

# Native of Carteret Experiences 'Quake Which Hit Mexico July 28

## Elaine Herndon Writes Jaycees

(Editor's Note: Bob Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Morris, Atlanta, was in Mexico during the recent earthquake. He writes, in the following article, of the evening prior to the quake and his experience during it.)

On Saturday, July 27, 1957, the Casa de los Amigos in Chimalpa was buzzing with work for the fiesta we were giving the village that night. In the afternoon our truck went into Mexico City to carry Buck Rogers, a graduate student in chemistry at the University of North Carolina, who was sick.

A few people in our group (members of a work project devoted to the protection of peace through international understanding) went along as far as Cuajimalpa, a sort of county seat to Chimalpa even though the former is in the Federal District and the latter in the State of Mexico. There is a public bath there, where we go twice a week for showers.

We were in a hurry to get away on this particular afternoon because there were clouds building up over the mountains to the north. The rainy season in Mexico lasts from April to September and during that time anyone planning to leave Chimalpa for the world outside must do so before the rains come in the afternoon; the timing has to be trigger-quick after it begins sprinkling or there is no getting through.

On Saturday, July 27, we made it in the nick of time over the tortuous little mountain road by travelling at a somewhat less than safe speed. It had begun to drizzle just as we left Chimalpa.

I was in the group going to the public baths. In Cuajimalpa we separated from the three people going into Mexico: Thelma Habbitt, our director, who went to take Buck Rogers to the doctor

and to get provisions for the fiesta, the driver and Buck.

**Bath Felt Great**

After a week's work of digging a ditch and a culvert, the bath was refreshing as only a rare bath can be. We were going to get dirty walking back to Cuajimalpa, but that fact didn't seem at all important. For a short time we were clean and nothing could intrude on the comfort of this thought.

There was no suggestion of any menace in the mountains we saw on our walk back to Chimalpa that afternoon. We were headed straight for our village which, in the sunlight after the rain had passed, seemed to glisten like a brown jewel in a green nest of mountains.

Over on our right a mountain dreamed away in the afternoon under a mantle of maize fields just getting up; rows of older maguay plants (it takes twenty-five years for them to mature) bordered the Indian corn fields.

Like threads of little blue asterisks on the brown page of the hill-side, the maguay shone in the sunlight among the yellow maize and the green woods down in the valley. There was nothing menacing in the heavy, late-afternoon sun, one felt only a sense of benevolence and favor in the landscape.

When we got home to the Casa, supper was waiting. Don Luis, the Sub-Delgado in Chimalpa, had expressed some concern over our choice of Saturday night for a fiesta because lots of men who work in the hills around Chimalpa and work in Mexico City during the week pass through here on their way home Saturday afternoons and linger in the local cantinas getting drunk, so we speeded up our schedule in order to begin promptly at 7:30 and have everyone out of the patio by 10:30.

We finished with supper quickly and began to decorate the Common Room for our guests.

After 7, people began to arrive rather steadily. Women in weathered rebozos and dresses, often as not barefooted, men in their weekday clothes, scraps and sombreros, soon filled up the room we had prepared for them.

Social conscience in Chimalpa demands that men and women never be seen together in public, so on one side of the room sat the Senoras and Senoritas, on the other, the Senores. We had had to make a rule about the children who otherwise flooded the place. Ninos who showed up were admitted only with their parents.

At 7:30 we handed out balloons to the children. We had planned to hang these up from the ceiling but, once blown up, balloons are inseparable from Mexican children. With homemade cards we played "Bingo" under the title "Amigo." "Amigo" made a great hit with our friends.

The business of a prize for the winners posed a ticklish problem since, for obvious reasons, we could not hand out largesse. We dealt with this matter by having Darryl McKnight, an art student from Bakersfield, Calif., draw a pencil portrait of each of the victors.

By now, the small room was crowded to capacity and anyone curious as to the success of our party would have found an easy answer in the facial expressions of our guests. The Irish sweepstakes could hardly offered a more exciting promise than our game. In the congested atmosphere of the room an American new to this

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## 8-Year-Old Runs Into Pick-Up

William R. Wiseman Jr., 8-year-old son of Major and Mrs. Wiseman, 100 Rucher Circle, Fort Bragg, was knocked unconscious for several moments at 7:25 p.m. Monday when he ran into a moving pick-up truck in front of Moore's Motor Court, Atlantic Beach.

Driving the truck, according to State Highway Patrolman R. H. Brown, was Mrs. Elvora F. Joyner, 104 Church St., Farmville.

