

Sam Hood, Carteret Native, Killed by Bus

A colorful career came to a violent end Tuesday night when Sam Hood, 41, former editor of The Beaufort News, was killed in Pittsburgh, Pa.

A reporter for the Pittsburgh Press, Hood was one of two persons killed when a bus mowed down a group of commuters waiting to board a street car in downtown Pittsburgh during the height of Tuesday evening's rush hour.

Details of funeral arrangements for Hood were not available yesterday.

Born in Morehead City in 1917, Hood was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gurney P. Hood, who are living now at 911 W. Johnson St., Raleigh. His father was mayor of Morehead City during the first world war and for 20 years was commissioner of North Carolina banks.

Sam left Morehead City as a child when his family moved to Tarboro, later to Elizabeth City and to Raleigh in 1931. Hood was on the staff of the Rocky Mount Evening Telegram in 1939, was staff photographer for the Raleigh Times from 1940 to 1942 and became editor of The Beaufort News, now the Carteret County News-Times, in 1942.

After holding positions at Ithaca, N. Y., and Harrisburg, Pa., in journalism, Hood went with the Pittsburgh Press in 1945.

His widow is the former Elizabeth Wallace of Newmarket, Pa. They have a son, Christopher Rhodes, 10. He also has a brother, Lee, of Raleigh.

Hood was one of two killed when brakes on a bus failed. Fourteen were injured. The bus driver said he had to choose between hitting the trolley and swerving to the curb. He swerved to the curb, knocked down people waiting for the trolley, several persons on the sidewalk, and sheared off a light pole.

Hood not only was a press photographer, but reporter, writer, composer, music critic, author, and scenic and portrait photographer.

In May 1955 he won a \$500 award from Pall Mall for his "Big Story". His coverage of a Pittsburgh murder story was dramatized over tv.



Sam Hood bus victim

Dr. H. V. Webb Speaks Monday To Smyrna PTA

Dr. H. V. Webb of Sea Level Community Hospital was the speaker at the Smyrna PTA meeting Monday evening. "Looking Ahead to the Future" was his theme. He said health would be the major challenge in the future, then spoke briefly on education and religion.

In the absence of the president and vice-president, Mrs. Bill Pigott, past president, presided. Devotions were given by the Rev. Ray West, pastor of the Straits and Harkers Island Methodist churches.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Dyon Simpson, secretary. Mrs. Edward Moore, treasurer, reported a balance of \$922.18.

Mrs. Joseph Owens, chairman of the room representatives, said \$311 was made on the recent ham supper. She expressed her appreciation for all the help and donations, and asked the room representatives to meet Tuesday to decide how to use the money.

Vannie Willis, chairman of the ways and means committee, reported he had turned over \$142.70 to the treasurer. This was profit from the last clam bake.

Mrs. Owens, chairman of the nominating committee, presented nominations for next year's officers which were approved. They are Charles Davis Harris Jr., president; Alonzo Salter, vice-president; Mrs. Dyon Simpson, secretary; Mrs. Edward Moore, treasurer.

Banners for attendance were won by Mrs. Thelma Moore's 4th and 5th grades and Mrs. Ben Jones' 10th grade.

The April meeting will be in charge of Harkers Island with Mrs. Mary Lewis as chairman. At the conclusion of the business session PTA members went to the luncheon where Gloucester and Straits communities served refreshments.

Beach Mayor Hears Five Cases

Five defendants were given a hearing in Atlantic Beach mayor's court Tuesday night.

All were ordered to pay costs, with the exception of Larry E. King, Coast Guardsman, who was convicted of public drunkenness, resisting arrest and damaging the beach jail. King was ordered to pay \$5 fine, reimburse the town for damage amounting to \$20, pay costs and he was restricted from the beach for 30 days.

Robert M. Wallace, James N. Hensel and Ralph M. Shepherd, all of Camp Lejeune, were convicted of public drunkenness and disturbing the peace.

