

Commissioners Plan Morehead City Park

Olan Bell Waives Hearing On Rape Charge Saturday

Olan "Shorty" Bell waived preliminary hearing in a special closed session of Morehead City recorder's court Saturday morning. Bell is charged with raping a six-year-old girl in his house at 105 South 15th St. in Morehead City Sunday before last.

He was taken out of the Morehead City jail and sent to an undisclosed jail to await trial after rumors of a proposed lynching got to the police.

Normally, his case would have been heard last Monday but police authorities agreed that a special session of the court later would be more practical.

Sheriff Hugh Salter, who has charge of the prisoner now, brought him into court. Solicitor George McNeill and Judge Luther Hamilton Jr. explained his rights and told him he could request a hearing of evidence or waive such a hearing and wait trial by jury.

Bell, who has not obtained a lawyer, decided that he would waive a hearing. He was given back into the custody of the sheriff, who carried him out of town.

Judge Hamilton said that a judge of superior court would have to appoint a lawyer for Bell if he does not get one himself.

Patrolmen Find Missing Auto Saturday Night

Highway patrolmen J. W. Sykes and R. H. Brown returned a stolen car before its owner realized that it was missing Saturday midnight. The car belonged to Constable George Smith, Salter Path.

The patrolmen saw the car parked at Fleming's on the causeway and noticed that a headlight was burned out. They knew it was Smith's car and yelled over to him that it was out. A person they assumed to be Smith said "Okay," and they drove on to the beach.

On the way back the patrolmen noticed the car driving along the right shoulder of the road. They passed it, turned around and went back. They followed the car across the Atlantic Beach bridge and pulled it over to the curb.

They found Charles Harry Tolin, a Clemson College student, at the wheel of the car. He was charged with taking the car and driving drunk.

Tolin told the patrolmen that he was working during the summer at a lumber camp in Maysville, N. C.

The patrolmen took the car to the Morehead City police station and called Smith to tell him that they had his car. Constable Smith was at the Idle Hour at Atlantic Beach. He laughed and said that his car was just outside.

After looking out the door, he saw that his car was gone and said he would be right over. The car was not damaged when he recovered it at the police station.

Chamber Elects New Directors

The new board of directors of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce has been announced by chamber president Glenn Adair. Thirteen directors were elected by ballots sent to members of the chamber.

Chamber secretary Mrs. Pat Russell sent out 92 ballots. Fifty-five were returned by the deadline Friday.

The new and old directors will meet at 8 o'clock tonight in the chamber office on Front Street. Members of the new board will elect officers for the coming year.

Board members are Jim Wheatley, C. W. Stamper, E. W. Downum, Victor Bellamah, G. T. Spivey, Ray Cummins, William Roy Hamilton, Ronald Earl Mason, Halsey Paul, Gerald Hill, Norwood Young, Dr. David Farrior and Mr. Adair.

Judge Rules Non-Suit, Plaintiff Appeals Case

After two days of trial, Judge J. Paul Frizzelle ruled a non-suit in the case, Clarence Willis vs. Henry Davis, T. T. Potter and Sinclair Refining Company.

The action came after a non-suit motion by the defendants. The plaintiff, Willis, appealed the decision.

Town Fathers Approve First Naval Venture

The Morehead City town commissioners gave their stamp of approval Thursday night to the town's first naval venture. Gibbie Sanderson, street commissioner, said that his department would like to build a barge.

The barge would serve two purposes, he pointed out. It would be used as a base of operations for extending sewer lines into Bogue Sound. In order to get the proper grade on the new pipes, he said, sand would have to be pumped as the pipe was laid.

The barge would also be used to carry mosquito spraying equipment around the waterfront areas of the town. "The low, marshy areas that the trucks can't get to are the very places the mosquitoes breed," he said.

Mayor George Dill said that the lightning bugs and mosquitoes would have to get together now that the town will be spraying from land and water. "They will have to copy Paul Revere," the mayor said. "One if by land and two if by sea."

