

James Reels Jr. Goes to Roads For 150 Days

James Earl Reels Jr. got a total of 150 days on the roads after being convicted in three different cases in county recorder's court Thursday. Judge Lambert Morris ordered that all sentences be served consecutively.

Reels got 30 days for driving without a license, 60 days for driving without a license and speeding and 60 more days for having no liability insurance on his car. Eugene A. Piver was fined \$125 and ordered to pay court costs after he was found guilty of driving drunk and driving without a license.

Robert Lovelle was fined \$100 plus court costs for driving drunk. Also paying \$100 and costs were Robert I. Hill and Walter Chrusciel, who were convicted of careless and reckless driving.

Theodore Holmes was ordered to pay \$10 per week for the support of his family and to pay court costs. He was found guilty of non-support.

Those paying costs plus \$10 fines follow: Delores Lewis, public drunkenness; Ward M. Wadsworth, shooting fireworks; James Carroll, possession of non-taxpaid whiskey; and John A. Staley, allowing an unlicensed person to drive.

Those who paid costs follow: Luke Dudley, violation of fishing laws; Earl K. Fisher Jr., allowing an unlicensed person to drive; Willie B. Stocks, failing to yield the right of way; Dollie Dunn, public drunkenness; and Charlie Cannon, speeding.

Fleming Fulcher was found guilty of passing a bad check. He was ordered to pay the check and court costs.

Earl Wade and Walter Willis were taxed one-half costs each for violation of fishing laws.

Two defendants were found to be the victims of malicious prosecution. They were Edgar Willis, charged with trespassing and disturbing the peace, and Roosevelt Robinson, charged with assault.

Charges against William C. Schmidt Jr. and Ronald E. Brabec were dismissed. The two had been charged with firing fireworks.

Forty-five cases were continued.

Rev. Ray West Receives License

The Rev. Ray West, pastor of the Straits-Harkers Island Methodist church, received his license as a minister Friday morning at the New Bern district conference in Ann Street Methodist Church, Beaufort. Three hundred fifty persons attended the conference, the first to be held in Ann Street for many years.

Ten other ministers were licensed, five of whom were from Queen Street Church, Kinston.

Committees and district trustees were elected at the morning session, and reports heard. Two new churches, Northwoods at Jacksonville and Beaulville, were welcomed to the conference.

Christian Higher Education—The Life Line of the Church was the topic of an address by the Rev. Allen P. Brantley at noon. Luncheon was followed by further reports at the afternoon session.

The Rev. John Cline, pastor of the host church, said he was well pleased with the number attending the conference. The entire day was rainy and cold.

Fish House Owner Injured

Street Wetherington, 51, Hancock Park, Beaufort, suffered a severe gash in his head Saturday afternoon when he fell in Noe's fish house. Mr. Wetherington remained in Morehead City hospital yesterday and may possibly have some broken ribs.

Mrs. Wetherington said that the accident happened because the floor of the fish house has fallen. Last Tuesday night the fish house was up on its pilings as usual. Wednesday morning the whole place had dropped about 3 1/2 feet.

Anyone going in the door has to jump down that distance to get in—the tide now runs in and out over the floor. Anyhow, Mr. Wetherington went in the fish house Saturday afternoon. When he jumped down, his foot hit a piece of half-inch pipe which rolled and pitched him forward. He received a severe cut over the left side of his head that even caused his eye to bulge.

He was rushed to Morehead City hospital in a taxi. The Wetheringtons own the fish house. It is operated by Oliver Davis who plans to move into the T. B. Smith fish house until repairs are made to the Noe building.

Slaughter Family Takes Good Care of 32-Year-Old Mare



Photo by Bob Seymour

Blair Slaughter, 12, says that Peggy, this 32-year-old horse, is "just like a member of the family." Blair's father, Otto Slaughter, route 1 Newport, bought Peggy when she was seven. Dr. C. E. Paden, Morehead City veterinarian, says Peggy has lived to the equivalent of 110 years for a human. Notice the gray hair around her muzzle and above her eyes.

A graying, 32-year-old horse, named Peggy is one of the best-known residents of the western end of the county. Peggy has been a member of the Otto Slaughter family for the past 25 years.

For the past five years Peggy has been little more than a pet for the family. "I wouldn't sell her to anybody. She worked hard and owes nobody anything," says Mr. Slaughter. "I just couldn't think of selling her and letting somebody work her until she dies."

Mr. Slaughter bought Peggy in 1934 from T. A. Grantham in New Bern. Mr. Grantham, a horse and mule dealer, said Peggy was seven years old and came from the Dakotas.

In 1934, prime mules were selling for \$400 to \$500. Mr. Slaughter paid \$250 cash for Peggy and took her home. Peggy had never been shod and since none of the roads around Newport were paved then, Mr. Slaughter never put shoes on her.

Since she was used in the field

and didn't get on the highway, Peggy has still never been shod. Her hooves are rough and irregular but sound.

