

## H. E. Mobley to Start Prison Term April 18

H. Earle Mobley stood calmly at 11:57 Friday morning in the county courtroom and listened to Judge Joseph Parker sentence him to not less than eight years nor more than 10 years in the state prison on two counts of fraud.

Three to five-year sentences in 12 charges of embezzlement were suspended by the judge. One charge of fraud, against Mobley and James E. Leary, was continued until the June term of superior court.

Mobley has been given two weeks to get his affairs in order prior to starting the prison term. He posted \$20,000 bond to guarantee that he would appear before Sheriff Hugh Salter at 9 a.m. Friday, April 18, to be taken into custody.

Bond for Mobley was posted by W. C. Matthews and Dr. S. W. Thompson, both of Morehead City, who put up the original \$20,000 bond when Mobley was first arraigned.

Friday's sentencing concluded a lengthy presentation of evidence before Judge Parker. Mobley entered a plea of guilty to the fraud charges and did not contest the embezzlement cases, so a jury did not have to sit in judgment of the defendant.

### Mercy Pleas

Friday morning was devoted primarily to pleas for mercy by Mobley's lawyer, Luther Hamilton Jr., and by Luther Hamilton Sr., Morehead City, and John Dawson, Kingston, the latter two being "interested" in the case.

Two character witnesses, Stanley Woodland and the Rev. Guthrie Brown, both of Morehead City, took the stand in Mobley's defense Friday morning. Mr. Woodland said that through the years he had formed a very high opinion of Mobley.

"I can't picture a man of his sincerity and honesty knowingly and willingly doing the things with which he is charged," Mr. Woodland said.

The Rev. Mr. Brown, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Morehead City, testified that Mobley was a hard and faithful worker in the church. He said that he felt that the good Mobley had done outweighed the bad.

In commenting on the character witnesses produced by the defense,

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## Tank Truck Turns Over at Davis

An estimated thousand dollars damage was caused to an Esso tank truck at 4:30 a.m. Thursday when it turned over in a ditch at Davis.

Driving the truck was A. C. Blankenship, Beaufort. He was uninjured.

According to Patrolman W. J. Smith Jr., Blankenship was coming from down east into Davis to deliver gas. As he left Highway 70 to go on a side road, the trailer jack-knifed and the cab and trailer fell sideways into a drainage ditch.

The right rear of the cab and the right front of the tank trailer were damaged. Gasoline gurgled out everywhere but, fortunately, there was no fire.

The driver told the patrolman that it seemed as though the cargo in the tank shifted in a way that caused him to lose control. He was alone at the time. No charges were preferred.

## Another Phone User Joins Fight

Another contribution to finance the fight against higher phone rates has been received. The contributor is E. C. Powell, Morehead City.

The amount voluntarily contributed by phone users, through THE NEWS-TIMES, to the East Carolina Phone Fight Committee, now stands at \$84.

The hearing on higher rates has been set for May 6 before the State Utilities Commission.

Persons who would like to join the protest against higher rates may do so by sending their contributions to Phones, care of THE NEWS-TIMES, Morehead City. Any amount is accepted, but the phone fight committee estimates that 29 cents per phone user will cover cost of the fight.

### Board to Meet Today

The Atlantic Beach Zoning Board will meet at 1 today at Fleming's Motel, announces Harry H. Hill, chairman. Leigh Wilson, of the League of Municipalities, will be present.

## Grand Jury Recommends Closing of Ann's Place

## Judge Dismisses Mobley Action Against Firm

Superior court Judge Joseph Parker issued an order Friday dismissing a civil action instigated by H. Earle Mobley against the Atlantic Discount Corp. and its officers.

He gave Mobley's attorney 50 days in which to amend the plea or to pay costs of the action. Mobley is represented by Luther Hamilton Jr.

The suit, for \$50,000, stated that Mobley gave his business to Atlantic Discount Corp. and received no consideration in return. He says that the company had agreed to pay or cancel all obligations of Mobley Buick Co. for which he could be held personally liable in exchange for the business.

Judge Parker said that after he had heard arguments of both sides he was of the opinion that the complaint does not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action.