The barge will be 11 feet wide and 18 feet long. Mr. Sanderson said it would cost about \$1,000, including an outboard motor. "Since the town has to get those sewer lines extended and we need a barge to use in mosquito control, it will be cheaper in the long run to go ahead and build the barge," Mr. Sanderson commented.

Navy to Dredge At Cedar Island

The public works officer, Fifth Naval District, Norfolk, has made application to the Army engineers, Wilmington, for a permit to dredge a slip, construct a pier and to drive two mooring piling on the north side of the Thoroughfare Bay Channel at Cedar Island Bridge near Atlantic.

Plans submitted show that approximately 75 cubic yards of material will be dredged from the north bank of the channel, a pier is to be constructed 4 feet wide with a 33-foot tee on the outer end, and two mooring piling are to be driven approximately 16 feet in front of the pier. Plans showing the proposed work may be seen at this office and at the Post Office at Atlantic.

Col. H. C. Rowland Jr., district engineer says that anyone having objections to the work should contact him prior to June 30. His office is in the customhouse, Wilmington.

Coast Guard Gets Two Calls, One False Alarm

The Fort Macon Coast Guard Station had two official assists this weekend, announces station commander James Hunning. The call that caused the station the most worry, he said, was not "official."

A woman called the station at 3 a. m. Sunday and said that two men had left the end of 23rd Street swimming for Atlantic Beach. She said that she was sure both men had drowned. She hung up when she was asked her name.

Chief Lum Gaskill went to the scene of the reported drowning and patrolled the area for an hour and a half without finding any signs of swimmers or a drowning.

At 10:15 a. m. Sunday, the station got a call that the Terry II, a 27-foot cabin cruiser was disabled in Beaufort Inlet. EN/1 Earl Sells and SN Robert Stevens made the assist in the CG 30446, station auxiliary boat.

They towed the Terry II to the Morehead City Yacht Basin. The boat is owned by George T. Barnes of Elm City.

Sells and Stevens towed in a 20-foot outboard cruiser Saturday afternoon. The Lib-Lynn had run aground across from state port, Morehead City. The Guardsmen refloated the boat at 6:12 p. m. and escorted it to Sonny's Basin, Atlantic Beach.

The Lib-Lynn is owned by Bill Jenkins of Ayden.

Plans for a proposed city park highlighted a meeting of the Morehead City town commissioners Thursday night. The town fathers met in the board room of the Municipal Building. Jasper Bell, buildings and grounds commissioner, said that the best site for a park would be west of South 34th Street.

The property is owned by the state Board of Conservation and Development. Mr. Bell said that the state would not deed the land to the city but would consider letting it use the property indefinitely.

John L. Ahley, town clerk, was instructed to write a letter to the C&D board asking for use of as much property in the section as they were willing to give up. The town wants to extend the park as far as the old cement building foundations about 500 feet from 34th Street.

Mr. Lashley announced that the legislation had been passed in the state legislature authorizing towns to get rebates of 6 cents per gallon on all gasoline and fuel burned by city vehicles. Including the three and a half cent federal rebate, this makes nearly 10 cents per gallon come back to the city, he reported.

Police Commissioner Ted Garner said that the town should invite bids on a new police car. The board approved his request and he and Mr. Lashley were told to get together to draw up specifications for the car.

Fire Commissioner D. J. Hall was authorized to ask Carolina Water Company to run a six-inch water main 500 feet down Bonner Avenue. The town will put a fire hydrant at the end of the main.

Commissioner Gibbie Sanderson said that the street department needed a monthly report from the town treasurer giving the current financial status of the department. The other commissioners said that it was a good idea and asked that their departments receive similar statements.

Mr. Sanderson said that the street department had made about \$400 selling clay from the city clay pit at the new cemetery. The clay is sold to any one who asks for it, Mr. Sanderson said.