Brock H. Aker Jr., Cherry Point, was found guilty of public drunkenness and interfering with an officer.

Power to be Off Sunday In Western Carteret

W. C. Carlton, manager of Carteret-Craven Electric Membership Corp., announces that the electric power will be off Sunday morning from 1:30 a.m. 'til 5 a.m., from the Broad Creek bridge west to the Swansboro bridge and on NC 24 to the Pelletier community.

The purpose of the outage is to install a new regulator station in the recently completed three-phase line to Swansboro.

Streets Repaired

James Rumley, Beaufort street commissioner, told board members Monday night that 1,453 bushels of oyster shells had been placed on dirt streets last month, as well as 300 tons of marl.

\$150 Removed From Registers In Drug Store

Police Believe Theft Was Inside Job

Attempt to Crack Safe Unsuccessful

The Morehead City Drug store, owned by W. C. Matthews, was robbed Monday night of approximately \$150 by what police believe to be a lone bandit who hid in the store until after closing and then rifled three cash registers and attempted to crack the safe.

Police chief Herbert Griffin, Morehead City, reported that the robbery was first discovered by an employee of the drug firm, Mrs. John Ballou, when she opened one of the registers Tuesday morning to obtain some change and found it to be empty.

Further investigation of the other registers revealed that they, too, had been cleaned out.

Police investigators believe that the robber was undoubtedly someone who was familiar with the store and knew of a place where he could hide without being detected until after the store had closed.

The bandit made an unsuccessful attempt at cracking the safe, which is located at the rear of the store near the prescription counter. The dial of the safe had been knocked off and acid poured over the door to hide any trace of fingerprints. The narcotics were locked in the safe.

After the robbery the thief let himself out of the store by a back door that is locked from the inside by a padlock.

The SBI is assisting the Morehead City police in the investigation.

\$40,000 Suit Arising from Shooting Goes to Jury Yesterday Afternoon

March Brings Plenty of Rain

Rainfall Heavy First Two Weeks

Temperatures Mean Spring is About Here

Carteret County has had 2.53 inches of moisture so far for the month in the form of snow that fell on the county on March 2 and rain that hit the area on the 5th.

Although the weather has been rather cool for this time of the year, E. Stamey Davis, weather observer, reports that we are right on the verge of spring and the cold spells will become shorter and farther between as the month progresses.

Temperatures for the month so far have been a little under seasonal normals.

Following are the temperatures for the month as recorded by Mr. Davis:

Table with columns: Date, Max., Min., Wind. Rows for March 2 through March 11.

1959 Easter Seal Child



Billy Fraser, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Don W. Fraser of Asheville and North Carolina's Easter Seal Child with Gov. Luther H. Hodges at the governor's office in Raleigh.

Whether Manly Mason, Broad Creek, will receive \$40,000 in damages from constable Ralph Paul rests in the hands of the jury, which retired late yesterday afternoon. The case got under way late Wednesday afternoon on the third day of the civil court term in the courthouse, Beaufort.

Mason claims that as a result of Paul's wounding him at 10:30 the night of Sunday, June 8, 1958, he suffered physical pain and his means of earning a living were interfered with. Mason said he works putting pipes under houses and testified Wednesday that his "leg still bothers" him.

The shooting incident happened on highway 24 about three miles east of Cedar Point. Paul testified that Mason received the wound when Mason grabbed for Paul's .22 calibre revolver. At the time, Paul said he was holding the revolver in his left hand.

He told the court that had he intended to shoot anyone, the revolver would have been in his right hand, because he's right-handed.

Paul, constable in White Oak township, in the western part of the county, was represented by attorney Harvey Hamilton Jr. Counsel for Mason was C. R. Wheatly Jr., Beaufort attorney.

On the witness stand, Mason said that on the night of the shooting, he was at Fred Hare's, known as Sue's Place, waiting for Hare to come home from fishing. When Hare came back, he and Mason drove to Swansboro (about 8 o'clock, after dark) then returned to the Cedar Lane drive-in.

