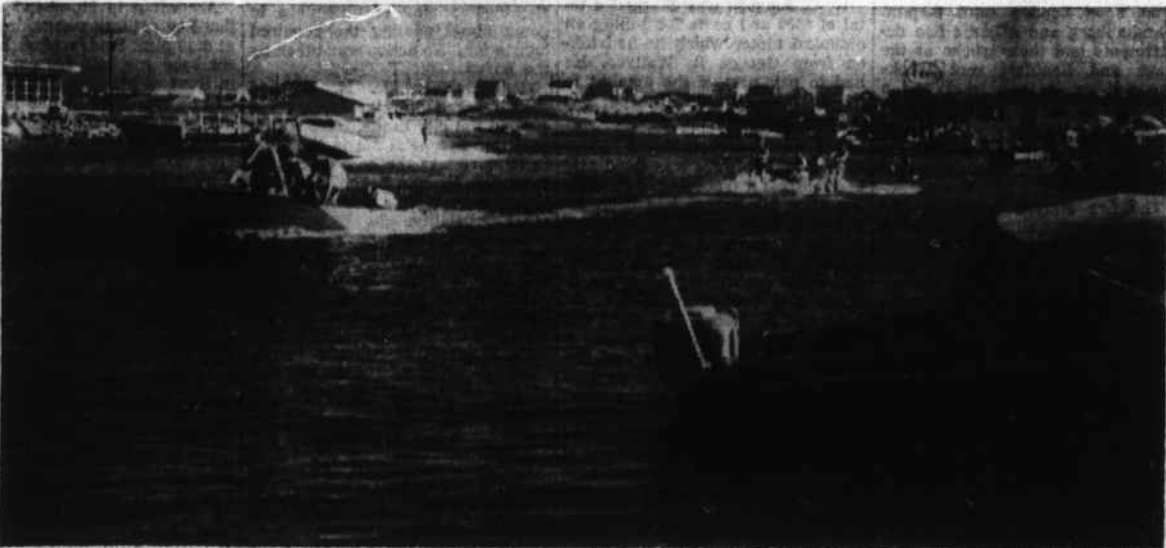


Life Guards Had Big Job



Life guards at Atlantic Beach kept large holiday crowds in check during the Fourth of July weekend. Not one "scare" was reported from the beach during the long holiday season. At times there were so many people at the beach it was hard to find a place to spread a blanket.

Water Sports Drew Large Crowds



A boatload of students from Washington and Greenville take off from Sonny's Boat Basin, Atlantic Beach, pulling a pair of water skiers. Fourth of July crowds enjoyed perfect weather for water sports during the Fourth of July weekend. The rains didn't begin until yesterday afternoon.

Photos by Bob Seymour

Singing Star Jim Reeves To Visit Here

From ballplayer to balladeer is the briefest possible description of Jim Reeves, who will be starred on the Centennial country music show. The show is scheduled for Monday night, Aug. 5. Had it not been for a leg injury early in his baseball career, people might never have heard Jim sing professionally.

If you were to talk to Jim Reeves, he would be the first to admit that, as a boy, he traded a bushel of pears for his first guitar.

He'd also admit that through the years of boyhood and early manhood he always kept his guitar handy, even when he attended the University of Texas, and later when he pitched in the St. Louis Cardinals farm system.

Some people feel that fate was unkind when Jim hurt his leg, but actually it wasn't, for Jim Reeves is a determined person, and he loved music and loved to sing. So, he decided to make singing his life's work, and his success speaks for itself.

It was not easy, and the road to stardom was long and hard. It began with many years behind the turntables as a disc jockey. Then fate smiled when he made his first recording, for the song was "Mexican Joe" which turned out to be the number one country music song of 1953. And, before a year had passed he followed this up with "Bimbo" and even greater success.

Jim joined the Louisiana Hayride in Shreveport, and began touring not only in this country, but also in Europe. Later he appeared on the Ed Sullivan "Toast of the Town" show. He has been bestowed with many honors and tributes, but being Jim Reeves, his greatest pleasure comes from meeting people and abiding by his favorite saying that, "A Stranger to Me is Just a Friend I Haven't Met."

