the Newport Rotary Club recently gave a check for \$430 to the county health department to pay for converting the fluoroscope into an X-ray machine. The letter accompanying the check, and the reply made by the county board and the health officer, follow:

April 17, 1957
County Health Center
Beaufort
North Carolina
Gentlemen:

We of the Newport Rotary Club and the Newport Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to tell you just how much we enjoyed putting on our Womanless Wedding last month.

There were some forty people involved in the wedding. It would have surprised you to know just how much fun everyone had. The girls cooperated wonderfully. It was apparent at the first meeting we had to discuss the possibility of putting the wedding on, that it would be a success. We had over

heads off, and occasionally some 45 count.

Trial drags authorized by the commercial fisheries division last week indicated signs of shrimp north through Core Sound and at Straits. At that time there was not much show in Pamlico Sound.

The price of shrimp is very good and any caught will find a ready market.

The shrimp season last year was extremely poor, so shrimpers are hoping for a good season this year.

Two cars collided at 11:30 p.m. Sunday on Highway 24, a half mile west of Bogue, and Maney Thomas Salter, route 1 Newport, was charged with careless and reckless driving.

Salter was driving a 1952 Chevrolet coupe. The other car, a 1950 Oldsmobile, was driven by Miss Patricia Marie Frazier, who is stationed at Camp Lejeune.

State Highway Patrolman W. E. Pickard said that Salter was heading east and Miss Frazier west. He said Salter swerved over to the left side of the road and struck the Oldsmobile. Damage to each car was estimated at \$300.

A man whose name was given as Doris Buck, riding with Salter, was reported to have gotten a cut on the head.

Health Department Thanks Newport Groups for Check

Two Cars Collide On Highway 24

Army Schedules May Hearing

A hearing on providing a 12-foot channel through Bogue Inlet and a 12-foot turning basin at Swansboro has been scheduled by the Army engineers for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 23, at the community building Swansboro.

The project includes a connecting channel from the inlet to the intracoastal waterway.

All persons interested in the project are invited to attend the hearing and present their views. Col. H. C. Rowland Jr., district engineer, suggests that all important facts or figures be presented in writing.

An outline indicating the type of information desired at the hearing may be obtained from Mayor M. N. Lisk, Swansboro.

Procession of Flag-Bearers



More than 1,300 persons saw the Spring Festival on the Beaufort athletic field Friday night. Here are some of the spectators watching the procession of flag-bearers. The flags represented more than 80 nations.

Marines to Sail For Middle East

The First Battalion, Second Marines, will embark from Morehead City today enroute to the Mediterranean. Five vessels are due to pick up Marines and equipment in a routine move to relieve men and ships now in the Mediterranean.

During the Suez crisis last fall, the Navy kept the Marines in the Mediterranean when its relieving force got there, thus having two Marine battalions in the area. There is no indication that this is being planned at this time.

Ships docking at the state port, Morehead City, are the USS Monrovia, USS Rockbridge and USS Capricornus. Two LSD's will load equipment at Radio Island.

Heavy Traffic Leads to Wreck

Sunday's heavy beach traffic resulted in only one minor accident in Morehead City, says police captain C. E. Bunch. Captain Bunch said a 1929 Ford and a 1955 Chevrolet collided at 24th and Arendell Streets.

Army Nurse Marcelle Netter, driving the Chevrolet, turned left on Arendell Street. She pulled into the path of Malcolm Roy Willis, who was in the Ford.

Damage to the Chevrolet was estimated at \$90. The '29 Ford is as good as ever!

Beaufort School's Spring Festival Friday night was "quite a success," Mrs. Wiley Lewis reported yesterday. Mrs. Lewis was chairman of the ways and means committee of the PTA, which sponsored the festival.

The program moved with beautiful precision, in spite of the fact that 850 youngsters were in the cast. Brig. Gen. E. A. Montgomery, commanding general of the Cherry Point Marine Air Base, crowned the queen, Ruby Chadwick, and the king, Johnny Jarman. Miss Chadwick is a senior and Jarman a freshman.

