

E. F. Gallagher Killed Sunday In Auto Wreck

Four Accidents Occur On County Highways Over Holiday Weekend

The county experienced one fatality and four wrecks on its highways during the Labor Day weekend.

Dead is Edward F. Gallagher, 30, of MABS 24, Cherry Point, and injured in an accident at 12:30 a.m. Sunday at Otway were Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Gillikin, Norfolk, Va., and Darrell Lawrence, Otway.

No serious injuries occurred in a Friday night and a Sunday accident investigated by State Highway Patrolman W. J. Smith Jr.

Gallagher was killed at 11 p.m. Sunday six miles south of Newport on the Nine-Foot Road. Patrolman R. H. Brown said that Gallagher, in a 1956 Mercury hardtop, was headed toward Newport at a terrific rate of speed and failed to maneuver a curve.

He left the shoulder of the road on the right, skidded 400 feet, went across the road, hurtled through the air and struck a tree at a point 10 feet from the ground. The car came to a stop across a ditch.

A wrecker had to pull the top of the car off to get Gallagher, who was crushed, out. He was alone in the automobile.

The car hit the tree with its top. The roof wrapped the trunk. The driver was wearing a neck brace, a device necessary as the result of an injury he sustained in an auto accident five months ago.

Killed on the same curve earlier this month were two Cherry Point Marines, Lloyd T. Heath and Frederick T. Barbour. Barbour died several hours after the wreck.

The Gillikins and Lawrence, who were injured early Sunday morning at Otway were still in Morehead City Hospital yesterday.

Patrolman Brown said it was a freak accident and he's still not sure exactly what happened.

Lawrence was in a 1954 Ford headed west and the Gillikins were in a 1957 Ford pickup headed east. Patrolman Brown said the car apparently skidded to the left and the pickup that was meeting him swerved to the left and as a result each ended up on the wrong side of the road with their ride sides crunched together.

Both vehicles were demolished. The injured were taken to the hospital in the Adair ambulance.

The Gillikins were here visiting relatives over the Labor Day weekend.

Details on the other two accidents investigated by Patrolman Smith were not available by press-time.

Coast Guard Tows Cassandra



With only the peak of its bow above water, the Cassandra is taken in tow by the Coast Guard 30-footer. There was an explosion in the Cassandra's engine room Saturday while the boat was out with nine people aboard. (See stories at right and below). Men pictured above are Coast Guardsmen.

Haywood Snell Gives Eye-Witness Account of Boat Explosion, Rescue

Haywood Snell, Beaufort, was fishing a short distance from the Cassandra when it exploded. With him in his 16-foot boat, powered with a 40-horse engine, were John Ballou, and Mr. and Mrs. Seldon Sherwood of Morehead City.

Mr. Snell, who rescued most of the survivors, gives this account of the tragedy:

"We were about 200 to 300 yards off the beach fishing for mackerel and had caught about 15. This big boat (the Cassandra) was out there and had made about two runs up and down the beach.

"She was smoking quite a bit and we were talking about it, wondering if it was powered with a diesel. All of a sudden, we heard an explosion.

"One of the fellows with me, said 'Godamighty, look yonder!'"

"I looked and we saw debris and this woman flying through the air. We jerked our lines in as fast as we could and went toward the boat.

We got to the woman first. She (Mrs. Sterling Nicholson) looked as though she was about gone.

"The water was a little choppy and we circled. The colored boy (Sam Gill) was standing at the back of the boat. He called to us, 'White folks, come get me. I can't swim nary a lick.'"

"By that time we had got back

to the woman and it looked as though she couldn't stay afloat, so John went over the side and held her up.

"We went back and got the colored fellow and then picked up John and the woman. All this sounds as though it took a long time, but it all happened in a few seconds.

"Then we got the others. We had five in the boat and two hanging on the side. There was a big boat nearby and we hollered to them to come help us. We liked to never have got them over.

"There were so many in my boat, we couldn't make any headway. Well, this big boat took some and John and Seldon also swam to another boat.

"That left me, Mrs. Sherwood, the colored boy and Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson in my boat. I don't know whether Mrs. Nicholson was conscious or not. She didn't say anything. She just lay there in her husband's arms.

"When I got over by the Fort Macon Coast Guard station, I met the Coast Guard coming out and told them to phone for an ambulance to come to the Sanitary fish market dock where I was headed.

