

Miss Morehead City Crowns Successor



Photo by Bob Seymour

Ann Thomas Lewis is crowned Miss Morehead City of 1957 by Lynne Richardson, last year's winner. First runner-up in the contest was Marian Hall, right, and second runner-up was Katherine Griffin. Miss Lewis won the title Miss Centennial as well as the Miss Morehead City crown.

Ann Thomas Lewis was crowned Miss Morehead City and Miss Centennial at the Morehead City beauty pageant at the school auditorium Saturday night. Miss Morehead City of 1956, Lynne Richardson, relinquished her crown to the new winner.

Miss Lewis, sponsored by Clara's Dress Shop, wore a dark green evening dress to set off her blonde hair. As her talent she showed a series of paintings and drawings and told what she was trying to express in each one.

The first runner-up was Marion Hall, sponsored by Jerry J. Willis Agency. Second runner-up was Katherine Griffin, sponsored by Walter S. Morris Jeweler.

Winner of the Miss Sweetie Pie contest was Brenda Baldrice, sponsored by E. W. Downum. There were 23 runners-up.

Other contestants in the Miss Morehead City contest besides the top three were Barbara Blanchard,

sponsored by Eastman's Town and Sound Shop, Kate Willis, sponsored by Styron's, Jeanne Barnes, sponsored by the Sanitary Fish Market and Restaurant, Judith Davis, sponsored by Economy Appliance Co., and Rachel Mundine, sponsored by John A. Baker Agency.

Dr. R. O. Batnum, Jaycee president, welcomed the 250 persons at the pageant and introduced emcee Ronald Harpe. Mr. Harpe then introduced all the contestants who remained on stage for the Star Spangled Banner.

Miss Richardson told what being Miss Morehead City had meant to her. "The biggest thrill and highlight of the entire year," she said, "was being hostess to the state beauty pageant."

After the evening gown presentation by the Miss Morehead City contestants, all the Sweetie Pies were introduced and walked across the stage.

Brenda was named Miss Sweetie

Pie after the first half of the talent contest. After the second half of the talent presentations, Miss Bobbie Dennis sang Bill Bailey.

The judges, Mrs. Herbert Webb, Sea Level, Mrs. Virginia Hassell, Beaufort, and Gene Smith, Havelock, named the three finalists and asked them to return to the stage.

After presentation of the first and second runner-up awards, Miss Richardson crowned the new beauty queen.

Runners-up in the Miss Sweetie Pie contest were Mary Ann Markey, Daisy Beck, Virdie Morrow, Tenna F. McLean, Jean Lewis, Mary Marino, Lucy Marino, Ellen Wagner, Shirley Barnum, Terry Wells.

Jan McEachern, Carol Merion, Judy C. Porter, Missy Guthrie, Natha Clark.

Anna Holowitz, Karen Mansfield, Carol Gibbs, Patty Dolan, Ginger Fulcher.

Jeanie Barnum, Rosemond Sue Baldrice, Demetra Harpe.

Arthur Colston Jr. Pleads Not Guilty to Grover Mills Murder

Branch of Sperti Products Begins Beaufort Operations

Glen Adair, president of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce announced yesterday that Sperti Faraday, Inc., a division of Cooper Hewitt Electric Co., and owned by Sperti Products, Inc., of Hoboken, N. J., are now producing "electronic products" in their Beaufort plant on Lennoxville Road.

Appliance cords and hair dryers are being produced at present. Plans for further production include fans, fan heaters, signal devices, sun lamps, etc. The output of the local plant is distributed directly from Beaufort to all parts of the country, Mr. Adair said. Plans to begin production in the plant here were outlined in a conference last June between Sperti Products president, Edwin L. Dittich; resident general manager, Harold S. Leahy, and Mr. Adair.

Mr. Dittich stated at that time that Sperti needed more production capacity for their electronic line and the Beaufort plant was being considered if taxes, transportation, labor and other problems could be solved in a manner that would allow the plant to operate at an economic advantage over other sites then under consideration.

Mr. Dittich and Mr. Leahy both stated at the June conference that, with cooperation in this locality, they were confident that the plant could be opened.

Arrangements have been made with Mrs. Julia Tenney, manager at the North Carolina Employment Security Commission, Morehead City, to obtain female employees when needed. Applications should be filed there and not at the plant, Mr. Adair said.