The board approved the appointment of the following new members to the recreation commission: Mrs. George McNeill, Mrs. Llewellyn Phillips, Dr. S. W. Hatcher and E. L. Smithwick. Old members are Frank Cheek and Mrs. Mamie Taylor.

Marine Faces Charges Arising From Accident

Louis E. Parker Jr., Cherry Point Marine, has been charged with speeding and careless and reckless driving as the result of an accident on US 70 at Wildwood Thursday night.

Highway Patrolman J. W. Sykes said that Leslie C. Glancy of Newport was driving east in a 1951 Chevrolet when Parker tried to pass him. He said that the right side of Parker's 1955 Ford convertible hit the left rear fender of the Chevrolet.

Superior Court Adjourns Friday

The civil term of superior court was adjourned at 12:30 p. m. Friday. The last case to be heard was M. L. Mansfield vs. V. P. Loftis. The court ordered Loftis to pay \$1,200 to the plaintiff.

Mansfield showed that he had done work worth that amount for the defendant. The work, he proved, was done under a definite contract.

The Commercial National Bank was a \$2,000 suit against H. Earle and Hattie C. Mobley. The court ordered that the money, plus interest from April 5, 1957, be paid.

Bruce L. Goodwin was ordered to pay a total of \$5,233.78 plus interest in two cases. In one case, Smith Builders Supply Inc., showed that he had owed the company \$4,803.78 since Aug. 15, 1956. The amount represented payment for supplies delivered to Mr. Goodwin.

The other judgment was in favor of John Robert Jones. Jones proved that Goodwin had owed him \$430 since March 29, 1956.

Woman Says She Killed Man In Self-Defense Sunday Night

Finds Mermaid's Teardrop



Bryant Guthrie, Morehead City, holds the mermaid's teardrop pearl he found Sunday while clamming in Fort Macon Creek. The pearl was in this clam (notice peculiar shape of shell). Mr. Guthrie started to throw it away but decided to open it first to see if a normal clam was in the shell. He found a deep-lavender-colored pearl as big around as a dime.

Lacosta DeBerry Jailed As Result of Stabbing

Lacosta DeBerry, New Bern Negro is being held without bond in the Morehead City jail. He is charged with attacking Alice Dudley Barrett, Morehead City, with a knife at 3 p. m. Saturday. She was taken to the Morehead City hospital with five knife wounds, two in the back, one in the chest, one across the forehead and one near the mouth.

Hospital authorities said yesterday afternoon that her condition was "satisfactory."

Morehead City Police Chief Herbert Griffin said that he is in a patrol car when the call came that there was a fight at 1008 Bay St. Patrolman Buck Newsome left the station and arrived just before the chief did.

When Chief Griffin got to the house, which belongs to Mary Collins, patrolman Newsome had DeBerry in handcuffs. The chief said that DeBerry was covered with blood.

He called the station and got the switchboard operator to call for an ambulance. Dill's ambulance arrived in a matter of minutes and took the victim to the hospital.

Questioning of witnesses and the defendant revealed that he and the Barrett woman had been living together in New Bern. She had come back to Morehead City Thursday and he had followed her Saturday morning.

When the police arrived the woman was lying in a pool of blood on the back porch. One wound barely missed a lung, the chief said.

DeBerry was due to be tried in Morehead City recorder's court yesterday but his case was continued for a week.

County 4-H Health Rulers Crowned

Peggy Cannon, Newport, and Gordon Becton, Beaufort 4-H'er, were crowned as county health king and queen last night. The coronation was in the home agent's office in the courthouse annex, Beaufort. Barbara Hill, Marshallberg, and Joseph Garner, Newport were junior winners.

Peggy and Gordon will go to the state health contest in Raleigh July 22. A state king and queen of health will be named at the Raleigh contest.

Four-H elimination day exhibits were shown last night. The exhibits were put out as a last practice session before the district elimination in Washington tomorrow.

Police Report Four Accidents Over Weekend

Morehead City policemen investigated four wrecks over the weekend. Two of the accidents occurred Friday and two Saturday. No one was injured in any of the wrecks.