Mrs. Joyner was headed toward Morehead City at about 10 miles an hour, the patrolman said, when the boy ran out from the motor court and into the side of the pick-up.

He was taken to the Morehead City Hospital in the Dill ambulance, given first aid treatment and discharged. There was no damage to the truck and no charges were filed against the driver.

Patrolman Brown said the accident was unavoidable. He added that the boy was apparently running across the beach road to join two brothers who were at Sonny's Yacht basin.

## Marines Slightly Hurt in Wreck

Two Cherry Point Marines were slightly injured Wednesday night when the car they were driving turned over several times on Highway 24 five miles west of the Highway 24 and 70 intersection. Their names were not available at press time.

T/Sgt. Paul D. Bray, head of the Marine military police detachment, Morehead City, said that the men were headed east and lost control of the car on the long curve near the former dog racing kennels.

The car caromed from one side of the road to the other before finally flipping over several times. Sergeant Bray said it was a total wreck.

Patrolman R. H. Brown checked the accident for the State Highway Patrol.

The Marines, from Lejeune, were taken by Navy ambulance to the hospital at Cherry Point.

## Officers Hijack Cargo of Booze

Officer Otis Willis, Beaufort policeman, and ABC Officer Marshall Ayscue interrupted a delivery of 39 gallons of moonshine at 3:30 Tuesday morning in Beaufort.

Officer Ayscue is holding the car, a 1942 Hudson, in which the whiskey was found. The car was headed into Beaufort on Live Oak Street and when the police car was spotted, the driver drove into Tom's Service Station and "abandoned ship."

Officer Ayscue, however, has a pretty good idea who was driving. In the car was found a tow bag with three gallons of booze, and six cases, each holding six gallons.

**Tide Table**  
 Tides at the Beaufort Bar (Eastern Standard Time)

HIGH	LOW
Friday, Aug. 23	
6:07 a.m.	12:10 a.m.
6:30 p.m.	12:19 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 24	
6:59 a.m.	1:00 a.m.
7:21 p.m.	1:14 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 25	
7:49 a.m.	1:49 a.m.
8:10 p.m.	2:06 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 26	
8:38 a.m.	2:36 a.m.
9:00 p.m.	2:57 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 27	
9:30 a.m.	3:22 a.m.
9:53 p.m.	3:45 p.m.

# Swansboro Will Stage Mullet Festival Sept. 14

The town of Swansboro will observe its annual mullet festival Saturday, Sept. 14.

The celebration, marking the return of the mullet along the coast, will begin at 2 p.m. with a parade. In the parade will be the Marine and high school bands and floats. As in the past, there will be free boat rides for out-of-town guests.

Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. at the high school, featuring Mr. Mullet himself. Three-minute talks will be given by distinguished guests.

The day will end with a dance at 8 p.m. at the high school gym. Mayor M. N. Lisk welcomes everyone to the parade and dance. The dinner is by invitation.

This is the fifth year that the town of Swansboro, Carteret's Onslow neighbor, has honored the mullet with a festival.

## Dr. J. Vernberg Accepts Work At Duke Lab

Durham — Dr. C. G. Bookhout, director of the Duke University Marine Laboratory at Beaufort, today announced the appointment of Dr. J. Vernberg as the laboratory's new assistant director for research.

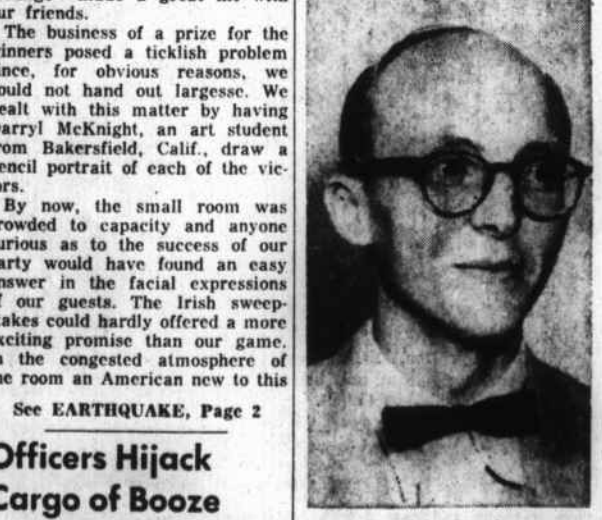
Dr. Vernberg will succeed Dr. A. C. Broad, assistant to the director since 1955, who has resigned to accept a post as assistant professor of zoology at Ohio State University. Dr. Broad has served as a resident investigator at the Beaufort laboratory since 1953.