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Traffic Cases Fill Last Week's County Docket

Traffic violations which included charges of speeding and reckless driving, improper passing, driving without a license, using improper turn signals and driving on the wrong side of the road made up the majority of the cases heard in the county recorder's court last Thursday.

Speeders who were ordered to pay \$10 and costs included James T. Sturm, Laurie Edward Guthrie, and James Arthur Harrelson, whose charge was careless and reckless driving.

Thomas Dudley Gillikin and Michael Ellis Barrows paid only court costs on speeding charges while in the case of Joseph F. Kelly Jr. judgment was suspended on payment of \$25 and costs.

Hugh Parker, who was charged with careless and reckless driving as well as speeding, drew a 30-day jail sentence which was suspended on payment of \$10 and costs. Charles Neal McCormick, charged with careless and reckless driving and having no tail lights on his vehicle was given three months in jail and assigned to work the roads. Both sentences were suspended on payment of \$50 and costs.

Found guilty of having no operator's license was Anthony Carroll Styron. In addition, Styron was charged with having no lights, no insurance and no license plates. His 30-day sentence was suspended on payment of court costs.

Raymond Wallace paid court costs after being found guilty of driving on the wrong side of the road.

Two men, Carl Huggins and Henry Jacobs appeared before Judge Lambert Morris on charges of public drunkenness. Huggins was given 30 days in jail and assigned to work the roads, suspended on payment of court costs. Jacobs, who was assigned to work the roads for a period of 30 days, also had his sentence suspended by the court on payment of \$10 and costs.

In a larceny case Lloyd Lewis, charged with breaking and entering and larceny of a tv set, was bound over to superior court on \$500 bond.

Cases of five men, Douglas Morris, Harold Collier, Benjamin D. McCausley, James Collier and Bill White, whose charges included 12 counts of breaking and entering and larceny last year in White Oak township and Swansboro, were continued for grand jury action.

Henry W. Turner Jr. was ordered by the court to pay \$5 a week for the support of David Thompson Turner in answer to non-support charges against him.

On a bad check charge, Bert Wooten was ordered to pay court costs and the check. Paying one-half of the court costs was Jesse Norris, who was charged with violation of the fishing laws.

Charges of cheat and defraud against William Green, William Arnold and Jerry Brown were reduced to a misdemeanor, forcible trespass. The men were given 30 days in jail, assigned to work the roads, suspended on the condition that they remain on good behavior for two years and each pay one-third costs.

The state decided not to prosecute Marietta F. Taylor, charged with no license; Emanuel Sadler, non-support; Tib Collins, assault; Roy Equals and Tommy Willis, temporary larceny; Esther Vinson White, improper turn signal; and James Everett Norris, improper passing.

The court continued 38 cases to the next docket.

Director Comments On Play's First Reading

Miss Ruth Peeling, director of the historical drama, Bonnie Blue Sweetheart, yesterday said she was pleased with the first reading of the play Sunday.

Rehearsals will begin April 1. A rehearsal schedule for April, May and the first two weeks in June will be mailed this week to members of the cast. The play is scheduled for production Friday and Saturday, June 12 and 13, at the Morehead City high school.

It is being sponsored by the Carteret Community Theatre.

County Shows Big Spurt In Higher Retail Sales

Among all of North Carolina's 100 counties, Carteret was 11th from the top in per cent of increase in retail sales subject to sales tax in the fiscal year, February 1958 through January 1959, over the preceding fiscal year, February 1957 through January 1958.

This is revealed in an analysis of Sales and Use Tax collections by the North Carolina Merchants' Association.

The state-wide increase was 3.69 per cent. Carteret's increase was 9.61 per cent.