Cars driven by Harriet Ann Willis, Morehead City, and Sam Bryan, Hookerton, collided at the Atlantic Beach Road, Arendell Street intersection at 6:40 p. m. Friday. No charges were preferred against either driver.

L. J. Smith charged Melva J. Mizell of Rocky Mount with driving without proper brakes at 7:25 p. m. Friday. Officer Smith said that the bumper of her 1951 Plymouth hit the left side of a car driven by Hildred L. Conway, Morehead City.

Both cars were trying to turn left from Arendell onto Fifth Street. Damage to Conway's car was estimated at \$100.

Saturday morning patrolman Buck Newsome investigated a wreck at 11th and Arendell Streets. Glen Weaver, Newport, driving a 1952 Ford ran into a 1952 Chevrolet that stopped in front of him. The Chevrolet was driven by Thomas H. Gardner Jr. of Chapel Hill.

The grill, radiator and fender of the Ford hit the bumper of the Chevrolet. The bumper was not damaged, but damage to the Ford was estimated at \$200.

Coy T. Wray was charged with careless and reckless driving and driving without glasses after a wreck at 13th and Bridges Streets at 7:45 p. m. Saturday. Lieutenant Smith, who investigated, said that Thomas L. Noe was driving a 1956 Dodge truck and had pulled over to park when Wray's 1949 Lincoln hit him.

The truck belongs to R&N Furniture Co.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar (Eastern Standard Time)

HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, June 25	
6:03 a.m.	12:15 a.m.
6:24 p.m.	12:09 p.m.
Wednesday, June 26	
6:51 a.m.	1:04 a.m.
7:10 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 27	
7:40 a.m.	1:51 a.m.
7:55 p.m.	1:49 p.m.
Friday, June 28	
8:29 a.m.	2:38 a.m.
8:44 p.m.	2:30 p.m.

Mary Packs Being Held In Jail Without Bond

Mary Elizabeth Packs, 25, charged with the knife slaying of her common law husband, Robert Lee Thompson, 23, at 11:30 p. m. Sunday, is being held without bond in the county jail in Beaufort. The killing took place about a quarter mile beyond the Morehead City town limits on the Crab Point Road.

The two colored migrant laborers were from Lumberton. They had been working around Crab Point for about two weeks.

The woman told a NEWS-TIMES reporter yesterday that she killed Thompson in self-defense.

"He got after me in the bedroom and slapped me. He pushed me into the kitchen and I grabbed a knife off the shelf. As soon as I hit him one time he turned me loose and walked out of the house."

Coroner Leslie Springle said that Thompson walked 180 feet from the house before he dropped dead by the road. His jugular vein was pierced by the small paring knife with a three-inch blade.

Morehead City Police Chief Herbert Griffin was attracted to the scene by the screams of the woman. He lives on Emeline Place, about a quarter of a mile away.

Chief Calls Station He called the police station and ordered a car to pick him up. Patrolman Walter Thomas picked up the chief while Lt. Joe Smith and Patrolman Junior O'Neal went straight down Crab Point Road.

They took the woman and Cleveland Howard into custody. Since the killing took place out of the city limits, they called the sheriff's department as well as the coroner.

Howard, who was in the house at the time of the killing, is being held under a \$500 bond as a material witness.

The Packs woman said that the trouble had started earlier in the evening at the colored Elks Club in Morehead City.

Trouble Begins "I was at the Elks Club with some girl friends when Robert walked in. He said, 'You are having lots of fun riding around town with another man, aren't you?' I told him I was just with some girl friends and he left."

When she got to the house after 11 p. m. the trouble broke out again. After stabbing Thompson, the woman walked up the road to look for him. When she found him she kicked him on the bottom of the foot and called to him.

Realizing that he was dead, she began screaming so loudly that her cries carried as far as the chief's house, at least a quarter-mile away.