Profits realized from all of the Sperti Enterprises are diverted to the Institutum Divi Thomae, Cincinnati, Ohio, for cancer research work. Dr. George Sperry Sperti is director and founder of the institute. Mr. Leahy extended his compliments to the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce for their efforts in helping to arrange the solution to several problems encountered in establishing the plant. He also stated that Beaufort's Chamber of Commerce is an asset to the growth and prosperity of the town.

Jean Chadwick Wins Beaufort Beauty Pageant Friday Night

Jean Chadwick was crowned Miss Beaufort of 1957 Friday night at the Beaufort Jaycee beauty pageant in the school auditorium. She was crowned by her sister, Joyce, Miss Beaufort of 1956.

Mayor Clifford Lewis presented loving cups to Winki Willis, first runner-up and to Mona House, second runner-up. Other finalists in the contest were Rita Mason and Evelyn Owens.

Miss Chadwick, who was sponsored by Styron's, appeared in a white full-length evening gown for the first phase of the contest. For her talent presentation she did a baton dance to the tune, Brazil. She wore a skin-tight spangled costume with ballet slippers to match.

In the bathing suit contest, Miss Chadwick wore a black suit and black patent leather pumps. Miss Willis was sponsored by One-Hour Martinizing Dry Cleaning, and Miss House was sponsored by Potter's Dress Shop.

Other contestants were Rita Mason, sponsored by Hardesty Motors, Evelyn Owens, sponsored by L&H Motors, Mary Ellen Chasteen, sponsored by the Fashion Shoppe, Betty Gillikin, sponsored by Parker Motors, Sara Jones, sponsored by Huntley's Hardware and Building Supply, Evelyn Piner, sponsored by E. W. Downum Department Stores, and Ann Spivey, sponsored by Hamilton Furniture Co.

Margaret Springle, who was to have been sponsored by First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co., contracted mumps the day before the contest. Her place was taken by number 13, unlucky Johnette — John Duncan.

Mr. Duncan appeared in "evening dress" and his own version of a bathing suit. His measurements were announced as 36-58-97.

The judges for the pageant were Mrs. Ray Cummins, Morehead City; Col. Guy M. Morrow, Cherry Point; Dick Parker, Morehead City; Elmer Dewey Willis, Willsboro; and Al Dewey, Beaufort.

The judges gave up in the Little Miss Beaufort revue and named all 29 contestants first-place winners. They follow:

Helen Hardesty, Hardesty Motors; Georgette Wainwright, City Appliance and Furniture Co.; Kay Nell Thomas, Beauty Bar; Melaine Arthur, Judy & Nell Beauty Shop; Diane Booth, Rose's Five-and-Ten; Kay Bridgers, Ann St. Esso.

Elaine Darden, Beaufort Hardware Co.; Leslie Carol Davis, WBMA Radio Station; Lisa Davis, Edward C. Willis, agent Nationwide Insurance Co.; Rachel Davis.

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Jean Chadwick receives the Miss Beaufort crown from her sister Joyce after winning the Miss Beaufort beauty pageant Friday night. Joyce won the title last year. In the left background is first runner-up Winki Willis.

Court Will Hear 'Carnal Knowledge' Case This Week

Wayne Wilson, 50, Broad Creek, is being held without bond to await trial this week in superior court. Sheriff Hugh Salter said the case may be tried today. Wilson is charged with carnally knowing his 12-year-old step daughter, Brenda Dickinson, Wilson, a retired Marine sergeant, was working at Camp Lejeune as a civilian before he was picked up for deputy sheriffs Bobby Bell and Bruce Edwards.

Wilson's wife swore out a warrant before solicitor Wiley Taylor accusing her husband of having sexual relations with her daughter by another marriage. The girl at the time of the first incident (Oct. 15, 1956) was less than 12 years old.

Mrs. Wilson said that the relationship had continued until she decided to do something about it. On the basis of her original complaint, Wilson was charged with the capital crime of rape.

In county recorder's court Thursday, Wilson's attorney entered a motion that the charge be lessened to carnally knowing the child. The motion was accepted and Wilson waived preliminary hearing.

Two Cars Collide In Sunday Rain

Two cars collided in a hard downpour of rain at 11 p.m. Sunday at the east end of the Swansboro bridge.

State Highway Patrolman W. E. Pickard said that one of the cars, a 1957 Oldsmobile, was driven by Ronald Lee Smith, route 1 Newport.

The other was driven by a Negro of Beaufort. Patrolman Pickard said he planned to contact the unidentified Beaufort driver yesterday some time.

