

Mark's First Christmas



Little Mark Hamilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walton Hamilton, Morehead City, is having his first real Christmas this year. He was just two weeks old last Christmas. Through the year, Mark has gotten

practice blowing out candles. When he got his first glimpse of the tree, he was sure those lights could be blown out. And he tried. He's shown above, huffing and puffing!

Photos by Bob Seymour

Atlantic Auto Hits Parked Car

A car driven by Joseph Daniel Mason, Atlantic, smashed into a car parked in Mrs. Melvin Robinson's yard, Atlantic, at 1:45 a.m. Sunday.

Mason was not injured but his car, a 1957 Plymouth, was damaged to the extent of \$400. The parked car, a 1954 DeSoto, owned by Thomas M. Robinson, Wilmington, had damages estimated at \$150.

Patrolman J. W. Sykes said Mason told him he went to sleep. The driver has been charged with careless and reckless driving and speeding in a 35-mile zone.

Mason was headed west. Skid marks indicated that his car left the right side of the road, crossed to the left, struck the DeSoto, glanced off, hit a power pole and came to a stop about 50 feet away. The total skid area was about 250 feet, according to the patrolman.

Warm Weather Kills Hope for White Christmas Season

The warm weather we have been having for the past week kills any chance of a white Christmas, says weather observer Stanley Davis. He points out that a low of 40 recorded Sunday is the lowest the thermometer has dropped in a week.

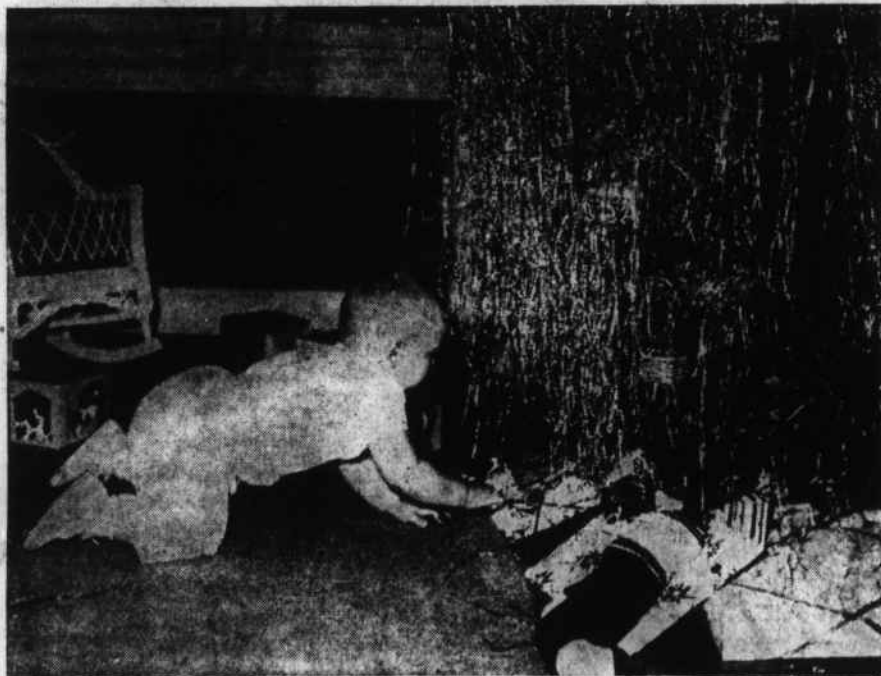
Rain has been recorded on the four days since last Wednesday. Rain totaling less than an inch fell on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Maximum and minimum temperatures and wind direction for the period follow:

	Max.	Min.	Wind
Wednesday	57	44	NNE
Thursday	69	52	SSE
Friday	65	59	SSE
Saturday	63	48	N
Sunday	60	40	NE

Garbage Collections

Beaufort garbage collectors will be off tomorrow and Thursday and will pick up all the garbage in town Friday. Morehead City garbage men will follow their regular schedule except for tomorrow, which will be a holiday.



Mark says, "This waiting, you know, to open packages, is strictly for those people who can't crawl good. Those pretty packages are right on my level, and I'm going to get 'em. I have yet to see that fellow Santa Claus they're all talking about!"

How Newspaper Might Have Reported Birth of Christ 1957 Years Ago

(Editor's Note: History often gives new meaning to the movements of man. Had there been newspapers in the day of Christ's birth, the event we celebrate on Christmas day may have passed unnoticed. If note had been taken of it, it might have been casually mentioned in a story like the one that follows.)