Mr. Slaughter says that Peggy has been an exceptionally healthy horse. She hasn't been sick in the past 15 years. When she was younger, she got sick on two occasions. Both times she got colic from eating green peanut hay.

At 32, Peggy still has all her teeth and has a good appetite. "She probably never will get good and fat again, she is just too old," Mr. Slaughter says. "She still eats enough to stay healthy, though."

Dr. C. E. Paden, Morehead City veterinarian, says that 32 years to a horse is like 110 years to a human. The Encyclopaedia Britannica says horses generally live about 20 years. A 50-year-old horse was reported in California recently.

The encyclopaedia gives four points as the most important in the care of horses: careful regulation of diet; provision for adequate ex-

ercise, thorough grooming and regular shoeing.

While Peggy has doubtless had plenty of exercise, she has missed out on the other "necessary" points of care. Dr. Paden says that heredity is probably the most important single factor in longevity of animals, so long as they receive reasonable care. He cited one instance, however, in which science has extended the life of a dog to the age of 21.

S. N. Braines, a Russian scientist, reports that a 15-year-old dog was brought to the experimental sleep laboratory of the psychiatric institute of the ministry of health.

After three months of treatment of prolonged sleep, the dog regained coordination, his muscles and limbs strengthened, down appeared where the fur had been lost and he regained the ability to reproduce. He lived for six more years. The dog might still be alive except for an accident—he was killed by a chimpanzee.

Beaufort, Morehead City Start Ball Rolling on Sewage Disposal Plants

Beaufort and Morehead City town commissioners got themselves off the hot seat Thursday night by authorizing an engineering firm to proceed with plans for sewage disposal plants.

According to state law, towns which are polluting waters must show that they are taking steps to comply, otherwise town officials are subject to indictment for failure to carry out their obligations.

The commissioners of the two towns met at the Morehead City civic center Thursday night and heard proposals from two engineering firms, William F. Freeman Inc., High Point, represented by C. C. Tilley, and Boney and Newcomb, Raleigh, represented by J. F. Boney and R. T. Newcomb.

The Freeman firm got the green light from both towns. Each board voted separately after hearing the engineers' proposals.

The federal government will aid towns on sewage disposal plants, but the highest one town can get is \$250,000. The remainder of the cost must be met by the town.

Under the agreement with Freeman, the town pays \$250 to file an application with the federal government for the funds. The engineer then draws the specifications, estimates cost and notifies the stream sanitation committee and state board of health of the proposals. The engineers and architects will receive a contract fee based on 4 1/2 per cent of the amount allotted by the federal government, and inspection of all work, this cost to be based on 2 per cent of cost of construction.

Boney and Newcomb's proposal was 6 per cent of cost of the project if the work is carried through to completion; \$2,000 if nothing toward actual construction is done within a year.

Since the present federal funds available to this state for sewage disposal amount to just a million and a quarter dollars, and many towns are already on a waiting list, there is little to indicate that Beaufort or Morehead City could get sewage disposal plants in the near future.

Each town would have to float a bond issue to finance the project, even though there would be federal help. The town officials expressed hope that Congress may take action this session to increase the amount of federal aid.

Following a report by Gene Smith, Beaufort town attorney, Mayor George Dill, Morehead City, appointed D. J. Hall and S. C. Holloway, and Mayor Clifford Lewis, Beaufort, appointed Gerald Hill and Otis Mades to a committee to check on what can be done in the legislature to help finance rural fire fighting.

Tide Table section with a table for Beaufort and Morehead City showing tide heights for Tuesday, Jan. 20, Wednesday, Jan. 21, Thursday, Jan. 22, and Friday, Jan. 23.

Mercurey Climbs After Severe Freeze

After a severe freeze over the weekend, the temperature began to climb yesterday. Weather observer Stamey Davis reports that the mercury dropped to a low of 17 early Saturday morning.

A half-inch of rain was recorded between 4:40 a.m. and noon Friday. The rain that was left standing was frozen solid by Saturday morning.

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

Table showing Max. Min. Wind for Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

W. J. Mishael Seriously Hurt When Truck Upsets Saturday

W. J. Mishael, 58, Beaufort, who was in a highway accident Saturday morning, remained in critical condition at the Morehead City Hospital yesterday morning. He had not regained consciousness.

Mr. Mishael was driving a 1951 Dodge pickup truck on highway 101 about four miles north of Beaufort when, according to Patrolman W. J. Smith Jr., the left rear tire blew out.

The patrolman said the truck swayed, went over on the right shoulder of the road and turned over. The driver was thrown out. He was rushed to the hospital by the Adair ambulance.

Mr. Mishael was headed north at the time of the accident. He was employed by Beaufort Plumbing and Supply Co., owner of the pickup. The patrolman said he was on his way to a job.

The truck was demolished. Mr. Mishael suffered severe head injuries.

His son, W. J. Jr., who was in the Army, has been called home. Three other children are Mrs. Phillip Neal of Merrimon and two daughters, Charlotte and Sandra.

Mr. Mishael, an active member of Ann Street Methodist Church, served several years as church custodian.