Court Clerk Announces County Court for June 20

A. H. James, clerk of superior court, has announced that there will be county recorder's court Thursday, June 20, even though superior court may be in session.

The county court session is scheduled to be held in another part of the courthouse, probably in the grand jury room. The civil term of superior court opens Monday, June 17, and is scheduled for one week.

Women Gone

"Annie Mae (Hinson) and Alice Marie (Gibbs) were both gone when I got there. Annie Mae came in while I was there but said she did not know anything about the shooting."

"After going to the police station, we noticed that Colston had been cut. We went back to look for the knife but never found it." At this point Mr. Hamilton asked

More Than 4 Inches Rain Fall in Past Two Weeks

Up until 7 a.m. yesterday 4.35 inches of rain had fallen in the county since Tuesday, May 28.

That's the official measurement of E. Stamey Davis, weather observer. Other sections of the county have received more rain than that. In the Adams Creek section crops have been seriously damaged by wet weather. Cherry Point, too, has been deluged by rain. The weatherman is apparently making up for an extremely dry April and May.

Mr. Davis said that the northeaster which blew up here Saturday was caused by the tropical disturbance that moved in from the Gulf of Mexico over the weekend, crossed northwest Florida and moved out over the Georgia coast late Sunday.

If the storm, the first of the season, blows itself out at sea, the weather here was to begin clearing late yesterday, Mr. Davis said. The Gulf-originated storm had winds blowing up to 50 miles an hour.

Rain started late Saturday night

Attorney Luther Hamilton Jr. entered a plea of not guilty yesterday afternoon for Arthur Colston Jr., 27, charged with the Feb. 23 pistol slaying of Grover Mills. The murder case was the first one called on the current term of superior court at the courthouse in Beaufort.

Morehead City Police Chief Herbert Griffin was the first witness for the state. He testified that his first contact with the case was at 3:08 p.m. Feb. 23 when a call came to the police station that there was shooting at 1304 Fisher St., home of Annie Mae Hinson.

Chief Griffin said that he jumped in the car at the station and left at once, arriving at the scene about 3:19. Sgt. Homer Lewis, also of the Morehead City police force, was contacted by radio and arrived at the scene about the same time the chief did.

Door Open
Chief Griffin testified, "When I got there the front door was partly open. I started through the door and saw Grover Mills lying on the floor. Colston was standing at his feet with a .32 calibre revolver in his hand."

"I took the gun and asked who shot him. He said Alto Lee did it. Robert Mills Jr. (brother of the dead man) came in and said, 'You're a damned liar, you shot him yourself.'"

"I called the coroner. Mills gasped one time after I got there and I couldn't talk to him at all."

Solicitor Robert Rouse asked the chief about the cause of death. Chief Griffin said that the only wound he found on the dead man was a bullet hole about three inches below and to the left of his left breast.

Colston Cut
He testified that he did not notice any wounds on Colston until they took him to jail. Colston was cut on the right thigh and had a scratch on the back of his neck, the chief testified.

Solicitor Rouse then asked the chief about Alto Lee, who was not present in the courtroom. The chief said, "When we first spotted Lee, we thought he was the man who had been shot. He had been beat in the head . . ." but here Mr. Hamilton objected. He asked the chief if he had actually picked Lee up. The chief said, "No, I didn't pick him up."

"I told Sergeant Lewis to take him to the station while I looked for whoever was doing the shooting. His head was bloody and I thought he had been shot."

Mr. Rouse turned his witness over to Mr. Hamilton for cross examination. He asked the chief if there was any evidence of a fight or of the body's being moved. Chief Griffin said that he did not see any evidence of either.

Mr. Hamilton then asked the chief whether any of the persons involved had been drinking. "He (Colston) was drinking. I would say he was pretty well on the way to being drunk. Robert Mills was not so drunk."

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250 Attend Drum Inlet Hearing

Burn Victim Dies Friday

Leo Thomas Dixon, 49, Broad Creek, died in Morehead City Hospital Friday night as the result of third degree burns received in an explosion at Broad Creek Tuesday, April 9.

The funeral service was conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Broad Creek Methodist Church. The Rev. Claude Barrett, pastor, officiated. Interment was in the Broad Creek Cemetery.

Killed in the same explosion in which Mr. Dixon was injured was Danny Morton, 18, of Broad Creek. Another person injured was Jimmy Lewis, Broad Creek, who has recovered. All men were employed by Wilton and Morton, Newport contractor, and were repairing the Robert P. Joyce home at Broad Creek when a terrific explosion shook the house.