Bethlehem, Judea—The city was flooded yesterday with citizens from all parts of Syria coming here to list taxes.

The influx began on the 30th day after the emperor, Caesar Augustus, issued the order in Rome that the head of every household shall record the names and age of members of his family, and the property he holds.

The order from the emperor reached Cyrenius, governor of this province, by messenger 10 days ago. Since that time, heralds have been riding throughout Syria announcing to the people that all residents must go to the cities to register with the publicans.

owners did not realize that the new government order would cause such an influx of people. Tent-makers have been reported renting tents on the outskirts of the city at handsome profit.

Some who have come to Bethlehem find no shelter at all. Levi Menna, keeper of the inn on the street that leads to the Nazareth Road, reported this morning that a woman gave birth to a son in the stable at his inn last night.

The woman and her husband, whose names Mr. Menna did not know, had come here from Galilee to comply with the emperor's tax law. The inn keeper said they wanted a room, but all his rooms were taken, so he let them stay in the stable.

Julius, the governor's aide, said yesterday that the listing of everyone in the province will probably require 14 days.

James Taylor, 28, Drowns Saturday While Oystering

Town Board Approves 1958 Fire Department Officers

Morehead City commissioners approved Thursday night the new fire department officers for 1958. They are Joe Fulcher Jr., chief; Lindsey Guthrie, assistant chief; Robert McCabe, captain; Edward McLawhorn, lieutenant; Dan Swindell, secretary, and John Baker, treasurer.

Bids were opened for the town's gasoline, motor, fuel oil supply for the coming year, but no bid was accepted because the manner in which each company submitted bids made it impossible to tell which was lowest.

John Lashley, town clerk, was asked to call each company, correlate the information and accept the lowest price.

(In a written statement supplied THE NEWS-TIMES by Mr. Lashley Saturday, the following was reported:

"At the regular meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners Thursday night, Dec. 19th, 1957 bids were opened from several oil companies. Gulf, Standard, Carolina Oil & Dist. Co. and Ocean Oil Co. for gasoline, fuel oil and motor oils for the year 1958.

"The Carolina Oil & Distributing Co. being the low bidder were awarded the contract. Price of gasoline was 2.45 per gal. less than posted tank wagon at time of delivery. Fuel oil, 2 cents less than posted tank wagon at time of delivery. Oils were in line on discount with other companies."

Bond Report

S. C. Holloway, finance commissioner, reported on the bond account. According to the report obtained from the Local Government Commission by the auditor, \$5,959.16 is on deposit in New York for bonds which have been called but not turned in. Mayor George Dill said that if the bonds are not redeemed within 10 years after called, the money will revert to the town.

Mayor Dill reported on his recent trip to San Francisco where he represented Morehead City and the state at the American Municipalities Association meeting. The commissioners discussed downtown traffic problems but no action was taken.

Letter Read

The mayor read a letter from Robert I. Powell, mayor of Clinton, who is chairman of a committee objecting to the proposed telephone rate raise. The board passed a resolution after the letter had been received and a copy of the telegram informing Mayor Powell of the action was read.

A major portion of the meeting was devoted to listening to two salesmen from the National Cash Register Co. They demonstrated a multiple duty city accounting machine.

The salesmen were E. S. Herring and Jim Dickens. They told the board that the machine would cost approximately \$5,400 plus an estimated \$500 for files to keep records and an amount to the auditor to set up the system.

The commissioners said they would take the matter under consideration.

No mention was made of the audit. Each commissioner received in November a copy of the 1956-57 audit which he took home for "further study."

Present, in addition to those mentioned, were Commissioners Gibbie Sanderson, D. J. Hall, Jasper Bell, Ted Garner, and George McNeill, town attorney.

No Meter Charge

Beaufort and Morehead City have put the parking meters "out of commission" until after Christmas. No coins are required.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, Dec. 24	
10:25 a.m.	4:07 a.m.
11:02 p.m.	4:41 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 25	
11:10 a.m.	4:48 a.m.
11:49 p.m.	5:21 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 26	
11:52 a.m.	5:30 a.m.
	6:02 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 27	
12:33 a.m.	6:17 a.m.
12:35 p.m.	6:48 p.m.

Churches Herald Christ's Birth With Services

Churches in Morehead City and Beaufort have planned special services for Christmas and tonight, Christmas Eve. The schedule of services follows:

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Beaufort, will have a choral celebration of Holy Communion at 11:30 tonight. At 10 a.m. tomorrow there will be a celebration of Holy Communion.