Two Injured in Auto Accident



Photos by Gene Bell

Bystanders, assisted by Patrolman J. W. Sykes, lift Mrs. Robert E. Keleher, Swansboro, into the Dill ambulance after she was injured in a wreck Saturday midnight near the Blue Ribbon Restaurant.



This 1952 Nash, driven by Kenneth W. Gaskill, Sea Level, was hit in the rear and knocked into a house owned by Ted Hall. Mr. Hall was asleep in the room where the car hit.

\$89 Given Thus Far for Suits

By yesterday morning, \$89 had been contributed to the Morehead City firemen's "hot papa" fund.

To get the four suits which will allow firemen to fight blazes at close quarters, \$580 is needed. The town had been hoping to raise the money by upping town tag fees to \$2, but only \$1 is legal.

The suits had already been ordered—and now there's no way to pay for them, unless voluntary contributions come in. Persons who paid \$2 for the town tags before the fee went back to \$1, can get a refund at the clerk's office, or notify the office to put the extra dollar in the "hot papa" fund.

Others who buy their auto tags are invited to contribute to the fund. The firemen will appreciate it and the townspeople will benefit, says chief Joe Fulcher.

Town Board Acts On Port Channel

Morehead City commissioners, at their meeting Thursday night at the civic center, passed a resolution to request Cong. G. A. Barden to introduce a resolution asking Army engineers to determine the need for expanding the waterway into Morehead City port.

Mayor George Dill said that authorization for deepening the channel to 35 feet has been obtained, funds are available and the work is expected to get underway in July.

A letter from the State Highway Commission was read. It stated that the highway commission now has a policy which will permit erection of stop lights on primary and secondary road systems through a town, the cost of the light to be charged to maintenance of the thoroughfare.

The board heard a letter from Walter Friedrichs, operational manager at the Morehead City port. Mr. Friedrichs requested permission for their night watchman to phone in hourly to the police station as a safety precaution against the watchman's running into trouble of some sort.

If the call does not come when it should, town police will investigate.

The ports manager also requested four more fire alarm boxes at points in the port area. At present there is only one.

The commissioners considered writing a letter to John Reeves, chairman of the SPA, relative to location of the proposed bridge between Morehead City and Beaufort-Morehead Causeway, but no action was taken.

1,871 License Tags Sold by Saturday Noon

As of Saturday noon 1,871 license tags for 1959 had been sold at the installment loan department of First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co., Morehead City. Of the total 1,529 were for automobiles, 3 were for motorcycles, 184 for trucks and 155 for trailers.

Soil Supervisors Attend Convention at Charlotte

By M. H. OWENS, Soil Conservationist

Ralph Creech of Harlowe and John Young of Stella attended an enjoyable and informative convention of Soil Conservation District Supervisors in Charlotte last Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Soil Conservation District supervisors are elected by the people in each county to help organize and carry out certain soil conservation practices. The Soil Conservation Service provides technical assistance in this work.

Mr. Creech was elected as a supervisor last December for a 3-year term. Mr. Harry Lockey, who is also a supervisor was unable to attend the convention.

Mrs. Creech, who obviously had a false opinion about "conventioners", was somewhat skeptical about her husband's being away from home for three days. However, she finally decided that it would be safe for him to go.

Mrs. Young, who has been married longer, readily agreed for her husband to go.

About 200 farmers from all over the state attended the meeting. Several prominent farm leaders were in attendance.

On Jan. 13, the supervisors heard interesting talks by agricultural leaders. Mr. David S. Weaver, Director of the Extension Service, commented on some of the acute problems facing the supervisors and farmers.

The principal item for discussion before the supervisors was the need of certain legislation by the state legislature so that North Carolina can take full advantage of a Federal act providing for watershed protection and flood prevention on our farm lands.

By this act, the federal government bears the cost of establishing watershed protection and flood prevention structures. This act can be of great help to Carteret County, as well as the rest of the state.

Mr. Spencer Bell, state senator from Charlotte, discussed some of the social and legal aspects of this needed legislation.

Three Jr. Woman's Club Members Go To Planning Session

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Three members of the Morehead City Junior Woman's Club, sponsors of the Easter Seal campaign, attended a planning meeting Thursday at New Bern.

They were Mrs. Sannie Williams, chairman of the Crippled Children's Society, which is financed by Easter Seal funds; Mrs. Roma Styron, chairman of the campaign, and Mrs. Coolidge Merrill, club president.

Albin Pikutis, Chapel Hill, executive director of the North Carolina Society for Crippled Children, presided. Six counties were represented. The campaign will begin Feb. 27 and continue to Easter Sunday, March 29.

Cars Collide

A 1956 Ford driven by Ralph L. Daniels, route 1 Beaufort, and a 1952 Pontiac driven by Antonia Alarcón, Morehead City, collided in the 1500 block of Arendell Street Thursday night. There were no charges.

License Reinstated

The driver license of Donnie Gilikin, route 1 Beaufort, has been reinstated by the state driver license division.