Cause of the explosion has never been determined.

Little hope was held for Mr. Dixon at first. But he held his own and preparations were under way for making skin grafts when he developed pneumonia.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gladys Smith Dixon; a daughter, Mrs. Marselous Norris Jr.; his mother, Mrs. Rilla Lewis Dixon, all of Broad Creek; three sisters, Mrs. Moody Morton, Broad Creek; Mrs. Albert McQueen and Mrs. Ralph Cole, both of Florida, and several half brothers.

Autopsy Indicates Child May Have Been Poisoned

An autopsy performed on 3-year-old Kim Kane, Havelock, produced evidence indicating that the child died from eating "mushrooms" or toadstools.

Kim became ill after playing in her back yard Friday and died on the way to Camp Lejeune Hospital. She was the daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. William Kane.

The toadstools or mushrooms found near the Kane home are now being tested at the University of Georgia to determine whether they are poisonous.

Two hundred fifty persons attended the hearing on Drum Inlet yesterday morning at the Beaufort School. Presiding was Lt. Col. W. K. Shaffer, assistant district engineer, Wilmington.

Testimony was presented in favor of deepening the gorge in the inlet and stabilizing it. Purpose of the hearing, which was called by the Corps of Army Engineers, was to determine whether the federal government should spend further funds to make a more comprehensive survey of the project.

N. C. Magnuson, chief of the planning, reports, and program development branch, Wilmington district, explained prior to presentation of evidence that the engineers wanted to know what improvement was wanted, what such improvement would cost and would the improvement be justified by a dollars and cents return to this area?

12 Feet Wanted
W. H. Potter, Beaufort, speaking on behalf of the North Carolina Fisheries Association, said "a safe, stabilized, 12-foot channel" was wanted to connect with the 7-foot channel in Core Sound.

He presented the study by George W. Woodward on economic analysis of the state's fisheries as "adequate evidence to justify opening of the inlet," and commented that the cost of such improvement would have to be determined by the engineers if and when they made a further survey.

Mr. Potter emphasized that fisheries interests were not asking the government to "spend" money. They were asking the government to make a profitable investment. He said no cost was too great to open the door of Drum Inlet to the

millions of dollars worth of seafood teeming in Raleigh Bay.

Drum Inlet is located about midway between Ocracoke Inlet and Barden's Inlet and gives fishermen easy access from inland waters to the Raleigh Bay ocean area.

The NCFCA presented a printed report on the need for deepening the inlet. Comment on the report was made by Roy Watson, Lowlands, vice-president of the NCFCA; Fred Whitaker, Kinston, executive secretary; Clayton Fulcher Jr., Grover Willis, and John Smith, all of Atlantic; John Lupton, Sea Level; Julius Willis, Davis; John Lupton, Sea Level, and Mr. Potter.

Cities Production
Mr. Fulcher pointed out that fish production in this area was the highest ever between 1933, when the inlet was opened by a

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Town Direction Signs Get New Coat of Paint

Beaufort's attractive direction signs, white and red with black lettering, have been repainted and put on new standards.

At Ann and Turner Streets signs give directions to the town hall, courthouse, airport and chamber of commerce. At Pollock and Ann Streets the signs point to the library and hotel (Inlet Inn).

Two-hour parking meters, which take a dime, also have a special color. The meter heads are green. The other meters, an hour for a nickel, are gray.

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Children Hear Bible Story



The Rev. Orce Broomfield, right, is serving as minister to the migrant laborers in the county this summer. He is on leave of absence from Emmanuel's Chapel, West Point, Ga. Here he tells a group of children a Bible story. Looking on are Douglas Amer son of the farm labor office and Miss Mariella Cain of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Beaufort.

Tide Table

| Tides at the Beaufort Bar (Eastern Standard Time) | | | |
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| HIGH | | LOW | |
| Tuesday, June 11 | | | |
| 7:25 a.m. | 1:24 a.m. | | |
| 7:44 p.m. | 1:28 p.m. | | |
| Wednesday, June 12 | | | |
| 8:13 a.m. | 2:12 a.m. | | |
| 8:28 p.m. | 2:15 p.m. | | |
| Thursday, June 13 | | | |
| 9:00 a.m. | 2:57 a.m. | | |
| 9:12 p.m. | 3:00 p.m. | | |
| Friday, June 14 | | | |
| 9:48 a.m. | 3:39 a.m. | | |
| 9:56 p.m. | 3:42 p.m. | | |