"When we got there, there wasn't a doctor around but some man, who was sitting on the edge of a boat came up and said he was a

doctor and could he help. I told him 'Yes, sir' and he looked at the woman and then they were taken off in the Dill ambulance.

"The captain of the Cassandra (Al Arnold) deserves a lot of credit. The minute the explosion happened, he grabbed the CO2 extinguisher and sprayed the engine room and killed any flames that might have started.

"He was the last man off his boat. The boat didn't go to the bottom because there were two or three air tanks forward. But she went down, so that she was just level with the water, in about four minutes."

Like the prophetic Cassandra in the Greek tragedy, Agamemnon, the 44-footer's smoking had belched out a prophecy of doom. The Coast Guard's 30-footer took her in tow until the tug from Cannon boat works took over.

Mr. Snell and Mr. Ballou went back to the scene after they had brought the survivors in safely to see if they could find anything in the water that could be salvaged, but only useless debris was floating.

The Cassandra was on the ways at Cannon's yesterday. The owner carried insurance on it, but it had not been determined by press time whether cost of repairing the boat would exceed the sale price.

44-Foot Boat Explodes; Nine Saved by Nearby Fishermen

It's Kick-Off Time

King Football will soon be on the throne again in Carteret.

The Seashore Conference has before it a season that could be one of the best in its history.

THE NEWS-TIMES is pleased to present, in this issue, pictures of some of the players you will see in conference action this year. The emphasis, of course, is on Carteret County teams, including Queen Street's mighty squad, also Swansboro, a conference neighbor in Onslow.

Readers will do well to note the advertisers in the football section — these are the businessmen who are glad to let folks know that they're backing the teams a hundred per cent. They are the men who make it possible for us to bring football fans, the players and their parents the 75 pictures in today's football section plus the numerous football stories. We hope this section will provide material for those highly-prized scrapbooks many fans and high school students keep.

There's one thing about it — you can't clip a broadcast or a tv program and paste it in a book for a keepsake.

No extra issues of today's paper have been published. If anyone would like extra copies, he would do well to pick them up at a newsstand without delay.

THE NEWS-TIMES joins the other businessmen in the football section in giving a rousing cheer for the teams. We hope all have a big, wonderful season.

Nine residents of Durham and Charlotte had a close brush with death at 11:40 a.m. Saturday when the 44-foot privately-owned cruiser, Cassandra, from which they were fishing, exploded three miles east of Beaufort Inlet.

Aboard the boat, owned by J. Hanes Lassiter, Charlotte, were Mr. Lassiter and his wife; Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Nichols

Jr., Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. Sterling J. Nicholson of Durham and Morehead City; Charles Allen of Durham, Sam Gill, Charlotte, and Al Arnold, captain of the boat, Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Lassiter were not admitted to the hospital although Mrs. Lassiter suffered slight shock and Mr. Lassiter had minor foot injuries.

Legs Broken

Both of Mr. Nichols' legs were broken between the knee and the ankle when he was thrown against the top of the cabin. His wife suffered a broken heel. Both may be moved from Morehead City Hospital to Charlotte by ambulance this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson were discharged from the Morehead City Hospital Sunday morning. Mr. Nicholson suffered burns and Mrs. Nicholson, who was thrown 30 feet from the boat and almost drowned, was suffering from shock.

The captain was not injured and Gill, Negro boat boy, suffered cuts and bruises.

The explosion occurred in the engine room and is believed to have been due to a spark igniting gasoline in the bilge. The back end of the boat was blown out and the boat sank level with the water.

After the survivors were picked up by other boats in the area, the Coast Guard towed the Cassandra to Cannon boat works, west of Morehead City.

Based at Wrightsville
The Cassandra is based at Wrightsville Beach and according to Mr. Nichols, had just been completely overhauled and equipped with two new engines. The boat was built in 1935.

The Lassiters had been vacationing in Morehead City for several weeks prior to the Saturday accident, and had been joined by the other persons in their party for the Labor Day weekend.

Persons who rescued the survivors were Haywood Snell, Beaufort, and his party (see eye-witness account), C. W. Hamilton Sr. and Jr., 104 Ericson St., Portsmouth, Va., and L. H. Smith, 105 Calico Dr., Morehead City, who were in Mr. Smith's 16-foot runabout, the Lazy M. Identity of a third larger boat which gave aid could not be learned.

Mr. Smith said that he and his party were about "two city blocks" away from the Cassandra. He heard the explosion and thought for a second it was target practice.