At the Beaufort Free Will Baptist Church the juniors will present a Christmas play at 7:30 tonight. A Christmas tree has been set up in the church and all members of the congregation will receive gifts.

The First Baptist Church, Beaufort, will have its regular prayer service tomorrow night.

St. Egbert's Catholic Church will be the scene of Midnight Mass tonight. Father Walter Higgins will conduct the service.

Mrs. Theodore Phillips will play the carillon at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Morehead City, from 7 to 7:30 tonight. There will be Holy Communion and a sermon at the church at 11:15 p.m. The service will be preceded by a 25-minute musical program.

The First Methodist Church, Morehead City, will be open for Christmas Communion tomorrow from 11 a.m. until noon. People may come at any time during the hour and go directly to the altar, where the pastor will administer the communion.

Patrol Sergeant Cites Hard, Cold Statistics

Sgt. C. L. Teague of the State Highway Patrol reminds drivers that over Christmas last year 706 persons were killed in highway accidents throughout the country.

In the majority of the accidents, the drivers were either drunk or speeding or both.

Says Sergeant Teague: "A word to the wise is sufficient."

James Taylor, 28, Sea Level, drowned in Turnagin Bay near Merrimon early Saturday morning. Taylor and Clem Gaskill, 23, also of Sea Level, were dredging for oysters from a 26-foot boat when the accident occurred.

Gaskill says that the dredge hung up and the dredge post gave way. Gaskill jumped to slow down the boat's engine and Taylor started toward the stern. Gaskill says he looked back just in time to see Taylor go overboard.

He took off his boots and went overboard after Taylor, holding to the boat with his hands and pushing his feet out for Taylor to hold on to. But Taylor had gone under. His rescue attempts fruitless, he went to Merrimon for help.

Calvin Mason of Merrimon carried Gaskill to Beaufort where he notified Sheriff Hugh Salter. It was nearing 7:30 a.m. then the sheriff called Fort Macon Coast Guard station and the Coast Guard sent a crew to drag for the body.

Sheriff Salter went to the airport and got Herman Reid to fly him over the area. The two men searched the shallow waters of the bay from the air but were unable to spot the body.

The Coast Guardsmen, EN/2 Ronald Quidley, SN Robert Stevens and FN Russell Prince, gave up the search at 8:15 p.m. since Coast Guard regulations prohibit the continuation of a search for a body for more than one day.

They left their dragging equipment with Merrimon and Sea Level residents who were searching the area. At 1:30 p.m. Sunday Capt. Earl Hamilton of Sea Level rigged his trawler, Cavalier, with dragging equipment. He picked the body up on the second run over the area where Taylor was reported lost.

The sheriff also had made another air search Sunday.

Captain Hamilton carried Taylor's body to the Thoroughfare bridge between Atlantic and Cedar Island. An ambulance met the boat at the bridge and carried the body to the Sea Level Hospital.

Coroner Leslie Springle and Dr. Herbert Webb examined the body at the hospital and said that Taylor died of accidental drowning. The coroner said that there was no evidence of foul play.

Taylor and Gaskill had dredged about five tubs of oysters when Taylor fell overboard. They were using a boat owned by Taylor's brother, Vernon.

Funeral services for Taylor will be conducted at the Sea Level Free Will Baptist Church at 2 p.m.

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Greetings to You

Business firms of the county in this issue are extending special holiday greetings to their friends and customers. These sincere wishes for a happy Christmas come from the following:

- Ackerson's Jewelers
- Airport Service Center
- Allen & Bell Hardware Co.
- John A. Baker
- Beasley's Radio & Television
- Beaufort Department Store
- Beaufort Hardware Co., Inc.
- Beaufort Theatre
- Bell's Department Store
- Bell's Drug Store
- Bridgeview Motel
- Busy Bee Restaurant
- Carolina Water Co.
- Carteret-Craven Electric Membership Corp.
- F. A. Cassiano
- Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Co.
- Cherry's Market
- City Theatre
- Commercial National Bank
- Culligan's Soft Water Service
- J. M. Davis
- E. W. Downum Co.
- George W. Dill & Sons, Funeral Director
- Early Jewelers
- W. P. Freeman Wholesale Co.
- Lloyd A. Fry Roofing Co.
- Roy T. Garner
- C. G. Gaskill Co.
- Guthrie-Jones Drug Co.
- Hamilton Furniture Co.
- Hardesty Motors
- Herald Printing Co.
- Hiibs Furniture Co.
- Joe House Drug Store
- Huntley's Builders Supply
- Ideal Barber Shop
- Idle Hour Amusement Center
- I. & H. Motors
- T. D. Lewis Machine Shop
- Stanley Lockhart
- Lockhart Millwork Co.
- Machine & Supply Co.
- Micro Machine Co.
- Mitchell's Carpenter Shop
- Morehead Block & Tile Co.
- Morehead City Drug Co.
- Morehead City Floral Co.
- Morehead City Garment Co.
- Morehead Theatre
- Newport Dry Cleaners
- Ocean Oil Co.
- Ottis' Fish Market
- T. T. "Tom" Potter & Son
- Potter's Sinclair Service
- Russell's Glass Shop
- R & N Furniture Co.
- Safrit Lumber Co.
- Sanitary Barber Shop
- Sears, Roebuck & Co.
- Sound Appliance Co., Inc.
- Sound Chevrolet Co., Inc.
- G. T. Spivey, Wholesale Produce
- Taylor Concrete
- Tire Service Co.
- Tom's Sinclair Service
- Western Auto Associate Store, Beaufort
- Western Auto Associate Store, Morehead City
- Willis Pure Oil Service Station
- Jerry J. Willis, Real Estate

24 Defendants Forfeit Bonds At County Court

Twenty-four defendants forfeited their bonds rather than appear in county recorder's court Thursday. Their offenses ranged from driving drunk to driving with improper lights. The defendants and their charges follow:

Lee C. Jackson, driving drunk; John W. Ives Jr., no license plates on a trailer; Audrey G. Fodrie, following too close resulting in an accident; Harry M. Lewis, following too close; Major Canty, Richard Doles, Cal Stanley, Lillian Chadwick, Carl Turner, public drunkenness.

Willie Hines, public drunkenness and brandishing a pistol; Joseph C. Lina, Aequan D. Farley, Winfield S. Butler and Archie Toulson Jr., speeding.

James R. Hinos, Joe Labaska, Zarny Hill, Ora Faye Williams and Raymond Goseffi, running stop signs; Wilbur G. Baker, failure to yield the right-of-way.

Melton C. Evans and Troy E. Goodwin, no driver's license; Bert O. Hardy, allowing an unlicensed person to drive; and James L. Willis, driving with improper lights.

Fined \$100 and Costs

Clifton Lee Glover appeared in court to be tried for driving drunk and driving without a license. He was found guilty and Judge Lambert Morris gave him six months to pay \$100 and costs. Will Hill was fined \$50 and costs for driving after his license had been revoked.

Herman W. Schurer was fined \$35 and costs for passing at an intersection. Herbert L. McNeer and Richard W. Silvernail were fined \$25 and costs each for driving on the wrong side of the road.

John J. Monaghan was fined \$20 and costs for driving at a speed greater than was reasonable or prudent. George H. Dates, Oscar Johnson and Benjamin E. Campbell were charged one-third costs and \$10 each for possession of non-taxpaid whiskey.

Five Pay Costs

Five defendants were taxed court costs. They were Harvey L. LeWallen and Martin Davis, speeding; and Frank Thomas, William Butler and Vesta Brown, public drunkenness.

Brenda M. Lupton's case was remanded to juvenile court. She was charged with driving without a license.

The state decided not to try nine defendants. They were John Westley Steverson, charged with disturbing the peace and destroying personal property; Thomas L. Willis, charged with abandonment and non-support; Vernon Gillikin, charged with dumping trash in a drainage ditch; Theodore Lawrence, charged with possession of non-taxpaid whiskey; and Wallace Morris, Zennie Frazier, Leroy Blangood, S. T. Vick and Howard Clark, charged with trespassing.

Fifty-six cases were continued. Court will not be in session next Thursday, the day after Christmas.

Engine Stops, Guy Lewis Drifts Out Beaufort Inlet

Guy Lewis, Salter Path, was drifting out Beaufort Inlet in a 20-foot boat when a lookout in the Coast Guard tower spotted him waving a white handkerchief. The lookout saw him at 1 p.m. Sunday.

At 1:08 p.m. EN/2 Renald Quidley and SN Robert Stevens were on the way to tow him in. They towed the boat to Beaufort. Lewis told them that the inboard engine had failed.

No Court Thursday

Because of the Christmas holiday, there will be no county court in Beaufort Thursday. The next court session will be Thursday, Jan. 2.