The program was presented under the lights. It opened with the procession of the king and queen. Children of the various grades presented dances of different countries, carrying out the theme of the United Nations.

Music was provided by the Beaufort School Band and a special chorus under the direction of Mrs. Robert Piner. Gate receipts were \$1,522.85 with some more money to come in. Mrs. Lewis said that bills

are yet to be paid. Beaufort Jaycees sold refreshments.

Mrs. Lewis expressed her appreciation to General and Mrs. Montgomery for their part in the program, to the faculty, the children and everyone who had a part in staging the festival.

It was the first of its type to be given by the school.

Dance and band arrangements were by Frank Jones, instructor of public school music; Mrs. Shirley Babcock and Mrs. Ben Arrington were general chairmen for the faculty.

Four Migrant Labor Crews in County

Four migrant labor crews are now in the county and 15 more crews are expected this week from Roberson County, Frank Nance, Beaufort, supervisory farm placement representative, said yesterday.

Lack of rain has delayed movement of crews into Carteret. "Potatoes, beans and cabbage are just standing still," Mr. Nance said.

Two of the crews here now are from Florida and two are from Roberson County. All of them are located east of Beaufort.

Returns After Leave
Robert G. Lowe, with the Employment Security Commission, returned to work yesterday after a temporary leave of absence. Mr. Lowe is stationed in the farm labor trailer, Beaufort.

April Showers Never Showed

The dry spell continues with the county's April rainfall standing at about a quarter of an inch. This is practically nothing as compared with almost 4 inches of rain in March.

E. Stamey Davis, weather observer, puts the April rainfall at .26 inch and the most that fell at one time was .07 inch. All of that fell in the first few days of the month; since that time, not a drop.

While the weather is fine for farmers in the sun, the farmers have been praying for rain. Places upstate have been having quite a bit of rain, however.

Last year the April rainfall here totaled 5 1/2 inches.

"This has been an unusual year so far," Mr. Davis said. The winter temperatures averaged 10 to 15 degrees more than last winter. He remarked that the current dry spell doesn't necessarily mean there will be a wet summer.

Winds have been very light from the southwest and the past week the days clear.

Temperatures follow:

	Max.	Min.
Easter Monday	78	65
Tuesday	78	65
Wednesday	79	65
Thursday	81	66
Friday	82	67
Saturday	80	66
Sunday	81	67

Mayor George Dill, Morehead City, will leave tomorrow for Charlotte where he will attend the meeting of the North Carolina Funeral Directors Association.

Shrimping in Inland Waters To Get Under Way Tonight

At one minute after midnight tonight the 1957 shrimp season will be under way.

C. G. Holland, commercial fisheries commissioner, has informed shrimpers up and down the coast that the magic hour is not far distant. The season is opening about two weeks earlier this year than usual.

Late spring always brings a frenzy of activity along the waterfront but announcement of the opening date of the shrimp season shoves reconditioning of trawler equipment into high gear.

Tar Heel shrimpers will be going after the brown-spotted shrimp, the type that feeds at night. Shrimpers will leave the docks for the rivers and sounds before midnight so that they will be able to start dragging the minute it's legal.

Ocean shrimping is permissible at any time. But all shrimpers must be licensed by the commercial fisheries division.

Dr. Austin Williams, shrimp specialist, Institute of Fisheries Research, says that he hasn't seen indications of shrimp in large numbers but those that are here are of fair size, 50 to 60 count.

Tide Table
Tides at the Beaufort Bar

	HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, April 30		
8:24 a.m.	2:38 a.m.	
8:33 p.m.	2:37 p.m.	
Wednesday, May 1		
9:02 a.m.	3:17 a.m.	
9:09 p.m.	3:12 p.m.	
Thursday, May 2		
9:47 a.m.	3:55 a.m.	
9:54 p.m.	3:48 p.m.	
Friday, May 3		
10:41 a.m.	4:35 a.m.	
10:48 p.m.	4:26 p.m.	