"Then we looked and it was just like you see in the movies," Mr. Smith related, "the back end of the boat was disintegrating and debris was flying everywhere."

The Lazy M went to the scene and Mr. and Mrs. Nichols clung to the side until they could be pulled aboard. Mr. Smith took them to the dock near the emergency entrance at the Morehead City Hospital and there they were put on stretchers and taken into the hospital.

When interviewed at the hospital yesterday morning, Mr. Nichols said, "We're all glad to be alive. It was wonderful the way those other fishing boats rallied 'round and helped us."

Morehead City Lions Win Awards
Ten members of the Morehead City Lions Club won attendance pins at the club's Thursday night meeting at the Hotel Fort Macon.

Winning pins for perfect attendance last year were Owens Frederick, Jack Morgan, Elmer Watson, Victor Wickizer, John D. Willis, John T. Willis, A. N. Willis, C. W. Williams, J. G. Bennett and O. N. Allred.

Dr. Russell Outlaw was speaker at the meeting. He gave a program on eye care. Since September is Lions Sight Conservation Month, Dr. Outlaw mentioned the different causes of blindness and showed how some of them could be avoided.

A. N. Willis won the club attendance prize.

It was reported that the club had bought a suitcase for a blind man who plans to go to a school for the blind.

Rescue Truck Rushes Frank Joyner to Hospital
Frank Joyner, 608 Broad St., Beaufort, was rushed to the Morehead City Hospital at 12:20 p.m. Saturday by the Beaufort rescue truck.

Joyner suffered a heart attack at Pollock and Broad Streets and Chief Guy Springle summoned the rescue truck to take him to the hospital. He was still confined to the hospital yesterday.

J. A. DuBois Reports On Heavy Mail Volume
J. A. DuBois, manager of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, reports that 350 inquiries have come to the chamber in 30 days.

Of that number, 221 were redirected to the chamber from the state advertising division and the remainder was general and routine office correspondence.

Mr. DuBois attributed the heavy volume of mail to state advertising and recent advertising on the Centennial.

Warren Beck Names Heads Of Committees

Warren Beck, Morehead City, chairman of the Eastern North Carolina Baptist Hospital fund drive, has announced his committee heads as follows:

Memorial tributes, Bernard Leary, chairman, W. C. Carlton, vice-chairman; special gifts, Jimmy Wallace, chairman, Frank Moran, vice-chairman; corporations committee, Jasper Bell, chairman; Don Shanor, vice-chairman.

Industrial, E. B. Thompson, chairman, John Oglesby, vice-chairman; commercial, W. D. Munden, chairman; Frank Cheek, vice-chairman; residential, Mrs. Cecil Nelson, chairman, Mrs. Carl Ball, vice-chairman.

Clubs and organizations, Frank Moran, chairman, Mr. Carlton and Herbert Phillips III, vice-chairmen; churches, Leslie Brinson, chairman and Carl Ball, vice-chairman; publicity, Jerry J. Willis, chairman and Charles C. Willis and Mrs. Haywood McBride, vice-chairmen.

Mr. Beck points out that contributions in the \$600,000 hospital fund drive may be paid over a two-year period at the rate of as little as \$2 a month.

Administrator Lists Needs Of Hospital

David Willis, administrator of the Morehead City Hospital, was guest speaker at the Morehead City Rotary Club meeting at the Rex Restaurant Thursday night.

Mr. Willis outlined the present needs of the hospital to the club. He said that he was proud of the hospital as it now exists. "It has the finest of equipment and an excellent staff," he commented.

"The hospital needs more rooms and more equipment," he explained, "not to replace what we have, but to supplement it. The hospital just wasn't built to take care of the number of people that are now treated there."

Mr. Willis was the guest of Rotarian Dr. John Morris. Other guests were Rufus Butler, Morehead City, Allen Knott, Frank Fitzgerald, Charles Carter and Galt Braxton, Kinston, Tom Powell, and Joe Kircheimer, Raleigh, Jim Fleming and Frank Preisse, Greenville, and S. W. Wooten, Goldsboro.

Kenneth Wagner had three Egyptians as his guests. They are students at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. William Tadros, Wadie Michael and Magdi El Kammesh gave brief talks to the club.

Holding Brothers Elected To Top Banking Positions
Robert P. Holding Jr., was elected chairman of the board of First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co. and his brother, Lewis R. Holding, president, at a meeting of the board of directors Friday at Smithfield following the death of their father, R. P. Holding Sr. who had been president and board chairman since the founding of the bank.