Dr. Karl M. Wilbur, chairman of the Zoology Department at Duke, announced simultaneously that Dr. Vernberg will retain his status as assistant professor of zoology at Duke and will continue to teach on the campus in Durham in addition to his new duties at Beaufort. Plans call for Dr. Vernberg to assume his new duties at the marine laboratory July 1, 1958.

During the coming year, Dr. Vernberg is expected to do research work in Jamaica under a Guggenheim Fellowship.

According to Dr. Bookhout, the appointment of Dr. Vernberg as assistant director for research, in response to the expanded research program at the Marine Laboratory. Since 1949 two research laboratories have been built and a third will be erected there this fall.

Dr. Vernberg and his wife, Dr. Winona Vernberg, an experimental parasitologist, have been working at the Duke University Marine Laboratory for the past six summers. They have two children, Eric, age 4; and Marcia, age 6.



Dr. John Vernberg succeeds Dr. Broad

## Ed Walston Dies While on Vacation

Ed Walston, license examiner for Carteret County, died at 2 p.m. yesterday.

The word was received from New Bern by the Morehead City police department at about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Mr. Walston, who was unmarried, was about 35 years old. He lived at 122½ Ann St., Beaufort.

He was on vacation this week at his home at Maury. He was suffering from a heart condition. No further information or funeral arrangements were known at press time.

**Falls Open Today**

Fertilizer and feed users will go to the polls today to vote for the Nickels for Know-How program. The program allows the state to tax fertilizer and feed sales with the proceeds to go toward agriculture research.

# Newport Town Commissioners Open Bids on Water System

## Warren Beck Heads Baptist Fund Drive, Morehead City

Warren Beck of the First Baptist Church, Morehead City, has been named general chairman of the Eastern North Carolina Baptist Hospital fund drive in Morehead City.

The drive will begin Sept. 1 and is scheduled for completion in one month. The goal is \$600,000 for building of the first wing of a hospital at New Bern. The hospital will serve Carteret, Onslow, Jones, Craven and Pamlico Counties.

Committees working on the campaign, representing churches of this county and Havelock, met at the First Baptist Church, Morehead City, Monday night.

Speakers were J. C. Rivers, president of the Rivers fundraising association, New York, Dr. Glenn Wiley, who is affiliated with Mr. Rivers, and J. T. Pearson, campaign co-chairman, New Bern.

It was pointed out that 607 hospital beds are the desired number for serving the five-county area mentioned above. The total, however, is 320, showing a shortage of 287. The hospital will serve people of all denominations.

Persons interested in taking part in the campaign should contact Dr. John Bunn, First Baptist Church, Morehead City.

General chairman of the campaign in Beaufort is Dr. L. W. Moore.

## 110 Attend Boy Scout Beach Day

One hundred ten Boy Scouts from Morehead City, Swansboro, Weldon, Roanoke Rapids, Stacy, Rocky Mount, Kinston, Beaufort and Scotland Neck attended Scout day at Atlantic Beach Tuesday.

Rudolph Alexander, district Scout executive, ruefully reported that only one Scout leader from this county was present. He was J. T. Lewis of Stacy.

Mr. Alexander expressed sincere appreciation to A. B. Cooper, all amusement and concessions owners at the beach, Fort Macon State Park personnel, to Coast Guardsmen at Fort Macon and men of the Coast Guard cutter Conifer for taking the boys on tours.

The Scouts especially enjoyed the Coast Guard events. Mr. Alexander said. At Atlantic Beach they were given free rides, free tickets for bowling and free tickets to the bath houses and amusements.

The day was planned to reward the boys who had advanced in rank between Jan. 1 and Aug. 10. Carteret County Scout leaders, explorers and Scouts were designated as hosts for the day.

## County Schools Prepare For Opening Sept. 3

Almost everything is in readiness for the opening of school, H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, reported this week. School will open Tuesday, Sept. 3, the day after Labor Day.

Only four faculty vacancies exist — two in the elementary school at Newport and two in the Negro schools. There will be a total of 204 teachers in the county during the coming school year.

Mr. Joslyn reported that by the opening of school, all the floors in all the buildings will have been refinished.

## Pupil Registration Day Set at Catholic School

Pupils who plan to attend St. Egbert's Catholic School, Evans Street, Morehead City, are requested to register from 9 a.m. to noon or from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30.

Pupils may register any time up to that day, but those who have not done so by the 30th, are requested to come then. School will open at 8:45 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Kindergarten and six grades will be taught this year. Close to a hundred pupils are expected to be enrolled.