## Superior Court Ends Soon After Noon Friday

The criminal term of superior court ended shortly after noon Friday when solicitor Robert Rouse Jr. told Judge Joseph Parker that he had to leave for Craven County. All morning had been devoted to the Earle Mobley case.

Cases disposed of Thursday afternoon and Friday that have not been reported previously follow: Carlton Pittman got a total of 60 days on the roads on two counts of public drunkenness.

Cases against three defendants were sent back to county recorder's court. Defendants were Lennie Salter and Clarence Willis, charged with violating fishing laws, and Robert Charles Carr, charged with improper passing.

Mrs. Roderick Moore was ordered to pay costs of court after the judge ruled that she was maliciously prosecuting her husband when she charged him with assault.

Also paying costs were Harvey Lewis, forger, and George C. Stanley Jr., speeding.

Yancy S. Barbour, Julius D. Small Jr. and Onelious Wright were all found not guilty of violating motor vehicle laws.

The state did not try five defendants due to lack of evidence. They were Charles V. Arthur Jr., charged with speeding, William Guthrie and Kenneth Guthrie, charged with aiding and abetting in forgery, Ernest Nelson, charged with trespassing, and Shirley Mac Murray, charged with possession of non-taxpaid whiskey.

## New Church Started



On Palm Sunday afternoon, March 30, ground was broken for the new sanctuary of St. James Methodist Church, Newport. Shown at the ground-breaking ceremony are the Rev. Ralph Fleming Jr., left, pastor; Mitchell Warren, son of Milton Warren, a member of the building committee, and Dr. A. J. Hobbs, New Bern, district superintendent.

## Morehead City Pupils Take Five Prizes at Fair

Three Exhibits Will Be Entered in State Science Fair at Duke

Morehead City students came home Friday night from the Science Fair at Greenville with more prizes than any other participating school.

The students copped five first and second place awards. There were only 12 awards given. (Morehead City had four winners in the district science fair last year).

The district fair was at East Carolina College. Nine of the exhibits on display at the school fair last month were entered.

Morehead City's 1958 winners are as follows: senior biological division, first place, Clarence Styron Jr.; second place, Barbara Goodwin; senior physical division, first place, Ted Phillips Jr.; honorable mention, Walter Morris Jr.

Junior biological division, first place, Sharon Ann Conway; second place, Phil Munden and Klein Cooper; junior physical division, Charles Edwards, honorable mention.

Clarence Styron, Barbara Goodwin and Ted Phillips will enter their projects in the State Science Fair at Duke April 17-19. They are permitted to improve their projects between now and then.

These three winners also won top places in the district science fair last year.

Clarence received a Microcraft and Ted a voltmeter. Both were presented by the North Carolina Division of the American Chemical Society.

Barbara received a cash prize of \$3; Sharon, a gold medal, and Phil and Klein a silver medal.

Each student participating received a certificate. Those winning honorable mention got seals of merit on their certificates.

Accompanying the students to the district fair were James Mellon, Science Fair director at Morehead City School; Mrs. J. C. Harvell, assistant to Mr. Mellon; Miss Jane Stroud, Mrs. Leland Day, faculty members, and several parents.

Exhibits shown by the students were Distribution and Interpretation of Bacterial Pollution in a Tidal Estuary (Styron), Oyster Predators (Goodwin), The Useful Conversion of Energy (Phillips), Orbit of the Satellites (Morris).

Twenty-Day Miracle (Munden and Cooper), Shells of the West Indies (Conway), and Rocks and Their Stories (Edwards).

## Two Weekend Accidents Occur

Two Easter weekend accidents were investigated by Patrolman R. H. Brown.

The first happened at 7:10 p.m. Sunday at the north end of the Crab Point Road and the second happened at 12:05 a.m. yesterday morning on Highway 70 near Newport.

Eugene Clifton Davis, Goldsboro, was put in the county jail on a charge of driving drunk, after his 1951 Nash Rambler went into the ditch at the end of the Crab Point Road. Davis was alone in the car. Damage to the car was estimated at \$25.

A 1956 Chevrolet convertible ran into the rear of a 1950 Chevrolet two miles west of Newport in front of Smitty's place 5 minutes after midnight Sunday. No one was hurt. Driving the convertible was John J. Monaghan, Cherry Point.