Frank Broadhurst was elected senior vice-president and comptroller and H. L. Stephenson, senior vice-president.

First-Citizens bank has three branches in Carteret: Newport, Morehead City and Beaufort.

Judge Fines Phillip Long \$100, Costs Thursday

Judge Lambert Morris fined Phillip Long \$100 and costs for illegal possession of whiskey in Thursday's session of county recorder's court.

Gary E. Masters got the next heaviest fine—\$15 and costs for driving without a driver's license and without a muffler.

Two drivers were fined \$10 and costs each. They were Van B. Higdon, following too close, and Robert E. Gibson, driving faster than conditions permitted.

James L. Abercrombie and Claud Morning Jr., both charged with passing bad checks, were ordered to pay the checks and court costs.

Others who paid costs were Lucille Smith, drunk on the highway; William E. Garner, improper registration; Ernest Barrett, failure to comply with a former court order; and Edmond Milolczak, speeding.

Those who forfeited bonds were James D. Buffkin, speeding in a truck; Luther Guthrie, passing improperly; William F. Adams, speeding, running a stop sign and refusing to show his driver's license; Fulford Peele, Harmon Willis and Ivey Austin Jr., violation of shrimp laws.

Larry G. Arnold, no brakes or registration card; Dongale George, no chauffeur's license; Eddie Martin Jr. driving a truck with a load in excess of its licensed weight; Tommie Lewis and Henry G. Russ, speeding.

Raymond T. Jones, improper passing and driving on the wrong side of the road; Don Gatlon, drunk on the highway; and Herbert C. Traxler, no muffler.

Three defendants were not tried due to lack of evidence. They were Renee W. Johnson, no driver's license; and Ammie Harkley and Edward Evans, assault.

R. M. McClain Supervises Six Loan Offices

W. H. Clayton, Raleigh, vice-president in charge of First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co., installment loan departments announces the promotion of Richard M. McClain, Morehead City, as assistant vice-president in charge of a group



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of the chain bank's installment loan departments extending from Kinston eastward—Kinston, New Bern, Morehead City, Havelock, Jacksonville and Beaufort.

Mr. McClain opened the installment loan department of the Morehead City branch of First-Citizens in April 1950, and has been its head since. His place at Morehead City has been assumed by E. B. Fleming.

Mr. McClain will assume the duties of Nolan P. Shuler Jr., who resigned his First-Citizens vice-presidency to take a similar position with South Carolina National Bank at Columbia, S. C.

While with First-Citizens, Mr. McClain was in charge of the

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Enrollment Up At Queen Street

L. R. Johnson, principal of Queen Street School, Beaufort, expects an enrollment of 632 pupils this year, an increase of at least 24 over last year's enrollment. School opens this morning.

Only those may be enrolled in first grade who will be 6 years old on or before Oct. 15.

Members of the Queen Street faculty this year are the following: high school, John Tillery, Miss Betty Reeves, Miss Evelyn Pasteur, Miss Alice Hutchinson, Miss G. L. Atkinson, Abe Thurman.

Elementary grades: Mrs. S. W. Windley, Mrs. J. D. Collins, Mrs. M. O. Williams, S. H. Barrow, coach; Mrs. D. P. Smith, Mrs. C. H. Lewis, Mrs. O. B. Davis, Miss Vernice Evans.

Mrs. M. H. Godette, Mrs. E. M. Wilson, Mrs. V. S. Collins, Mrs. L. R. Johnson, and Mrs. Beulah H. Harris.

The faculty has increased by one teacher this year, and two subjects have been added to the curriculum, elementary trigonometry and driver education. Mr. Johnson will teach driver education.

A sailor was hurt at the Morehead City port about 11:15 Friday morning and was rushed by Navy ambulance to the hospital.

Carteret Towns Will Receive \$40,570 in Powell Bill Funds

More than forty thousand dollars will come to Carteret County towns through Powell bill funds for the fiscal year 1957.

The exact figure is \$40,570.94. The money accrues from the half cent of the six-cent state gasoline tax and is used by municipalities in maintaining and improving non-highway system streets.

Allocations, town by town, are as follows: Atlantic Beach \$2,734.84 for 5.42 miles; Beaufort \$10,483.44 for 7.54 miles; Emerald Isle, \$3,533.54 for 7.28 miles; Morehead City \$20,053.19 for 18.8 miles and Newport \$3,766.93 for 4.8 miles.