A coroner's jury will hear the case at 8 o'clock tonight in the courthouse, Beaufort. Members of the jury sworn in by Mr. Springle are C. L. Beam, Fred Davis and Jack Neal, Beaufort, and Jasper Bell, Buck Newsome and Bill Condie, Morehead City.

Mayor Makes Appointments

Mayor George Dill made appointments for the next two years at the Morehead City town board meeting Thursday night at the Municipal Building.

He said that in his years as mayor of Morehead City he had never seen a more active board of commissioners than he worked with last term. "I don't see how shifting of positions would improve a thing, so every one of you will be in charge of the same departments," he concluded.

Ted Garner is police commissioner; Gibbie Sanderson, street commissioner; S. C. Holloway, finance commissioner; Jasper Bell, buildings and grounds commissioner; and D. J. Hall, fire commissioner.

Mr. Garner was re-elected mayor pro-tem by the other members of the town board.

Lions to Sponsor Donkey Ball Game

Plans were made at the Morehead City Lions Club meeting Thursday night at the Hotel Fort Macon for a donkey baseball game to be held at Camp Glenn August 1.

The program featured Cary Middlecoff and Sammy Sneed in a film, All Star Golf.

Lion Oscar Alfred reported that Thursday's meeting will be something special, Ladies Night and installation of new officers. The Busy Bee Cafe will furnish the steak dinners.

Morehead Board Makes Request For Unusual Law

Morehead City town attorney George McNeill got a unique request from the town board Thursday night. He was asked to draw up an ordinance "that even the judge can't understand."

The town commissioners made the request after hearing Charles Markey, general chairman of the Morehead City Centennial committee. He appeared before the board asking that they pass an ordinance requiring all citizens of Morehead City to buy and wear centennial caps.

Mr. Markey said that special provision had been made for persons who don't like to wear caps. "For \$2 you can buy a permit to go bareheaded," he said.

The ordinance will permit violators to be tried in a "kangaroo court" (so long as they don't object) and sentenced to serve time in a special "prison" constructed at Centennial headquarters.

Mr. Markey also asked the commissioners to step up the clean-up program. The mayor told him that full plans for the final "touching up" of town had been made. "We are saving that last haircut Saturday," the mayor said.

"Pride should be sufficient incentive for the individual property owners to keep their lots and yards clean. There is an ordinance whereby the town can clean up lots and yards and add the cost of such work to the tax bill for the next year," Mr. Dill explained.

Harlowe Negro Cut in Wreck

Howard Carroll, Harlowe Negro, was severely cut when the 1950 Ford he was driving Sunday afternoon left the road and turned over. The accident was on Highway 101, 11 miles north of Beaufort, according to patrolman J. W. Sykes.

Carroll, bleeding profusely from facial cuts and abrasions started for the Morehead City Hospital, only to find the drawbridge across the Newport River was out of order.

He went back to the Mill Creek Road and came to the hospital that way. Patrolman Sykes, who was on the Morehead City side of the bridge, had to take the same route to get to the accident.

After investigating the wreck, the patrolman went to the hospital and talked to Carroll. He charged him with careless and reckless driving and driving with insufficient brakes.

The road where the accident occurred is a straight stretch, the officer said. He reported that the car went off the left side of the road and turned over twice. A woman passenger was not injured. The patrolman did not take her name.

Power Outage Set For Bogue Banks

Weather permitting, there will be a power outage on Bogue Banks tomorrow morning, announces George Stovall, manager of the Morehead City office of Carolina Power and Light Co. The power will be off 5 a. m. until 6:30 a. m.

The area affected will extend from the west end of Ocean Ridge to Fort Macon. This will include all of Atlantic Beach, Money Island and Fort Macon, Mr. Stovall says.

The power will be turned off to enable workers to replace wires burned in the Moose Lodge fire May 20. Mr. Stovall said that temporary wiring was erected during the fire to keep service as near uninterrupted as possible. The temporary wiring has been used until now.