Members of the faculty are Miss Dorothy Avery, Beaufort, kindergarten; Mother Angelina, first and second grades; Mother Begonia, third and fourth; Mother Louise Mary, fifth and sixth; and Mother Mary, teacher of music.

The nuns, members of the order, Daughters of Jesus, are living in the convent next to the school. The convent is the former rectory.

Sister Theresa, who looks after the convent, is from Brazil, but the others are from Spain. All speak English very well, with just the slightest trace of accent.

Mother Louise Mary has been in this country seven years, having spent the past four in Louisiana. Mother Begonia has been here three years and was a member of St. Egbert's faculty last year.

Mother Mary, the mother superior, was in Pinehurst last year; Mother Angelina taught at Havelock, and Sister Theresa was in New Orleans.

The nuns occupied the convent the first of August. When asked why they were sent to the United States, Mother Louise Mary and Mother Begonia just smiled. Mother Louise Mary sort of shrugged her shoulders and said, "Just because we were sent!" Some day they may return to Spain.

St. Egbert's School opened for the first time in 1956. Last year the school consisted of kindergarten and four grades.

Newport town commissioners considered bids on the town-wide water system at the town hall Tuesday night. Interest in the job was high. Fifteen contractors bid on installation of lines throughout the town and five bid on the tank.

The board will consider the bids and act on them at a board meeting next week, probably on Monday, Mayor Leon Mann Jr. said. The board has the right to defer awarding of contracts for 30 days.

Actual start of the work is subject to borrowing the money by floating bonds.

Although the board may award the contracts to the low bidder, it is not required to do so. Low bidder on the water lines was C. M. Hefelinger and low bidder on the tank was R. D. Cole Manufacturing Co.

The bids, and the number of days each contractor stipulated for completion of the job (from date of contract letting) follow:

Water lines and installation: Connell Construction Co., base bid \$89,029.45, alternate No. 1, \$88,752.95, alternate No. 2, \$81,941.05; 120 days.

Ray D. Lowder Inc., base, \$88,429.24, alternate No. 1, \$87,715.24, alternate No. 2, \$84,153.64; 120 days.

T. A. Loving and Co., base, \$92,839.28, alternate No. 1, \$91,537.10, alternate No. 2, \$82,784.38; 100 days.

O. O. Walker, base, \$106,505.97, alternate No. 1, \$105,562.49, alternate No. 2, \$101,230.27, 120 days.

Dean Patterson Construction Co., base bid, \$96,946.58, alternate No. 1, \$95,536.58, alternate No. 2, \$99,921.08; 160 days.

Howard Construction Co., base bid, \$95,524.80; alternate No. 1, \$94,512.80, alternate No. 2, \$91,197.30; 120 days.

Potts, Brown and Co., base bid, \$91,739.07, alternate No. 1, \$91,334.17; alternate No. 2, \$87,191.07; 200 days.

C. M. Hefelinger, base bid, \$83,251.85; alternate No. 1, \$82,498.95; alternate No. 2, \$77,352.25; 120 days.

L. A. Reynolds Co., base bid, \$98,207.27, alternate No. 1, \$96,848.89, alternate No. 2, \$90,579.17; 160 days.

R. T. Burney Inc., base, \$107,642.40, alternate No. 1, \$106,187.90, alternate No. 2, \$101,982.40; 180 days.

The alternates are variations on the work, as specified by the engineer.

Bids on erection of a 100,000-gallon elevated steel tank were as follows:

R. D. Cole Manufacturing Co., \$27,955 and 145 days; Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Co., \$33,250 and 250 calendar days; Whitmire Tank Co., \$28,640 and 240 days; Hammond, \$33,250 and 180 days; Chicago Bridge and Iron, \$30,485 and 240 days.

C. C. Tilley of William F. Freeman Inc., engineers and architects, High Point, opened and read the bids. Twenty contractors and materials men were present to hear the bids and some later presented their propositions, verbally, to the board.

Mayor Mann presided. All commissioners were present: H. C. Gurganus, Douglas Henderson, Dick Locke, Bennie R. Garner, and Wilbur V. Garner.

## Harvey E. Lee Requests Jury Trial Monday

Harvey Earl Lee requested a jury trial when he was called to Morehead City recorder's court Monday to face three charges. Judge Herbert Phillips bound him over to superior court under \$500 bond.

Lee was charged with careless and reckless driving, driving drunk, running a stop sign and driving on the wrong side of the road in one warrant. A second warrant charged him with driving a vehicle after his license had been suspended. The third one was for failing to pay for parking tickets.