In addition to mileage, the amount allotted is also based on population. Census figures of 1950 are used.

More than 400 towns throughout the state are sharing in a total of \$6,477,032.18 in Powell bill funds. Checks are now in the process of being mailed.

Powell bill funds have shown a 42 per cent increase in seven years, rising from \$4,543,096.20 in 1951 to the 1957 figure of nearly six and one-half million dollars. A total of \$38,536,207.29 will have been distributed with the issuance of this year's checks.

The fund has shown an annual increase due to the ever-growing volumes of traffic using highways, roads, and streets.

Six municipalities have been added since last year. They are Cove City, Danbury, Emerald Isle, Middleburg, Speed and Teachey.

Cities and towns become eligible for Powell bill funds by performing certain functions necessary to qualify under the law including the collection of ad valorem taxes, the election of city governing officials and the filing of necessary data with the State Highway Commission before the limiting date.

Half of the total Powell bill allocations, \$3,238,516.09, is to be divided among qualified municipalities on the basis of population at a per capita rate of \$2.12. The

population of the 405 eligible municipalities is 1,524,409.

The remaining half is divided on the basis of relative mileage of non-highway system or local streets of municipalities complying with the act at a per mile rate of \$485.38. The total length of such streets this year is 6,672.18 miles.

Allocations may be made only to legally incorporated municipalities which qualify under the law. Many legally incorporated towns fail to qualify while other populous communities in the state have never incorporated and are thereby ineligible.

The Powell bill funds for each municipality are figured to the penny by the Division of Statistics and Planning headed by James S. Burch.

Marshallberg Firemen Save Smyrna Home
Marshallberg firemen saved a Smyrna home from being destroyed by fire Friday night.

The fire was at the home of Miss Laura Gertrude Smith, 83, who had died Friday morning. The blaze is believed to have started around the refrigerator.

Beaufort firemen were called in case additional help was needed. Water was taken from the Beaufort rural truck. Elmond Rhue, Beaufort engineer, said Marshallberg firemen did a good job in keeping the fire under control.

Danger Area
The commanding general, Camp Lejeune, reports that today, tomorrow and Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. the area 4 1/2 miles north of Bogue Inlet to 10 miles south of New River Inlet 21,000 yards seaward will be used for firing exercises. Firing will be in progress Thursday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inland waterway traffic will not be affected.

Sheriff Reports On FBI School

Sheriff Hugh Salter, who spent his first weekend at home since enrolling Aug. 19 in the FBI academy at Washington, D. C., termed the training "an excellent course" in an interview Saturday.

With 91 law enforcement officers from the rest of the country, the sheriff goes to classes daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the justice department building.

In addition to classwork, there is physical education and workouts in the gymnasium where the officers are taught jiu-jitsu and methods of disarming characters carrying knives, rifles, pistols or other weapons.

The week of Sept. 16 the sheriff will be at Quantico, Va., where the FBI headquarters building is located. There the men will be trained on the rifle and pistol range which is equipped with all the modern devices designed to train a man as an expert shot.

The sheriff returned to Washington last night. He hopes to spend every other weekend here. The course is of 12 weeks' duration.

B&M Car Jumps Track Near Beaufort Thursday
A car of the Beaufort and Morehead Railroad jumped the track west of the bridge across Gallants Channel Tuesday afternoon.

Opposite the Machine and Supply Co., the car hit a piece of steel that was believed to have been left on the track by bridge workmen. No one was hurt in the derailment.

A. T. Leary Jr., of the B&M, said the car was back on the track within five hours.

Sprayer Burns
One of the county's mosquito sprayers caught on fire at 9 p.m. Thursday. It was spraying in the Mansfield Park section when an oil hose came loose. Oil poured into the burner and caught the entire rig on fire. Firemen said it was a complete loss.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar (Eastern Standard Time)		
HIGH		LOW
Tuesday, Sept. 3		
3:40 a.m.		10:00 a.m.
4:08 p.m.		10:41 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 4		
4:43 a.m.		10:54 a.m.
5:06 p.m.		11:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 5		
5:29 a.m.		11:43 a.m.
5:57 p.m.		
Friday, Sept. 6		
6:27 a.m.		12:15 a.m.
6:41 p.m.		12:30 p.m.