Those counties with increases greater than Carteret's are: Yancey 30.42 per cent; Madison 15.31 per cent; Anson 12.28 per cent; Onslow 12.11 per cent; Scotland 12.98 per cent; Clay 11.52 per cent; Dare 11.33 per cent; Orange 10.96 per cent; Forsyth 10.24 per cent; and Granville 9.87 per cent.

The county with the greatest retail sales, Mecklenburg, showed an increase of 4.10 per cent, the second county, Guilford, an increase of 7.68 per cent, the third county, Forsyth, an increase of 10.24 per cent as shown above, and the fourth county, Wake, an increase of 6.93 per cent.

Twenty-five of the 100 counties showed decreases in retail sales ranging from a high of 12.85 per cent for Gates to a low of .02 per cent for Vance.

Norris Edge stated that the tape recording of the My True Security oration has been sent in for judging in the district. The contest, sponsored at the high school, was won by Truman Kemp Jr.

A letter from Miss Laura Stephens, Beaufort, thanking the Jaycees for the flowers they sent her after their DSA banquet, was read.

Firemen Show Tokyo After Dark

Tokyo After Dark will be the film Down East firemen will show at the recreation center at Atlantic tonight and tomorrow. Proceeds from the films go to support the fire department.

Firemen also remind all homeowners that their dues for 1959 are now payable. Dues, or donations, may be mailed directly to the fire department or any volunteer fireman may accept them.

Leon Mann Jr., Newport, was the speaker at the recent firemen's meeting. His topic was a county-wide volunteer fire department system.

Down East firemen wholeheartedly endorsed the program. The meeting was well attended. Accompanying Mr. Mann were George Green, Newport fire department captain, and Charles Masters, former Newport fire chief.

FFC Approves Move Of Telegraph Office

Location of a class B telegraph office at Beaufort has been approved by the Federal Communications Commission. A letter containing this information, from the FCC, was read to Beaufort town commissioners Monday night at their meeting at the town hall.

The office, now on Craven Street and operated by B. C. Vickery, will be moved to the Mason insurance agency office, Front Street, with Earl Mason serving as agent.

Western Union says that the same type of service will be offered from the class B office as was offered heretofore. Hours will be the same and telegrams will be delivered as usual.

Thornton Darling, 109 Broad St., appeared to ask that the town correct the poor sewage drainage problem at the west end of Broad Street. Gray Hassell, town engineer, explained that fill from the bridge is washing down and cutting off ebb and flow of tide at the outfall of four sewage lines.

As a result, the sewage is carried off only on high tide. Mr. Hassell termed it a "terrible condition." The board approved construction of a drainage ditch as an immediate solution.

At the request of Holden Ballou, chairman of the municipal affairs committee of the Beaufort Community Development Corp., the board agreed to meet Thursday

night, March 19, with Mr. Ballou's committee and the town planning board. Construction of a new town hall will be discussed.

Mr. Ballou said that his committee is contemplating raising \$5,000 to present to the town as payment on a town hall.

Commissioners authorized Gene Smith, town attorney, to attend the meeting of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress May 13-15 at Washington, D. C. Dan Walker, town manager, reported on the recent League of Municipalities meeting he attended at Raleigh.

Mr. Walker also reported that with Civil Defense funds a building will be obtained for the rescue truck. The old one was blown down in a storm.

To deter vandalism in Ann Street cemetery, three 6,000-lumen lamps have been put in the cemetery and one has been put in front of the cemetery on Ann Street. Mr. Walker said the additional lights will cost about \$10 a month.

He reported that Guy Springle, chief of police, caught water company workmen about to tear up the streets on two occasions and made them go to the town hall to get a work order.

A letter from Mrs. Lockwood Phillips, chairman of the county March of Dimes chapter, was read. Mrs. Phillips thanked the board for their cooperation in the March of Dimes drive.

Engineer Hassell said that people

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Folks Hope That Shipbuilding Firm Will Survive Financial Difficulties

Hopes were being expressed in the Morehead City area yesterday that insolvency of the Kirchofer and Arnold investment firm, a major stockholder in the Morehead City Shipbuilding Co., would not permanently close the shipbuilding company.