Two other defendants were charged with driving drunk. William H. Collins was charged \$125 and costs for driving drunk and running three red lights. J. B. Rudd, charged originally with driving drunk, was found guilty of careless and reckless driving and charged \$100 and costs.

William Deberry did not appear in court when his name was called. The judge ordered that he be picked up and brought in to stand trial for driving without a license.

James B. Hughes was charged costs for speeding. John F. Mulkeen, charged with failure to yield the right of way, was not tried due to lack of evidence.

Cases against the following were continued: Alec S. Roberts, Thomas E. Turner, George F. Henderson, Minter C. Skipper, Barbara G. Libby, Earl E. Rhodes, Wallace Smith and Eddie L. Howell.

## Director Lists 'Book Stops'

Miss Dorothy Avery, director of the county library, has announced the bookmobile route for Monday and Tuesday.

**Monday** — Cedar Island book station in the postoffice, care of Mrs. Ulga Styron; home of Mrs. Norma Mason.

Atlantic, book stations in the homes of Miss Betty Styron, Mrs. Daphne Hill and Mrs. Madeline Nelson; stops at the homes of Mrs. Violetta Lewis, Mrs. Roma Smith and Mrs. Anita Morris.

Sea Level, stops (no book stations here as yet, at homes of Mrs. Bernice Gaskill, Mrs. Lula Mason, Mrs. Ellen Rose, Mrs. Alma Mae Salter and Mrs. Tilman Taylor.

**Tuesday** — Marshallberg, book stations in homes of Mrs. Velma Willis and Miss Claudia Brown; Smyrna, stop at home of Mrs. Maggie Hancock; Otway, book station at home of Mrs. Delores Thompson; Bettie, book stations in the homes of Mrs. Ethel Lewis and Mrs. Roland Salter.

## Hundred Polio Shots Given at Health Clinic

Approximately one hundred polio shots were given at the county health department clinic yesterday in the health center, Beaufort.

A larger-than-usual number was expected too at the clinic in Morehead City yesterday afternoon. High school girls helping with the clinic were Linette McBride, Patsy Nelson and Doris Phillips.

Polio shots are available to all ages through the family doctor. The vaccine given by the health department to persons 20 to 40 years of age has been bought with county March of Dimes funds. Vaccine given persons under 20 and pregnant women is supplied under a government program.

## July Liquor Sales Total \$75,460

Liquor sales in the county during July totaled \$75,460, according to the monthly financial report. Sales in July 1956 amounted to \$70,840.55.

Sales in Beaufort were \$17,286.65, in Morehead City \$47,010, and Newport \$11,162.65.

Paid to Beaufort was \$1,110.08, to Morehead City Hospital \$3,018, to Newport \$716.82. Profit received by the county was \$4,845.77 less \$355 for an air conditioner for the Morehead City store.

## Beach Fire Fund Increased by \$374

Since the report of Aug. 10, a total of \$374 has been collected for the fire truck and garage at Atlantic Beach. The total on hand at present is \$1,143.99.

Those who have contributed, since the last report, are the following:

H. A. Moechem, Burton Taylor, Clyde Flowers, J. R. Davis, Atlantic Beach Hotel, Bryant Guthrie, Hollowell's Motel, Mrs. A. S. Cheson Jr.

Dr. D. Heath Nesbet, Hugh A. Stiles, Darrel D. Porter, Mrs. E. R. Buchan, Mrs. J. A. Jones, Sportsman Fishing Pier, L. B. Pope Jr.

Fanny H. Young, Paul M. Gross, George Griffin, H. P. Brewer, Bryan Carr, C. B. Whitcomb, Davis Beachwear Shop, L. T. White, Edward O. Bagley, L. E. Kelly and L. Lewis, Sumter Turner and C. L. Eason.

## Fire School to End At Banquet Tonight

The county-wide fire school will end tonight with a banquet at Mrs. Russell Willis's Restaurant at 8 p.m. Certificates will go to all firemen who completed the school.

The school was conducted Monday and Tuesday nights at the Morehead City fire station. Beaufort was host to the school Wednesday night. Newport was the scene of the final class last night.

The school covered the basic fundamentals of fighting fires and using fire-fighting equipment. Firemen toured buildings looking for fire hazards, put out actual fires and saw the latest fire department equipment in use.

## Power Cut-Off Will Affect Part of Town

For two and a half hours Sunday morning there will be a power cut-off in part of Morehead City. George Slovall, manager of the Carolina Power and Light Co., stated that the area affected will be 22nd Street through 24th Street, from the middle of Arendell Street north to Fisher.

The reason for the cut-off, which will be from 5 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., is to change transformers.