In 1955 Jim recorded another great song hit, "Yonder Comes A Sucker," and later that year reached the goal of every country music entertainer when he joined the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn. More great songs have followed since then including "If You Were Mine," "I've Lived A Lot In My Time," "My Lips Are Sealed," "According to My Heart," his RCA Victor Albums, and many others.

Ron Harpe, Centennial committeeman, gets the credit for bringing Jim to Morehead City. Mr. Harpe corresponded with Grand Ole Opry officials for nearly five months trying to get a name star for the country music show.

The U.S. Naval Operating Base in Bermuda is situated on 225 acres of land leased on a 99-year-rent-free contract granted to the U.S. by Great Britain during World War II.



Jim Reeves, star of the Grand Ole Opry, will be singing at the Centennial country music show Monday night, Aug. 5. The music show will mark the end of the second full day of Centennial activities.

Methodists to Celebrate Charles Wesley's Birthday

Nashville, Tenn. (AP)—The 250th anniversary of Charles Wesley will be celebrated this year at the 45th annual meeting of The Methodist Church's Southeastern Jurisdictional assembly at Lake Junaluska, N. C.

A two-day hymn festival will be held to honor Wesley, who wrote more than 6,500 hymns. Wesley's brother, John, founded Methodism. The hymn-writer's birth will be celebrated by Methodists and other denominations around the world this year.

More Small Firms

The vigorous growth in the number of small business firms is revealed in latest data showing 4,200,000 small firms in operation in 1956—a record high. This figure covers all firms with less than 100 employees each.

After inventing the roller printing press, Benjamin Franklin said (15 years later) that he was retiring because he wanted "leisure to read."