Driving the '50 Chevrolet was Doris Dunn Rider, route 1 New Bern. Patrolman Brown said she had just pulled out of a private drive east of Smitty's and had started toward Cherry Point on Highway 74 when she was clobbered from the rear.

The patrolman said that the road was wet and the night foggy. Damage to the 1950 Chevrolet was estimated at \$150 and damage to the convertible, \$300.

Investigation of the accident is still in progress.

## Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, April 8	
11:53 a.m.	5:32 a.m.
	5:43 p.m.
Wednesday, April 9	
12:14 a.m.	6:31 a.m.
12:49 p.m.	6:47 p.m.
Thursday, April 10	
1:10 a.m.	7:38 a.m.
1:47 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
Friday, April 11	
2:06 a.m.	8:44 a.m.
2:45 p.m.	9:08 p.m.

## Jury Finds No Negligence In Death of Harold Rogers

That Bunny was Here!



Melanie Sue Noe, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Noe, 105 Yaupon Terrace, Morehead City, thinks Easter was made just for her. Not only is there candy, candy and more candy, but a big stuffed bunny to keep her company! And a happy-day-after-Easter to you too!

A coroner's jury ruled Friday night that there was no evidence of negligence in the death of Gay Harold Rogers. Rogers, 18, died as the result of injuries received Wednesday night when he was struck by a pickup truck driven by Percy Green, Beaufort.

The accident happened on the Atlantic Beach causeway near the Dainty Maid bread warehouse.

The inquest was conducted at the courthouse, Beaufort, by Coroner Leslie D. Springle. On the jury were Will Arrington, Jack Barnes, C. W. Stamper, Joe Pickett, F. M. Thompson, all of Beaufort, and L. G. Dunn, Morehead City.

The first witness called was Raymond Edward Gartman, 18, who was walking with Rogers when Rogers was struck. Both were shipmates aboard the Coast Guard cutter Conifer.

Gartman testified that he and Rogers had been to the movies in Morehead City and were walking toward the beach on the west side of the highway when the accident happened. Time of the accident was placed at about 8:30 by Coroner Springle.

Gartman testified that he was walking slightly ahead of Rogers. Other than that, he said he "couldn't say for sure exactly where Rogers was when he was hit."

He estimated that Rogers was hurled about 15 feet after the truck struck him.

He added that the impact propelled the body forward, in front of him.

Footprint? He mentioned that there was a dug-out place in the sand, which might have been a footprint made by Rogers. He said that he heard no brakes squeal and could see no marks in the sand that might have indicated that the pickup had left the hard surface.

Ward Ballou, owner of the truck

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## County Polio Chapter Buys Vaccine; State Vaccine Committee Reports

A recent report from S. F. Ravenel, M.D. chairman, Polio Vaccine Committee of the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina, states:

1. The polio attack rate in the United States for the 1-year age group in 1957 ranged 5.7 per 100,000, and 0.8 in the 2 to 4-year age group, therefore immunization should be started on every child at 6 weeks to 2 months.

2. The US attack rate in the first two months of 1958 showed a 38 per cent decline. But the North Carolina attack rate in January 1958 was three times higher than in 1957.

3. At the end of 1957, figures showed that in North Carolina 40 per cent of the 0-20 and pregnant women group had had three doses.

4. Why should the age group above 20 years be immunized against polio? Because the death rate is five times higher, respiratory complication five times more common, and the bulbar type three times more frequent. In addition, people in this age group are either bread-winners or home makers.

5. The question of booster shots is now being raised everywhere. A meeting was held recently in Washington by AMA, US Public Health Service and the American Academy of Pediatrics officials to discuss this matter.

Their conclusion was that at present a fourth shot is not necessary on epidemiological grounds, but it is utterly harmless and may well be given, dependent on local opinion.

6. Every doctor should attempt to induce every patient to take salk vaccine.

7. County Medical Societies should request local polio foundation chapters to furnish vaccine to local health departments.

8. Industrial workers should be immunized, industry to furnish the vaccine free or at cost to the worker.

9. Each county Health Board should require each child to be immunized against polio before starting to school.

## Color Comics Will Disappear Tuesday

This is the last issue in which color comics will appear. Rising costs of publishing make necessary the dropping of color comics. Black and white comics will, however, appear in both the Tuesday and Friday issues.