The shipbuilding firm, under the Kirchofer management since 1952, has not been operating on full schedule since late 1958.

Kirchofer and Arnold, Inc., Raleigh, filed a petition for reorganization arrangement in US Eastern district court Wednesday, March 4. The petition, signed by judge Don Gilliam, authorized the company to continue operations under the management of James W. Thompson Jr., vice-president, whose home address is 1801 Shepard St., Morehead City.

It was predicted in Raleigh yesterday that a federal court referee may be appointed to direct the affairs of the investment firm. At a coming hearing, the firm hopes to show that if it is allowed to continue operation, it can regain solid footing.

In addition to Carteret persons who are owed money by the investment firm itself, a number of county firms are owed money by its affiliated organization, the shipbuilding corporation.

According to papers filed in federal court, creditors of Kirchofer and Arnold are Mrs. Rosa M. Adair, Beaufort, \$2,946.70 and \$1,652.66; W. H. Muse, Beaufort, \$2,850; Dr. S. W. Thompson Jr., \$2,964, and J. W. Thompson Jr. \$716.93, both of Morehead City.

One of the major creditors is S. S. Stevenson Sr., Henderson, \$69,885.43 and \$162,358.42, builder of the

Triple-S ocean fishing pier east of Atlantic Beach.

In addition to its holdings in Morehead Shipbuilding, Kirchofer and Arnold has considerable interest in Anvil Brands Inc., manufacturers of work and play clothes, and the Frank Corp., Savannah, Ga., auto parts firm.

In its petition to reorganize, Kirchofer and Arnold says that prospects for collection of mortgages it holds are deemed to be "excellent" over a period of time. But if the business is discontinued and liquidation of its assets forced, many of the assets would be sold at sacrifice prices.

When the Morehead City shipbuilding firm was working full force, as many as 280 persons were employed. The firm was awarded a Navy contract in early 1955 and has manufactured fishing boats under the trade name, Hatteras trawler.

Symptoms of financial difficulty at the shipbuilding corporation have been noted locally for the past year or more. The firm was slow in paying bills — if bills were paid at all. There were reports that the boats being turned out

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Sheriff Wins Race With Prisoner

Held in the county jail yesterday was Richard Robitaille, Morehead City, charged with public drunkenness and resisting arrest.

The youth, who said his home was originally in Maine, was picked up by sheriff Hugh Salter and patrolman J. W. Sykes Wednesday night at the intersection of highway 24 and 70.

En route to the county jail, after leaving patrolman Sykes in Morehead City, the sheriff said Robitaille jumped out of the car and ran. The sheriff took off after him and cornered him in the backyard of the Earl Holt residence, 404 Arendell St.

In the course of the chase, sheriff Salter slipped and fell, tore a hole in the knee of his trousers and gashed his knee.

Hearing the scuffle in his backyard, Holt called the Morehead City police and eventually learned that the sheriff himself was one of the scufflers. Robitaille was finally locked up at 9:50 p.m.

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Heart Fund Now Totals \$1,038

Received in the Heart fund drive so far is \$1,038.30, announces Mrs. Frank Sample, treasurer. This is about half of the amount collected last year, she said.

Any Heart Fund workers who still have money are asked to turn it in to G. T. Spivey, Beaufort, chairman, or Mrs. Frank Sample, at First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co., Morehead City.

Received to date from the communities: Gloucester-Straits \$33.02, Gales Creek \$11.26, Broad Creek \$54.57, Bettie \$36.25, Cedar Island \$20, Davis \$27.88, Queen Street School \$146.47, Beaufort \$243.94.

Atlantic Beach \$33.56, Harkers Island \$68.48, Atlantic \$93.53, Salter Path \$47.35, Mill Creek \$8.68 and Morehead City \$213.31.

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