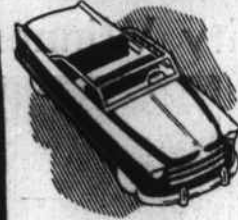
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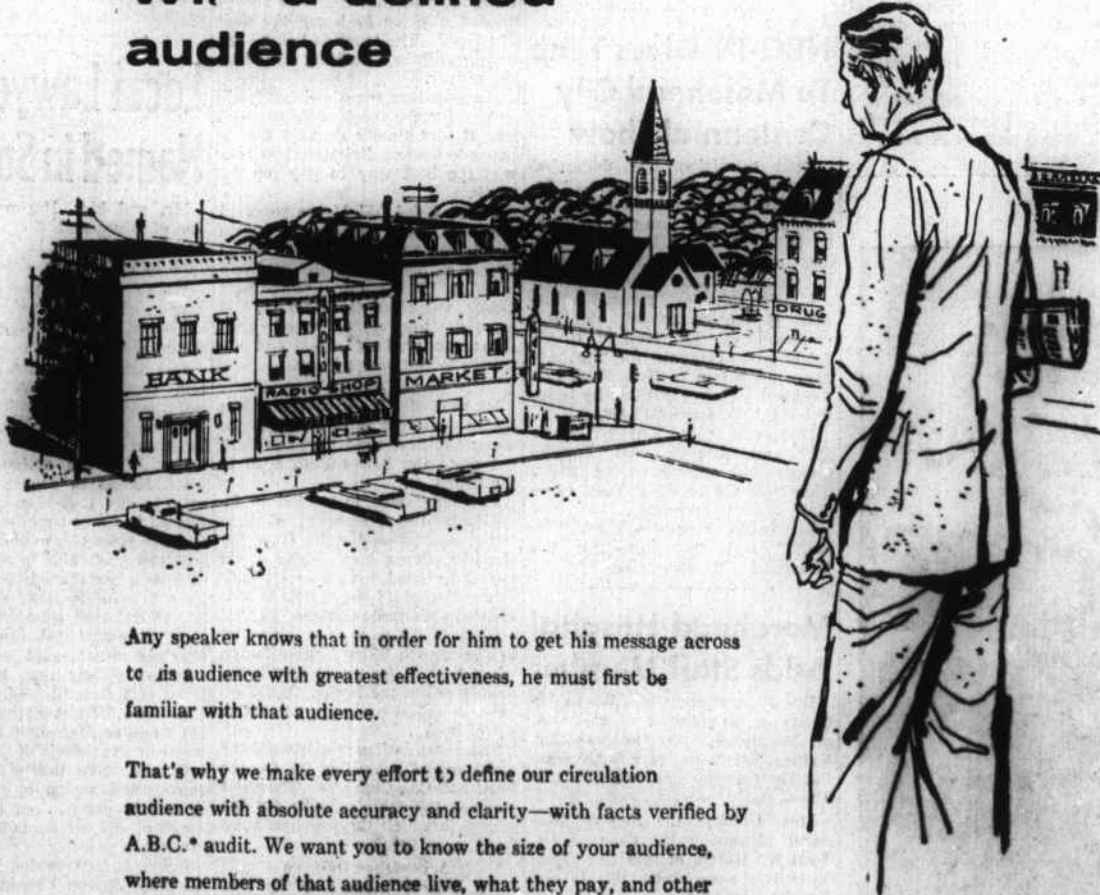
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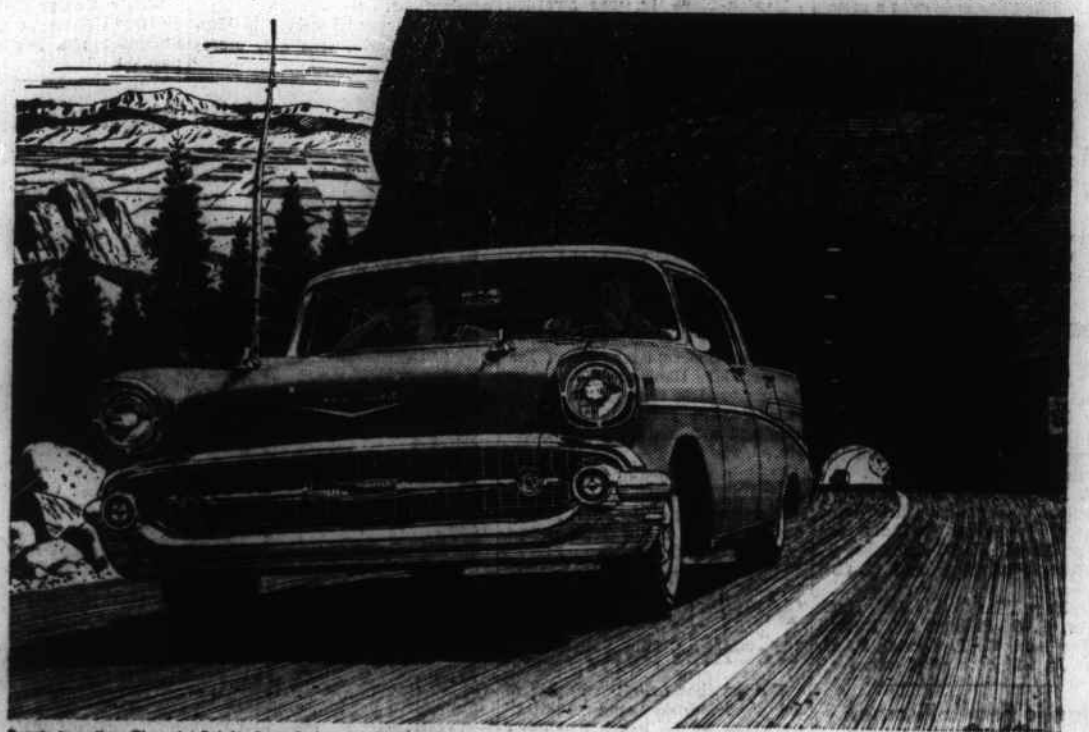
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