Beginning next Tuesday, a new feature will be added to THE NEWS-TIMES. It will be a feature of especial interest to boys and girls and will appear each Tuesday. Watch for it!

## Rain Christens Easter Outfits

Plenty of new Easter outfits didn't make it out of the house Sunday, while most of those that did were christened by part of the 2.26 inches of rain that fell. Thunder rolled in the morning and rain fell in torrents.

Most of the outdoor sunrise services were held according to schedule. The rain started soon after 8 a.m.

Weather observer Stamey Davis says that last Easter, April 21, was a beautiful day. The temperature climbed to 78 and never dropped below 65. A light breeze came from the southwest.

Mr. Davis was unable to record the maximum temperatures for the weekend because his temperature instruments went on the blink. The record since Tuesday, April 1, follows:

	Max.	Min.	Wind
Tuesday	57	44	WNW
Wednesday	60	39	NE
Thursday	68	39	NE
Friday	—	46	NE
Saturday	—	48	E
Sunday	—	51	SE

## Experiments on Davis Island Lead To State's Cork-Free Sweet Potatoes

Experiments conducted at Davis Island near Williston since 1951 have made it possible for the plant pathology department of North Carolina State College to formulate a plan for producing Puerto Rico sweet potatoes free of internal cork.

L. W. Nielsen, a professor in the plant pathology department, at the request of THE NEWS-TIMES wrote of the experiments. He recalled that county agent R. M. Williams assisted in the original planting in 1951.

In his letter he said, "We have grown the potatoes on the island each year to see if by using the precautions of isolation we could

maintain a stock of Puerto Rico sweet potatoes free of internal cork.

"The reason for the isolation is that we believe that the virus, which causes the disease, is spread by insects. The program was successful except for the 1955 season when strong winds of three hurricanes blew across the island. That year internal cork developed in the potatoes.

"Presumably insects were blown from infected fields on the mainland to the island. Fortunately, we had roots of the 1954 internal cork free crop in storage at 35 degrees F. and these were used to plant the 1956 crop.

"In 1958 we are going to grow the potatoes in the upper Piedmont near Mooresville. Few potatoes are grown in the area, and the farm on which they will be grown has never had the disease in over 25 years of sweet potato culture.

"This land is more accessible by car and has farm machinery available for doing the work. These are the reasons for shifting the place of production from Core Sound."

Weather Ends Weekend Business folks at Atlantic Beach cut down considerably on business at the beach. A big weekend had been anticipated.

## Pre-Schoolers To Sign Up Next Week at Beaufort

The Beaufort Graded School preschool clinic will be held Wednesday, April 16, at 1 p.m. All parents who have children who will enter the first grade for the 1958-59 school term are asked to be present with their child at the clinic. They must bring the child's birth certificate.

Prior to the date of the clinic, parents are asked to pick up forms at the school which should be filled in and returned to the school prior to the clinic if at all possible, announces B. E. Tarkington, principal.

Personnel of the Carteret County Health Department will be present at the clinic, but shots and vaccinations will not be given. The child may get his or her shots at the Carteret County Health Center on either Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. or Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m.

All parents are asked to make every effort to have their child at the Health Center on one of these dates prior to the clinic. No beginning student will be accepted this fall for enrollment who has not had the necessary shots and small pox vaccination.

These may be received from either your local physician or the Carteret County Health Department. A statement from either of these, attesting to this fact, will be satisfactory.

A child to enter the Beaufort Graded School in the first grade must be 6 years of age on or before Oct. 16, 1958, and this fact must be verified by the child's birth certificate. The child must have the necessary shots, and this must be verified by a written statement from either the County Health Department or the family doctor.

It is most important that all children who are eligible be present with one parent at least, Mr. Tarkington advises.

## Extra Shrimping Holiday Will Be Considered

The Board of Conservation and Development has scheduled a public hearing in the commercial fisheries building, Morehead City, at 2 p.m. Saturday.

The question to be considered will be closing the shrimping season each week from Friday night to Sunday midnight instead of Saturday midnight to Sunday midnight as at present.

Proponents and opponents of the proposal will be heard.